

# Introducing...

UNEMPLOYMENT is now a staggering 672,000 and still rising. And for seven years, the Liberals and the daily press have been picking out scapegoats for the situation. We've been told to blame Gough Whitlam, greedy trade unionists, work-shy hippies, Asian immigrants, greedy trade unionists, public servants, teachers ignoring the 3 R's, cheap imports, and of course greedy trade unionists. Funny thing is, no-one ever seems to blame the people who actually do the sacking. So the Battler would like you to meet...

# the battler

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

Registered by Australia Post - publication no. V98 022

No. 139 January 23, 1983 30 cents

# The bludgers who put you on the dole

**JOHN LITZ** started out as a humble fire extinguisher salesman. Now as chairman of Australian multi-national Wormald, he's extinguished the jobs of over 2000 former workmates—a staggering 10% of the staff.

**GORDON BARTON** owns or controls 60 companies worth over \$100 million. He's so wealthy he once bought a neighbour's property for \$300,000 just to extend the view from his waterfront Vancouver mansion. Now he's been sacking his IPEC drivers just prior to Xmas without even giving them notice.

**JOHN SIDDONS** is a Senator for the trendy Australian Democrats when he's not out sailing his yacht or down at the exclusive Athlone Club. He also owns Salsborough, where he prides himself on his worker participation scheme. The latest "participation" he's given his workers is a choice between a four-day week or 60 sackings. This is despite profits rising from \$1000 per employee to \$3200 per employee in the last two years.

**SIR PETER ABELIS** wants us to "reverse the unemployment trend" by "deferring the next step up the life-size ladder". He still smokes expensive cigars, drives a Rolls-Royce, and sails a motor yacht, though his company TNT is sacking transport workers despite raising profit 18% to \$62.2 million. Asset, which he shares with Rupert Murdoch, is trying to "voluntarily stand down" 128 pilots despite a \$102 million profit.



**DAVID HILL** was once sacked for being a year horeastral, the boss's on the other foot. He's out to slash spending on the NSW Railways and has already frozen staff levels and is giving doing staff, air-conditioning technicians, observers, business and undercarriage examines the cheap.

**JOHN STONE** is Secretary of the Treasury and chief advisor for the pre-Depression policy of a balanced budget. You can blame the \$70,000 a year "tax cut" as much as anyone for holding down Public Service staff cuttings.

**RUPERT MURDOCH** got his first newspaper from Daddy and hasn't looked back. The "Dive" into main papers round the world, from Digger to News of The World to the prestigious Times, of taking over the latter earned the profit of Murdoch's News Corporation to fall from \$51.6 million to "only" \$37.2 million last year. Murdoch million in "only" \$37.2 million last year. Murdoch million in "only" \$37.2 million last year. Murdoch million in "only" \$37.2 million last year.

**KERRY PACKER** owned world cricket for two years. He has an immediate family income of over \$1 million a year, and holds \$18 million worth of shares in Consolidated Press. "Some people he once admitted: 'I don't believe I am. I've got social responsibility to the people who work for me.' Presumably this is why he's just sacked hundreds from his Alexandria printing plant.

**SIR IAN MCLENNAN** is the Prince of Australian sackers. As BHP's chairman, he's got rid of 7540 workers in the last 6 1/2 years. When promoters tried to sue Sir Ian at the Melbourne Club in November, he was unfortunately unavailable for comment.



# The rise and rise of....

## THE MEANING OF MARXISM

Duncan Hallas



Means of earth... to deposit a pile of gold... and a Polish bank... and what would happen to the money if the bank collapsed?

"All our deposits are guaranteed by the finance ministry," the letter replies.

"But what if the finance ministry goes bankrupt?" asks the correspondent.

"The government will intervene to protect the working class," the letter says.

"But what if the government goes bankrupt?" asks the correspondent.

"Our socialist government in the Soviet Union... would not permit our nation's... the letter responds with growing irritation.

"And if the Soviet Union goes bankrupt?" asks the correspondent.

"What?" the letter says.

"What if the letter says... the letter says 'cheque'."

### THE DEFEAT of the German revolution early in 1919 emphasised the need for an effective revolutionary international and a decisive break with unreliable 'independent' and 'centrist' leaders.

The Communist International held its founding conference in Moscow in March 1919. Within three years it had gained the support of revolutionaries in Germany, France, mass Communist parties and smaller European countries, on the basis of an uncompromising internationalist and revolutionary programme.

Unfortunately, by the time the crisis had passed, European capitalism had been temporarily stabilised and the Soviets outside of Russia were weak. But the Communist International was inevitably critically influenced by what happened in Russia. And by 1921 the Russian Soviet regime was facing a desperate situation. The long term outcome of that crisis was to demoralise and ultimately destroy the International and to paralyse the working-class movement for half a century.

The end of the civil war left the Soviet government isolated in a hostile world and isolated also from the mass of the Russian people - the peasants. So long as there was a real danger that the Tsarist landowners might be restored, large sections of the peasantry supported the Bolsheviks. Once this danger had passed they became actively hostile to the revolution and had to be driven to rely on forced requisitioning of grain to feed the cities.

The entire system rests on the discipline of the party on organised famine in the cities, on requisitions in the country, wrote the communist Victor Serge. The regime was sailors to know and even more ominous, the strikes in support of it showed that the regime was losing working class support. It was desperate a dictatorship of... but even the peasantry and the remnants of the working class.



GRAVE-DIGGER for the workers' revolution... this time carrying the coffin of Sergei Kirov, assassinated Leningrad party leader, December 1934.

### Inevitable

Reactionaries argue that this was the inevitable consequence of the original sin of revolution. Some on the left, who ought to know better, argue that it was due to the ruthlessness of Lenin and the existence of a disciplined party. This is rubbish.

The essence of the matter has been stated by Marx 60 years earlier. "If the ruling classes destroy the political rule of the capitalist, that will only be a temporary victory... so long as... the material conditions are not yet created which make necessary the abolition of the capitalist mode of production."

On all a European scale these conditions had been created in Russia itself they had not. This is well understood by the founders of the communist movement. Since then it has been a matter of interpretation of this basic truth, it is necessary to emphasise.

Speaking at the third Congress of the Communist International, Lenin stated: "It was clear to us that without the aid from the international world..."

### 'GO BACK TO RUSSIA!'

It's a communist socialist still keeping fighting. Air yourself to reply with it.

**RUSSIA: HOW THE REVOLUTION WAS LOST**

By Alan Gilbert

How the workers' revolution of 1917 was murdered by Stalin's new class. 25 plus 50c postage.

**SOCIALISM FROM BELOW**

By Able Egan

Socialism comes from masses struggle for freedom. A historical reformist reformist. The history of the competing new class. 25 plus 50c postage.

All from 15 Books, P.O. Box 44, Melbourne VIC 3201 or from your local IS branch. See address box this page.

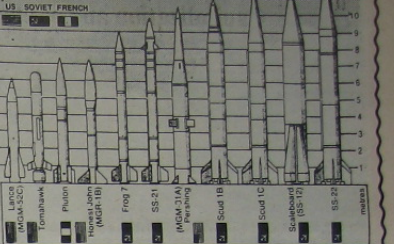
# BRINGING THE BALANCE OF POWER

SINCE taking over from Brezhnev as Russian leader, Yuri Andropov has mounted a major peace offensive.

The Americans have largely dismissed the Russian proposals as a propaganda gesture aimed at marginalising themselves with the growing European disarmament movements and those European governments who are wavering about the installation of US Cruise and Pershing missiles on their soils.

It is unclear yet whether Reagan will be prepared to make any compromise. So far he has shown an unwillingness to move from his original negotiating position on intermediate-range nuclear weapons. This would be in return for renunciation of the deployment of Cruise and Pershing...

## TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS



A section of Reagan's address before that the US can opt to pose in arms spending which Russia would like to see reduced. He will return to the Soviet Union as the verge of political, economic and moral bankruptcy, and he will do this only if the present is kept up - meaning Moscow. If, moreover, there is an arms race that might cripple America along with the world which will come tumbling down.

Most of the European ruling class is terrified at this prospect. Not only the United States but the European states who would normally be the front line of such a conflict. Reagan has been an opportunist who has exploited the fears of the industrialised world. He has a policy of economic blackmail, but he has shown three markers off.

At the same time, the talk of there was in Europe's opening its borders to refugees, who support the regime in the Soviet Union.

So we have Billy Bragg when he has to "refrain from a policy of confrontation" the British press and anyone to "revise the good sense which there is still left" in the situation that the Russian are coming.

The European people they hope in those sections.



THE FIGHT to stop the installation of Cruise missiles took off in earnest in Britain last December when tens of thousands of women joined the peace bailing built at Greenham Common.

It is impossible to hope that the industrialised world... the only remedy is to divert resources into the production of anti-ballistic missiles. The mass demonstration, like the 30,000 strong protest at the site of the Greenham Common, was a sign of the new era. The only remedy is to divert resources into the production of anti-ballistic missiles. The mass demonstration, like the 30,000 strong protest at the site of the Greenham Common, was a sign of the new era.

### 'Rebels' without a cause

CLIVE LLOYD has attacked them. Michael Holding has condemned them. And three West Indian governments have quite rightly declared them "prohibited immigrants".

The "rebel" West Indian cricketers currently touring South Africa are getting everything they deserve. Like the boycott-breaking English and Sri Lankan teams who have gone before them in the last year or so, the West Indian side consists predominantly of players who are at the end of not quite up to Test cricket standard.

Unlike them, they are trying to present the four as undermining themselves.

They claim that by playing as "amateurs" against the South African side, they are showing respect to the country's white establishment and their own worth of money.

We suspect the Sovietists and the number of black trade unionists in the country already show that South Africa is not what they're worth of money.

It is not clear that South African cricket should be rewarded, because it has

immigrate to work in Australia for a long time. Lionel Bown, speaking for the I.P.F., argues that Fraser would be bringing trade with South Africa worth \$145 million rather than a handout of \$10 million. Bown's right that Fraser is a hypocrite. Under Fraser's regime, Australia has become a major supplier of arms to South Africa.

Fraser's entry into it, of course, was a major step. As recently as 1975, Fraser was in receipt of "colours" of Africa - a politician's way of saying "no".

Since then, Fraser has been a hypocrite. Under Fraser's regime, Australia has become a major supplier of arms to South Africa.

Fraser's entry into it, of course, was a major step. As recently as 1975, Fraser was in receipt of "colours" of Africa - a politician's way of saying "no".

Since then, Fraser has been a hypocrite. Under Fraser's regime, Australia has become a major supplier of arms to South Africa.

### GEOFF BOYCOTT - led the first sanction-building tour

black workers, has forced to make a whole range of concessions, most notably trade union rights to blacks.

Australia, Malcolm Fraser has come under heavy attack from the West Indian "rebels" and any other boycott-busting names from entering the country.

Subject to the "democratic" right of people to earn their money wherever they like, however, the best assistance to the South African side is not only a light-weight sporting boycott, but also all trade with South Africa to isolate its white ruling class.

Renegade tours of South Africa, a highly-embroidered garment which may include isolation of the economy rather than serves them bloody well right.



Missile Madness - second, updated edition of Peter Dennis' practical weapons manual that Breznev is deluged with.

Order from: IS Books, PO Box 44, Flemington, Vic 3031.



**MASSIVE NUMBERS** of workers labouring under appalling conditions is the common impression that must unite India's burgeoning working class. Above, dam workers on the River Krishna.

A new revolutionary and very democratic trade union has developed amongst iron ore miners in central India.

In the brief few years of its existence, this union has won dramatic improvements in the sub-poverty line wages and harsh conditions.

**JOHN ROSE** visited the iron ore miners towards the end of last year. Here is his report.

**AT FIRST** sight the iron-ore mining township of Dallirajahra in Chattisgarh, in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, reminds you of the American wild west.

A long dusty road runs past the heavily erected stores and shops. In the distance looms the great hill. By day the hill is still mostly green, except where excavation has already rendered it red raw.

Here men and women tribal miners break up the hour by hour and day by day in the beating sun. As night approaches, and the sun disappears over the hill, the sky itself becomes flaming red and the hill turns dark and then black. Soon everywhere will be pitch black except for the dots and specks of the stars in the sky and the dots and specks of the oil lamps burning in the tiny mud huts.

Electricity still stops before it gets to the edge of the township where these iron ore miners live, as indeed does the water supply.

There will be mostly stone tools, except for the sounds of the forest. Until a few years ago the entire area was forest. And the people who lived here were used only to the simple life of the forest.

But now the silence is also interrupted by the occasional strange new sounds (which at least keep the igloo away).

The dynamite and blasting on the hill preparing work for the following day. And the boiling of whistles and the puffing of steam trains carrying freshly dug ore through the night to the massive steel plant several hours away.

The mining boom that has been sweeping India up its forests, hills and even mountains in its feverish search to turn invaluable minerals into profit.

It has scattered and broken up the lives of millions of people who lived in tribes in the forests outside mainstream Indian Hindu society.

#### contractors

In their despair these tribal people have been pointed out by ruthless labour contractors. They are herded into camps and their labour is sold for a pittance to the huge corporations.

In this case Bhalu — one of India's largest — has by the Indian government with assistance from the Soviet Union.

But in Dallirajahra it has all gone wrong for the authorities. Never has Trotsky's law of uneven and combined development been so dazzlingly confirmed.

In just five years these tribal miners have transformed themselves into an unshakably revolutionary trade union.

They have acted in ways and raised demands

which already make them as advanced a group of workers as you could find anywhere in the world. And this from a people that other Indians sometimes dismiss contemptuously as 'jungle' and of whom the rest of the world has never even heard.

They have raised their wages five times from starvation levels. That meant a bowl of rice a day where vegetables would be a luxury.

Now they are rapidly gaining ground on the Hindu miners and steelworkers — with whom they compare their wages — who are trained to work with advanced machinery, and who were recruited from outside the region.

Before they worked from sunrise to sunset. Now they work an eight hour day. And they decide the pace of work.

#### batllies

They have fought pitched battles with the police. In their struggle to form the union they actually dashed and captured several policemen and held them overnight.

In line of the most remarkable developments for any trade union, these miners will stop work and call violent demonstrations in the township if any of the women are molested.

For generations the tribal women have been considered fair game by forestry officers, labour contractors and officials of all kinds. Now this union will call mass action at even a hint of an assault on women.

In Dallirajahra rape is a working class issue. The union has built its own workshop for truck repair. It runs its own schools and is building its own hospital.

The miners have smashed a ring of poison labour contractors. These vermin moved in a soon as the workers' wages began to rise.

Led by the women miners, the union organised a series of extraordinary meetings among the tribal miners calling for a boycott of the liquor contractors. The women were complaining that the men were spending all the extra money on liquor.

Most of the liquor was foul. Serious illness and even death has resulted from drinking it. Even the children started to drink.

It is difficult for us in the west to grasp the significance of such a movement.

Suffice to say that the present industry minister

# INDIAN BIRTH OF REVOLUTIONARY TRADE UNION

of the state was financed by the liquor contractors. And one of the leaders of the anti-liquor movement was run down and nearly killed by a lorry owned by a liquor contractor.

Amar Bai was one of the founders of the union. She explains how it started:

*We went on strike for more pay. We were already in one of the old unions. But they never helped us. The mechanised miners earned so much more than us. We approached Niyogi to help us form a new union.*

Shankar Niyogi had been a member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (They are sometimes called 'Naxalites'). This was a party that had supported Chairman Mao in China. It grew very quickly in the 1960s. It recruited tens of thousands of youngsters like Niyogi in the cities and sent them to the countryside to organize among the peasants.

Although Niyogi to this day defends Chairman Mao, he came to disagree with the party line. He argued that it was workers rather than peasants who would lead the revolution.

Niyogi was expelled for his 'faulty' thinking. But he remained as an independent and well respected activist in the Chattisgarh region.

