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RESIDENTS FEAR MORT BAY PLANS

Many Balmain residents fear that construction of the new Mort Bay container terminal by the Australian National Line will follow the same lines as those of the White Bay terminal, with any possible objections by Leichhardt Council being ignored.

Ald. N. Origlass, Vice-president of the Balmain-Leichhardt Labor Party, believes that an immediate approach should be made to both Federal and State Government authorities to learn of the Line's plans.

He told "The Link" that the development application submitted by A.N.L. to Leichhardt Council provided for comparatively small buildings. These would be no higher than, say, a two-storey house.

No precise building plans had yet been submitted.

The statement by the General Manager of A.N.L. that all property plans and other drawings had been progressed through the requisite authorities prior to the commencement of structural work on the site was just not true.

Ald. Origlass said that although A.N.L. was a Federal instrumentality, a development applica-

tion was required by law. If buildings were erected without being properly specified to the Council, the Line would be committing a breach of its legal obligations.

So far the Line had no legal power to erect buildings other than simple ones. Since it intended to use the new terminal for container shipping, the buildings to be erected could not possibly be simple ones.

"At White Bay," he added, "where there is similar lack of adequate land space to cater properly for containerisation, the containers have to be stacked five high.

"The system requires a monstrous shed and a great crane, with their inevitable accompaniment of noise around the clock.

"We envisage similar conditions at Mort Bay.

"But the A.N.L. refuses to divulge its plans. Why? Isn't the answer perfectly obvious?"

"Doesn't it mean simply that it, too, intends to ignore Leichhardt Council and thumb its nose to its public responsibilities?"

"It knows of course that it is going to arouse the fierce opposition of local residents. And the number of residents affected here will greatly exceed those affected by the White Bay monstrosity.

"Since Botany Bay is going to be the future venue for containerisation around Sydney, the obvious action for the Federal Government to take is to respect the privacy and amenity of Balmain residents.

"It should put on ice its proposal for further objectionable activities in a closely-settled residential area.

"The people of Balmain are growing more fearful as the days pass. They urge the State Government to step in at this stage to protect them."

apology had been received from the Australian National Line for a breach of the undertaking not to work on the new Mort Bay construction on Easter Sunday.

Balmain aldermen had passed on to the Council officers complaints by residents that noisy work was going on during Easter Sunday morning, despite the written undertaking of the Line and its contractors.

That undertaking was that work would be restricted to the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, and 7

PLACE FOR A PARK



This is the neighbourhood which will shortly be tackled by the Maritime Services Board to provide a new public park for Balmain.

It is on the water's edge at Peacock Point, near the tip of the Balmain peninsula.

No work has been done yet on the site, but some activity should be seen before very long. A top-

quality effort is anticipated, despite the rather forbidding present appearance.

The proposal is to establish a park for pedestrians only, and it will have a distinctive Australian atmosphere, as it will be planted with native shrubs and trees.

The M.S.B. is undertaking the work in substitution for the unoccupied section of

Commonwealth land which has been regarded as being available for general use by the public, and which now forms part of the Balmain container terminal.

The effort will be part of Captain Cook bicentenary celebrations activities, and the park should be available by April 29, 1970, the date of the celebrations.

BAND'S SCHOOL SUCCESS

Ibrox Park Boys' High School cadet unit took a prominent part in both local and City Anzac Day services.

Two buglers sounded the Last Post and Reveille at Marrickville R.S.L. Club and Trinity Garrison Church at Millers Point.

The band, plus a marching contingent of 60 cadets, led Leichhardt-Lilyfield R.S.L. Club's catafalque party stood guard at the cenotaph during the service; and at night three buglers sounded the Last Post and Reveille at Leichhardt Wesley Church.

Five buglers also sounded

a.m. to noon on Saturdays. The letter of apology advised that the work had been authorised by a foreman, and not the contractors' senior officers, and had been stopped after complaints had been received.

ed the Last Post and Reveille at the school children's Anzac Eve service in Hyde Park for the third successive year. On Anzac Day the cadet unit band participated in the Anzac Day march through City streets, leading the 2/17 Bn., 9th Div.

