

The Convention Depends on YOU

FINANCE The Convention will stand or fall according to the financial help of every one of the thousands who support it . . . over the next few weeks. Thousands of pounds are needed. Commitments have been made. It is up to YOU, by giving and gaining donations, taking collections on "pay-day," or at meetings, socials and informal discussions. Official collection lists are available.

SELL THE EMBLEM It's attractive, youthful. It sells for 2/-. It is VITAL for the Convention's finances that every emblem is sold and the money returned QUICKLY. Arrange a selling drive in your workplace or area. Others have proved that selling is easy.

HOSPITALITY If you live in Sydney and could accommodate a visiting delegate during the Convention, please advise the Convention Office immediately. Perhaps you can show the special hospitality leaflet to friends and neighbours, and gain their help in solving this big problem.

DISCUSS The Convention is for the Australian people. Its discussions must include your ideas and those of your associates. Whatever else you do for the Convention, start discussion—in your church meetings, your trade union, your sports club, drama group, business office or factory. How do peace and war affect your group?

DELEGATES Now is the time to begin selecting your delegates (see inside folder). See to it that they have fully discussed the ideas of the group which sends them.

Call or Write

Your ideas, requests and criticisms are wanted.

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Convention Leaders

Preparation for the Convention is under the direction of an Executive Committee in Sydney, elected by the New South Wales committee of convenors and acting in consultation with the leaders of Convention Committees which now exist in all mainland States.

- Members of the Executive Committee are:
 - The Rev. N. St. Clair Anderson.
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The very representative list of convenors and supporters in the various States has now become too large to reproduce here. Here are some of the names:

- Churches: The Rev. Canons D. Garnsey, F. E. Maynard and W. G. Thomas, the Rev. John Bell, the Rev. Father A. Clint, the Revs. Norman F. Cocks, Dr. E. E. V. Collocott, E. Clancy, A. Dickie, A. E. Giles, F. J. Hartley, S. Haynes, J. H. King, A. Lewis, J. F. Long, P. Matthews, S. Neighbour, E. J. O'Rourke, J. Eric Owen; the Rev. Dr. A. H. Wood, M.A., Dip.Ed., E. Lyall Williams.
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- Unions: The Executive of the N.S.W. Teachers' Federation, the Commonwealth Council of the Amalgamated Engineering Union; the Newcastle Trades Hall Council; A. McNulty and P. Hill (Sheet Metal Union), Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union, Boilermakers' Society.
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PROGRAMME AND PARTICIPATION

PARTICIPANTS

There are no political, religious, racial or other barriers against participation.

Representation of every constructive viewpoint is being sought, with no sectional domination.

Those who take part should accept these two principles:

- (a) *There are no differences between nations that should not be settled by patient negotiation.*
- (b) *All people have the right to unite in expression of the desire for peace and in the determination to work for it.*

Participants may be either delegates or observers. All will have rights of speaking, voting or of abstention. Participation will not imply support for any particular organisation.

The National Committee will grant credentials to:

- (i) Delegates or observers appointed by branches of organisations, or by groups of people such as those associated in any place of work or residential area.
Groups of up to 50 people: 1 to 2 representatives.
Groups of 50 to 500 people: 1 to 5 representatives.
Groups of 500 or more: 1 to 15 representatives.
- (ii) All organisations (national, State or district): 1 to 5, Irrespective of membership.
- (iii) Representatives elected at conferences.
- (iv) Members of convening committees in all States.
- (v) Individuals invited by the committees because of their ability to make a special contribution.

FEE for every delegate and observer will be £1, payable to the National Committee direct or through the appropriate State Committee. Payment should be made in advance, to reach the National Office by September 24.

Those who can attend on one working day only are advised to come on the final day—Wednesday.

Accommodation

Participants are entirely free to make their own arrangements for accommodation in Sydney. However, in the absence of any advice, the Committee will continue its present task of arranging hospitality in private homes for all who are coming from outside Sydney. Every home will be checked by a responsible person.

Delegates and observers will be met on arrival in Sydney. They will be registered and given all information in detail at the Convention Reception Centre.

The Convention belongs to the people of Australia. Choose your delegates well. Discuss your ideas fully with them.

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY,
Sept. 26

- 10 a.m.: Opening Session—presiding committee, leading speakers, commission organisation. (Sydney Town Hall.)
2 p.m.: Three major Commissions begin work in their respective halls. Sub-commissions formed.
5.30-7 p.m.: Delegates' reception, Trocadero.

SUNDAY,
Sept. 27

- Morning: Church Services, according to choice.
2 p.m.: Sub-commission discussion. Halls arranged.
Night: Social activities arranged by special groups; after-church discussions.

MONDAY,
Sept. 28

- 10 a.m.: Sub-commissions complete work.
2 p.m.: Special section commissions meet. Halls arranged.
7.30 p.m.: Special section commissions complete work.

TUESDAY,
Sept. 29

- 10 a.m.: Three major commissions conclude their work.
2 p.m.: Full Convention Session—Commission reports. Discussion. (Sydney Town Hall.)
5 p.m.: Session ends.
Night: Delegates' Social.

WED.,
Sept. 30

- 10 a.m.: Full Convention Session (Sydney Town Hall).
2 p.m.: Final Convention Session. (Sydney Town Hall).
8 p.m.: Final Public Rally (Leichhardt Stadium).

COMMISSIONS

The Convention will be faced with three general problems, which open up aspects of the issues of peace and war. Participants will be invited, at the opening session, to divide into three general Commissions—one to each problem. When the Commissions meet in the second Session, they will create whatever Sub-commissions are needed to deal with specific subjects in their field.

The three general problems (with proposed Sub-commissions) are:

(a) What is Australia's responsibility to help preserve World Peace?

- (i) Are peaceful solutions possible in present war and war-danger areas? (Could include an examination of Australia's foreign policies and the work of the United Nations.)
- (ii) Can the people themselves be effective in influencing foreign policy? (Individual and community responsibility; obstacles facing efforts for peace.)
- (iii) Is rearmament the way to peace?

(b) How can Australia's relations with other Nations be improved?

- (i) Means of building understanding between nations. (Cultural interchange, tourist traffic, trade, sports meetings, etc.)
- (ii) Do we in fact recognise the right of all nations to their own way of life?
- (iii) Are our relations with our Asian neighbours satisfactory?

(c) How can the best achievements and the promise of Australian life be preserved and extended?

- (i) How can we best secure the future of the Australian nation? (National security; spiritual, material and moral values.)
- (ii) Do war preparations affect Australian standards to-day? (Public health, housing, wages, costs, taxation, business security, sporting facilities; effects on spiritual, moral and intellectual life.)
- (iii) Constructive development in Australia—what is needed? (The future of science, culture, major development work in town and country, the welfare of young people, etc.)

The proposals for Sub-commissions are still subject to change by the National Executive in consultation with State representatives.

Special Commissions. Two Sessions are for Commissions based on special sections—women, youth, church people, trade unionists, science, education, culture, business, and others as desired.

Full Sessions of the Convention will discuss the findings of Commissions.

Competent convenors will be nominated for the Commissions, to help guide discussion, based on the search for agreement.