Amar Bai continued



The burial of Asha Ram on 27 September 1980.

Nothing sums up the tragic heroism of this union better than the slaughter of Asha Ram.

Three uniformed industrial security men had tried to rape one of the women from the village. Some of the miners heard the screams and came to her rescue. They actually captured the security men.

The was an immediate work stoppage.

*Niyogi and I were arrested. The police took us to the police station. But then we had several more arrests. It was like a ground all night, rather than small committees of men. It was a uniform. We took the police to court here.*

*She told me: But in movements arrived and then we saw the police policemen who needed to be crushed the union.*

*Four men with other leaders were raised. In the end the wages began to rise.*

*Niyogi ministers regard him or heard in 1970.*

*When the government he was fit to be arrested for miners. He'd demand for negotiations. He says the workers had made a big impression on the union leaders trying to develop a strike feeling.*

*So we were arrested. We say no, arrest. The police said: We say no, arrest.*



Make the manager negotiate with you as the work area.

If he refuses take more workers to see him, take five. Take ten. Take a hundred.

Yes, it becomes a protest. Maybe a stoppage. This mass attitude is now so developed that if a local leader comes to us for help sometimes the ordinary workers in the work area will complain: "why did you not come to us"—they will say.

Each area has its own elected representatives. They can be overturned anytime. The same principle applies to all the leaders including ourselves.

The Chattisgarh Mines Shramik Sangh, CSMSS, as the tribal miners' movement is officially known, is fast acquiring a big following in India.

In a situation where the old left is discarded any new movement like this is certain to gain a great deal of attention.

#### popular

Niyogi is particularly popular for having apparently begun to resolve the age-old question of the relationship between workers and peasants.

It is true the union has a unique relationship to the peasantry in the region. Over the years the union has become the voice of all opposition to the union officer to complain of a bullying landlord or government official.

Miners will set off on the union jeep to the village in question and deal with the offender physically on the spot, or drag him through the law courts. It's like a fire brigade.

The union has now launched a peasant organisation. In December the CSMSS were organising nearly a quarter of a million workers and peasants to attend a rally.

But the tribal links between workers and peasants make the relationship very special. The peasants make the relationship very special. There is even a demand to redraw state boundaries and declare a new Indian state of Chattisgarh.

Such a demand must surely be doomed.

#### determined

The Indian ruling class is determined to probe open the forests and the hills of central India and strip the resources. It is hardly likely to allow a relatively tiny movement, however revolutionary, to stand in its way.

To survive, the tribal miners are going to have to make a very different kind of approach. They are going to have to make a dramatic turn to building links with the majority of non-tribal iron ore miners and steelworkers organised across India in the traditional Congress and Communist unions.

This isn't going to be easy. They don't see democratic union leaders. Niyogi, they don't see the tribal people organised in the CSMSS as symptoms.

It's not going to be easy. But there is no other way.



TOP: Niyogi, one of the leaders of the CSMSS, addresses a mass meeting of workers. ABOVE: Statue of a woman iron ore miner 'guarding' the union office.



## Public Servants demand.

# WAGE

LAST YEAR Federal public servants were sold a 6% wage rise after a nine month non-campaign.

This year our meetings are being called in half. Despite calls for stopwork actions, many came from mass meetings and reps meetings in Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra.

We need to operate as much as possible on the strength that we have. That means calling mass meetings instead of splintering discussions into office, section or committee discussions are often impossible to organize.

It means producing bulletins which positively argue the need for strike action. It means above all striking on our own potential strength as unionists rather than relying on the politicians and the courts.

If we are not going to let our officials off the hook we must start demanding more in office, section committee and reps meetings, that mass meetings are held as the membership decided in February and that these meetings signal the start of a campaign of strike action for the full 12th.

THE ONLY decision that has thrown a bit of life into the NSW ACOA office and amongst sections of the leadership factions has been the sacking of industrial officer John Curry. Like all ACOA industrial officers, Curry was sacked by branch secretary, Barry Cotter.

The obvious reason for the sacking was so that a position could be left vacant for one of Cotter's supporters. But while the sacking was so that a position could be left vacant for one of Cotter's supporters, it was also a vote of confidence in Cotter's competence of Curry and whether or not he was in breach of his authority, neither side has a valid different political perspective about what to do about the wage claim.

What has to come into the arguments is whether or not industrial officers have the right to fire. The solution doesn't lie in a bill of rights for industrial officers, it lies in the guarantee of the right of election by branch committee.

The solution lies in the direct election of all industrial staff by the membership of the union, a solution which no side seems too keen to grant.

By Mike Grecock, Branch Committee, Veterans Affairs, Sydney & Patrick McLeish, delegate, Veterans Affairs Melbourne.

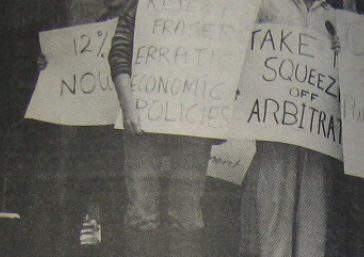
By Mike Grecock, Branch Committee, Veterans Affairs, Sydney & Patrick McLeish, delegate, Veterans Affairs Melbourne.

By Mike Grecock, Branch Committee, Veterans Affairs, Sydney & Patrick McLeish, delegate, Veterans Affairs Melbourne.

By Mike Grecock, Branch Committee, Veterans Affairs, Sydney & Patrick McLeish, delegate, Veterans Affairs Melbourne.

By Mike Grecock, Branch Committee, Veterans Affairs, Sydney & Patrick McLeish, delegate, Veterans Affairs Melbourne.

By Mike Grecock, Branch Committee, Veterans Affairs, Sydney & Patrick McLeish, delegate, Veterans Affairs Melbourne.



MELBOURNE ACOA members picketed the Arbitration Court in August last year over a 12% claim. Now they want to know what happened to their campaign.

## Capitalist horribles rampage in U.A.

THERE'S always been two schools of thought about why the myth of "Capitalist horribles", long thought extinct, always carried its paws in particular of its trousers.

One group believed it was to hide the scarred knuckles caused by vicious battles with "Union Bureaucrats militants" (now discarded to be only a myth). Others believed it was to hide the claws of a precocious horde of dollars.

Both theories have been blown sky-high by the discovery in WA of capitalists with paws hanging free. The species has been re-named "Capitalist horribles Liberal", or more correctly, "Burr-in-Suit Liberal". It fights by putting the boot in the Government's face.

It is the Confederation of WA Industry and the WA Liberal Government want to chop the 17% holiday loading as well as calling for union-anti-union legislation. At the same time the pre-historic yobboes in the Country Shire Councils Association have come to the attention of the Government, taking us back to the pay level before the last two rises.

Even if it is a myth, the mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent.

When the mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent.

When the mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent.

When the mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent.

When the mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent.

When the mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent.

When the mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent. The mythical horribles of the discussion was all about nine and a half per cent.

## Write to The Battler: P.O. Box 46 Flemington Vic 3031

# ELECTIO CIRCUS COMES TO W.A.

By Kate Thomas



YOU HEAR a lot about the importance of "business confidence". It's vital to "getting this country back on its feet", they say. Socialists believe in confidence. Not the strutting swagger of the bosses, of course—being may their queues form at high windows. No, we are interested in the confidence of the working class, its belief in its own ability to fight and win.

And so when elections come, Alas, a grand finale in a flex circuit, we're not affronted. At the moment the circus is in Western Australia. And it's not a circus of the usual kind, with acrobats and jugglers and wild animals. It's a circus of the mind, a circus of the spirit, a circus of the soul. It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses.

It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses. It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses. It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses.

It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses. It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses. It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses.

It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses. It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses. It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses.

It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses. It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses. It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses.

It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses. It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses. It's a circus of the people, a circus of the workers, a circus of the masses.

WHAT WE STAND FOR  
Workers control over the workplace...  
Only the organized workers can win...  
The ALP is not a party...  
It is a party of the bourgeoisie...

Revolution, not Reformism  
The reformist...  
The capitalist system...  
The reformist...  
The capitalist system...

Internationalism  
A socialist revolution...  
The international...  
The socialist revolution...  
The international...

Full Equality and Liberation  
For women...  
The struggle for...  
The struggle for...  
The struggle for...

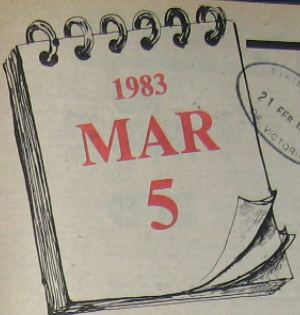
Revolutionary Party  
To win the capitalist...  
The revolutionary...  
The revolutionary...  
The revolutionary...

Rank and File Organization  
A basic introduction...  
The rank and file...  
The rank and file...  
The rank and file...

WHAT'S ON  
Sydney...  
Melbourne...  
Brisbane...  
Perth...

I WANT TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS!  
Name...  
Address...  
Postcode...  
Phone no...  
Trade Union...

THE BATTLER 29 JANUARY, 1983 PAGE 11



Registered by Australia Post—  
publication No. V8F 5232 No. 140 February 17, 1983 30 cents

**AFTER** shutting down the state's railway system for a week, eight thousand NSW rail-workers have been driven back to work by a combination of panic-mongering by union officials and hysteria from the labour press.

The issues behind the strike continue to simmer, however. The plans of Neville Wran and Railways godfather David Hill to slash staffing and run down safety remain. And for their part, Sydney rail-workers have not been cowed. Despite a Daily Telegraph heading of "IN back to work" published six hours before their meeting, despite Australian Railways Union (ARU) officials' recommendations to go back on David Hill's terms, and despite speeches from the floor about how people "couldn't afford a long strike", the Sydney workers voted to stay out.

Only a large county vote for ending the strike has got them back on the job. Their action has been the most serious in Australia to date to stop the lay-offs of the current recession.

Just before the strike ended the *Burrill* spoke to Andrew Baker, the Secretary of the Examiners Sub-Branch of the Australian Railways Union (ARU) about the issues behind the strike and the continuing fight to save railway jobs.

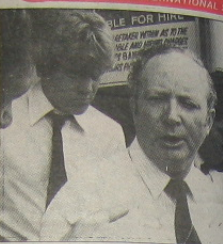
**Why are railway workers objecting to the State Rail Authority (SRA) plans to cut 5000 jobs?**

"To be able to look at how and why they're doing it. For instance, we recognised the effects of the drought on freight, but you can't relate the removal of a conductor on the Southern Aurora to the failure of the wheat harvest at Hay. "And when the SRA talk about cost cutting, they always pour out the most significant factor in cost is wages. "So what they cut back the number of examiners at a depot, they aren't going to employ the rest of them during hales on Monday and filling them in on Tuesday—they'll try to get rid of them permanently. Where are the cuts being made? "In areas where they've social need rather than profit. The SRA wants to cut all rail workers' examination

# ANGER SIGNALS ON NSW RAILWAYS

## 8000 fight Wran's cuts to jobs, safety

of trains except coal and trains and border examinations—a cost-cutting before people. "They've also got a great desire to remove long distance passenger trains to make way for big freight trains God save for Peter Ables. "The SRA has had a long time to decide to do this. Now they feel confident to take us on. "The ARU has told us how unsafe the trains will be. For example there has already been one death on the Southern Aurora where a passenger was standing near an open door. This was after the number of conductors was reduced from one per



**LEFT** David Hill, NSW Premier, at the ARU meeting. **RIGHT** Andrew Baker, ARU Examiners Sub-Branch secretary.

carriage to one per three carriages. You've been quoted as saying that another Granite type disaster is inevitable now? "It's because of the kinds of cuts they want to make. By cutting back train examinations for example, the chance of faulty trains being used is increased. Normally we've got up to 1000 of cuts they want to make. "Not only is it dangerous, it's also ridiculous if the SRA really wants to cut costs. We reckon that a smash of any size would cost the SRA a couple of million dollars just through loss of freight and damage to the permanent way. What's the saving in that?"

"There's an awareness amongst a lot of railway workers that this is the big one."



**ANDREW BAKER**, Examiners sub-branch secretary—chances of another Granite smash are much greater now.

tempered examiners and guards on that train from our action. In fact, we had our meeting at the Granite Town Hall that day to draw attention to what the SRA's cuts will mean. "The guards are on strike. Despite the media trying to make out that this is just an examiners' strike, only those guards were stood down before all the rest were out on

coming. Even though we'd agreed to work for production, the SRA convinced us that the *Morag* goes on about 'bloody-minded examiners'. "The guards are on strike. Despite the media trying to make out that this is just an examiners' strike, only those guards were stood down before all the rest were out on

"The SRA is taking advantage of the situation in the wake of the ARU's last meeting and using the opportunity to cut jobs. "The ARU has a long history of examining the safety of the railway system and we will continue to do so. "The SRA is taking advantage of the situation in the wake of the ARU's last meeting and using the opportunity to cut jobs. "The ARU has a long history of examining the safety of the railway system and we will continue to do so. "The SRA is taking advantage of the situation in the wake of the ARU's last meeting and using the opportunity to cut jobs. "The ARU has a long history of examining the safety of the railway system and we will continue to do so."

# FRASER MUST GO!



**WHEN** The February unemployment figures came out, the press concentrated on telling us that the rise was only 17,500, much less than expected.

But hidden away in the statistics was a most remarkable development. 175,000 people dropped out of the workforce during January, despite this being the month when tens of thousands of school leavers start looking for jobs. "In other words, not only did real unemployment go up by at least 200,000, but at least 175,000 workers gave up hope of ever finding a job. "The despair and hopelessness that leads a person to give up looking for the capital class in Australia has told Fraser that wages must be frozen while prices rise to "profits can be restored". No amount of human suffering and misery will stop Fraser carrying out his task. That's why we say, on March 5, Fraser must go!

**INSIDE:** Fraser's freeze vs Hawke's social contract—p.2  
The Lib's moronic campaign—p.3  
Hawking himself to the bosses—p.2  
The people who'll rule whoever wins—p.8, 9

**ALL NEW 1983 GARDENING**

Have you noticed that there is no future for you under this system? Better get to know the paper that is fighting for a better one!

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE BATTLER...**

Make sure you get your copy of the Battler every issue. Just \$10 a year (or \$16 for a supporting subscription).

Clip and post to: P.O. Box 41, 3 Wellington, Vic. 3021  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_





### been stiffer

OUR MIDE is the Postings reveals that some of the left out strikers for members of the I.V. Congress.

We have not really identified members of Congress as present workers at the protest says, Richard Burtmore, who controls some of the Westinghouse strikers.



A SECTION OF the 1,000 strong Sydney demonstrate protesting the law.

### COOL POPS

The Politicians Arms is none a health matter, it may occur. The people report that it is more powerful than the medicine available.

### NICE TO see the club and boat industry in NSW

concerned about the road toll.

### THE Licensed Club Association has just

come up with a plan for reducing the number of licences in NSW to a total of 500,000.

### Stop beer advertising?

To tighten it? No they want to abolish it.

### CHOLESTEROLEMATED

A Melbourne unemployed woman has just had her date delayed three weeks and been granted by Social Security inspectors because she submitted an income statement form late.

### The Form, which is sent

to the man who did not arrive until after the date it was due, is the cause of Social Security's failure to allow for annual holidays.

### AS PRESIDENT ZAULI

of Pakistan started a speech in California on 18th June US tour, three people began shouting at him about the execution of the Professor Ali Bhatti.

### He has free speech

here, not like where you were, "buddy," said union agent draped him away.

### THE POWER OF

PLAYERS - Restricted to gainkeepers. Headline: "Restrict players to gainkeepers."

