

# ABOUT THIS — WHAT NOW?

## Unity on Go Ahead Policies

(Socialist Party of Australia's Election Statement)

The return of the Labor Party government is a rebuff to the plans of the reactionary political forces in Australia.

The Liberal-Country Party coalition which forced the early dissolution of Parliament hoped to turn the clock back. They failed. The result, while close, will enable the government to go ahead with important progressive policies and legislation.

The Socialist Party of Australia which called for return of the Labor Government (side by side with campaigning on its own socialist policies) welcomed the result. The SPA will support all necessary steps to carry out progressive policies and to strengthen all measures against the monopolies and multinational companies who stand behind the Liberal-Country Party coalition.

Despite defeat the Liberals will not give up. They will intensify their attacks, obstruction and sabotage of progressive measures. Intense political struggle lies ahead. It will be necessary to fight.

Liberal intentions are indicated by Mr Sneedden's reference to the government having been given the "amber light of caution" and the statement of Senator Withers, who claims that the Liberals "have been elected with a mandate every bit as strong as Mr Whitlam's".

Daily newspapers have lost no time in pressuring the government to abandon its policies and "listen to the people". This really means, listen to the editorial writers of the monopoly owned press. The government is being urged to take a stand against "truculent unions". A team of right-wing Cabinet Ministers is being picked for Mr Whitlam. He is urged to cancel his coming

visit to Europe earlier scheduled for July. The underlying reason for this advice is that Mr Whitlam's European visit includes a stay in the Soviet Union and possibly the German Democratic Republic.

### NO RETREAT

It is vital that not only should there be no retreat in the face of this pressure, but that more vigorous and carefully considered steps be taken to consolidate and win support for anti-monopoly and anti-liberal policies.

Key legislation to proceed with includes the Health Bill, the Electoral redistribution legislation and the Minerals and Petroleum Authority Bill.

In the coming period there is a particularly important responsibility resting on the Trade Unions and its press to give more support to progressive policies and not be content with sometimes narrow craft interests. There is a job to be done in supporting and explaining legislation which is in the interests of the whole working class, exposing the tactics of the Liberal Party and revealing for all to see the vested interests which stand behind the reactionary Parties.

Although the Government's majority is likely to be smaller than in the previous Parliament, the Labor Party improved its percentage vote compared with the 1972 Elections. The following table published in the "Sydney Morning Herald" shows this. The increased vote for the Liberal and Country Parties was won at the expense of the DLP and the Australia Party.

These figures show the need to

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	VOTING PERCENTAGES			1972	
	1974	%		Same stage	%
Total formal votes counted	6,297,745	—	6,650,197	—	
Liberal-Country Party	2,856,366	45.4	2,487,034	41.3	
Australian Labor Party	3,151,714	50.1	3,007,005	49.7	
Democratic Labor Party	88,926	1.4	335,598	5.5	
Australia Party	129,509	2.1	139,260	2.3	

Australia needs a strong Socialist Party



## CHILEAN GUESTS' APPEAL! "Keep up the fight, Venceremos!"

The Chilean guests, Aida Inzunza and Luis Munoz made a special appeal to the Australian trade union and all sections of the Labor and progressive movement for united and continuing solidarity action to help restore democracy in Chile. It merits the widest response in all Australian States.

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## SOCIALIST PARTY VOTE Figures analysed

In an election which saw a considerable polarisation behind the major parties and severe losses for the DLP and the Australia Party the vote for the two socialist candidates, while small, was maintained or increased.

The vote for Jim Mitchell in Port Adelaide (2.5%) increased by over 300 votes compared

with the 1972 election. The vote for Pat Glancy in Sydney (2.2%) is about the same. In each case the count is not yet complete.

SPA policies as well as calling for a socialist solution, dealt with the main issues facing the Australian people. In those states and areas where the SPA did not stand a candidate our members advocated and

### Setback for CPA Opportunism

The vote for the three Communist Party of Australia Senate teams are a disaster for that Party. The vote for J. Munday, who received unparalleled coverage on TV and radio and in the daily papers, represents 0.35% of the vote so far counted. If this percentage is maintained the CPA team will win less than 10,000 votes.

In 1964 with 600,000 fewer on the rolls the CPA Senate team (comprising P. Glancy, B. Curtinoy and L. Kellon) won 16,258 first preference votes. This was 0.7% of the total.

