

## WOMEN UNDERPAID ON WAR JOB

Junior girls (aged 18 to 21) employed at a Brisbane 'drome are discontented. They receive £1/8/- a week less than they were led to believe they would receive.

A lot has been said and written about the big earnings of some workers. Here is the story of some poorly paid workers.

The girls underwent a period of training, side by side with adults, at a college under the supervision of a Government department. During training and before being engaged they were told that they would receive £3/8/- for a week of 44 hours, plus overtime.

Travelling expenses, in some cases more than 8/- a week, and board, leave little for clothes and essential food items like milk and fruit, to say nothing of recreation.

Overtime returns a few extra shillings. But, our young women should not have to work overtime to earn something approaching a living wage, which is supposed to be based on an ordinary working week.

These young women require food, clothing and healthy recreation of adults. They should not be treated as children. The way to give these young women what they are entitled to is to grant senior status to women over 18 years of age.

## "CENTAUR" TRAGEDY

In addition to the roll of Communists already reported lost in the sinking of the Hospital Ship "Centaur," we regret to include the name of Party Member, M. A. Smellie, Private, QX 40453.

## CLOTHING TRADES CALL TO SUPPORT CURTIN

The Clothing Trades Union at its recent Federal Conference called for Labor unity behind Curtin for the defeat of fascism in the following resolution:—

"That this Federal Conference of the Amalgamated Clothing and Allied Trades Union calls upon the whole of the Labor and Trade Union movement to unite in support of the (Curtin) Labor Government and the defeat of Fascism. It requests the branches to organise in support of the labor movement amongst its members. A copy of this resolution to be sent to the Prime Minister."

## WHAT'S ON IN BRISBANE?

WICKHAM PARK, NEXT SUNDAY, 3 p.m.

Communist Speakers: Jack Hanson, Val Fraser, Arthur Clarke, and "Views on the News."

FOR PARTY MEMBERS. — Claude Jones on the "United Front," School of Arts, Ann Street, 8 p.m., Friday, June 11th.

## Land Armies Must Join Air Forces To Smash Axis Powers In Europe

Is Europe on the brink of new smashing offensives that soon will seal the doom of the Axis in Europe? The devastating bombing of Italy and Germany by the Allied air forces, and the gigantic air battles raging on the Russian front are preparing the ground for concerted land drives.

Churchill's conversations with service chiefs in North Africa have meaning only in the light of the long-awaited second front.

But despite these encouraging signs, anti-second front arguments continue.

Latest is that the war can be won by bombing alone.

It would be tragic if Allied Councils were divided on the question of land front versus air front. The urgency of the tasks do not allow of controversy or experiment on this point.

England, a more concentrated target than Germany, Italy and occupied Europe did not crack under Goering's blitz. The R.A.F. will not succeed alone where the Luftwaffe failed.

The Red Army has put out of action permanently 9,000,000 Axis troops—an infinitely more serious blow to German morale than bombing.

Stalin has stated that two or three

more blows from the West, like the Tunisian victory, together with another offensive on the East, are needed to make a catastrophe for the Axis an accomplished fact.

Stalin, the greatest strategist in the world, declares that Germany must be defeated on the land.

Bombing alone will not bring victory. To rely on bombing alone is to deny what the Axis fears most—the land invasion.

To be over-optimistic, to underestimate the power of Hitler's friends, the Allied countries, to fail to expose and fight opposition, in whatever form, to co-ordinated land, air and naval strategy by Britain, Russia and America, is to prolong the war.

The signs are encouraging, but for victory, the second front must be fought for and won.

## BACK-DOOR BOOKINGS MUST CEASE

Although instructions have been issued that back-door bookings of seats and sleepers must cease on the Queensland Railways, this practice still continues from the Office of the Commissioner, who issued the instructions.

Although booking for sleepers is open one week ahead, the first person in the queue at Roma St. Station at 9 a.m., April 6, to book a first sleeper for April 13, on the Northern Mail train, was informed that there was no sleeper available.

Investigations by "Guardian" show that six of these berths had been previously booked through a high officer in the Commissioner's Office, and two by an officer in the Tourist Bureau. Similarly, on June 3 we find two sleepers booked through an officer in the Commissioner's Office and five through the Commissioner's Secretary.

While agreeing with the direction of the Commissioner that there must be no more back-door bookings, "Guardian" considers that in the interests of a higher morale and the democratic war effort, the instructions should be carried out and that the start should be made right on the Commissioner's front doorstep.

## TO HELP SOLDIERS

After carefully considering problems of service and ex-service men, the Painters' Union decided to ask the Queensland T. & L.C. to call a broad conference to discuss ways and means of assisting servicemen, both during their period of service and on their return to civil life.

## WORKERS SUPPORT APPEAL

Workers at a Brisbane electrical works subscribed £10 towards expenses of an appeal by a fellow-worker "released" under doubtful circumstances. The story of the strange "release" was reported last week.

## You Must Listen

### THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Friday — 4BK, 4AK — 7.45 p.m.  
 Sunday — 4TO — 1.00 p.m.  
 Monday — 4RO — 6.30 p.m.  
 4MB — 8.30 p.m.

### THE VOICE OF THE COUNTRYSIDER

Sunday — 4BK, 4AK — 12.30 p.m.  
 Tuesday — 2MW — 6.45 p.m.

### A COMMUNIST SPEAKS

Tuesday — 4BC, 4SB — 6.00 p.m.

## CHALLENGE

Central Brisbane District of the Communist Party has challenged South Brisbane that they will better Souths in a phases of the Strengthen and Build the Party Campaign, now in progress. Tenner is the prize. Souths reckon it in the bag. Central says, work the words will decide.

## WATERSIDE LABOUR POOL

Week-end labour pool for work on Brisbane waterfront closed with 1,000 members. Each will receive a number and will be allotted work in rotation.

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