Judges from R.S.L. headquarters awarded the band first place in the cadet bugle and drum division for the march, defeating 21 other bugle and drum bands from such organisations as school cadet

bands, Boy Scouts and Air League.

The band was commanded by Drum Major Ian Nielsen and trained by Captain David Enoch. Its strength in the march was 21. The uniform worn consisted of white gloves and gauntlets, and side drummers wore white vinyl leather aprons. There were eight drummers and 12 buglers.

Having won the Waratah Festival B grade band competition last October, it will be competing in A grade this year.

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Column NINE

STUDENT RABBLE

What a terrible state of affairs exists in our university these days when a bunch of over-privileged long-haired, shabbily-dressed extremists disrupt an inspection by the Governor!

Sir Roden Cutler distinguished himself in service to this country and was one of the people who made it possible for this rabble to have a university to attend.

The whole blame for this disgraceful exhibition can be placed at the feet of society, which has become over-tolerant and passive, and too weak to acknowledge wrong.

Don't laugh—but society in general looks upon these students as future leaders of this country! One can only say: Lord, help us!

There is need for a complete overhaul of university control. It has failed miserably when its students explode in such unintelligent ways as have been evident in recent years.

What of the parents of these trouble-makers? Do they feel proud of their offspring, or have they failed as parents? Their responsibility is far beyond supplying money and clothes.

The conduct of Sir Roden and his aides during the demonstration must have forcibly impressed the community. To be a gentleman one does not have to attend a university.

The simple solution to these degrading exhibitions is to expel those who lower the prestige of the university. This may develop better parental control.

Because these students are in their late teens or early 20's doesn't alter the fact that they are babes of worldly knowledge and desperately need parental and teacher discipline.

Complaints Of Noise

Ald. A. Graham, Secretary of Balmain-Leichhardt Labor Party, last week asked Leichhardt Council to get in touch with the White Bay terminal operators, Seaintainer Terminals Ltd., regarding residents' complaints of noise from the terminal.

He wrote to the Council advising that the operations at the terminal had given rise to complaints about smoke and soot from steam locomotives on the railway, noise from the cranes and handling of containers, and noise from ships moored at

the terminal wharf.

At last Wednesday night's Council meeting a report from the Town Planner (Mr. A. Kenna) was submitted. He said that the subject was properly a matter for the Health Officer.

Ald. Origlass asked: "Why wasn't this matter handed to that officer before the meeting, and his report made available tonight? The delay is childish."

Council agreed that the matter should be referred to its Health Officer.

The meeting was advised that a letter of

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BERRIES HALT TIGERS' WINNING RUN

In a hard-fought game at Sydney Cricket Ground last Saturday, Canterbury lowered Balmain's colours for the first time this season — to the tune of 19-15.

The ironical part of "The Tigers'" defeat was that reserve grade finally broke their losing run, to record a convincing win. You might say it was a bad omen when reserves won!

The game was a close struggle all the way, and the only thing that separated the teams was Canterbury's lion's share of the ball in the second half. They won at least eight scrums in succession, and this enabled them to gain a lead of 19-10, which The Tigers found too great a task to overcome.

Even though Balmain suffered their first defeat, they were far from disgraced and fought every inch of the way, and only 4 points separated the two at the finish.

I don't think Les Johns could ever again have such a great day with the boot. He kicked six out of six, and added two field goals to his tally, to finish with a personal total of 16 points.

Len Killeen kicked five fine goals from seven attempts, also a great field goal, to finish with 12 points.

Gary Leo, who suffered a hard knock early in the game, continued to have a good game and was always trying something when in possession.

Jack Spencer, Alan Fitzgibbon and Peter Provan all had good games and gave Canterbury a torrid time in both attack and defence.

Olaf Prattl was improved, and gave Canterbury's defence a real testing. His defence was first class, as usual.

Keith Outten saw little of the ball, but gave nothing away in comparison with Canterbury's half-back.

Harold Browne again had a solid game and went very close to scoring on a few occasions. Now that his shoulder appears to be O.K., we can look forward to some good football from him.

