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"Clubs To Act Separately - Ban on Liquor at City Hall Dances"

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW URGED -

The executive of the Registered Clubs' Association; decided at its meeting yesterday afternoon that the action of the Lord Mayor (Aid. Jones) in banning liquor bars and large quantities of liquor from dances at the City Hall was not a matter in which the clubs could take combined action, but one to be dealt with by individual clubs. Meetings of committees of several of the big dances, which were to have been held yesterday, were deferred until later in the week. A meeting of the United Housekeepers' League agreed yesterday that while disgraceful happenings had taken place at recent balls it was not right that the majority should be punished for the abuses of the minority. It was stated on behalf of the United Service Club last night that representations would probably be made to the Lord Mayor on the subject. The committee had not met that day, but a meeting would be called on the Lord Mayor's return from the country. Meanwhile the committee would await developments. The president of the Commercial Travellers' Club ball committee (Mr. W. A. Ditchburn) said he had been unable to get the committee together for a meeting that day, but a meeting would be called and the position discussed. Liquor had never been taken to the club's ball in bulk. The president of the Licensed Victuallers' Association ball committee (Mr. Hickey) will discuss the position with the association secretary (Mr. Jenkinson) today. It was stated unofficially yesterday that it was not likely that this ball would be cancelled. 'Enforce Laws' The United Housekeepers' League decided to ask the Government to enforce the liquor laws in hotels and clubs. The president (Mrs M.

Matyear) said last night that the league agreed that the quantity of liquor taken into balls at the City Hall early in the night was not sufficient to cause the happenings which had taken place; the trouble was caused by the amount of liquor brought in after the hotels were supposed to be closed. The league decided to advise the Lord Mayor that it took exception to his statement that he had no objection to hip flasks. 'We expect the Lord Mayor to be consistent,' said Mrs. Matyear. 'If he objects at all he should insist that no liquor be taken into the hall.' She added that that did not mean that the league supported his action, the league believed in teaching the people not to abuse privileges. It was not a body of prohibitionists.

MARYBOROUGH, Wednesday - A statement that 'it was time the whole city of Maryborough rose up in arms against' such behaviour as was witnessed lately in the Maryborough Town. Hall,' was applauded at the annual meeting today of the Maryborough, branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. 'But there is no civic pride in Maryborough,' said one speaker. The secretary, was instructed to send a letter of protest to the Maryborough City Council. 'The time will come when as a temperance body we shall demand, not request, that suitable action be taken against this sort of thing,' said the president (Mrs. Burgum), who was elected to that position for the seventh, year in succession. The action of the Lord Mayor of Brisbane (Alderman Jones)- 'in prohibiting the taking of strong drink into the City Hall,' was commended, and the hope was expressed that mayors of every town would take the same action.