

## SHEEPSKINS FOR RUSSIA

Sir,—The Sheepskins For Russia Appeal launched by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, and supported by a widely representative committee of influential Melbourne citizens has a worthy and humanitarian objective. It is proposed to raise funds to purchase 150,000 dressed sheepskins to be shipped to Russia as a gift of appreciation and gratitude for the epic bravery of the people of Russia, from the Melbourne people.

Australia has the best sheepskins in the world and they are not required for our war effort. Soviet ships call regularly at Sydney and the Russian Medical Aid committees in Australia have already despatched, free of cost to the Red Cross at Moscow, 60,000 dressed sheepskins. Cables of thanks have been received from the Russian authorities in London and Moscow. Our committees recently ordered 75,000 raw sheepskins. They need £25,000 to purchase and process them.

The cold of the Russian winter is intense and the lives of many wounded and homeless men, women, and children often depend on whether they have warm clothing and bedding. Russians make coats, gloves, caps, leggings, and rugs out of dressed sheepskins. The ambulance picking up the wounded are equipped with sheepskin rugs.

My husband, a native of Russia, fought in the AIF in the last war. He, myself, and my committee are pleased to see the people of Rockhampton supporting the many patriotic bodies so generously.

We wish it known that not 1d. of this committee money will be in the banks when the war is over. It will all be spent on goods for the homeless people of Russia. The Rockhampton Aid to Russia committee specially appeals to everyone to drop all talk of Russian politics. Be brave and trust our own and Russian leaders. They have already signed a twenty-year post war

and Russian leaders. They have already signed a twenty-year post war agreement. Let us trust them and give all our thoughts and deeds to help them.-

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