Bob Smithies had his busiest day so far with The Tigers. He was under constant pressure from Les Johns' punts,

but came through well. However, I think he should make sure of his tackle. He erred in trying to stop Brown high instead of bundling him into touch.

Next Sunday we go to Henson Park to tackle Newtown, who, although they haven't yet scored a win, will be all out to down us. However, with the possible return of Barry McLaggart, we should prove too strong and return to the winning list.

Hearty congratulations to Jacky Spencer and Gary Leo on their selection in the City teams to play Country. We sincerely hope they go on to better things, as we know their ability deserves it.

I'd like to give the reserves a pat on the back for their convincing win against Canterbury. Let's hope they keep on winning from here on.

TIGERS' CORNER

By "Black Eye"

Awards

Bennett's of Balmain Best and Fairest awards were as follow:

First grade: 3, O. Prattl; 2, L. Killeen; 1, P. Provan. Reserves: 3, P. Fardell; 2, S. Williams; 1, G. Fryer. Thirds: 3, A. Fogg; 2, S. Stanton; 1, K. Hanne-man.

Progress points are:

Firsts: 9, J. Spencer; 7, G. Leo; 6, P. Provan; 5, K. Outten; 3, O. Prattl. Reserves: 7, J. Walsh; 5, G. Fryer; 3, K. Bowrey; 3, E. Clingan; 3, N. Miller; 3, P. Fardell. Thirds: 10, M. Ross; 6, A. Fogg; 4, P. Boulton; 3, G. Barnes; 3, S. Stanton.

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Move To Preserve Our Harbour Foreshores Urged

Balmain aldermen last week urged that a serious move be made immediately to preserve for public use as much land along the Balmain harbour foreshores as was still available for such a purpose.

They gave their views during discussion at Leichhardt Council meeting of a letter from the State Planning Authority suggesting that discussions be held between representatives of the Council and the Authority on the subject of harbour foreshore development.

The meeting accepted the S.P.A.'s suggestion. The S.P.A. suggested that discussions be held within the next four weeks in order that Council could put its views on the subject to the Authority.

The move followed the recent inspection of the foreshores in company with the Minister for Local Government and Highways (Mr. Morton) and other Local Government representatives.

Reporting on the suggestion, the Council's Town Planner (Mr. Kenna) said that one important matter which could be raised by the Council was its long-established scheme for a foreshore scenic road.

This would go through Callan Park, and across to the Balmain Peninsula.

He suggested it would be opportune to press the Authority to make strong representations to the Minister with a view to obtaining from the Government departments concerned the land necessary for such a scenic road.

Ald. N. Origlass (Balmain ward) suggested that in such representations the Council should specify certain areas, such as a piece of land adjoining Elliott Street.

He was impressed with the desirability of making a serious approach to preservation of the harbour foreshore.

There was still a lot of land on the waterfront in the Balmain peninsula that was either vacant or bore only derelict structures. These should be preserved for the public instead of being handed over to industry.

Ald. I. Wyner (Balmain ward) stressed that in any such discussions Council should impress on the authorities its long-standing aim of preserving a building line not closer than 66 ft. to the waterfront.

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Next trip will be an estuary outing on Sunday, May 18. Transport will leave the club at 5.30 a.m.

This will be followed by an outing on Sunday, June 8, when the sports club will be paying a visit to Davistown R.S.L. Buses will leave the club at 7.30 a.m. sharp.

Another reminder to members of this week's three big events—ladies' prawn night on Thursday; knockout euchre tournament on Friday night, with prizes to the value of \$60; and Mother's Day on Sunday, when every lady present will be given a gift with the compliments of the Committee of Management.

Everyone declared the jackpot Monte Carlo a stew, as Stan Beal's son-in-law and sister-in-law won. However, Mary Murphy failed to draw an ace or a king.

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SPECIAL NOTICES: The Ladies' Prawn Night is on Thursday night and there are still plenty of tickets available in the Members' Bar. On Friday night there is a Knock-out Euchre Tournament, and Sunday, being Mother's Day, every lady will be presented with a small gift.