### His side played

Caribbean recently, and within three weeks of the Robert Knicker, who scored last year from the halfway line, were transferred out of his team.

by Jim O'Neill

# OPRAH PRIDE GAY CLUB

**SYDNEY'S GAY community is up in arms over an amazing police raid which took place in late January. Police arrested six people, illegally detained another 28, and took the names, addresses, and employers names of approximately two hundred men at Club 80, a male "leather club" near Oxford Street.**

In response, Sydney gay men have held a public meeting, staged a thousand strong march, and set up a Task Force for the last two hours of harassment. Police Vice Squad detectives entered Club 80 at about 1.30 am on Saturday January 29 in response, police claim, to an anonymous complaint.

The "Southport Case" involved "dropping bricks" (the police term for being thrown) onto the police by the protesters, who were not in the club at that time, it was a police raid on a gay club. The police arrested five men and one woman, illegally held another 28 at Darlinghurst Police Station for failure to provide adequate proof of identification, and took approximately two hundred names, addresses, and employers' names.

**By Kim Johnson**

defence and delegations to the Attorney General, the Police Commissioner, and Neville Wran.

It intends to monitor any harassment of gay men at Club 80 who had their names taken. Besides calling for the dropping of the charges, it is demanding destruction of the names and addresses taken at the Club.

There has been speculation in Oxford Street that this is the first of a series of raids. But Robert French, a member of the Task Force, says that the quick and gay response by gay men has made this unlikely.

"There were people there who I've never seen before, and a great deal of resentment and anger at what's happened has been responsible for bringing a lot of these people out."

It was a noisy demonstration of the growing confidence of Sydney's gay community in the face of harassment from the police.

The five men charged are on remand and the Club 80 Task Force will continue to organise delegations and petitions. At the request of two of the men being charged, a plan to picket the court hearings has been dropped.

The whole episode again emphasizes the fact that the Wran Labor Government, despite holding power since 1977, has failed to recast the infamous Section 80 and decriminalise homosexuality.

# Rail safety by the board

ENGINE DRIVERS (AFULE members) have returned to work after a two day strike against the NSW State Rail Authority's "cost-cutting measures."

The AFULE and the State Rail Authority have been in dispute for some time, with the State Rail Authority insisting on a 10% cut in wages for the rail workers.

The AFULE has been protesting since the State Rail Authority announced a 10% cut in wages for the rail workers.

The AFULE has been protesting since the State Rail Authority announced a 10% cut in wages for the rail workers.

# Guity till proved innocent?

WITH SEVEN cops appearing in court in April charged with giving heroin to suspects at the Watchhouse and perjury, the corrupt practices of the Queensland police force are again in the limelight.

Years ago the Lucas Inquiry was set up to investigate allegations of police corruption and perjury, the Lucas Inquiry was set up to investigate allegations of police corruption and perjury.

When its findings were published in the first half of 1977, the cops were embarrassed. Police Union President Chant commented that he had a cunor look at it and threw it out.

# detention

The three worst recommendations involve detention without arrest for up to 12 hours, admission of the right to silence and powers of street search and detention.

If the right to silence is abolished, it will mean that you are likely to be tried in the Watchhouse rather than the Courts and, working that way, the police will be able to get anything that they want out of you.



... and women who work in the mills did in 1912 when the Lawrence (Massachusetts) textile mill owners tried to cut pay.

... and women who work in the mills did in 1912 when the Lawrence (Massachusetts) textile mill owners tried to cut pay.

The workers poured out of the mills by the thousands. And so began the first great industrial strike in America, one in which men, women and children of 27 different nationalities showed great unity, courage and determination, and won.

Lawrence was a town of 50,000 when the strike took place. The mill employed 20,000 men, women and children. The strike was a great victory for the workers.

... and women who work in the mills did in 1912 when the Lawrence (Massachusetts) textile mill owners tried to cut pay.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IS A DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN WORKERS AROUND THE WORLD. IT IS A DAY WHEN WE REMEMBER OUR HISTORY, AND DISCOVER THE LEADING ROLE WOMEN HAVE PLAYED. JANE STONE LOOKS AT A GREAT STRIKE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE USA OVER 70 YEARS AGO, ONE WHICH WAS CHARACTERISED BOTH BY A HIGH DEGREE OF UNITY AND PROMINENT ACTIVITY BY WOMEN.**

... and women who work in the mills did in 1912 when the Lawrence (Massachusetts) textile mill owners tried to cut pay.

# From scrapheap to suicide...

"AUSTRALIA'S lucky country", yeah, anyone can make a go of it if they want to! We all heard clichés like these handed about smugly by those who refuse to pull their heads out of the sand and take a good look at their own country.

True, Australia is a great place to live with all its wealth and privilege, they say for nothing, but for the thousands of unemployed in this country things aren't looking quite so rosy.

For Bert Ebrahim, of Annandale, in Sydney, conditions were far from rosy in fact they drove him to a horrendous suicide.

Bert worked with his hands for a living, he was a skilled and meticulous worker, frantically, it was for this that the bosses at "J & S Fibreglass" had to "let him go!" Bert's professional technique look him a bit longer, and while the quality of his work was unquestionable - well, who gives a damn about quality when there's fast profits to be made. So after eight years he got the boot.

Bert paid forty dollars a week on a small dingy flat, a converted laundry, built underneath a dark brick cottage in Pritchard St, NSW near Parramatta.

The favourite clichés of landlords and estate agents, and Bert started getting concerned when there was a letter - concerned for his own safety.

Landlords will always find a excuse to turf out tenants who won't do much to live their pockets, and



STRIKERS' CHILDREN were seen away from the battle ground (above). One party was attacked at the railway station by police. Observers reported, "I saw them take little children and put them up by the leg and throw them in the patrol wagon."

# Better to starve fighting than to starve working

... and women who work in the mills did in 1912 when the Lawrence (Massachusetts) textile mill owners tried to cut pay.

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IS A DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN WORKERS AROUND THE WORLD. IT IS A DAY WHEN WE REMEMBER OUR HISTORY, AND DISCOVER THE LEADING ROLE WOMEN HAVE PLAYED. JANE STONE LOOKS AT A GREAT STRIKE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE USA OVER 70 YEARS AGO, ONE WHICH WAS CHARACTERISED BOTH BY A HIGH DEGREE OF UNITY AND PROMINENT ACTIVITY BY WOMEN.



ANOTHER striker arrested defending the living standards of Lawrence textile work.

An unemployment rate of 28%—highest in the world outside Germany. Families living in caves, in disused water tanks, even on old rubbish tips. That was Australia in the Depression.

Against the tidal wave of sackings, evictions and degrading dole hand-outs, only one group of people fought back. . . THE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' MOVEMENT

**THE COMMUNIST Party was absolutely determined to build an Unemployed Workers Movement against the misery of the Depression in Australia.**

One can pick up any copy of its "Workers Weekly" or "Red Leader" which the Communist Militant Minority Movement put out, and find numerous calls for organizing the unemployed.

Their greatest success was amongst relief workers. Relief jobs were given to unemployed men by state governments—dirty, unskilled jobs like road construction and swamp reclamation.

Relief workers were difficult to organise. They were invariably out of money—if they lost their jobs, they faced immediate starvation.

The Unemployed Workers Movement method of organising was illustrated by one report in "Red Leader" from a UWM activist on a job at Central Park in Sydney.

He tells how at first he had no support. Then he found one person who was prepared to go on a delegation to the boss with him to complain about working conditions.

After a while, the UWM member was able to put out a job bulletin with this man, for which he collected experience, and he says disgustedly that most of the workers there the bulletin away.

But eventually he had a weekly bulletin, he was collecting the full cost of it, and he had a working job delegation committee.

Occasionally there were disputes, usually confined to the job, and very brief because strikes were so difficult for relief workers. A typical example from "Red Leader" was about a road construction team at Bulimba in Brisbane.

"At usual the police came onto the job but this didn't have the desired effect. The local organiser came, but she men demanded to see the City Engineer."

"He came along in the dinner hour, and the men and they would discuss the situation for the dinner hour. The Engineer soon calmed in and the worker was reunited."

There were some spectacular relief strikes, but they were only occasional occurrences. One was at a waste reclamation site at West Concord in Sydney, where the gangers demanded that the men stay on the site during lunch and that their meal in the camp!

The men went on strike, and the UWM moved in very quickly. It upheld the demands of the strike to stop work, like doubling the dole, and won a considerable victory.

This was unusual, since governments of the time Relief work was seen as charity—giving the unemployed something to do—and they didn't



# Angry men the dole

COMMUNIST-LED Unemployed Workers' Movement members presented many families being thrust out into the street, here, enroute to the showdown in Union Street, Newtown on Black Friday, June 19, 1931. In this clash with police, 27 people are badly injured, one or two fatally.

From a talk by John Minns

**care much if they went on strike. In these conditions, there was a need to organise meticulously, and after a state conference in 1934, the UWM put out a manual concentrating largely on "How to organise strikes" amongst relief workers.**

The UWM's best-known area of activity was the eviction fights.

Most of the time, the Communist Party and the UWM could do little to stop evictions. There were thousands of them, and all the UWM could do in most cases was to send their local secretary to court to try and get an extension on the rent lowered.

"The week for the Workers" column in "Red Leader" reports for example from Spring Hill UWM branch in Brisbane.

"The doers had been barb-wired and barricaded by bags of rocks. The windows had also been locked, nailed and barb-wired. A hole in the door had been cut to allow escape."

"Eighteen police in uniforms and plain-clothes police arrived armed with three heavy cross-bars and a heavy sledgehammer. The two outside doors were forced right off their hinges, windows were broken, the inside doors were also damaged."

"The defenders escaped half a minute before the police broke into the kitchen through the inside door. Two stunks wearing RSL badges undertook the task of dumping the furniture onto the street."

That was the fourth eviction Spring Hill UWM branch had fought, and each struggle, they said,

had been better than the last.

The two most famous eviction fights were at Newtown and Bankstown in Sydney. The "Sydney Morning Herald" reported the one at Newtown, in which at least one UWM member died, in typical objective fashion:

"The most sensational eviction battle Sydney has ever known was fought between 40 policemen and 18 Communists at 143 Union Street, Newtown, yesterday morning."

"All the defenders were injured, some seriously. At least 15 of the police were treated by ambulance officers. Only one man was hit by bullets fired at the walls of the house by police, and it is not known how the injury was inflicted. Probably the wounded man was struck by a bullet which had been deflected in its path."

At Newtown, a crowd of several thousand in the street pulled the police vans as they drove the arrested away. But generally, the UWM had to conduct its eviction battles with only passive support from surrounding residents.

The UWM never overcame the problem of organising the 80% of unemployed who were not on relief work. But they did come up with some ideas that are still useful.

The dole in those days was paid on single day of the week at ration dumps.

The UWM would organise a representative committee of the people at a ration dump, who

committee would complainable outside the door to get cases of discrimination sorted.

The problem however, only being a service organisation just to bring in money from dolepads had just been created, and not subject of them.

The UWM led various members at times who in being organisation, and not just the

An article "Dole strikes" on the subject gave in a very Concise strike movement.

I said the UWM raised in strike pay for the beneficiaries, and that resulted in a law granting relief work and food for five pounds. This helped the situation but using the money raised is

One was in NSW fighting for women's rights, led by a part of the family, and another they were single or semi

As a result, men had no way of living. Stan Gould had counter the realising intention of up charting to step single women's

The UWM led various other women's groups.

The UWM had to fight work at the time when it was a maximum of the labour movement.

The UWM was in NSW, for example, led by women teachers from the Education Department, who protested this approach but, as Tom said "It is not possible to have women working in the factories, many of them me, and take the jobs that would be done in the world that are the mainstay of the economy."

The women were only a small fraction of the unemployed outside the leadership.

But they were very active on the head a bit of the labour movement during the Depression. They stood out as an example of the unemployed in the camps often doing the hard jobs on street pickets, rallies, and demonstrations.

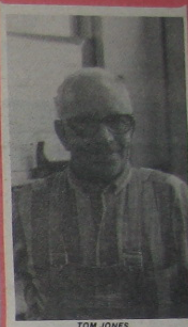
The numbers in demonstrations were usually very small. The average size was a big march for the unemployed in the hundreds of thousands in the Hanger March.

For details of the UWM, the vast majority of the UWM was made up, many got jobs and became the Communist



DOWN BUT not out. An unemployed worker camping in the Sydney Domain in 1931 is reading "How to End Capitalism". The unemployed were not necessarily passive or apathetic.

Tom Jones is 80. A retired building worker and an activist in the Unemployed Workers' Movement (UWM) during the 1930's, Tom recalls: . . .



TOM JONES

"IT'S FUNNY you know, no matter what government's in, they can never find the money when it comes to finding work for the unemployed. But they're just to start a war and they can find all the money they want."

"I came out from England in 1928. There was a lot of hardship against Promises when I came out—just like the Vietnamese at the moment, transport has always been a bone of contention in the labour movement."

But as well as difficulties from transport you'd be there. We've all got a common enemy. That's the employing class. Tom became a delegate to the UWM when he was secretary of the Boree Junction branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners worked on Sydney's underground railway and the Eastern Suburbs railway. When the NSW Labor government was sacked he found himself on the dole queue.

The United Australia Party—the reactionaries crowd—got in. A week or a fortnight after they closed down the work on the railway. They sacked 2,000 men and that was the beginning of my unemployed experience. Fish—everything looking for work."

Organising the unemployed wasn't an easy task. Relief work, or work that the boss changed that bit, it brought the unemployed out of their homes and had them working together—although only for a couple of days a week.

"One of the best places to influence people was on the job. They would come to a meeting on the job. If you were calling a lunchtime meeting at a relevant meeting, you got them all there. But it was when they'd dropped out and went to their individual homes and districts that it became harder to get them together. Only the more casual workers would still show up."

Tom soon found himself on relief work—drivelling out of the dock and to Sydney's Central Park. Not what you'd call productive work but, as Tom said "It was a good position to be in. I was not doing much but I had some chance because there were houses and I could do a little bit of building work and saving my money."

Tom had on the unemployed with his own and planks on shovelling all day on the barrow and carrying it up on the road.

Tom was on relief work. Tom was also involved in a campaign for double cost for Christmas and the best letter read for the unemployed, workers were getting out all of their homes.

"The protest was I was connected with was of Boree. This family were inside in the street with their furniture outside the house and the man threw some of the furniture away where they had to stay for the night."

So Tom and another member, Harry, went to see a local labour agent, who showed them over a house that was to let.

"They were there for a few days before the agent even knew. Eventually they were ordered out but it could be held their cost of two months in the way of an advance until they got a part of a rent for about 2-3 months."

"So," Tom said "The best thing is organisation. To get the unemployed in."

"A lot of labor movement had left the UWM in the 1930's though it wasn't finished. But as they became involved they were really in a position to see what was going on. There was a struggle and your experience was with the class—you'd be back for it."

By Steve Perrone

# The people who still be in power whoever wins the election

## THE BOSSES

"WE SHOULD be proud of BHP's being a profitable and successful company as we are when Lilie and Tommo bowl out the Englishmen."

Profit has never been a dirty word for SIR ROD CARRNEGIE. He has-eyed boy of the Melbourne business establishment. Educated at Geelong Grammar and the University of Melbourne, followed by a stint at Oxford and Harvard, Rodrick now is chairman of Australia's second biggest company, Conzinc Rio Tinto of Australia (CRA).

Rod's family has made millions out of CRA and Henry Jones TXL. They live at fashionable 15 St Georges Rd, Toorak, and Rod smokes himself at the Melbourne Club.

With wealth like his, it's not surprising that he feels, "Change is frightening. Sometimes you don't sleep very well at night thinking about it."

Of course, there are ways of preventing change. There's the fact of his last defined private enterprise to the family. Rodrick asked a business lunch in 1979, before going on to urge that schools go a bit further in telling kids the virtues of capitalism.