The Victorian CPA Senate team is polling 0.13% of the votes and will be lucky to reach a total of 2500. In 1964 a Senate team led by R. Gibson gained 7323 first preference votes.

In the Port Adelaide electorate the CPA Senate team which headed the ballot paper polled 699 votes compared to the 1264 for SPA candidate Jim Mitchell who was in the middle of the ballot paper.

CPA policies, which have nothing in common with communism have done great damage to the communist cause in Australia. The trendy policies which it was claimed would win popular support for the Communist Party have done the reverse.

Throughout the election campaign Jack Munday was at pains to point out his Party's "complete independence" from the International Communist Movement, the irrelevance of all existing "models of socialism"

worked for the return of the Labor Party and its candidates.

A highlight of the Port Adelaide campaign was the excellent turn out of helpers on polling day. About twenty members of the Young Socialist League were enthusiastically active and an equal number of party supporters gave a hand. Party members provided a solid core in organisation of the day's work and the result was a good return to all.

and that Australian socialism would be "different". The CPA's election propaganda tended to obscure the communist affiliation of Munday's team. He was projected as Australia's foremost conservationist. The vote indicates that these opportunistic and gimmicky politics, far from winning support, in fact, lost it.

It is to be hoped that the many honest and sincere members and supporters of the Communist Party will take the opportunity of reassessing the political line which has been fostered on the Party over the last decade and join the SPA which has come to stay on the Australian political scene.

The SPA provides the way to return to sound communist policies.

- SELL THE PAPER
- ASK FOR FINANCE
- JOIN NEW MEMBERS

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# HELP SPA GROW



# LETTERS



## Building The the Socialist Party

Among new branches of the Socialist Party of Australia formed in recent months the Building Industry Branch is a building beauty doing some really basic work in building the SPA in private sites, new members, and finance.

### Good Press Sales A at Building Stopwork



MIGRANT supporters of SPA going out 'The Socialist Building Worker' at a meeting.



CRENA MORRISON taking the Socialist Party Memorandum for an interested buyer.

**RURAL REPORT**  
The Federal Elections showed us that clearly the Labor Movement is not giving sufficient attention to working farmers. Industrial workers and farmers are the backbone of the position, these two sections of the population of production where wealth originates. While industrial workers are more conscious of their class and have only their labour to sell, working farmers must be seen as sellers of their produce. Within the framework of capitalism they are compelled to use the capitalist method of marketing which also influences their political thinking.

It is not good enough to guarantee markets if pressures and counter pressures are put on them at the production point, it neutralises the good work the Labor Government has carried out to provide markets. The Federal Labor Government made a serious mistake in indiscriminately cancelling the superphosphate bounty, it hit the working farmer worse than the rest of the community. It widened the gap between industrial workers and farmers.

While the State has been denied ownership to wealthy land owners, thereby separating the exploiters from the exploited, the State has \$150 per hectare or 80 cents an acre on the cost of sowing wheat, sorghum and grain.

Apart from the bounty (or the loss of it) seasonal gammas, banks and machinery, the working farmers are now faced with an increase of 50 to some announced

by the fertiliser companies. If only we could jump to the price of fuel oil to make him walk off, this providing the "Get in Big" speculators with different kind of harvest.

The Socialist Party of Australia was the only political party in the elections that correctly assessed the needs of working farmers — "Introduction of agricultural policies which give necessary aid and market stability to working farmers." See the May issue of "THE SOCIALIST".

The mass media and some Labor politicians stressed the towns and metropolitan areas as being the most important, thus further alienating the working farmers. It is one of the tragedies of the Labor Movement that not one Australian daily newspaper is free of capitalist control, the ACTU could well do without its ventures into the business world and devote its strength to producing a daily newspaper, it will do it better, but a daily is a MUST if the labour movement is to get its message across to the rural areas.

On the 15th of May when "THE SOCIALIST" became AD, "THE SOCIALIST" becomes AD, JACK BOOTH, Dubbo.

CHIEF  
The best tribute our paper could pay to the late President Allende is to inform the people of the deeds of fascism wherever it may be. The "New Times" aside "Threats of the neo-Fascist Conspiracy" (June 1974) would do the job very well as published in full.

I was in Rome on the day that President Allende was assassinated, and like the six brothers Cervi (assassinated by the Nazis), so did the President live in the hearts of all Marxists.

We must never try to find excuses for the CIA in dealing with every nation's independence. One good example is what Professor Panofsky said in the Crisis (June 1974) "A brutal military dictatorship re-imposed its rule on Cuba for the second time, it took its time the people behind it is American."

