

# QC on Doyle deal

SYDNEY, Tues.: Arthur had not acted corruptly in a £2,000 deal with Mrs. Doyle, Mr. Snelling, QC, submitted today.

He was addressing the Doyle Royal Commissioner (Judge Amsberg).

Mr. Snelling, who is assisting the Commission, was referring to a transaction in which Mrs. Doyle, wife of Reginald Aubrey Doyle, had handed Joshua George Arthur, former NSW Mines Minister, £2,000 in cash in the city in January, 1951.

It was a somewhat strange transaction, but there was no reason to disbelieve Arthur's version, said Mr. Snelling.

On June 25, Arthur told the commission he had borrowed £2,000 from Mrs. Doyle to buy £300 shares in Constructors (E and I) Ltd. and arranged to divide any profits from the shares with her.

**Share in profits**  
Mr. Snelling said the judge would have to consider whether, in fact, Mrs. Doyle had lent Arthur £2,000 to buy 3,000 Constructors shares in January, 1951.

He would also have to consider whether Doyle or Mrs. Doyle shared a further £1,000 for final payment on new Constructors shares, why Mrs. Doyle was given half the profits, when Arthur probably could have financed the transaction himself, and why the shares were sold through Mrs. Doyle's brokers on her instructions, covered by Arthur's written authority.

The handing to Arthur by Mrs. Doyle of £3,000 in cash in Martin place must be regarded as a very unusual transaction, Mr. Snelling said.

It might have been expected that in a normal joint venture Mrs. Doyle would have handed the money to Arthur by cheque. It might have raised a query in Arthur's mind why it was necessary for Mrs. Doyle to hand him £2,000 in the street.

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(Proceeding)

**Long queues at hospital**  
Some women had to stand in a queue for two or three hours awaiting medical examination at Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital, Mr. Fred Walsh (ALP, Thebarton) said in the Assembly this afternoon.

He asked the Premier (Mr. Playford) whether the matter of providing seats could be taken up with the hospital's board of administrators.

Mr. Walsh said women, some in his district, were leaving home at 7 a.m. to attend the hospital, and were not leaving until 12.30 p.m.

The Premier said he would refer the matter to the Health Minister (Mr. McEwin).

**Diver finds cable**  
A diver at No. 6 Berth, Port Adelaide, yesterday recovered a steel mooring cable which had been left on the river bed by a dredge.

# "ABNORMAL, BUT IS SANE"



COMPTON drops his bat after being struck a painful blow on the left hand by a ball from Lindwall at Leeds yesterday. — Radio picture.

## Seeks check on House parking

A demand that the list of registered vehicles allowed to be parked in front of Parliament House be checked was made in the Assembly this afternoon by Mr. Lawn, (ALP, Adelaide).

He asked whether the Local Government Minister (Mr. McIntosh) was aware that a list was kept in Parliament House of the numbers of vehicles entitled to park there.

"You check the list to see whether or not people other than members and officers of Parliament are using these facilities," said Mr. Lawn.

"All the Minister has told me is that he is not aware of anyone apart from MPs, Parliament House staff, members of the judiciary, and the State Coal Committee chairman using them."

Mr. McIntosh said no one else had been given permission to park there.

**Railways to pay £45,000**  
SYDNEY, Tues.: The Supreme Court today awarded £45,000 damages against the NSW Railways Commissioner as the result of a bushfire in the Wagga district 18 months ago.

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## "All should back our armed forces": Governor

It was imperative that Australia's armed forces should have the backing of every citizen, the Governor (Sir Robert George) said today when he opened the annual RSL sub-branch conference in Adelaide.

More than 200 sub-branch representatives, the Premier (Mr. Playford), State Ministers, and service chiefs attended the opening.

Sir Robert appealed to exservicemen to serve Australia as well in peace as they did in war.

"We must stand strong and undivided," he said.

"The bells that ring out today for the Korea armistice are soothing, but they must not put us to sleep."

Mr. Playford said no country he had visited abroad had an organisation comparable with the RSL.

"Nowhere did I find a returned serviceman's badge worn with the pride shown here," he said.

Mr. Playford said the SA Government was prepared to subsidise the cost of a war memorial for those killed in the last war.