Rodrick has been careful to cultivate friends on both sides of the political fence. CRA donates to both parties. Rod is a personal friend of Bob Hawke, and one of the people Hawke had in mind when he proposed an American-style cabinet of non-elected "appointed men" a few years back.

No-one could accuse Rod of being a "poor performer" though. While breaking the monopoly of the Liberal Party, he joined Straker's tax scheme with NSW Public Service Board head David Moore, to avoid \$40,000 income tax.

He's never chaired a meeting of the Australian Bicentennial Authority or a certain neighborhood for Outer Australia or Labor ends.

"Am I a conservative? I suppose I am a fair conservative," John Rod only admits.

"An efficient and healthy economy cannot be maintained in a climate of either near-full or over-full employment."

He has had to lead an exhausted King JOHN BEID. The former Scotch College boy, now Australian Labor Party, he has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971.

As early as 1974, he was urging a 2.5% unemployment rate to stop workers from being laid off. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971.



"I've had an ample income for as long as I can remember. That's enough for me."

—Robert Holmes & Co. company takeover specialist, owner of the Bell Group, the WA Western Mail newspaper, two stud farms, a vineyard collection, an Australian art collection, the copyrights to all the Beatles' songs, and Lord Lee Grade's former British media empire.

Technicians and super-legals are Sir Harry's specialty. In fact, he was part of a South Australian branch that relaxed compensation to a woman politician inspired when her car hit a sheep on the grounds that there had a legal right to grab on the highway.

Sir Harry has spoken out against the notion "That the Judiciary should in some way represent a view of the community."



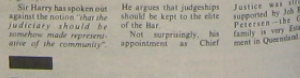
He has a bullet, complex with gloves laid back breeches when required. His wife had a personal staff of five and her own private forerunner. Sir Peter sees his Murdoch-like friend of mine, a big criss-cross. Sir Peter, "A very strong and nice partner and I like him... I'm a very strong relationship with Malcolm Fraser."

## THE COURTS

As Chief Justice of the High Court, SIR HARRY GIBBS is the highest paid judge in the world, earning a cool \$91,400 a year (or \$170 a week). Despite Labor's relief that he has taken over from Sir Garfield Barwick, who advised Kerr to sack Whitlam, Gibbs has already shown a resolutely ultra-conservative disposition.

His High Court has upheld the right of oppositionists to refuse to join unions. But on the other hand, it found a technological copyright to prevent university staff forming a union last year.

He argues that judgeships should be kept to the elite of the Bar. Not surprisingly, his appointment as Chief Justice was opposed by Jim Blair, Peter Deacon, and the family is very visible in Queensland.



The President of the Arbitration Commission, SIR JOHN MOORE needs no introduction to Australian workers.

From a working-class background himself, John Moore climbed his way up the legal tree. He is now renowned for his partisan manner—as one writer commented, "He's not the sort of person who takes to the typists in the job."

## There'll always be a Menzies While there's a BHP Cause they've been paying dividends Since 1883

## THE COPS

Dear Sir, The staff of the American Consulate General in Melbourne is expressing warm thanks for the outstanding security assistance provided by the Victorian State Police during the recent official visit of Ambassador Stone and during the celebration of his National Day.

Because of the outstanding contribution made by you and members of your staff, there were no reported incidents of harassment either during the Ambassador's visit or during our celebration.

The Hope Report in 1978 gave ASIO a virtual free charter to collect "hand-to-hand" information in the name of ASIO. The state police Special Branch with which ASIO works are just as shady.

There is considerable evidence implicating ASIO in the Hilton Bombing and the subsequent framing of three Anzacs Merga members. And in 1981 ASIO was caught out trying to tap the phone of Sydney Workers secretary Tom Soppie.

Justice was outraged by the case. The case was reported in Queensland.

## JUST WHO'S RUNNING THE COUNTRY?

When Justice Jim Stojanovic was breaking the locked like abolition of the Arbitration Commission in driving down real wages, Moore very quickly changed his mind to remove Stojanovic's independence. It proved a bad behaviour "that I don't think is in the interest of the country."

## THE BUREAUCRATS



JOHN STONE is one of Canberra's most powerful bureaucrats. As Secretary of the Treasury, he has a direct line to Fraser's ear and heart. Stone is a hard-line advocate for a balanced budget and mass unemployment.

After the 1978 Budget, in which Fraser ditched the NEAT job-training scheme, Stone grinds himself on his superior intellect and toughness. He has dranking a note in building society with an air of a loser—just sharper.

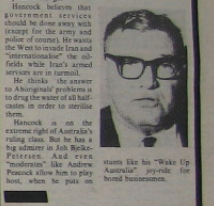
As one of these little-known, but very powerful, bureaucrats, he has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971.

As Secretary, he has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971.

As Secretary, he has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971.

## THE CLOWNS

"Sugar, when taken in excess, is more harmful than plutonium."



LANG HANCOCK knows a lot about excess. The overnight mining magnate came out at least \$100,000 a day in trim over royalties alone. His personal jet, the "Iron Monarch," has a four-cockpit toilet seat to complement his rough, tough frontier capitalist image.

Hancock believes that government services should be done away with except for the army and police (of course). He wants the Welfare to be a "voluntary" enterprise, and "interim" the only while the army and police are in formal.

Hancock is a member of the House of Representatives since 1971. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971.

Hancock is a member of the House of Representatives since 1971. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971.

Hancock is a member of the House of Representatives since 1971. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971.

Hancock is a member of the House of Representatives since 1971. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971.

Hancock is a member of the House of Representatives since 1971. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1971.

# winning

**AFTER A tortuous three-hour debate, the NSW branch council of the ACOA (Administrative & Clerical Officers Association) upheld an appeal against the dismissal of industrial officer, John Curry.**

Curry was sacked by branch secretary Barry Carter to pave the way for one of Carter's closer supporters. But while the branch council decision represented some sort of victory against Carter's bureaucratic manoeuvring, it did little to generate moves towards a more militant and democratic union.

The main reason for Curry's dismissal was that industrial officers who are currently appointed should have the same rights as unionists in industry management, and that their conditions should be as good as possible to those in the public service.

## Tenure

Taken to its logical conclusion, this argument would mean that appointed officers should be guaranteed tenure and be responsible to the branch secretary or the branch council rather than the union membership. Ironically, the case opened at the branch council which had most to lose from Curry's resignation, was argued by Mike Greacock, Branch Councillor, Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

At least the money will roll in to pay industrial officers' wages.

## Brisbane

"THE ELECTIONS shouldn't get in the way. It doesn't matter who gets elected, we'll have to prepare for action ourselves..."

... democracy in ACOA worker told the Battler.

By Julie Tynan, ACOA, Brisbane.

## Old school ties hang education

**AS ONE member of the Victorian Unemployed Teachers Group puts it, "Old private schools are hanging the neck of public education". This is why, on the first day of the school year, the group launched a mobile demonstration around Melbourne.**

The demo was in the form of visiting schools which had more rooms than teachers, even though they had the kids to fill them. In order to do this the three teacher unions (V.P.T., T.T.V., V.T.U.) hired a bus in which the group of thirty demonstrators set off.

The first point of call was at Flemington Primary where we visited a fully-equipped music room (complete with instruments) that lay redundant while music teachers are on the dole.

## Numbers game in H.E.F.

**THE QUEENSLAND Hospital Employees Federation (HEF) has been ripped apart by internal faction fighting over the sacking of Secretary, Jack Daley. Daley was given the boot by a State Executive meeting stacked by the President, Les Kerlake.**

The power struggle started six months ago when Daley said he would nominate for Secretary instead of standing down. Up until then Kerlake and Daley were "good mates".

Kerlake's power bid was never any real issue based on political beliefs. It is merely a case of who wants to run the job.

The worst aspect of the gobby power struggle is that the Kerlake forces have created a situation where the union could be split down the middle because of legal technicalities with the amalgamation of the State and Federal branches.

**Site money under threat**

IF YOU'RE not familiar with the Arbitration Court it comprises in the "bones" hands, you should have been at Nauru House, Melbourne on a February.

Three men sat at a table and proper the front in their striped suits. One after another the employers' representatives bobbed up and their pin striped suits were pinned to the front.

# Write to the Battler: P.O. Box 46 Flemington, Vic 3031

## Dear Battlers,

# 13 MONTHS OUT!

Dear Battlers,  
OVER 20,000 workers from seven states in Australia have been on strike since October 1981.

Their leader is A. D. Dr. Samant, a man who has had special for the job appointment.

While the bureaucratic infighting goes on, there are real issues in the air which members face a dramatic reduction in the number of psychiatric hospitals—directly affecting jobs.

The officials are not making any effort to negotiate over these issues but have found the time to put out leaflets in the virtues of their side.

The only counter to this type of "numbers game" is a strength and involvement—direct rank and file control of the union.

While the bureaucratic infighting goes on, there are real issues in the air which members face a dramatic reduction in the number of psychiatric hospitals—directly affecting jobs.

the I.S. sausage sizzle

2pm Sat 12th March  
10 Alfred St,  
Leichhardt  
\$3/1 gro on sale

How to contact the International Socialists

- MELBOURNE  
Tue, 22 Feb.  
10.30 am - 1.30 pm  
34 Queen Victoria St  
History of the Squating Movement, 30 Feb 1981
- Sydney  
Tue, 23 Feb.  
8.00 - 10.00 pm  
111 Elizabeth St  
Coalition Against Poverty and Unemployment - 30 Feb 1981
- DELAIDE  
Tue, 23 Feb.  
7.00 - 8.00 pm  
111 Elizabeth St
- CANBERRA  
Tue, 23 Feb.  
7.00 - 8.00 pm  
111 Elizabeth St
- BRISBANE  
Tue, 23 Feb.  
7.00 - 8.00 pm  
111 Elizabeth St
- IPSWICH  
Tue, 23 Feb.  
7.00 - 8.00 pm  
111 Elizabeth St
- PERTH  
Tue, 23 Feb.  
7.00 - 8.00 pm  
111 Elizabeth St

Dear Battlers,  
The major demands are a 10% wage rise from 1000 to 1800 (over 80% increase) and a 10% rise in superannuation.

Mick Doogan, Ind.

Dear Battlers,  
We wish to express our gratitude to you for your support to our Dispute Fund regarding our disagreement with Email for a reasonable and just agreement in regard to redundancy payments.

Peter Downer, Conventor of Strike Committee, Email, Sydney.

More Email

SINCE we got the above letter from the striking Email workers, their 15 week and six day strike

Full Equality and Liberation

Revolutionary Party

Rank and File Organisation

WANT TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS!

- MELBOURNE  
Tue, 22 Feb.  
10.30 am - 1.30 pm  
34 Queen Victoria St  
History of the Squating Movement, 30 Feb 1981
- Sydney  
Tue, 23 Feb.  
8.00 - 10.00 pm  
111 Elizabeth St  
Coalition Against Poverty and Unemployment - 30 Feb 1981
- DELAIDE  
Tue, 23 Feb.  
7.00 - 8.00 pm  
111 Elizabeth St
- CANBERRA  
Tue, 23 Feb.  
7.00 - 8.00 pm  
111 Elizabeth St
- BRISBANE  
Tue, 23 Feb.  
7.00 - 8.00 pm  
111 Elizabeth St
- IPSWICH  
Tue, 23 Feb.  
7.00 - 8.00 pm  
111 Elizabeth St
- PERTH  
Tue, 23 Feb.  
7.00 - 8.00 pm  
111 Elizabeth St

# the batter

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

## Storemen out to win

**THIRTEEN** manufacturing chemical companies in Melbourne are being hit by action by Storemen and Packers.

The actions are part of a 36-hour campaign which has been waged over the last 18 months. At a general meeting of Storemen and Packers on February 3, it was decided that the 36-hour week should be the only claim made by the union until the six month wage freeze is over. This means not fighting for a catch-up increase in the wage.

At Sigma in Clayton, a strike began on February 2, after hours in December and January. Sixty SPU organised new lines at Peter, Sunbiter, and Becker, showing seven days a week. One of the women in the picket said with determination, "They'd say go to hell, or we'll be one for who!"

The Industry Association rejected the shorter working week for its employees in March, 1982. However, a number of firms changed their tune, and their workers got the election. We must break Fraser and walk back now. May and Baker made a verbal offer of 36 hours to start from January.

They ratified and made it 36 after Arbitration went along with Fraser's freeze in December. We hit back with a ban on some of the major lines of stock.

"That isn't Sigma and some other companies made an offer of \$12.60 instead of the 36 hours. They didn't want to see a president for the rest of the industry.

However, they've been doing quite nicely in what they call "these dark days of economic decline". Sigma has sprouted new divisions over the last year and a new head office in Melbourne.

New Sigma management is waving the share of production by Fraser if it allows changes in wages and conditions during the wage freeze.

They claim that, as the

Federal government sets the price of half of Sigma's production, they must offend Fraser for fear of members at Peter, Sunbiter, and Becker, showing seven days a week. One of the women in the picket said with determination, "They'd say go to hell, or we'll be one for who!"

The Industry Association rejected the shorter working week for its employees in March, 1982. However, a number of firms changed their tune, and their workers got the election. We must break Fraser and walk back now. May and Baker made a verbal offer of 36 hours to start from January.

They ratified and made it 36 after Arbitration went along with Fraser's freeze in December. We hit back with a ban on some of the major lines of stock.

"That isn't Sigma and some other companies made an offer of \$12.60 instead of the 36 hours. They didn't want to see a president for the rest of the industry.

However, they've been doing quite nicely in what they call "these dark days of economic decline". Sigma has sprouted new divisions over the last year and a new head office in Melbourne.

New Sigma management is waving the share of production by Fraser if it allows changes in wages and conditions during the wage freeze.

They claim that, as the

## May & Baker

**SPU members at May and Baker, Melbourne met on 14 February to consider a proposal to return to work, the union met the day before with industry reps, and AIP Minister Landeryou.**

The deal they came up with was that the union would get 36 hours back to work, and the companies would abide by the Arbitration decision. A mass meeting of members was held that night, as the

**YOUNG BOB READS THE BIBLE...**

...and the Lion shall lie down with the Lamb...

It seems to imply some kind of national reconciliation, bringing together the workers and the capitalists in a conflict-free world.

Divine inspiration is a big help to politics. OK, so the Batter isn't the word of God, but if you are trying to work miracles at home with 2 loaves and 3 armies—you need to subscribe!

Make sure you get your copy of the Batter every issue. Just \$10 a year (or \$15 for a subsiding subscription).

Clip and post to: Bob Cox, 4, Flemington, V. 3031  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

## ANTI-FRASER RALLY

**MARCH 2nd** is the day to remember for everyone who wants to see Fraser kicked out.

The Brisbane Unemployed Workers Union have organised an "Anti-Fraser" Rally in King George Square at 4:30 pm, followed by a march to the Stock Exchange.

Speakers include representatives from the AIP, the unions, students and the UUU.

The Rally's not the only activity the UUU's been behind. When Fraser's campaign trail led him to Brisbane on 8th February, we were there to greet him.

Mary Higginson, a recent UUU recruit, believes such activities are necessary to get rid of Fraser.

"They owe our people a quality and get them involved in actually doing something to fight unemployment."

Paul left school at 14 and, from the start, was one of Fraser's victims. "My first job was under the 'top-off' SYEP (Special Youth Employment Training Programme) where you're employed and subsidised for 17 weeks."

**Kick**

"The job was clearly designed for someone with more experience, but my employer thought it was better to pay me next to nothing and kick me out if I didn't measure up."

"The next job I got wasn't much better. When the 17 weeks were almost up, I was offered time to get in another subsidised school leaver."

"I can think of 700,000 reasons for people getting involved in the Rally and working to get Fraser out."

By Tony Colman

## NORM GALLAGHER has been jailed for three months for telling the truth.

The high court by a 4 to 1 majority dismissed the BIE's application to lodge an appeal against his conviction by Justice Northrop for contempt of court.