In the Italian stamped coup, black books with the names of thousands of communist and trade union leaders were found. These books were compiled to be used as evidence in the assassination of the left orientated people of Italy.

V. BELLO, Melbourne.

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### NEW BRANCH STRIKES OUT

Three new members — 159 newspapers sold!

BY DON McDONALD

Mass meetings of Building Workers in NSW have given the newly formed Building Industry Branch of the Socialist Party wide support during the recent National Building Industry campaign. A \$15.00 per week margins increase 4 weeks' annual leave and 17% per cent leading on annual holidays and other benefits were won.

At each of the mass meetings a Socialist Party building Worker was widely distributed. In addition 67 copies of "SPA" were sold at the first meeting and 92 copies of "THE SOCIALIST" were sold at the 1st May meeting. An added highlight was the sale of three migrant building workers joined the SPA, bringing the number of new members of the Branch to 10 during the last few months.

The important feature has been the large number of rank and file building workers who have moved the gates to give out the stronger SPA campaigns in "Socialist Building Worker" and "The Socialist".

The theme followed by the bulletin has been articles stressing pushing the need for unity in the campaign, the need to defeat the Liberal Country Party-DLP attempt to take over the Australian Parliament, the need to join

goes out to meet the workers and gives clear, positive and united leadership they will respond in the ways indicated and assure the SPA of a vigorous membership and growing support.

### Editorial

## Election Lessons underline need for strong SPA

A basic conclusion of the Federal elections is the need for a still stronger Party based on Marxist Leninist science such as the Socialist Party of Australia. The opportunist of the "Communist" Party of Australia was undermined in NSW by adverts giving a vote for Jack Maudsey without even mentioning socialism and even submerging the CPA in small print. The SPA candidates clearly brought out socialism as its basic policy. More grass roots members and more finance for the SPA is a basic need for the stronger SPA campaigns in "Socialist Building Worker" and "The Socialist".

The Australian system is predominantly owned and controlled by the capitalist class and slants its news to back up the political position of its owners. Even advertising space is censored by them. For example "The Daily Telegraph" refused to publish material submitted to it in a Building Workers Industrial Union election advertisement. The material named money politics in the building industry where they were making huge profits on the housing industry. In addition, the labor movement cannot match the huge sums of money necessary to

buy TV and radio time and newspaper space. The Liberal and Country Parties, on the other hand, have the wealth of the monopolies at their disposal. The ALP repeatedly claims to speak for the whole nation, meaning all classes in society. This is unreal and the ALP to a false position on many issues.

It cannot and should not seek to represent the monopolies and multi-national corporations who lobby support for their own political party — the Liberal Party. Another problem given too little attention by the whole labor movement is the need to establish good relations between the workers of the city and of the countryside. Although the voting indicated continued strong support for Labor policies there was a swing away in some country areas. The attitudes and rural policies of the labor movement sometimes overlook the fact that there are both rich and poor farmers and small holdings. The interests of the working class must differentiate between them and set out to consolidate the political support of the poorer farmers. See letter from Jack Booth — letters column.

### INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

An International Children's Day Committee announces celebration of this day at a function to be held at the BWU Hall, 535 George Street, Sydney, on Sunday, June 2, at 2 pm. Entertainment and activities include: Folk-singer Alex Hood, Children's films — folk dancing; Folding of Children's Art Competition. For more details contact Marie Highet, 111 Sussex Street, Sydney.

## CHILEAN PATRIOTS INTERVIEWED

HOW CIA AND MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS MURDERED A DEMOCRACY...

# Chile's Story Lessons For Us

The Allende Government backed by tremendous united popular support among the workers of the city and the countryside developed a most important programme of nationalisation of foreign monopolies and widespread land reform.

This programme and the democratically elected government seeking to implement it were deliberately destroyed primarily by outside intervention financed by big American monopolists and carried through by America's Central Intelligence Agency in collaboration with traitors in the Chilean Army Junta.

In the most ruthless gangster coup ever seen in South America, the American-backed Junta officers murdered President Allende and unleashed a wave of executions, torture and lallings.

This is the ugly and criminal story behind destruction of democracy in Chile that the world should never forget — as told by two fine Chilean patriots, Aida Insunza and Luis Muñoz. (See MEET THE CHILEAN GUESTS.)