THURSDAY: Ladies' Prawn Night. Artists: Ugly Dave Gray, The New Sounds. Prawns come on at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY: Knock-out Euchre Tournament—\$60. First \$40, Second \$20.

SATURDAY: Edelweiss Slap Dance Trio.

SUNDAY (Sick Parade): Jay Stars. 3 till 6 p.m.: Sandy and Norm, Rubber Bands Quartette. Every lady will be presented with a small gift. 7 till 10 p.m.: Dance Night—2 Monte Carlos, each worth \$40.

TUESDAY, 13th May: SUB-BRANCH MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, 14th May, 7.30 p.m.: Film Night.

SUNDAY, 18th May: Estuary Fishing Trip. Transport will leave Club 5.30 a.m. sharp.

SUNDAY, 8th June: Sports Club Bus Trip to Davistown R.S.L. Buses leave Club at 7.30 a.m. sharp.

BOY SCOUTS:

A. M. Churton Elected District President

Mr. A. M. Churton, President of Balmain Boy Scouts, was elected President of Leichhardt District Boy Scouts' Association at the annual meeting in Balmain last week.

Mr. A. Lonnon, Assistant Secretary of 1st Balmain, and former President and Secretary, with almost 15 years of service to Balmain Group, was made an honorary member of the district committee.

The annual report showed that 1st Balmain was very active under Mr. Churton in putting its hall in excellent order. In this respect, Balmain Rotary Club was thanked for its help.

This group has gained the service of an assistant senior leader.

Under G.S.M. Fred Lucas reports that work has almost finished on the levelling of 1st Rozelle's land. Committee membership has increased. Scouting membership is down, but prospects are bright for an increase.

In the district swimming in February, 1st Balmain won the Jim Watson Cup for Cub events and the Rozelle Shield for Scouts, and was third in the Bob Button Shield (open).

Local M.L.A. Wins Award

Mr. Roger Degen, M.L.A. for Balmain, has been presented by the State Parliamentary Labor Party with a silver cup for being the most improved performer in State Parliament.

Mr. Degen has represented the Balmain electorate since February, 1968, when he retained the seat for Labor left vacant by the retirement of Mr. J. McMahon.

Mr. Wal Brown moved a motion of congratulations at the April meeting of the Balmain branch of the A.L.P.

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Local High School Footballers To Tour New Zealand

Local high schools forming the C.H.S. Mid-Western metropolitan zone have achieved a notable first in high school football.

On Friday, May 9, a party of 37 high school Rugby and Soccer players from Ashfield, Drummoyn, Dulwich Hill, Enmore, Fort Street, Ibrox Park and Rozelle High Schools will fly out of Sydney for Auckland to tour New Zealand's Bay of Plenty Province during the May vacation.

Mr. John Beverley, Zone Secretary, said that the touring party would be the largest group of high school students ever to go abroad for a series of matches against overseas schools.

The tour, lasting 10 days, would cost about \$6,000.

"Raising this sum has

been a tremendous task," said Mr. Beverley, "but the boys and their fellow students have been magnificent in their efforts to raise the players' quota.

Assistance

"They have been generously assisted by senior Rugby Union and Soccer clubs in the area, as well as by the business community, school principals and staffs, and the public generally."

Among the better-known players in the touring sides are Peter Thompson (Dulwich High) and David Bright (Ashfield), who have already represented N.S.W.

in junior and school soccer teams; Steve Stewart, Drummoyn Rugby Union Reserve Grade half-back; and Wayne Tass, a hard-running winger from Ashfield Boys' High.

Most players in both codes are regular members of senior club grade teams.

Mr. Beverley said that training sessions had shown that the two teams would play very attractive football. Their coaches knew they would need to do so, as New Zealand schoolboys played both football codes with dash and determination and considerable skill.

Benefit

He was confident that with the benefit of this overseas experience some of the Zone's Rugby players would earn selection in an Australian schoolboys' team to tour South Africa later this year.

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Mr. F. Degen, Ashfield Boys' High, is tour manager, and Messrs. J. Stewart (Rugby) and R. Quimby (Soccer) are the team manager/coaches.

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