He said plans had been approved. It would cost a considerable sum. It should be considered by the RSL whether private donations would be accepted.

Delegates will lay a wreath on the North terrace War Memorial at 6.45 p.m. today.

**Rail crowds 'unavoidable'**  
It was not feasible to find seats for all passengers in trains at peak periods, the Railways Minister (Mr. McIntosh) said in the Assembly this afternoon.

He told the Deputy Opposition Leader (Mr. Frank Walsh) that overcrowding in trains was not as severe in Adelaide as in Melbourne and Sydney.

Duplication of the Marino line would be carried from Edwardstown to Oaklands during 1953-4, and provision for this would be made in the Loan Estimates.

The progress of the work after that would depend on the funds available.

**Steel held up in NSW**  
Thousands of tons of steel products of all kinds for SA were being held up in NSW ports, the Premier (Mr. Playford) said in the Assembly this afternoon.

He told Mr. Pearson (LCP, Flinders), that there were 9,000 tons of steel products awaiting shipment at Port Kembla, excluding another 10,000 tons in two ships waiting to leave.

At Newcastle there were 12,000 tons of products excluding another 5,000 tons loaded in the Iron Warrior.

**Rolling strikes**  
A substantial improvement in the shipping position would be needed if SA were to receive its full share.

Roofing iron and other building materials were being held up because of rolling strikes by waterside workers and crew disputes.

Preference was also being given at Port Kembla to the loading of overseas ships.

The Premier later told Mr. Jennings (ALP, Prospect) he would instruct the Prices Branch to pay attention to sales of galvanised iron and, wherever possible, see that proper prices were paid.

Mr. Jennings drew attention to reports of black marketing in galvanised iron.

**Ship's sailing time**  
A spokesman for the Adelaide Steamship Co. said today the Eugowra would probably sail from Port Adelaide with cargo for West Coast ports tomorrow night—24 hours late because of the wharf dispute. The Eugowra is on charter to the company while Minnipa is being docked in Melbourne.

# Doctor would not certify Balaban

John Balaban was not mentally disordered but was a very abnormal personality, Dr. H. M. Birch, Superintendent of SA Government Mental Hospitals, said at the Balaban trial in the Criminal Court today.

He came within the category described by most authors in psychiatry as a psychopathic personality, Dr. Birch told the jury.

In reply to Mr. Justice Abbott, Dr. Birch said he would not certify Balaban.

Balaban, 29, a Rumanian industrial chemist, of Gouger street, City, has denied a charge of having on December 5 murdered Zora Kusic, a Yugoslav in the tin shack in which she lived at Torrensville.

In an unsworn statement to the court on Friday, Balaban admitted he had cut the woman's throat. He also confessed to having killed his wife, mother-in-law, and stepson at the Sunshine Cafe, Adelaide, on April 11.

Called by the Crown to give evidence in rebuttal, Dr. Birch said at the close of yesterday's hearing that he did not agree with Dr. H. M. Southwood that Balaban suffered from paranoid schizophrenia.

Continuing his evidence today, Dr. Birch told of interviews with Balaban.

He said that when he saw Balaban after the Sunshine Cafe incidents, he showed some signs of remorse over killing the little boy.

Balaban told him he had killed his wife because she made too much misery of his life, Balaban said; "I did love her."

From his account the mother-in-law was blamed to some slight extent for the domestic disharmony, Dr. Birch said.

Asked why he had attacked the boy, Balaban had replied: "I did not want to. He made a noise. All his life he would be under a shadow."

Later interviews supported his earlier opinion that Balaban knew the nature and quality of his act, and that it was wrong, Dr. Birch said in reply to a question.

Asked by the Crown about psychopathic personality, Dr. Birch said it could best be described as one who was not insane, mentally disordered, or deficient, but who on account of abnormality of personality or character had been unwilling or unable to conform to the ordinary standards of society.

The abnormality was characterised by episodic, transient, and explosive actions, Dr. Birch said.

From all the evidence he had formed the opinion there was a actual basic permeating a good deal of Balaban's life, including the crimes, Dr. Birch said.