Their story makes it clear that the lessons of Chile are vital for Australia. If the agents of multinational corporations can get away with destroying the people's national rights against foreign exploitation Australians need to think what could happen here if we moved to protect our rights in similar circumstances.

Q. What was the strength of democratic support for the Allende Government in the Chilean people?  
A. The conviction of the majority of the population for nationalisation of the big foreign monopolies like ITT and Kennecott Copper was so broad and strong that it was possible during the first and second year of government to nationalise the copper resources of our country being exploited by Anacondas and Kennecott.

Q. What was the position on this question?  
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Q. I heard Luis Muñoz once on his speeches pay tribute to the fraternal solidarity of the Chilean people, particularly the Soviet Union. What was the position on this question?  
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Q. What about the Allende Government programme in the countryside?  
A. The big land reforms took place. Cuba sent big shipments of sugar as a gift. The Soviet Union, Cuba and the GDR were among socialist countries who helped in food storage, agricultural programmes and harbour development.

Q. What about since the coup?  
A. Chile and Cuba conferred in Spanish on this question and gave the following collective answer:  
A. The socialist countries gave us open and strong support. The Chilean people were burning their backs on us were Rumania and China. The Soviet Union and other socialist countries stood firmly with us. The German Democratic Republic, from their fascist terror have been very good to us. The Chilean people and Luis Muñoz and other leading Chileans have sanctuary in the GDR.

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## They Marched for Chile's Freedom

MEET THE CHILEAN GUESTS  
Aida Insunza and Luis Muñoz were guests of the Sydney May Day Committee for 20 days in Australia in 1974. They during which they spoke at meetings in NSW, Queensland, Victoria and Adelaide meeting with leading Australian Socialist Party members.

Aida Insunza is a lawyer, professor of Labor Law at University of Chile (exposed by CIA in the case of Minister for Justice in Chile under Allende). Luis Muñoz is a director of the Quilinto Allende Government, the state publishing house under Allende. Elected in 1972 a National member of Central Trade Union Organisation of Chile (the CUT), equivalent to our ACTU.

The interview on this page is made available by W. J. Brown who interviewed them for "Modern Australia". The material is being circulated by the Centre for Information and is available for republication in any journal.

Q. And what evidence can you state of CIA and USA armed forces collusion in the coup?  
A. On August 20, 1973, in the important city of Arica, in North Chile, a meeting took place between the main officers of the Chilean Navy and American Naval officers together with members of the CIA. CIA representatives visited main ships of the Chilean Navy on the Port City of Arica and worked out two possible scenarios:  
1. Complete coup in Santiago.  
2. In the event of strong resistance to take over Valparaiso and establish a provisional government in that area which would be immediately recognised by the American Government.

The plan was to build up the Government from Valparaiso. However, the North American Ambassador took a plan to Washington four days before the coup and related the day before the coup. He had direct instructions from the Government in Washington.

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# CRISIS IN PORTUGUESE COLONIES

By VIC WILLIAMS

The Portuguese Fascist Government has fallen under the hammer blows of the Portuguese people and the wars of liberation in the colonies, Mozambique, Angola and Guinea-Bissau.

With the army take-over, the imperial chain in Africa is breaking and weakening.

The popular basis of the army coup was immediately indicated by the freeing of 500 political prisoners, freeing of the political prisoners, and restoration of the political rights of 100,000.

The tumultuous welcome back of the Communist and Socialist leaders from exile, and now their inclusion in the provisional Government, highlight the decisive changes in Portugal.

## CRISIS OF COLONIAL WARS

The new Government is faced with crisis, for the colonial wars in Africa have bled the people and the economy white.

The army at 180,000, ten per cent of the potential effective (males eighteen to forty-five) is the highest mobilisation rate in the world. Most of them are in Africa.

The deficit spending worked brought out its press without a break for twenty-eight years in 1969. It helped to finance massive strikes among the industrial workers.

The policy of the Communist Party has been to make the fight against the fascist dictatorship a fight for national independence to make action against the colonial wars as one of the main parts of the struggle of the people.

The converging struggles of the Portuguese people and the African peoples in the colonies has now been crowned with military victory.

**DANGER OF INTERVENTION** Portugal, with the key base at the Azores, is, for America, an important part of NATO. America is deeply involved in

**BREAK WITH SOUTH AFRICA** the new government is to make peace with the liberation forces in the colonies, and grant them independence. Then, it must break decisively with the policy of joint organisation and military assistance with South Africa and Rhodesia against the liberation forces in all Southern Africa.

