G.S.O. OFFERS ‘LITERATURE PACKAGES’

Overseas Growth Reflects Progress And Maturity

A.A. is “coming of age” overseas as well as in the U.S. and Canada, judging from letters received recently at G.S.O. from correspondents around the globe.

“We are making history here,” writes the secretary of the Central Service Office in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Sheena B.’s enthusiasm stems from the fact that members in that area recently approved a new constitution which allows for “greatly increased” expansion of A.A.’s service structure there.

The A.A. Service Council in N.S.W. now includes two “delegates” from each of the nearly 140 groups in the area. In 1952 there were only 12 groups.

From Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, also comes news of progress. Melbourne A.A.’s recently opened a new Central Office at 327 Collins Street, in the heart of the city.

In Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, the movement recently demonstrated its maturity. A newspaper report of a police court case had the effect of giving A.A. “a bit of a black

‘A.A. COMES OF AGE’ POPULAR WITH MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS

Less than a year after publication, Bill’s latest book, A.A. Comes of Age, seems firmly established as one of the basic pieces of movement literature, with substantial appeal to readers outside the Fellowship.

Interest in the book, which offers the only authoritative history of A.A.’s birth, growth and development, is evidenced by favorable reviews reaching G.S.O., by the number of groups re-ordering copies and by “outside” requests for permission to reprint excerpts or to reproduce photographs contained in the book. Such requests are generally granted, provided due credit is given. A local television show recently used pictures from the book.

A number of groups have purchased the book for placement in local public libraries and as gifts to prison groups, whose interest in this history of A.A. is reflected in many letters to G.S.O.

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This new venture was approved by the recent General Service Conference as a means of making it possible for local groups to offer their members a maximum variety of A.A. literature at minimum cost.

The titles and specific number of copies of each pamphlet offered in Package #1 are shown in the adjoining box. A total of 63 pamphlets are offered...
**G.S.C. Delegates Carry Story To Grass Roots**

Jim O., Washington State Delegate, writes that he is planning to report on the Conference at a big meeting in Spokane July 19th.

N. E. Ohio Delegate Howard B. prepared a 700-word Conference report for the May issue of the Central Bulletin circulating in his area.

Dan G., Eastern Michigan, reproduced portions of the G.S.O. "Conference Digest" for presentation at group meetings.

Georgia Delegate Louis M. scheduled his report to the State Committee on June 29th. Louis also had a report for the Tri-State meeting in Albany, Georgia, May 24th.

Kansas Delegate V. D. B. made his report to about 800 persons, including a blind A.A. with a guide dog, at Kansas City May 18th.

Two of the three former Maryland Delegates were present when Clarence M. reported to his State Committee on May 9th.

Ruben J., Oklahoma, and Jim W., Colorado, reported jointly at the Northeast District meeting at Tulsa the first week in June.

Bess H., Quebec, Canada, gave a bilingual report at the annual A.A. French Banquet late in May. Bess spoke in both English and French.

"New Mexico A.A. has come of age," Joe L. reports, following that State's first Conference which followed Third Legacy Manual recommendations all the way.

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**A.A. CALENDAR**

**JULY**

18-20 - 2ND ANNUAL OHIO STATE CONFERENCE - Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo

21-23 - FEDERATION OF THE RHODESIAS & NYASALAND-Delaware

**AUGUST**

1-3 - 18TH ANNUAL ARKANSAS CONFERENCE - Marion Hotel, Little Rock

21-23 - STATE & SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE - Asheville, N. C.

30-1 - 8TH EUROPEAN ROUND-UP - Wiesbaden, Germany (Contact Postmaster, No. 1, Box 3207, Frankfurt/Main, Germany)

30-1 - 11TH NW. CONVENTION - Florence Hotel, Missoula (Contact P.O. Box 688 Missoula)

**SEPTEMBER**

5-5 - COOK FOREST, PA. - (Contact Pittsburgh Central Office)

27-29 - MICHIGAN STATE CONFERENCE - (Contact P.O. Box 25, Flint Rock, Michigan)

29-31 - 27TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING - The Hague, Holland

**OCTOBER**

11-12 - MISSOURI STATE CONFERENCE - St. Louis, Mo.

10-12 - 5TH GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION - Blue Air Hotel, Augusta (Contact P.O. Box 3434 Augusta)

18-19 - 9TH STATE CONVENTION - HI Way House Motel, Phoenix
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**NEWS OF A.A. OVERSEAS**

**Canadians Join In McNeil Party**

The 10th Anniversary celebration of the A.A. group at McNeil Island (Washington) Federal Prison was literally an international affair, according to G.S.O. Delegate Jim O. who attended the special meeting.

A.A.'s from many sections of the U.S. Northwest and Canadian British Columbia were present, including ten women guests who were A.A. members or members of Al-Anon Family Groups.

**12TH STEP**

Members of the Medical Facility A.A. Group, Vacaville, California, are "enjoying real Twelfth Step work," Dave B., reports. A new Reception Guidance Center has been activated adjacent to the Facility and a group of five or six A.A. members from C.M.F. are allowed to conduct meetings at the Center on Sunday afternoons.

The new project has proved helpful to men in both institutions, Dave writes.

**DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS**

Cedar Rapids, Iowa-"Original Group" should be credited with $250, not $150. ($100 was erroneously credited to "Cedar Falls Group").

Watertown, Wisconsin-"Watertown Group" contributed $16, mistakenly credited to Loner in Waterloo.

Willowbrook, Calif.-"Everybody's Group" contributed $10.

San Jose, Calif.-"Willowbrook Group" contributed $20, not $50.

Yorkton, N. Y.-"Yorkton Group" contributed $80, erroneously credited to "Yorkers Group".

Indianapolis, Indiana-"Dorothy Sheerin Memorial Breakfast Group" contributed $100, not $10.

Onaga, Kansas-"Onaga Group" contributed $90.

Olakee, Kansas-"One In the Group" should be credited with $80, which was credited to "Newton Group".

Concordia, Kansas-"Concordia Group" $40 contribution was omitted.

**HOSPITALS**

**Interest Group' Helps In Tampa**

The DeSoto (Florida) Group has been helpful in guiding, counseling and conducting meetings of a distinctive group at the Southwest Florida Tuberculosis Hospital in Tampa, Peter Halpin, Social Service Director at the Hospital, reports.

The hospital unit is classified as an "interest group," meaning that about 50 per cent of the patients who attend prefer to regard themselves as individuals "interested in A.A. but not from the standpoint of their having a problem concerning alcohol."

Actually, Mr. Halpin points out, this 50 per cent has been the "mainstay" of the group since they attend all meetings while those with an acknowledged alcoholic problem do not attend regularly.

Recently more patients with a known drinking problem have been taking an active part in meetings. A number of patients who have pass privileges have attended closed meetings in the Tampa area with their A.A. sponsors.

"From first-hand experience, I can state that 'A.A. works, I've seen it here,'" Mr. Halpin concludes.

**LONER**

Dick P. writes from Chuquiscamas, Chile, to say that correspondence from G.S.O. has been a big factor in eight years of "happy sobriety." During that period Dick has been working for a company that had fired him three years earlier for reasons of "health."

**INTERNATIONALIST**

"I have been attending meetings ashore and carrying the message on ship in my own way but now I realize how much I need to correspond with other Internationalist A.A.'s though I am sober and reasonably happy," Sam G. says in a brisk note to G.S.O.