

COMMUNIST AIMS.

CHAIN OF CLUBS.

Throughout Australia.

MR. MARLEN TELLS HIS STORY.

Our London correspondent telegraphed as follows yesterday:—

Commenting on the identity of Brodsky, alias Marlen, keeper of the International Seamen's Club at Sydney, Mr. Havelock-Wilson says that he found that a sailor named Marlen had shipped from New York aboard the King David. He gave his address as the London Sailors' Home, but had not a steamer passport. This man had another name, Leibstok. He disembarked at Cairns.

Mr. Wilson says that Marlen is not recorded at the London Sailors' Home. He suggests inquiries in relation to Marlen's passport.

In a breezy interview last night, Mr. Marlen, secretary of the Marine Workers' Communist Club in Sydney, gave an outline of his scheme for the establishment of a chain of workers' clubs throughout Australia. He declared that "not a farthing" of the money he has handled came from Moscow.

Relating his life story, he admitted that his real name was Louis Brodsky, that he was a native of Odessa, and that he had, during recent years, spent sixteen months in Russia, where he conceived the idea of workers' clubs.

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"I have no objection to letting the public know the facts about my life," Mr. Marlen said last night.

NATURALISED AS "BRODSKY."

"After 28 years' residence in Australia, I have no criminal record against me. Mine is a clean sheet. I was naturalised in 1904, under my name Brodsky, and resided here until 1924, when, because of ill-health, I was obliged to go on a tour of the world. I received a fractured skull and spine at Casino on the North Coast, as a result of an accident, and decided to seek medical treatment in London. I received treatment at the Coast Hospital, but feared that I had not been completely cured. I spent eighteen months in Russia, where I saw the workers' clubs, which surprised me. The cabled information showing that I shipped from New York aboard the King David and disembarked at Cairns is quite correct.

TRAVELLED AS LIPCHITZ.

"I assumed the name of Marlen for psychological reasons. I am now generally known by that name, and I am quite content to let it go at that. It is not true that I had another name, Leibatok. My other name was Lipchitz, and I came by that name in this way. In 1915, I enlisted in the A.I.F. and was attached to the 19th reinforcements, 14th Battalion. I was appointed a sergeant the first day I joined the army, because, apparently, of my semitic appearance. I was disliked by my superior officers. I embarked with the troops, but because of the persecution I received on the other side I decided to take 'French leave' and return to Australia.

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"A LABOUR OF LOVE."

"My object is to labour for the uplift of the working classes," said Mr. Marlen. "I do not desire money—mine is a labour of love. The International Seamen's Club in George-street North was started in this way. I was walking about the city streets without a 'Red cent' when I noticed the empty premises in George-street North. I saw the landlord, and rented the building. I begged for timber from the big timber merchants, and secured enough for the benches and tables. I obtained my foodstuffs on the time-payment system. I have honoured all my obligations, and the merchants have told me I was the best buyer they ever dealt with. I can say that none of Jack Bailey's £700,000 has come my way. I hope to engage a professional pianist for the cafeteria in Drutt-street, and later to have an orchestra. I desire to make no profit out of the present club—all I got out of the old club was a pair of shoes. If the present club proves a success at the end of six months I shall be prepared to turn it over to the workers if they so desire. I welcome any inquiry that the Government may hold—the sooner it is held the better for myself."

Mr. Marlen (whose name is a compound of the first portions of the names, "Marx" and "Lenin") declined to state the source from which the £800 commission on the purchase of the present site of the club came, because, he said, he had to consider the wishes of the

the present site of the club came, because, he said, he had to consider the wishes of the other party to the deal."