It would mean demanding the withdrawal of South African troops from Mozambique guarding the Cabors Basia Dam from Angola where they are guarding the Cangoz, owned ten one mile at Cassinga.

The effect of independence Africa, Angola and Mozambique on the five million Africans suffering under illegal Apartheid Government of Smith could lead to its overthrow.

**TRIAL OF A COLONY** Portugal is a knot of contradictions. It is a country dependent on and dominated by US, British and West German imperialisms, and yet itself has colonies.

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The liberation of the Portuguese colonies and Rhodesia would threaten the apartheid system, and the US is likely to provide super profits.

The possibility of attempts through the military to overthrow the new civilian Government in Portugal is very real.

The new Government is recognised by the London Financial Times as "the only power in view ready to step in and take over the war".

Much of the trade to Johannesburg goes through the Mozambique port of Lourenco Marques.

**A NEW VIETNAM** The South African Government has proclaimed its ambition "to harness all natural and human resources from Table Mountain to the border of the Congo River."

It has already permitted deeply economically, politically and militarily into this area in the face of the growing opposition of United Nations which has illegally annexed South-West Africa.

With the South Africa greatly expanding its naval base at Fremont, USA wanting to establish an air base at Diego Garcia, and the US base at Exmouth, UK, the Indian Ocean is becoming an American lake.

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# 'The Socialist' presents a special interview - LEADER OF PORTUGUESE COLONIST SEAS

A Novosti Prass Agency despatch to "Socialist" presents an up-to-the-minute interview with Pedro Soares. In Rome, a member of the leadership of the Portuguese Communist Party to spend 11 years in fascist jails on Cape Verde Islands. The interview given to Soviet Journalist V. Ardatovsk follows.

The victory of the armed forces has opened up new important prospects for solving our national problems, for eradicating fascism and for the development of democracy in Portugal.

This event is no doubt of major patriotic significance. The actions of the armed forces were not a result of any arbitrary decision. Behind them is the many-year fight of the working masses and other democratic forces in our country, which is combined with the liberation movement in Angola, the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique.

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The main problem connected with the complete termination of the colonial wars and immediate granting of absolute independence to the peoples of former Portuguese colonies so far remains open.

"For the first time throughout many years, the working people of my country obtained an opportunity to legally celebrate the May Day. The Day of the international solidarity of the working people in 1974 became for us a day of flourishing freedom."

**SOVIET SUPPORT** "In their arduous struggle against the fascist regime the democratic forces of Portugal have always derived confidence precisely from the international solidarity, in the moral and political support of the working people of the Soviet Union and of the peoples of the Soviet Union."

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The WA Trades and Labor Council discussed the march, supported the protest and decided to send a delegate to represent it.

Danger to Australia of the NW Cape and other bases is given added urgency by the United Nations report just released, it was prepared for UN Secretary General, Dr Kurt Waldheim.

It says that the construction of the NW Cape base and the arms race in the Indian Ocean and gave the US navy the facilities necessary station missile carrying submarines in the Ocean.

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# 25 years of world peace movement UNION'S TIMELY PEACE TALKS

A timely National Trade Union Conference for peace in Sydney on June 20 and 21 helps mark the fact that 1974 is the 25th anniversary of the modern world peace movement.

Trade Union World Peace Council Secretary of the British CBIU this week appealed for support from all unions by sending delegates to the conference.

The conference will be held at the Teachers' Federation hall, 300 Sussex St, Sydney on two days. All unions and jobs are asked to send delegates.

The Conference will discuss support for peaceful coexistence, disarmament, removal of foreign bases from Australia, support for national liberation movements and other issues aimed at ending the arms race and war.

1974 marks the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the modern world peace movement. The first World Congress for Peace was held in Paris on April 20, 1949. It was opened by the French nuclear physicist Professor Joliot-Curie. 1748 delegates attended from 72 countries.

Throughout the history of mankind the peoples have dreamed of peace and cursed war. Already the Old Testament envisaged a time when no people would raise the sword against another, when swords would be ploughshares. But for centuries this idea was beyond fulfillment. The forces who stood to gain from war were too strong. The forces opposed too weak and divided.

The level in the world peace movement was achieved in October 1971 when the World Congress of Peace Forces met in Moscow. It was attended by more than 3000 delegates from 143 countries including a large Australian delegation. It doubled the number of delegates and countries participating in the first Congress 25 years ago.