Gallagher's answer to a reporter's question last July, according to Northrop, was in contempt as it had "a tendency to destroy the confidence of the public in the integrity, propriety and impartiality of the courts."

The question was "What is your reaction, or response to the court's decision to uphold his appeal against an earlier conviction?"

## demonstrating

Gallagher replied: "I'm very happy to be sent and file of the union who has shown such fine support for the officials of the union and I believe that by their actions demonstrating in walking off jobs... I believe that that has been the main reason for the court changing its mind."

Northrop ruled that this statement constituted an assertion that the BIE

## Running battle at Oex

"WE CONTRIBUTED \$15.5 million to Dunlop Olympic profit", the Batter was told by Jimmy Dadd, FIA (ironworkers) shop steward at the Oex plant in Sunshine (Vic.).

And the 55 ironworkers and metalworkers at the plant don't intend the company to forget it.

They've been on strike and picketing now since 19 January. That was the day they returned from holiday to find that the company was not going to replace a trade assistant who died during the strike.

The company have made no secret of the fact that they want to run down staffing levels. Brothers Xmas, they even asked for "voluntary" retirements.

They got no takers.

Doug Cooper, AM UUU (metalworkers) shop steward told of the running battle they've had with the boss for the last five years. Union policy has been, someone goes, an unemployed metal worker gets a job. But the company didn't agree, and it's been particularly bad since he's been sacked.

The time the boss has had them they "don't want to lose" and they're going to books and all.

The workers on the picket line saw what the company was up to when they wanted to know whether workers in the job. It meant one job loss overall but it was also an attempt to set one union against another.

All through this dispute, they've been threatening to stand over the rubber workers, to try to create hostility to the picket.

One day the pickets allowed a truck with a driver to get on to the plant as a good will gesture (the ship only goes there once a week). The very next day the boss refused them access to the company's trucks.

They've been on strike for 9 February about 4 am, the company graded a road through property behind the plant, built a

# FRASER'S GONE...

# the batter

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

Registered by Australia Post—publication no. V98 002

No. 141 March 12, 1983 30 cents

# BUT HIS MATE



**JIMMY DADD, Shop steward, FIA.**

Take up a collection of your workmates or still, contain the picket and speak at your workmates. You can find them 12 days outside the plant, 287 Sunbiter, Tottenham or 141 Collyer Street, available.

**SOMETHING HAPPENING WHERE YOU WORK? Write for The Batter!**

PO Box 46 Flemington, Vic Tel 03-378 1461

SACKED by Alan Bond... Waltons group assistants picketed after the millionaire yachtman says he "can't afford" decent severance pay.

## ON SATURDAY night, March 5, Malcolm Fraser at last got a taste of the misery he inflicted upon hundreds of thousands of Australians in his seven years of office.

The county's most hated Prime Minister in history broke down and cried as his Liberal Government, created from office in a smashing landslide.

Sad to say, Fraser's misery will be a long shorter-term than that of the unemployed, the blacks, the single mothers and the pensioners whose lives he has ruined.

The millionaire gaffer will quickly return to Narvon with his parliamentary pensions to ease the hurt and rejection.

Even as he resigns the Liberal leadership on election night, Fraser had to depart with a lie on his lips—claiming that Australia, which ranks only eleven on economic performance amongst OECD countries, was in as good as, or better, Western nation as all left his class of wealthy owners of



**SHADES of Billy McMahon... Malcolm Fraser dawns his eyes out after being swept from power.**

already pledged his unions to "retract" of our wages to boost their profits.

And in their hands they still have the power to sack us to safeguard their great god Profit.

We may have voted for relief from Malcolm Fraser on election night.

But there will be no relief from the class of hedgehogs, as they continue to try and make us pay for the crisis in their system.

# JUST THIRTY-SIX HOURS

**JUST THIRTY-SIX HOURS** after Malcolm Fraser resigned in tears, the news came through that GMH was planning to sack another two thousand carworkers.

Then never heard of, Waltons workers learned that Alan Bond—the man who is spending \$5 million on a yacht to be sold to Myers.

It's by pickets and occupations that, like the Waltons workers, many of whom have seen in a strike before, have been picking around the clock for over a week now to force \$15 million worth of Malton stock to be sold to Myers.

It's by pickets and occupations that we can stop them trying our lives apart.

We've got rid of Malcolm Fraser through the ballot box. Now we have to stop the workers' mates with DIRECT ACTION!

Even before the election, Dunlop—which made \$50 million profit last year—decided on mass sackings to add to the hundreds of workers it already got rid of.

Sneeping blood-minded sackers like Alan Bond and Dunlop and GMH and BHP will take a lot more than a few hundred dollars in electing Bob Hawke to office.

INSIDE: Dunlop—page 2-3, The Dunlop—page 2, Waltons—page 9-12

# Can we hear our wages exploding?

ELECTION campaigns are full of lies at the best of times.

But probably the biggest lie of the campaign was the one spread by the Liberals, and accepted by Labor, that "high wages" were the cause of our current economic ills, and that some sort of real wage wages were needed.

"Now I would have thought it was obvious that in every country round the world, whether wages are high, low or middling, there is an economic crisis."

What really sticks in the craw is the way the Liberals, in the week before the 1981 election, quoted the 1981, in which wages went up about 15% in one year, and have had a wage "explosion".

In fact, any worker who has had his real wage over the previous years.

To get an idea of the extent of this wage cutting, just look at these figures from the Bureau of Statistics.

In the December quarter of 1979, the average worker earned \$10.6 a week before tax.

In the next year, to December 1980, the Consumer Price Index went up 23.7%. In other words, average wages were about 20% below what they would have been if prices had risen by 23.7%.

So, with economic nationalism now in vogue, it is not surprising to see headlines from the ALP Left and left unions such as John Halfpenny calling for a "wage explosion" in the next year.

IT WILL be interesting to see what the future holds for the ALP Left, which peddled its head in remarkably during the election campaign.



With Alec Kahn

was only \$10.20 an effective weekly rate of \$20.70.

Halfpenny, in the December 1980 figure is included in the fact that the Bureau of Statistics now includes many managerial positions in its figures.

So, even after the "wage-explosion" we've only earned 22% more behind 1979 pay levels, and seeing more tax to boot.

Halfpenny says he had for seven years now.

★★★★

IT WILL be interesting to see what the future holds for the ALP Left, which peddled its head in remarkably during the election campaign.

In the past, the ALP Left has been noted for its economic nationalism, its flaming cheap imports and nasty foreign multinational for most of our economic trouble.

But late last year, when production non-dividend and unemployment shot up, imports also fell rapidly. In fact, imports were down 20% in a matter of weeks, resulting in a balance of trade surplus.

The "shod of cheap imports" line went out the window.

Recently, the recession, far from proving that Australia is totally dominated by foreign multinationals, has allowed some Australian capital to re-appear in some "buying back the farm" schemes.

CHA and the AMP Society bought back the 100% stake in London owned by Kilsa Mieser of the City of Melbourne, the 100% stake of Miles Mieser in the US parent.

So, with economic nationalism now in vogue, it is not surprising to see headlines from the ALP Left and left unions such as John Halfpenny calling for a "wage explosion" in the next year.

IT WILL be interesting to see what the future holds for the ALP Left, which peddled its head in remarkably during the election campaign.

**JOHN HALPENNY—set to carve a niche as an Australian Tony Benn?**

For the parliamentary version, there'll probably be a few plums just around. Hawke will most likely follow John Cain's track of co-opting the leaders of the Left with Ministerial posts to keep them quiet (and snuffed out with work).

For the rest, we can expect the liberation to continue until the rank-and-file of the unions eventually come into open warfare with Hawke's policy.

In the meantime, John Halfpenny will probably carve out a niche for himself as leader of the ALP Left. Hawke, ready to cash in on the central wage policy bust-up

★★★★

THE VOTE gained by candidates to the left of the ALP was generally down on the 1980 election (except of course, where they gained the advantage of the donkey vote).

Candidates from the Communist Party, Socialist Party, Socialist Workers Party, and Socialist Labour League stood in various electorates.

In Newcastle the combined left vote fell from 4.3% to 3.2%.

In Perth, it fell from 4.4% to 4.1%. In Canberra it fell from 6.8% to 5.3%. In Sydney it fell from 12.1% to 11.7%.

Party, the ALP, and the different groups were in a different position to the 1980 election, where the ALP, the Communist Party, and the Socialist Workers Party were the main opposition parties.

Despite having only one month, the ALP managed to win 18 seats, a few because of a combination of factors, such as the ALP's strong performance in the ALP's own constituencies.

At a result, the ALP itself has a strong chance of being elected to office.

The ALP's vote fell from 18.1% to 17.1% in the ALP's own constituencies.

The ALP's vote fell from 18.1% to 17.1% in the ALP's own constituencies.

The ALP's vote fell from 18.1% to 17.1% in the ALP's own constituencies.

## DURING the election campaign, Bob Hawke went to inordinate lengths to assure the Press, business luncheons and any other ruling class forum that Labor government would be as "moderate" and right-wing as they could hope for.

It took just 72 hours after polling closed for him to start making this promise reality.

Hawke's first major speech in the House of Representatives was to devalue the dollar by 10 per cent.

The story was that capital had been flooding out of the country at an estimated rate of around \$140 million—not \$600 million as the ALP had led Labor to believe.

Now of course higher interest rates have been imposed, but they can be changed at any time by Hawke's real aim, to get us back to breasting and selling.

The 10 per cent devaluation means profits will go up for exporters. BHP will benefit. The farmer organisations love it.

But for workers, it means the cost of imported goods, especially useful for the ALP, will be higher. It will mean a rise in the cost of living.

Recession 80's come when the Builders Labourers tried to do a one-day stoppage the Monday after the election to protest at a 10 per cent wage rise.

On the contrary, Hawke has all but won't Australia's coal and metalliferous exports, but not much else except a good job in the Federal establishment.

Recession 80's come when the Builders Labourers tried to do a one-day stoppage the Monday after the election to protest at a 10 per cent wage rise.

## THE A.L.P. ELECTION VICTORY

**By Maria Giolitti**

Revelation no.2 came when Treasury sold foreign assets to cover the current account deficit of around \$140 million—not \$600 million as the ALP had led Labor to believe.

But it proved deficit was probably a lot smaller. But it got Hawke to vote-winning promise to get us back to breasting and selling.

The thought of causing a recession in some other area, such as defence, will not be a problem for Hawke.

On the contrary, Hawke has all but won't Australia's coal and metalliferous exports, but not much else except a good job in the Federal establishment.

Recession 80's come when the Builders Labourers tried to do a one-day stoppage the Monday after the election to protest at a 10 per cent wage rise.

On the contrary, Hawke has all but won't Australia's coal and metalliferous exports, but not much else except a good job in the Federal establishment.

## HOW LONG WILL BOB'S SEAS LAST?

It is hard to see how long the seas will last for Bob Hawke. The ALP's success in the 1980 election was a surprise to many, but it is not clear how long it will last.

The ALP's success in the 1980 election was a surprise to many, but it is not clear how long it will last.

The ALP's success in the 1980 election was a surprise to many, but it is not clear how long it will last.

## ALL EYES are now on Bob Hawke to see how he handles the economy—and particularly worker's wages.

The key to Hawke's economic strategy is his now-famous Prices and Incomes Agreement, which guarantees the most reactionary wages policy from the Labor Party since the war.

## How Labor plans to cut our wages

The Prices and Incomes Agreement allows the Australian Commission and the government to cut real wages now and control increases in the future.

Virtually all of the union officials in the country have gone along with the Agreement because they see no way out of the crisis, because they don't want to lead a fight against the capitalist system and because they think their only hope is a sympathetic Labor government.

The ALP has the so-called workers' party, offering the union officials a chance to discuss economic policy with the government and to influence the way the whole system works. The ALP has the so-called workers' party, offering the union officials a chance to discuss economic policy with the government and to influence the way the whole system works.

## How Labor plans to cut our wages

The Prices and Incomes Agreement allows the Australian Commission and the government to cut real wages now and control increases in the future.

Virtually all of the union officials in the country have gone along with the Agreement because they see no way out of the crisis, because they don't want to lead a fight against the capitalist system and because they think their only hope is a sympathetic Labor government.

The ALP has the so-called workers' party, offering the union officials a chance to discuss economic policy with the government and to influence the way the whole system works.

## How Labor plans to cut our wages

The Prices and Incomes Agreement allows the Australian Commission and the government to cut real wages now and control increases in the future.

Virtually all of the union officials in the country have gone along with the Agreement because they see no way out of the crisis, because they don't want to lead a fight against the capitalist system and because they think their only hope is a sympathetic Labor government.

The ALP has the so-called workers' party, offering the union officials a chance to discuss economic policy with the government and to influence the way the whole system works.

## How Labor plans to cut our wages

The Prices and Incomes Agreement allows the Australian Commission and the government to cut real wages now and control increases in the future.

Virtually all of the union officials in the country have gone along with the Agreement because they see no way out of the crisis, because they don't want to lead a fight against the capitalist system and because they think their only hope is a sympathetic Labor government.

The ALP has the so-called workers' party, offering the union officials a chance to discuss economic policy with the government and to influence the way the whole system works.

## How Labor plans to cut our wages

The Prices and Incomes Agreement allows the Australian Commission and the government to cut real wages now and control increases in the future.

Virtually all of the union officials in the country have gone along with the Agreement because they see no way out of the crisis, because they don't want to lead a fight against the capitalist system and because they think their only hope is a sympathetic Labor government.

The ALP has the so-called workers' party, offering the union officials a chance to discuss economic policy with the government and to influence the way the whole system works.

## PHIL GRIFFITHS looks at Bob Hawke's Prices and Incomes Agreement and its threats for workers.

The ALP has the so-called workers' party, offering the union officials a chance to discuss economic policy with the government and to influence the way the whole system works.

The ALP has the so-called workers' party, offering the union officials a chance to discuss economic policy with the government and to influence the way the whole system works.

## FLASHBACK: Bob Hawke, Bill Hayden and Cliff Dolan after the talks last August that really got the Prices and Incomes deal moving. Hawke and Dolan now agree the "wage pacts" should stay "in place" till the Economic Summit Conference.

FLASHBACK: Bob Hawke, Bill Hayden and Cliff Dolan after the talks last August that really got the Prices and Incomes deal moving. Hawke and Dolan now agree the "wage pacts" should stay "in place" till the Economic Summit Conference.

## There is an old saying that if voting could change anything, it would make it illegal.

There is an old saying that if voting could change anything, it would make it illegal.

## There is an old saying that if voting could change anything, it would make it illegal.

There is an old saying that if voting could change anything, it would make it illegal.

## There is an old saying that if voting could change anything, it would make it illegal.

There is an old saying that if voting could change anything, it would make it illegal.

**Prices power remains with the bosses**

**JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS!**

I want to join  
 I want more information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_  
Trade Union \_\_\_\_\_

One year post to U.S. National Secretary  
P.O. Box 46, London

by Ian Kinloch

# SAVING

# Capitalism's permanent preoccupation

## Open Slither

SWISS press compares the 1978 election to a "cancer" that has metastasized. It is a "cancer" that has metastasized. It is a "cancer" that has metastasized. It is a "cancer" that has metastasized.

WHEN THE O-Ten Network decided to reschedule "The Dismissal" after Malcolm Fraser called the election, they couldn't have picked a more appropriate date than March 6 to commence it.

Not only was it supremely fitting to recall how Fraser clawed his way to power in 1975, the very day after word finally given him his compensation.

The "Dismissal" also gives us a sharp reminder — before our cupboards over Labor's victory become too great — just how vulnerable any Labor Government is unless it ties the line to the bosses draw for it.

The secret has made compelling television. Particularly that because the "Dismissal" portrays events we all lived through (and get very angry about).

And partly it recovers the casting and acting in very good.