**"Legally insane"**  
At the time of the atrocious crime Balaban was not responsible in law, because he was legally insane, Mr. Millhouse submitted to the jury in a 43-minute address.

He urged the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty because of insanity.

The Crown Solicitor (Mr. Chamberlain, QC) with Mr. E. B. Scarfe appeared for the Crown, and Mr. V. R. Millhouse with Mr. P. N. Wayne for Balaban.

(Proceeding)

# Query by MP on oil company

Mr. Hutchens (ALP, Hindmarsh) asked in the Assembly this afternoon whether the Early Closing Act was being infringed by an oil company operating one-brand service stations, which was advertising that service was available 24 hours of the day.

The Act provided for petrol being available in cases of emergency, Mr. Hutchens said. He asked for a definition of the word "emergency" if the advertisements now being broadcast were taken at their meaning.

The Premier (Mr. Playford) said he had been approached by garage proprietors seeking a decrease of hours, oil companies seeking a 24-hour period of operation, and the RAA, asking that services be not cut down.

He promised to give a report to Mr. Hutchens on the matter.

# Big citrus project being considered

An application from a Mr. Lloyd for land in SA to develop for citrus growing was now before his department, the Lands Minister (Mr. Hincks) said in the Assembly this afternoon.

Mr. Michael (LCP, Light) drew his attention to a report that a Mr. J. H. L. Lloyd had bought 1,750 acres near Manum as part of a contemplated 10,000-acre purchase to develop as a private irrigation area.

Mr. Michael also pointed out that a Mr. R. K. Lloyd had been reported as being ready to buy a huge area for the same purpose in SA.

Mr. Hincks replied he did not know whether the two Mr. Lloyds were the same man, but a Mr. Lloyd saw him a few weeks ago with an ambitious plan which was now being considered on its merits.

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# MAGAZINE TO GO ON

A motion calling for the withdrawal from publication of the RSL magazine "Back" was defeated at the annual RSL sub-branches conference in Adelaide today.

The motion was submitted by Goolwa and Clarendon sub-branches.

A motion submitted by Mr. Simpson (Loxton) that the State board inquire into the deterioration of new houses in Loxton east and to press restoration to their original value and condition was passed.

# Must fix new Vic. beer price

MELBOURNE, Tues. The Prices Commissioner must fix a new price for Victorian beer, the acting Chief Justice (Sir Charles Lowe) ordered in the Supreme Court today. He granted a stay of 14 days.

His judgment upheld a submission that, under the Price Regulations Act, the Commissioner was bound to deal with an application for price variation within 14 days.

# SEEK BETTER TRAM SERVICE

Nearly 1,500 residents in the Campbelltown, Hectorville, and Glynde areas had petitioned the MTT for a better transport service, Mr. Dunstan (ALP, Norwood) said in the Assembly this afternoon.

**STOP PRESS**  
KOREA CASUALTIES  
S.E.O.U.: Commonwealth Division announced Commonwealth health suffered 7,052 missing, killed, wounded since August, 1950. Australia's list totalled 1,208.

**RSL CONFERENCE**  
RSL conference adopted resolution seeking time limit on hospitalisation of T.F.I. and 100 per cent pensioners in repatriation hospitals be abolished.

**ON 'CHANGE**  
SA Gas, 31/7; SA Brewing, 11/2; Adelaide Chemical, new, 13/7; H. Scarfe, pl., 22/9. Late sales from 5DN at 6.30 p.m.

**VETERANS' GOLF**  
Veterans' Cup, Royal Adelaide. Leading scores:—68, J. A. Mitchell (6); 70, G. Johnson (50); 71, M. C. Bonnar (13); 72, A. V. Thomas (12); L. C. Daw (12); T. A. H. Woolcock (12); A. P. Wootcock (12); A. P. Melachlan (11); 74, J. E. Ashton (8); C. S. Wigneyworth (16). Mitchell (Adelaide) won cup; Melachlan won trophy for best score at 68. (Story, Page 18.)

**AMATEUR FOOTBALL CAR-NIVAL**—First quarter scores, Victoria 6-4, V. WA 3-5.  
TEMP. (to 3.45 p.m.): Max, 67.8 deg. at 2.25 p.m. At 3 p.m., 68.7 deg.

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