The appeal issued by the World Congress of Peace Forces said: "We are going to the cause and succeeding generations from the scourge of war and we will do so by offering our faith in human rights and progress at all levels. It is on this basis that the edifice of peace can be built by the efforts of every man and woman."

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# LET'S GO MOVES AT CPA'S 24th CONGRESS?

— BUT POLICIES ALSO NEED BASIC CHANGE

Moves to secure the resignation of General Secretary L. Aarons at the 24th Congress of the Communist Party of Australia need to be accompanied by basic changes in the Party's national and international policies.

Recently a number of approaches by CPA members, particularly trade union activists, to Socialist Party of Australia members have indicated resentment is rising against the central inner group supporting L. Aarons.

This trend is confirmed in a letter by Bill Gollan in Tribune of May 7 in which he concedes that SPA-CPA unity is revivified by a number of members in the CPA.

**NEEDLESS DIVISIONS**  
The CPA members who have approached the SPA say opposition is growing to the Aarons line which has perpetuated needless divisions among the left, particularly among good militants in the trade union movement and activists in the peace and women's movements.

"We should be united," said one leading trade union figure at a meeting he requested with SPA representatives. "This line of Aarons and his supporters has set comrades against comrades who have worked well together for years. The Aarons line is all over the place — first advocating second preferences not to go to Labor then changing back without explanation, talking about the irrelevance in standing for Parliament, then chopping and changing yet again, advocating violence then running away from the consequences and in general taking up a basically sectarian posture."

**ONE-OUT POLICY**  
"In industrial tactics they follow the one-out policy that seeks to push the fortunes of the few unions in which they still have influence. They neglect altogether, even openly reject, the one-time strong CPA concept of seeking to develop combined action and a united front on the broadest possible basis."

"Now when you talk of helping build Labor movement unity you are in danger of being labelled as a reformist, a conservative or worse — a supporter of the SPA."  
"I share the worry about what the international line of Aarons and his supporters is doing to us in its antagonism to the Soviet Union, the socialist countries and the international communist movement."

"I think, and there are a lot more like me who think that the time has come to end this dividing process. Quite a few union officials are saying 'it's past time for L. Aarons to go'. He was the great advocate of union officials stepping down after only two terms. Jack Munday is the only one who put this into practice and it is clear that this has worked out for all the

labor who — continued from page 1 — pass the Electoral Redistribution Legislation to overcome the considerable gerrymandering of the electoral system. If the vote of the Australia Party, which gave its second preference to the ALP, is added to the Labor Party vote the Labor Party has over 350,000 more votes than the combined Liberal, Country Party and DLP vote.

It was this inequality which one of the Referendum questions was designed to correct. It is unfortunate that voters were so confused by the "No" propaganda that this and other Referendum proposals designed specifically to extend democratic rights should again be turned down.

A negative and dangerous

balmy hood around it. However, if Aarons was to practice what he preaches and step down a growing number of CPA ranks would cheer both openly and silently.

"I know CPA policies need to change but to unload one of the main architects of the mess the CPA is in would be a step towards betrayal."

**DEPRECATES TREND**  
Bill Gollan's letter unfortunately deprecates the trend which envisages CPA-SPA unity.

Without giving a single concrete example, he claims that the "SPA leadership is reformist, a sycophant of militancy and closely associated with the ALP right which it assists against the ALP left."  
The truth is the opposite. Far from being reformist or sycophant of military SPA leadership were to be the first in the following recent militant initiatives:

**MAY DAY INITIATIVE**

A Ray Clarke, General Secretary of Sydney's May Day Committee and prominent SPA leader initiated the proposal to bring representatives of the Allende Government for a tour of Australia. The visit of the Chilean representatives has considerably lifted the consciousness and support for the victims of the military fascist regime in Chile. A militant demonstration outside the Chilean Embassy's consulate was held in Sydney on May 1.

Pat Clancy, Federal Secretary of the BWU and General President of the SPA, together with other SPA members Ernie Boatswain, Tom McDonald, Stan Sharkey and others played a key role in the militant campaign culminating in a May Day strike which sealed victory for a \$15 rise, four weeks' annual leave and a 17% per cent leading, biggest building industry victory in years.

Pat Geraghty, Federal Assistant Secretary of the Seamen's Union and SPA CC member gave a clear lead against the rightist line of ICTU representative Charles Levinson at the ACTU seminar on multi-national corporations.