Most of the actors look and sound very much like the genuine article, though some of the casting might be a little odd. The scene of the Prime Minister's speech is well made up to look a bit odd.

John Scazzari's portrayal of Fraser is nothing at all surprising, whistling and superior notes of voice that we know so well from the last seven years.

As in a Greek tragedy, in the audience knows that our "Labor" heroes are doomed. The tension comes from watching them slip away and inevitably towards death.

The biggest weakness in the "Dismissal" is the way that these seven years are almost entirely as conflicts between personalities in the parliamentary sphere.

You really get the feeling that this is a whole cast-out in society that was going for Labor in 1975.

Afterwards Hayden goes to the newspaper office and the conversation goes on and on. It is a very good scene. It is a very good scene. It is a very good scene.

Whitlam's laughing at Hayden says, "OK, you know me." "The Dismissal" is fairly kind to John Kerr, a far kinder than he deserves.

It shows how a man who wants to play the role of an honest broker between Fraser and Whitlam, one who tries to avoid making a decision, in itself, is a man who is in a very good position.

## By Ken Stevens

Supply. Outside Parliament, there was the concerted student campaign run against Labor throughout 1975.

Particular, there was the vicious campaign of innuendo led by the Prime Minister, Jim Cairns with the Lyons.

And the top exhibition of the Public Service, particularly Treasury, chined in with a succession of leaks bringing down Cairns and Rex Connor with the Lyons.

Before all that, there was Fraser's rise to the Liberal leadership (personally directed by Sir Robert Menzies) as the man who's not afraid to go to the "regular," while inconspicuously.

The biggest weakness in the "Dismissal" is the way that these seven years are almost entirely as conflicts between personalities in the parliamentary sphere.

You really get the feeling that this is a whole cast-out in society that was going for Labor in 1975.

Afterwards Hayden goes to the newspaper office and the conversation goes on and on. It is a very good scene. It is a very good scene. It is a very good scene.

Whitlam's laughing at Hayden says, "OK, you know me." "The Dismissal" is fairly kind to John Kerr, a far kinder than he deserves.

It shows how a man who wants to play the role of an honest broker between Fraser and Whitlam, one who tries to avoid making a decision, in itself, is a man who is in a very good position.

The Dismissal is fairly kind to John Kerr, a far kinder than he deserves. It shows how a man who wants to play the role of an honest broker between Fraser and Whitlam, one who tries to avoid making a decision, in itself, is a man who is in a very good position.

Whitlam's laughing at Hayden says, "OK, you know me." "The Dismissal" is fairly kind to John Kerr, a far kinder than he deserves.

It shows how a man who wants to play the role of an honest broker between Fraser and Whitlam, one who tries to avoid making a decision, in itself, is a man who is in a very good position.



QANTAS workers from San Francisco misled about anger and disbelief.

WERE USED to hearing of American companies like Chrysler and General Motors sacking Australian workers. But Australian companies can be just as bloody-minded in dealing with their US employees.

Dennis Alford last month sacked 22 American workers—including 10 in San Francisco. 115 workers at the General Electric plant in San Francisco were sacked last week.

Non-union airline workers staged demonstrations at the Qantas ticket counter at San Francisco airport, and the Australian Consul-General's home in Pacific Heights, after the sackings—some of which were by midnight telephone calls.

"I'm glad to get the full outline of how it's going to be done," said Ernest Elstner, a leading officer of the 700 sacked workers who demonstrated at the Consul-General's home.

Elstner was one of those who got a midnight call from San Francisco Qantas workers turned up on site after 25 years service.

"When San Francisco Qantas workers turned up on site on Sunday February 1, they found themselves locked out."

"They had guards and equipment," said Jim Demas, a former ramp supervisor, who worked with Qantas for 12 years and has his knee in support.

"We worked through both cars and everything, where we were going to get jobs in Timbuktu, maybe, but not here."

middle-class zone, which emphatically handed the initiative back to the liberals to re-open their attacks on "economic management."

The Labor Party hopes not. They have premises from the Democrats (for what they're worth) about the Public Service, and they want to introduce a fixed term legislation as a further safeguard.

What this can do remains to be seen. Even if it had been prepared to mobilize the mass of the working class. During the second round, we get a hint of what Labor's attitude is towards the economy.

"The Dismissal" falls badly in getting across these two points of view. It has changed their tone.

The only real suggestion that we get in "The Dismissal" that we conflict goes beyond the parliamentary arena is

But it may quickly turn into "good". "The Dismissal" shows that pathetic play for respectability and the

## UR IS A YOUNG Israeli socialist and anti-zionist.

Having grown up in a Jerusalem united by Israeli occupation, he became active in committees which opposed the aggressive tactics of settlers and government policies in the occupied West Bank and Gaza strip.

## By Tom O'Lincoln

According to the consequences of the invasion of Lebanon will be far-reaching. "No one seriously believes that Israel will attack on an ambassador, or even to militarily defeat the PLO. The clear aim of the war is to break Palestinian nationalism."

"Will, the PLO is still around, the machine is still intact, but even so the war is a severe blow to the Palestinians. If you travel on the West Bank or in Gaza, you see the effects of the war on the thousands of families who have lost close relatives and the thousands who have completely collapsed."

"When people suffer like this, you can't say it is a moral incident on the long which leads to independence. The defeat of the PLO means the strategy of liberating occupied territories has been left back to the Israelis."

"The term land bank on the West Bank has increased dramatically since the war. Palestinians fear that if they don't act now, their land soon is going to be confiscated."

"The West Bank and the Gaza strip are not going to be part of the new Israel. The only way of ensuring an immediate cessation of capital to establish an infrastructure. You can't say it is a moral incident on the long which leads to independence."

"Because there are so many specific acts to campaign around, such as Israeli military publicists and civil rights for Arabs, such as the left left continued that the broader aims of the nation of Israel would no longer be a central consideration. It is much more effectively opposed to the state."

"The role which Israel plays for imperialism has been so successful in South Africa because of the way that they have been able to manipulate the masses of the people of the world. It is this that has allowed them to keep their hands clean in the apartheid system."

"They had guards and equipment," said Jim Demas, a former ramp supervisor, who worked with Qantas for 12 years and has his knee in support.

"We worked through both cars and everything, where we were going to get jobs in Timbuktu, maybe, but not here."

Furious workers, some in tears, crowded round Qantas manager Richard Davies chanting "We're not going to be used to feed our families!" When he nervously started to walk away, he was surrounded by a mob of workers.

"I feel angry," said Cheryl Smith, a fly-eyed worker who had been at Qantas for 11 years and had a perfect record. "She dumped her termination letter and shouted, 'I've got a piece of my own!' She was angry. I was angry. I was angry. I was angry."

"The Australian Government's policy of 'strategic containment' is a means of isolating the PLO in the Middle East. It is a means of isolating the PLO in the Middle East. It is a means of isolating the PLO in the Middle East."

## NEW ISRAELI housing units under construction on land stolen from the Palestinians on the West Bank.

"This is nothing anti-Zionist about the protest. Nothing which involves recognition of Palestinian national rights, like with the PLO or even immediate withdrawal from all of Lebanon."

"A great picture. But I also point to contradictions at work within the Israel system of expropriation. This is a system which is based on the expropriation of the land of the Palestinian people."

"This is nothing anti-Zionist about the protest. Nothing which involves recognition of Palestinian national rights, like with the PLO or even immediate withdrawal from all of Lebanon."

"A great picture. But I also point to contradictions at work within the Israel system of expropriation. This is a system which is based on the expropriation of the land of the Palestinian people."

"This is nothing anti-Zionist about the protest. Nothing which involves recognition of Palestinian national rights, like with the PLO or even immediate withdrawal from all of Lebanon."

"A great picture. But I also point to contradictions at work within the Israel system of expropriation. This is a system which is based on the expropriation of the land of the Palestinian people."

"This is nothing anti-Zionist about the protest. Nothing which involves recognition of Palestinian national rights, like with the PLO or even immediate withdrawal from all of Lebanon."

"A great picture. But I also point to contradictions at work within the Israel system of expropriation. This is a system which is based on the expropriation of the land of the Palestinian people."

"This is nothing anti-Zionist about the protest. Nothing which involves recognition of Palestinian national rights, like with the PLO or even immediate withdrawal from all of Lebanon."

"A great picture. But I also point to contradictions at work within the Israel system of expropriation. This is a system which is based on the expropriation of the land of the Palestinian people."

"This is nothing anti-Zionist about the protest. Nothing which involves recognition of Palestinian national rights, like with the PLO or even immediate withdrawal from all of Lebanon."

"A great picture. But I also point to contradictions at work within the Israel system of expropriation. This is a system which is based on the expropriation of the land of the Palestinian people."

"This is nothing anti-Zionist about the protest. Nothing which involves recognition of Palestinian national rights, like with the PLO or even immediate withdrawal from all of Lebanon."

"A great picture. But I also point to contradictions at work within the Israel system of expropriation. This is a system which is based on the expropriation of the land of the Palestinian people."

March 1883 is the 100th anniversary of the death of Karl Marx. Alec Kahn looks at the life of the great revolutionary whose ideas and political activity inspired the modern socialist movement.

KARL MARX was born in 1818 in the Prussian Rhineland town of Trier, the son of a well-to-do Jewish lawyer who had converted to Lutheranism.

The Rhineland had been occupied by France until 1814, and its intellectual life was heavily influenced by the French Revolution. Marx's own family circle was no exception to this.

Young Karl went to Bonn University to study law. But according to his teachers, he worked harder at pursuing wine, women and song. He even fought a duel for one lady's affections, receiving a wound on the eyebrow.

Marx finished his studies in Berlin, and it was there that his life turned around.

The University of Berlin was turning up new ideas. Religion was under fierce challenge. There, Marx became an atheist and took up the study of philosophy.

He also took a job on a new radical bourgeois newspaper, the "Rheinische Zeitung," in 1842.

Marx became one of the world's first documentary reporters. He wrote articles on the peasants of the Moselle district, including studies of the impoverishment of the wine-growers and the reasons for the widespread theft of wood.

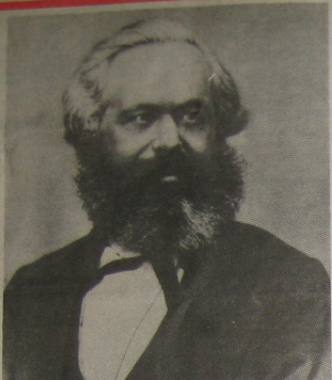
Such was Marx's impact, that within ten months he was made editor. More importantly, his reporting led him to consider the importance of material factors in shaping the world. Criticizing religion became less and less important.

By 1843, the Prussian imperial government had banned the "Rheinische Zeitung," Marx moved to Paris, where he married a childhood friend, Jenny von Westphalen, daughter of an aristocratic Prussian family.

In Paris, Marx met a vibrant working class and socialist movement that made him even more radical.

Until the 1830's, the main trends of socialist thought had been elitist. On the one hand, there were Utopian Socialists like Robert Owen, Henri Saint-Simon, and Charles Fourier—upper-class people who wanted to convince the ruling classes of the time to set up idealistic Utopias according to their own blueprints.

On the other hand, there were the conspiratorial communists in France, followers of Georges Babeuf and Augustin Blanqui, who had no faith in the ruling classes of the time—but equally, saw little prospect for the French peasants staging a communist revolt. They



worked for a revolution made by a small communist elite.

In the 1830's and 40's however, as the young Marx was developing his ideas, the working class created in England and France by the Industrial Revolution emerged more and more as a force in its own right.

British saw major strike waves in the mid-20's, the Grand National Consolidated Trades Union form in 1834, the Chartist mass petitions for working-class rights in 1839, and more mass strikes in 1842.

In France, the Lyon silk weavers struck and revolted in 1831 and 1834. Paris workers staged uprisings in 1832 and 1834.

Increasingly, radical thinkers began to look to the working class as a group that could change society. One notable example was Flora Tragan, a revolutionary Frenchwoman who linked ideas of working-class self-emancipation and women's liberation with a proposal for a world-wide organization of workers.

But it was Karl Marx who was to bring the working class to centre stage in socialist thought.

Even further, Marx asserted, the boss not only robbed the workers of the present, but of the past. He pointed out that all the machinery now in existence had been produced by previous generations who had thought, created and given their lives to bring them into being.

"What right," Marx asked, did the wealthy few have to own the inventions made possible by the sweat and inspiration of Galileo, Newton, Leonardo and millions of others?"

So, Marx concluded, the deepest essence of

In his most major writings, the "Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844," Marx scathingly examined the way workers were wrung dry by the capitalists. He called this process "alienation."

First, Marx said, workers were alienated from the product of their labour. They might get a wage, but the product was kept by the bosses to sell at a profit, to the worker's rapid detriment.

"The alienation of the worker is expressed thus," wrote Marx. "The more he produces, the less he can consume; the more value he creates, the less value he has... Labour produces fabulous things for the rich, but misery for the poor. Machines replace labour, and jobs diminish, while other workers turn into machines."

Not only were the workers robbed of their product, Marx observed, but also of their personality. The boss, by controlling the production process, turned the worker into "a mere appendage of flesh on a machine of iron."

Even further, Marx asserted, the boss not only robbed the workers of the present, but of the past. He pointed out that all the machinery now in existence had been produced by previous generations who had thought, created and given their lives to bring them into being.

"What right," Marx asked, did the wealthy few have to own the inventions made possible by the sweat and inspiration of Galileo, Newton, Leonardo and millions of others?"

So, Marx concluded, the deepest essence of

"He was the best hated man of his time. Governments deported him from their territories. Bourgeois newspapers and another in heaping slanders on him. All this he brushed aside as the cobweb... he died beloved, revered and mourned by millions of workers." —from Engels funeral oration for Marx

# Life of a Revolutionary

Marx's revolutionary ability, which sets his writings apart from those of any other man, was alienated from its true purpose for the benefit of a tiny elite.

Young Karl went to Bonn University to study law. But according to his teachers, he worked harder at pursuing wine, women and song. He even fought a duel for one lady's affections, receiving a wound on the eyebrow.

Marx finished his studies in Berlin, and it was there that his life turned around.

The University of Berlin was turning up new ideas. Religion was under fierce challenge. There, Marx became an atheist and took up the study of philosophy.

He also took a job on a new radical bourgeois newspaper, the "Rheinische Zeitung," in 1842.

Marx became one of the world's first documentary reporters. He wrote articles on the peasants of the Moselle district, including studies of the impoverishment of the wine-growers and the reasons for the widespread theft of wood.

Such was Marx's impact, that within ten months he was made editor. More importantly, his reporting led him to consider the importance of material factors in shaping the world. Criticizing religion became less and less important.

By 1843, the Prussian imperial government had banned the "Rheinische Zeitung," Marx moved to Paris, where he married a childhood friend, Jenny von Westphalen, daughter of an aristocratic Prussian family.

In Paris, Marx met a vibrant working class and socialist movement that made him even more radical.

Until the 1830's, the main trends of socialist thought had been elitist. On the one hand, there were Utopian Socialists like Robert Owen, Henri Saint-Simon, and Charles Fourier—upper-class people who wanted to convince the ruling classes of the time to set up idealistic Utopias according to their own blueprints.

On the other hand, there were the conspiratorial communists in France, followers of Georges Babeuf and Augustin Blanqui, who had no faith in the ruling classes of the time—but equally, saw little prospect for the French peasants staging a communist revolt. They

worked for a revolution made by a small communist elite.

In the 1830's and 40's however, as the young Marx was developing his ideas, the working class created in England and France by the Industrial Revolution emerged more and more as a force in its own right.

British saw major strike waves in the mid-20's, the Grand National Consolidated Trades Union form in 1834, the Chartist mass petitions for working-class rights in 1839, and more mass strikes in 1842.

In France, the Lyon silk weavers struck and revolted in 1831 and 1834. Paris workers staged uprisings in 1832 and 1834.

