

# World's Leading Intellectuals Appeal To Australians: "Unite For Peace"



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## Guardian Short Story Contest

A short story competition. The following conditions have been approved by the judges:—

- Stories must not exceed 2,500 words.
- Stories must be the author's own work.
- No writer may submit more than two separate stories.
- Stories may have any subject or setting.
- The Guardian shall have full control to print and publish any story submitted.
- MSS. are to be signed with the writer's name-de-plume, and are to be accompanied by a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the writer's name-de-plume and containing the full name and address of the writer. Failure to observe this condition may disqualify the competitor concerned.
- The story can appear under the author's pen name.
- Stories sought are those which combine literary merit with a contribution to human progress and social welfare.
- The judges shall be the well-known writers, Nettie Palmer, and Frank Dalrymple Davison, and The Guardian Editor.
- The prize for the story judged to be the best shall be £5.
- Entries must be forwarded to: Story, Guardian, 52 Elizabeth Street.
- Entries close July 31, next.

## LACK OF CUSTOMERS, NOT GOODS WORRIES STOREKEEPERS NOW

LACK of goods is not our trouble, but lack of customers, a general merchant told *The Guardian* this week.

Commercial travellers also complained that business was very quiet and orders are getting scarce, he said.

His sales for "Mother's Day" were less than half his last year's sales.

Gales in his country town branch were also down, he added.

The reason for the slump in business was lack of purchasing power, there was no shortage of stocks in his lines which were all in everyday use, and household necessaries.

It was not to say that the solution for the trouble was increased production, if the workers had the money to buy, there would be no slump.

He supported the claim for a 25 interim cash increase in the basic wage, and added that the £18 basic wage was an urgent necessity.

"It's not that I am losing customers to Frank," he said. "I have the only business of my kind in this suburb, and my prices compare very favourably with other prices and sales in other suburbs. The fact that the people here just cannot spend money to buy what they need."

FROM RUPERT LOCKWOOD

PARIS.—Some of the world's outstanding intellectuals have addressed an appeal to Australian intellectuals to fulfil the program of the historic Peace Congress in Paris—"to unite your colleagues, to put all your talents at the service of Peace and Culture."

The signing of this appeal was a response to a message of support sent to the Peace Congress by leading Australian writers.

The signatures were given to Noel Counihan, well-known Australian painter and cartoonist for the *Victorian Guardian*.

- Those who signed the message to Australia during the Paris Congress were:
- Pablo Neruda, poet; Professor Bernal, scientist; Mike Gold, writer; Jean Lafitte, writer; Wassilwksa, writer; Alexander Korschich, writer; Marcel Groumire, writer; Pignon, painter; Boris Tsalkizky, painter; R. M. Jankbiker, cartoonist; Logandis, painter; Joseph Hirsch, painter; Howard Pat, writer; Albert Kahn, journalist; Professor Joliot-Curie, scientist; Anna Seghers, writer; Flosser, painter; Alexander Fedeyev, writer; Andre Fougeron, painter; Frank Kleinholz, painter; Louis Mitchell, painter; Herbert Hirsch, director; Freddie Brilliant, sculptress; Arne Bruland, painter.



Mike Gold.

This comprises the most distinguished gathering of world intellectuals ever to address a message to Australian intellectuals. The stirring call to defend peace and culture issued by these world-famous poets, writers, artists and scientists appeals to all cultural workers rejoiced with enthusiasm at the Australian message of greetings and full support for this great World Congress for Peace signed by men and women of cultural distinction.

(This refers to a message sent to the Congress through Australian delegate Noel Counihan by leading Australian writers and artists.)

Two thousand delegates, representing one million people of all colors, creeds and cultures are a practical expression of the determination of the world's peoples to defend the peace.

### In Australian Tradition

"It is fitting that Australians of good will should whole-heartedly endorse the Congress. Your message is in line with the views of the progressive intellectuals in all lands, and entirely in accord with the humanistic, peace-loving traditions of your own national culture."

"The outstanding achievements of your creative workers, your finest books and paintings are democratic in spirit and are expressions of progressive views of the Australian people."

"We are agreed that the Peace and Liberty necessary for creative living and the progress, happy development of the peoples in all territories, and entirely in accord with the humanistic, peace-loving traditions of your own national culture."

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power to bring into active struggle to defend the peace all creative workers, irrespective of differences of political and religious belief.

"We appeal to you, good friends, to fulfil the program of this historic Congress—the conscience and will of the majority of mankind—to unite your colleagues, to put all your talents at the service of Peace and Culture."

### Moscow Primate's Message

The Metropolitan Nicolai Primate of Moscow, gave this message for the Christian Social Order Movement of Australia to its delegate at the congress, Miss Blanche Chidzey, of Melbourne:

"With all my heart I wish you success in your struggle for peace. Here in this Congress all the forces of peace against war are together.

"We must unite, all together, in that Salutations to the Christian Social Order youth of Australia."  
 (Signed):  
 METROPOLITAN NICOLAI, Primate of Moscow.



PABLO PICASSO

DON'T delay any longer with your Fighting Fund pledge—fill it in TO-DAY.

### PRESBYTERIAN REPORT ON COMMUNISM

## Churchmen Resist Veiled Threat

PRESBYTERIAN ministers rebuffed the Reverend F. Hagenauer and J. E. Owen when these delegates to the Presbyterian General Assembly tried to hustle anti-Communist motions through the Assembly.

The ministers refused to make a snap decision.

They referred the motions to a special Church committee investigating "the bearing of Communist theory and practice on the message and task of the Church."

A report on Communism by this committee will be considered in November by the Presbytery.

Mr. Hagenauer declared ministers and adherents of the Church were bound to dissociate themselves from Communism.

He said it was "mooted that officers of the King were marching some of the Church's ministers, to see what they said and did."

In this year's May Day March in Melbourne, a Presbyterian minister had marched "with the Godless, seditious Communist rabble, who made up the majority of the marchers," he said.

When the Assembly decided to refer his motion to the sub-committee, Mr. Hagenauer successfully moved that the names of all those voting be recorded.

### PROFIT IN OUR SWEAT FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS

VICTORIA will be asked to pay millions to foreign investors who have decided that Australian sweat is profit producing.

The money of course will add to the wealth of the "foreigners" at the expense of Australian national income, and will add to foreign pressure on Australia.

Already too many politicians take their orders from, foreign millionaires.

### FIGURES TELL

Statistics released last week show: Total nominal capital of the companies registered in Victoria last month was \$4,518,250 (\$2,500,000 foreign) against \$2,100,000 (\$1,000,000 foreign) in April last year.

Number of mining, trading companies in Victoria is now 2,815 of which 524 are foreign.

Although the national capital invested is nearly double, it leaves the Government to be repaid in April 1950.

In the 12 months of the financial year of these companies there has been a 50 per cent increase in the number of companies registered, but a 25 per cent decrease in the amount of capital invested.

### HEAR... KEN MILLER TELL HIS STORY

UNITY HALL, NEXT SUNDAY, 8 p.m.

Other Speakers: Mr. DON THOMSON, well-known union leader; Mrs. THELMA LEW, Sewing candidate; Mr. RALPH GIBSON.