**SUPPORT FOR SPANISH,**

Fireman and Deckhands Union leader, Don Henderson has played a leading part in recent industrial action

feature of the elections was the participation of extreme reactionary, racist and fascist groups. Mr. Dransby has rightly drawn attention to these groups and his exposure of them needs support. In sharpening political struggle they will become more vocal and active and will get the support of vested interests to the degree that they feel their interests are threatened.

**BROAD SUPPORT**

A very positive feature of the election campaign was the number of social groupings such as artists, writers, academics, workers in the media, teachers, women's and youth organisations as well as the large number of trade

A step towards ...

# EQUALITY FOR ABORIGINES

Land Rights Report comment

by Dr HANNAH MIDDLETON

The second report of the Aboriginal Land Rights Commission — the recently released Woodward report — goes some way towards the goal of restoring equality and dignity to the Aboriginal people, but it has some very significant weaknesses.

The report recommends that the Federal Parliament should pass legislation, giving Aboriginal groups communal and inalienable freehold land title to five on it because there is no work and no food.

Another possible source of finance (although not of employment) for the Aborigines are the mineral and other resources on their lands. The Woodward report recommends that no new exploration licences should be granted before 1977, that existing leases should be protected but should be renegotiated so that the new land-owning status of the Aborigines is recognised, and that mining royalties should be increased.

Minerals and petroleum on Aboriginal lands, however, are to remain the property of the Crown and the rights of the Aborigines to stop exploration or mining can be overridden if the Government believes it is in the national interest.

**SELF DETERMINATION**

Since for so long Aborigines have not been treated as equal members of the Australian nation, it is doubtful whether — under attack from powerful mining interests — the protection of their rights and their sacred sites would be considered in the national interest.

The issue of entry permits to Aboriginal lands is a good example of the failure to understand Aboriginal experiences and feelings. Woodward supports the idea generally but suggests that certain people should not need permits. He lists first policemen in the execution of their duty. He does not mention trade union organisers.

Self-determination for the Aboriginal people can only be achieved by the growth of autonomous communities with a secure land base, full rights to all the natural resources in and on that land, and complete control of their own affairs. The Woodward report does not include productive areas that can support the people. It is a step in the right direction.

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meeting Greek and Spanish shipping in protest against the fascist regimes in those two countries.

**SEEKING UNITED ACTION**

Far from close association with the ALP right wing against the left the SPA policy has built a strong united front with the ALP left. As distinct from the narrow sectarian line of some CPA leaders the SPA seeks unity of action with all sections of the ALP which will advance the interests of the working people.

Another example can be taken from the recent meeting of World Peace Councilors held in Canberra. At the Council meeting, as W. Gollan well knows because he was present) it was Bill Brown (SPA Secretariat member) who moved for a commission to examine the possibilities for developing a vigorous campaign in support of peaceful co-existence, detente and disarmament between the Australian conditions. This motion resulted in John Benson (ALP) and E. Boatswain (SPA) being asked to sit on the commission. At the Council meeting SPA members worked tirelessly to bring the resolutions of the Labor Party and the CPA members present.

**REGRETTABLE**

It is regrettable that Bill Gollan has chosen to come out with such a negative line towards unity. Some CPA members had indicated a hope that he would take a stand against Aarons and possibly support John Sedy the CPA's national president in seeking some mitigation of current extreme trends. Instead, at a recent debate between L. Aarons and B. Tait, Gollan clearly aligned with Aarons.

Nevertheless the tide is gathering strength in support of the idea that Aarons should resign.

Much more is needed in rectification of basically divisive, anti-communist, anti-Soviet and anti-socialist group trends in the CPA policies than just the removal, self-initiated or otherwise, of L. Aarons. However, it is interesting and hopeful that the growing numbers of CPA members are saying that this should at least be a welcome first step.

**FOOTNOTE**  
The fact that hardly a "Tribune" goes by without some leading CPA figure attacking the SPA is in marked contrast to the attitude towards the Communist Hill group which barely gets a mention.

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unions which publicly joined the campaign in support of the Labor government.

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*Not the tragedy of a dead moose and a howling polar bear but — it's Soviet nuclear conservatism on the Arctic's Wrangell. It's the most important scientific research aimed at polar bear preservation. Hunting of these animals is prohibited on the USSR. Photo: News Item from Nouvot Press Agency.*



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