Increasingly, radical thinkers began to look to the working class as a group that could change society. One notable example was Flora Tragan, a revolutionary Frenchwoman who linked ideas of working-class self-emancipation and women's liberation with a proposal for a world-wide organization of workers.

But it was Karl Marx who was to bring the working class to centre stage in socialist thought.

Even further, Marx asserted, the boss not only robbed the workers of the present, but of the past. He pointed out that all the machinery now in existence had been produced by previous generations who had thought, created and given their lives to bring them into being.

"What right," Marx asked, did the wealthy few have to own the inventions made possible by the sweat and inspiration of Galileo, Newton, Leonardo and millions of others?"

So, Marx concluded, the deepest essence of

He pointed out that all the machinery now in existence had been produced by previous generations who had thought, created and given their lives to bring them into being.

"What right," Marx asked, did the wealthy few have to own the inventions made possible by the sweat and inspiration of Galileo, Newton, Leonardo and millions of others?"

So, Marx concluded, the deepest essence of

He pointed out that all the machinery now in existence had been produced by previous generations who had thought, created and given their lives to bring them into being.

"What right," Marx asked, did the wealthy few have to own the inventions made possible by the sweat and inspiration of Galileo, Newton, Leonardo and millions of others?"

So, Marx concluded, the deepest essence of

He pointed out that all the machinery now in existence had been produced by previous generations who had thought, created and given their lives to bring them into being.

"What right," Marx asked, did the wealthy few have to own the inventions made possible by the sweat and inspiration of Galileo, Newton, Leonardo and millions of others?"

So, Marx concluded, the deepest essence of

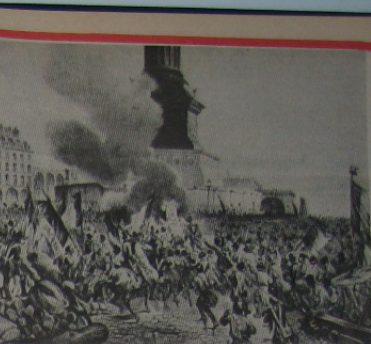
He pointed out that all the machinery now in existence had been produced by previous generations who had thought, created and given their lives to bring them into being.

"What right," Marx asked, did the wealthy few have to own the inventions made possible by the sweat and inspiration of Galileo, Newton, Leonardo and millions of others?"

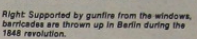
So, Marx concluded, the deepest essence of

He pointed out that all the machinery now in existence had been produced by previous generations who had thought, created and given their lives to bring them into being.

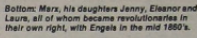
"What right," Marx asked, did the wealthy few have to own the inventions made possible by the sweat and inspiration of Galileo, Newton, Leonardo and millions of others?"



Above: The masses of Paris burning the throne of the July Column, 1848.



Right: Supported by gunfire from the windows, barricades are thrown up in Berlin during the 1848 revolution.



Below: The massacre of the Communards by government troops in the last week of the Paris Commune was merciless; about 25,000 killed and thousands more deported.



Bottom: Marx, his daughters Jenny, Eleanor and Laura, all of whom became revolutionaries in their own right, with Engels in the mid-1850's.





**DID HE  
FALL OR  
WAS HE  
PUSHED?**

**Jeff Goldhar reviews  
'Accidental Death of Anarchist'**

IN AUGUST 1969 the Italian cops unsuccessfully tried to frame an anarchist railway worker for terrorist bombings at a Milan railway station.

Then in December '69 the anarchist, Giuseppe Pinelli was arrested after another bomb exploded in a Milan Basin.

He never left the police station alive. He as a coronal enquiry found "accidentally" fell out of a 4th floor window.

The police claimed Pinelli suicided (shouting "Long Live Anarchy") after being told that a comrade had confessed (which was a lie). They explained that Pinelli pushed past seven cops to jump out of the conveniently open window.

The play "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" portrays the events of the night of the fall and subsequent investigation. Fairly accurate stuff you would think. But *Accidental Death* is a farce.

In fact it came into the stage ad Adhemar Theatre in Melbourne wondering how this topic could ever be the subject of comedy. Jim as unlikely as a musical based on the murder of Steve Biko.

But this play succeeds as an entertaining comedy that brings us message home. It's success is based on the central character. The Maniac, played by Max Gillies.



WAR AND OUR awareness of war has been a major determinant of socialist consciousness in this century. Conflicts which before would have been relatively local, affairs became global, involving millions rather than thousands.

His ability to control technology became distorted beyond rational belief, and the labour movement crumbled before the national chauvinism of their leadership.

For those of us growing up in the 40s and 50s it was the memory of the Second World War that intruded on our lives. War stories and games were part of our youth culture—long summer days spent ambushing Acres and Japs.

Maler maintains that his reason for writing was not to write a war novel with an elderly level with his earlier work (Doy, Pavyo, Stenbook and J. J. Parbel).

Maler maintains that his reason for writing was not to write a war novel with an elderly level with his earlier work (Doy, Pavyo, Stenbook and J. J. Parbel).

His ability to control technology became distorted beyond rational belief, and the labour movement crumbled before the national chauvinism of their leadership.

For those of us growing up in the 40s and 50s it was the memory of the Second World War that intruded on our lives. War stories and games were part of our youth culture—long summer days spent ambushing Acres and Japs.

Maler maintains that his reason for writing was not to write a war novel with an elderly level with his earlier work (Doy, Pavyo, Stenbook and J. J. Parbel).

His ability to control technology became distorted beyond rational belief, and the labour movement crumbled before the national chauvinism of their leadership.

For those of us growing up in the 40s and 50s it was the memory of the Second World War that intruded on our lives. War stories and games were part of our youth culture—long summer days spent ambushing Acres and Japs.

Maler maintains that his reason for writing was not to write a war novel with an elderly level with his earlier work (Doy, Pavyo, Stenbook and J. J. Parbel).

His ability to control technology became distorted beyond rational belief, and the labour movement crumbled before the national chauvinism of their leadership.

For those of us growing up in the 40s and 50s it was the memory of the Second World War that intruded on our lives. War stories and games were part of our youth culture—long summer days spent ambushing Acres and Japs.

Maler maintains that his reason for writing was not to write a war novel with an elderly level with his earlier work (Doy, Pavyo, Stenbook and J. J. Parbel).

His ability to control technology became distorted beyond rational belief, and the labour movement crumbled before the national chauvinism of their leadership.

For those of us growing up in the 40s and 50s it was the memory of the Second World War that intruded on our lives. War stories and games were part of our youth culture—long summer days spent ambushing Acres and Japs.

Maler maintains that his reason for writing was not to write a war novel with an elderly level with his earlier work (Doy, Pavyo, Stenbook and J. J. Parbel).

His ability to control technology became distorted beyond rational belief, and the labour movement crumbled before the national chauvinism of their leadership.

For those of us growing up in the 40s and 50s it was the memory of the Second World War that intruded on our lives. War stories and games were part of our youth culture—long summer days spent ambushing Acres and Japs.

Maler maintains that his reason for writing was not to write a war novel with an elderly level with his earlier work (Doy, Pavyo, Stenbook and J. J. Parbel).

**What's the best way to get your message across?**

**Jim Scott looks at Norman Maler's 'The Naked and the Dead'**

right in controlling the "imperialist" war, a war which was not his. As expressed in 1969, and perhaps in the period, the men were not after he was, but in what I dare Maler's position regarding left and its ally the American soldier.

The year in which Maler wrote *The Naked and the Dead* was the beginning of a period of American foreign policy in going to be far more naked, far less hypocritical than it has ever been. The revolutionary revealed a prevalent anti-Communist.

right in controlling the "imperialist" war, a war which was not his. As expressed in 1969, and perhaps in the period, the men were not after he was, but in what I dare Maler's position regarding left and its ally the American soldier.

The year in which Maler wrote *The Naked and the Dead* was the beginning of a period of American foreign policy in going to be far more naked, far less hypocritical than it has ever been. The revolutionary revealed a prevalent anti-Communist.

**Norman Maler**

Wilson, the Good God Boy straight from Harard City, only interested in books, sex and repairing bicycles, but comes through the novel as one of the most human and sympathetic characters.

Maler is best saying "This is the American working class, these are the people who died, and the people who did not die, and the people who were not fit to die there, and by writing of them I salute them."

It is his wonder that he came along Maler, after 11 years spent in an existential wilderness, could respond to the movement against each other.

Maler uses what might seem to be an artificial construction between Marx, a liberalizing - with Marxian member of the movement, and the General in command of the American army, more or less straight forward fact.

In one of his "sermons" with Healy, General Cummings explains the war.

"I think it is a process of historical energy. As kinetic energy, a quantity

EVER SINCE Josef Stalin broke with Tito's Yugoslavia in 1948, a myth has existed that Yugoslavia is somehow "more socialist" than Russia or its East European satellites.

In Eastern Europe, "socialism" was imposed by Red Army tanks after the defeat of the Nazis.

**By Tom Ortag**

At the end of World War 2, 60% of Yugoslav industry was in the hands of the state. It also controlled banking and transport.

Through this collective state ownership, the Yugoslav CP emerged as a new bureaucratic ruling class "made up of those who have special privileges and economic preference because of the administrative monopoly they hold."

In 1949 with its trade with Russia at a standstill, Yugoslavia looked to the West for aid. It applied for, and got, \$25 million from the World Bank and US Bank.

In 1949 with its trade with Russia at a standstill, Yugoslavia looked to the West for aid. It applied for, and got, \$25 million from the World Bank and US Bank.

There was a crackdown on 30,000 strong Croatian student strike in November 1971. The strike supported the Croatian Communist Party leaders demand that a bigger share of Croatia foreign currency earnings be invested in Croatia.

There was a crackdown on 30,000 strong Croatian student strike in November 1971. The strike supported the Croatian Communist Party leaders demand that a bigger share of Croatia foreign currency earnings be invested in Croatia.

There was a crackdown on 30,000 strong Croatian student strike in November 1971. The strike supported the Croatian Communist Party leaders demand that a bigger share of Croatia foreign currency earnings be invested in Croatia.

A YUGOSLAV "workers' council" in action. Professional groups and managers still dominate decision making.



**YUGOSLAVIA: the myth of self-managed socialism**

But the most significant financial hole in socialist Yugoslavia occurred in 1968 - the year of the international oil price squeeze.

In early June, less than a month after the French General Strike, 1000 students at Belgrade University went to sign an overflowing hall where a long speech was being held by the Communist Party Youth Brigade.

The ensuing street fight between students and the Youth Brigade ended with the city police dispersing them with tear gas.

The next day 4000 students marched against the police in Belgrade University street demonstrations began on August 2nd at Belgrade University, which they renamed the "Red Albert of Belgrade University."

Their slogans included "Down with the Socialist Bureaucracy" and "Students with Workers."

The political reform was undertaken without the intervention of the Communist Party. The 1971 constitution was not only drafted but also approved at a referendum.

It contained no mention of the party's role in the management of the economy.

The same year Yugoslav strike another deal with the West. Market socialism was to help out in economy, but the market was to be placed in the hands of the state.

In a similar sheep work strategy from "Yugoslav workers' self-management."



PRESIDENT JOSIP TITO—here a pig

# S.S. S. S.

**By Jane Mussett,  
DSS Sub-Branch  
Delegates' Committee.**

**AT A TIME** when ACOA (Public Service Clerks Union) officials are content to sit back and let our conditions and wages be eroded, it's good to see that some workers are prepared to show management they can't have things all their own way.

On Monday afternoon, 28 February, ACOA members in the Finance section of Social Security's Sydney Headquarters walked off the job over a lack of response to their claim about cheap burning machines.

The machines are used to separate unemployment and pension cheques after they are run off by the computer. The thumping noise the machine makes runs concentration, causes headaches and makes it very difficult to work.

Management was first approached in May, 1982, and was established for one machine, with another left outside for very occasional use. But with the huge rise in the numbers on the dole the second machine is now first approached in May, 1982, and was established for one machine, with another left outside for very occasional use. But with the huge rise in the numbers on the dole the second machine is now

**WORKERS** in the Social Security office—only a walk out could make the boss sit up and take notice.

## CANBERRA ROUNDUP

### Teachers

**CANBERRA** teachers are up in arms about the diversion of tens of millions of government money to an elitist non-government school while nearby Watson High is being closed down by government decree.

### ACO.A.

**ADMINISTRATIVE** staff at Canberra's State Insurance Office are angry after the Federal election to consider strike action over our wages claim.

**THE MEETING** instead would overwhelmingly support the ALP's price and income 'accord'. The union effect now has to pay in itself the wages freeze on a wage wage freeze.

**AS PSAG** argued, it will be a strike to support the ALP's price and income 'accord'. The union effect now has to pay in itself the wages freeze on a wage wage freeze.

**DARE TO STRUGGLE—DARE TO WIN** It's not often you come across a dispute where everything is won these days. But that's what happened at the Furzeon club in Brunswick Vic.

**THE FOUR** labourers there who were laid off after the Furzeon club was closed down by the Furzeon club in Brunswick Vic.

**ON 3 FEBRUARY**, they walked out for four weeks. The four of them worked for a seven days a week.

### BAN ON KILLER DIST

**WORKERS** at Brisbane's State Insurance Office building have demanded maintenance work and phone installation after asbestos lagging was found above the ceiling panels.

**THE ASBESTOS** fibres/matrix mixture was sprayed onto the exposed brick walls during building construction and is now distributed everywhere the ceiling panels are removed for maintenance.

### BELKE-OLTEK'S

**THE BATTLE** over shorter hours. Despite the propaganda of the battle to stay out and fight, the union leaders then them back to work with the possibility of regulations.

### B.L. swim conditions boost

**THE COMPROMISE** involved the busting machine being moved and door being hung up. By the end of February nothing had been heard.

**ON 3 FEBRUARY**, they walked out for four weeks. The four of them worked for a seven days a week.

**THEY** were laid off after the Furzeon club was closed down by the Furzeon club in Brunswick Vic.

**ON 3 FEBRUARY**, they walked out for four weeks. The four of them worked for a seven days a week.

**THEY** were laid off after the Furzeon club was closed down by the Furzeon club in Brunswick Vic.

**ON 3 FEBRUARY**, they walked out for four weeks. The four of them worked for a seven days a week.

**THE BRISBANE** Unemployed Workers Union 'Anti-Fraser' Rally on March 2 was ahead of its time.

**ONE HUNDRED** people attended the rally and it was effectively given the boot.

### INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS PRESENT

**BRITISH** and **CND** activists **Peter Binns** on **The European Disarmament Movement**

**IN MELBOURNE** on Monday, 28 March, 7.30pm at the YWCA, Room 2, 469 Elizabeth Street. — \$1 and 50c.

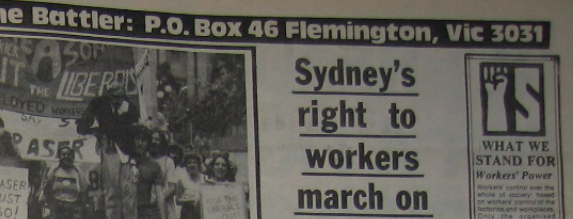
**IN SYDNEY** **PETER BINNS** SPEAKS ON WHY WE NEED A REVOLUTION TO STOP THE BOMB 7.30pm. Venue to be advised. Ring 51 3665 for details.

**HOW TO CONTACT THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS**

### BATTLER EDITORIAL

**MELBOURNE**  
**SYDNEY**  
**ADELAIDE**  
**CANBERRA**  
**BRISBANE**  
**PERTH**

**SOMETHING HAPPENING WHERE YOU WORK?**



**THE UPUI** is planning a march for the Rights to Work through the western suburbs of Sydney on the beginning of June.

**IT'S** going to be actions that we take (both pickets and marches, will get more and more workers and incomes policy is going to mean more wage cuts, more layoffs, and more attacks on the unions if they don't go along with it.

**THEY** are planning a march for the Rights to Work through the western suburbs of Sydney on the beginning of June.

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS PRESENT**

### Police mega Witchhunt

**FEDERAL** police are on a witchhunt against political activists campaigning against the presence of US military bases in Australia.

**THEY** have announced that they intend to charge, more than three months after they got an Omega 42 people over the Geelong, Victoria Omega 42 people over the Geelong, Victoria on 21 November last year.

**IN** the last three weeks Federal cops have turned up at at least seven households in Melbourne and told them they were being charged with the presence of offensive, including trespassing.

**IN** February the cop had been charged with the presence of offensive, including trespassing.

### WHAT'S ON

**THURSDAY 16 MAR**  
**THURSDAY 17 MAR**  
**THURSDAY 18 MAR**  
**FRIDAY 19 MAR**  
**SATURDAY 20 MAR**  
**SUNDAY 21 MAR**

**WHAT WE STAND FOR**  
**Workers control over the means of production**  
**Workers control over the means of production**

**Revolution, not Reform!**

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS**

**Full Equality and Liberation**

**Revolutionary Party**

**Rank and File Organisation**

**JOIN US**

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS**

**Weekend School**

**THE CRISIS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

**THE CRISIS**



**WHAT WE STAND FOR**

**Revolution, not Reform!**

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS**

**Full Equality and Liberation**

**Revolutionary Party**

**Rank and File Organisation**

**JOIN US**

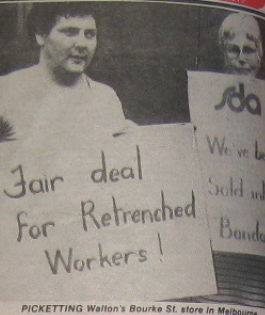
**INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS**

**Weekend School**

**THE CRISIS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

**THE CRISIS**



PICKETING Waltons Bourke St. store in Melbourne.

By Phil Griffiths

year. So they can afford to maintain and even increase their workforce. But they will only do this if their workers force them to. And that will only happen if there is strong industrial action organised by the rank and file.

**Waltons sackings . . .**

**Put people before yachts**

"IT HAS BEEN a difficult time for all companies, but we have shown that even in recession we have the ability to grow and prosper."

So said the illustrious Alan Bond, in his statement accompanying the profit report for Bond Corporation Holdings. The report recorded a 51.7% increase in profits to \$10 million in the half to 31 December.

The best they've been offered is one week's pay per year of service with a maximum of 24 weeks. So anyone who worked 30 to 40 years for Waltons, and there are some, would get miserable 24 weeks if they got. No thanks for loyal service from our Alan Bond.

When they decided to sack the complete staff of the Waltons stores in Victoria, Bond and his managers must have been thought it would be easy to get rid of people who have rarely gone on strike.

But when Waltons refused to negotiate about the redundancy pay, they found themselves with near-zero in some of their stores. The great sell-out sales had just begun, when union organisers waited all the stores. Shop stewards held meetings, and the workers walked off the job, leaving Waltons full of bargin baiters and no-one to serve them.

In the city store, people began to throw things around, full cash registers were left open and shops refused until the cops arrived and searched everyone's bags as they cleared out of the shops.

**pickers**

The fifty workers at the Blackburn warehouse immediately set up around-the-clock pickets to prevent any stock moving out. But Bond had another card up his sleeve. The next day he sold all the stock to Myers for \$15 million and sacked everyone — well, almost everyone.

Waltons offered a few more weeks to some clerks and sales staff to help collect an outstanding \$40 million in debts. When this was told to a mass meeting, it was greeted with the contempt it deserved, and all those offered any work have remained on strike.

So there's \$55 million Waltons stands to collect, and yet they can only afford an overall payment of

\$4.7 million to their workers.

At the mass meeting, there was a lot of enthusiasm for a fight. Waving placards they said "Put people before yachts", "What's in it for America's cup?", "Libelists for Bond workers" and voted unanimously to picket every Waltons store 24 hours a day. Routers for each store were set up before people left.

But unfortunately the struggle has been limited to just the issue of redundancy money. The possibility of mobilising the anger and indignation of the workers for a fight to actually save jobs was never even raised.

By the end of the week, all affiliates in Tall Hall had banned stock in Waltons warehouse stores. All construction, maintenance or repair of any services to any Bond enterprises was also banned. So flats and a new supermarket bought by Bond are standing silent.

On the picket in the city, firms used to tell how her husband had been unemployed for two months. Of course, he couldn't get the debt, but she had a job. Now this.

For months, they've been struggling to get repayments on their house on one pay packet. They will probably have to sell it.

Just about everyone on the picket had been on strike before, but they were determined if trucks would get past them. Young women, who first job (or job that was) sat with their placards, the trucking seat and talked about how Bond had plenty of cash to buy even bigger and better pickup trucks to meet on the dole.

Older women who had worked with the company for years told us about the times they were on long hours without complaint and so pay, how they had worked flat out last week to get the cash under way.

Now they want the overtime that's coming their way and are determined the stock inside will stay and not run unless they get what the union is demanding: two weeks pay for each year of service.

After a week on the picket, the fighting spirit is still strong. One picketer told us, "We don't want to give up, even though we're getting tired. We'll bosses and the union meet halfway, but we won't hold out for all we can get."

by Sandra Bloomfield

10.7% jobless, but millions spent for

**the battler**  
PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

Registered by Australia Post—publication no. YDF 002 No. 142 26 March, 1983 30 cents

**THE HEIRS to the world's largest private fortune are currently on holiday in Australia.**

Just what Charles and Diana Windsor are for them is one long holiday. But in recognition of the occasion, we are being treated to breathless reports of the fly that settled on "wee William" (sic), the sunburn on Lady Di's cheeks, and all the other drivel that has to pass for news when two of the more vacuous representatives of a staminate vacuum monarchy go on tour.

Workers whose wages are currently frozen will be intrigued to hear what their larvae are financing for the Royal couple.

Charles and Diana will fly into and out of Albany a dozen times during their four weeks here. Their entourage of mistle servants (including two hairdressers for Di) and ninety cuticers of luggage is being housed in 31 rooms at the Travellers' Inn.

By a remarkable coincidence, a \$45 million jet port and control tower opened in Albany this month, so the B.A.C.-111 jet the Royals are using can land. Despite the world drought in memory, Albany council is

**ROYAL TWITS ON TOUR**

pooling millions of gallons of water on local lawns and gardens so the Royal eyes won't be offended by the sight of dead grass.

Alas, not of the tour in Australia is estimated at around \$10 million.

Union head Dr Robert Mowbray says that "New Zealanders have had enough of little interventions in the past" (i.e. disposition of the Mabo). He has called for the public "not to stand by" but show a "strong reaction" if anyone is "ill-mannered enough to demonstrate".

In our opinion, the more "embarrassment" and "ill-manner" the parasitic pair endure, the better. Bowing out money on their co-wasting while \$26,000 of us (taxpayers on the dole) is nothing short of obscene.

The sooner we get rid of them and the system of waste and inequality that they lend their tawdry "glamour" to, the better.



**THE WORD has come down. One of Australia's most profitable companies is going to sack another 54 workers unless they are stopped.**

Dunlop Olympic, with profits of more than \$50 million last year, have already sacked hundreds of rubber workers and used "natural wastage" to trim the number of workers in their stores and maintenance sections. They have also sacked staff and office workers.

The Company has plants sometime between April and May. The unions involved have put all their energy so far into trying to negotiate a better redundancy agreement.

But there are many workers who are not happy with his approach and have demanded that the union fight to save jobs.

As a result, a mass meeting at Broadmeadows passed an official resolution that rejected the talk of sacking. However, who called on the officials and strongly to negotiate over redundancy pay.

And the union has no plans to take action in defence of jobs.

This kind of behaviour is part of a well-known pattern. There have been hundreds of disputes about redundancy pay. Most have been resolved into disputes over redundancy pay. And where there has been action to save jobs, the officials have left the workers to fight the company on their own.

That's what happened at Olex in Tottenham (Middlesex) last year. A four and a half week strike eventually collapsed. The officials decided to build support for the strike, to raise money to cover the cost of strikers to organise support.

That basic track union work was left to the Olex workers and to socialists who supported them.

There was wide support for the Olex workers at other factories, but by this time the strike had been weakened and demoralised.

Dunlop Olympic are here to fight these sackings. They need to look at ways of getting to Dunlop in this area before any strike begins.

Like all employers, Dunlop Olympic are using the recession to rationalise their production. The result is even more profitable. This is not an ominous profit.

So they can afford to maintain and even increase their workforce. But they will only do this if their workers force them to. And that will only happen if there is strong industrial action organised by the rank and file.

It means organising a strike fund now, when the Olex workers needed money to help those on need, they had none. When *The Battler* spoke with Doug Tooley, one of the Olex Shop stewards after the strike, this was a point he emphasised.

A successful strike against the Dunlop sackings will also mean trying to build the maximum unity between the rubber workers and the other unions. The company has worked very hard to divide the rubber workers from the rest. And it has worked.

But before any of this can happen, the workers themselves have to be convinced that they need to fight for jobs, that they can beat Dunlop Olympic if they pay. No thanks for loyal service from our Alan Bond.

When they decided to sack the complete staff of the Waltons stores in Victoria, Bond and his managers must have been thought it would be easy to get rid of people who have rarely gone on strike.

**Scheming for a slave**

IN THE finest tradition of free enterprise and wage slavery, and the practices of the Great Depression, a group of enterprising bosses in Caloundra on the coast north of Brisbane decided to do their bit for the unemployed situation.

No doubt they thought that with 2,000 under 18's unemployed on the coast, a lot could be done—providing of course that award wages and the like were ignored. In fact the less you had to pay them the better.

The employer launched a scheme in which so-called under appreciation and strikers who employed on the understanding that if they worked for a month at \$5 a week, they would get an apprenticeship.

One building boss was an overture with generosity to employ five trainee carpenters and a cadet apprentice plumber.

Twelve in all, there was no record of the cadet apprentices or trainees with the Apprenticeship Board, something quite a good done of exploitation in big business is there?

**WE WERE ROBBED!**

**SO YOU WANTED TO SEE MAL ON THE BACK BENCH...**

Malcolm Fraser is in his back.

You need consolation. The Battler is the paper dedicated to getting rid of all the Frasers. Why not subscribe?

Make sure you get your copy of the Battler every issue. Just \$10 a year (or \$15 for a supporting subscription).

Address: 1111 St. Georges Road, Melbourne, Vic. 3001.

ALAN BOND with a new addition to his fleet, a Falcon 20 sports car.

**Hello suckers!**



# WHAT'S IN THEM IS ARE MENTAL

ONE THING that dropped out of the Sydney news was the federal election campaign was the government's health cuts.

Some even thought it possible that a Federal Labor government would provide the money to Wran could stop cutting health services, NSW Health Minister, Laurie Brereton's latest announcement on hospital closures puts an end to any such ideas.

This time it's psychiatric hospitals that to suffer. As they did with the closure of inner city hospitals, the state Labor government are arguing that the cuts are "for the good of the patient". Brereton had the hide to call the partial or total closure of 13 psychiatric

By Diane Fifield

hospitals "one of the most socially responsible things any patients being treated voluntarily, to be looked after in a community health centre. But, as any psychiatric nurse will tell you, staff cutting and nursing positions over the past three years. The government says they are community health units, but it is all covered up in a "transfer" of both beds and inner city hospitals to a suburb. Some beds in the fair number of the beds in inner city hospitals to the government's decision.

As for the humane treatment of health workers (Mr. Brereton dismissed that out of hand), being sent out to work without adequate training in the worst cases the health workers can be regarded as victims of their rejection by government boardroom horse-trading.

### securely

The NSW New Nurses estimated 1500 to 2000 in the challenge and that the would lose job secure to the public. The NSW Nurses Association spokesman to a delegate of hospital, he asked that his name. What he would of industrial action threatening to also said that he agreed that there was considerable time.

### Leak blows cover on ASIS



## AUSTRALIA'S 'DIRTY TRICKS' BRIGADE

JUST INSIDE Port Phillip Heads, near Queenscliff in Victoria, lies Swan Island, the main training centre for Australia's most sinister spy organisation, ASIS (Australian Secret Intelligence Service).

Here, according to a secret report leaked by British journalist Duncan Campbell in the New Statesman magazine, is stockpiled equipment for emergency 'Special Operations'. These, the report says, include sabotage, assassination, black propaganda, guerrilla warfare, supporting underground movements, or staging coups d'état.

The secret report obtained by Campbell is the Hope Report into Australian intelligence in 1977. The report reveals that Australian military officers were trained at Swan Island to participate in the CIA assassination programme in Vietnam, Operation Phoenix.

ASIS is primarily involved in foreign espionage and subversion, while its sister organisation ASIO handles the action back home.

## THE FAIRIES OF PEACE

LAST JUNE a million people demonstrated for peace in New York, and a million thousands more in other US cities. Since then, in California's Livermore radiation laboratory,

Clearly, a lot of demonstrators are worried about nuclear weapons and want to do something about it. To find out more, I spoke to two people who were present at the demonstration.

The American peace movement consists of many groups and fronts. One is the Nuclear Free America campaign. Another is the Women for Peace League. There is also a Women for Peace League. There is also a Women for Peace League.

One of the main objectives is to get the nuclear power plants closed down. Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down.

Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down. Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down.

Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down. Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down.

Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down. Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down.

ASIS, the American CIA and the British Secret Intelligence Service (SIS). The three outfits exchanged over 100,000 secret intelligence reports up to 1974, and the British store their 'Special Operations' equipment on the 744 acre Swan Island.

The most recent revelation however, is that ANS provided assistance to the CIA in Chile and Cambodia. In both countries the CIA, fearing the exploits of US diplomats and the US men of the CIA presence, got ASIS to take over CIA agents and operations.

The ANS provided assistance to the CIA in Chile and Cambodia. In both countries the CIA, fearing the exploits of US diplomats and the US men of the CIA presence, got ASIS to take over CIA agents and operations.

ASIS played a key role in US subversion of Allende's reformist government that helped lead to his eventual overthrow by the Chilean military junta headed by Pinochet.

ASIS, whose headquarters are in St Kitts Rd, Melbourne, operates largely outside the control of any government in Canberra, Liberal or Labor. Its charter drawn up in May 1956 gives ASIS the power to withhold information from government ministers.

They are to be furnished with such information only as may be necessary for the determination of the nature of the ASIS Director was told.

Initially the general intelligence official, Colonel C.H. Ellis, who played a key role in the establishment of ASIS, turned out to be a keen supporter of both Nazi Germany and the Reichstag. Since the 1960s, ASIS has been gradually taking over the operations of British Intelligence in South East Asia. In the Philippines in 1966, the British spy station was closed down and ASIS opened up in its place.

British-Australian secret intelligence collaboration also includes the use of secret ASIS Radio Communications Station at Darwin, disguised as an Australian Army base. Close by is the British Government Wireless Relay Station, the main link between London and British embassies in the Far East.

Any Special Operation—covert activity—would be coordinated via the Darwin stations. Exercises to practice these Special Operations have been held recently by ASIS and the British SIS in Papua New Guinea and in Portugal and Malaysia in 1971.

Recent operations, on 'Special Political Action' as it is termed in the trade, involves 'the development and exploitation of agents of influence, clandestine propaganda and placement of press material and secret funding operations: e.g. of political groups and/or trade unions in foreign countries.'

Doesn't it make you feel safe in your bed? By Michael Power

France: set-back for the 'left'

RESULTS of the French municipal elections in 1977 the left did very well, so many victories were expected. The left has lost a number of previously safe seats, including strongholds in the south and north east—areas of traditional strength.

In the last municipal elections in 1977 the left did very well, so many victories were expected. The left has lost a number of previously safe seats, including strongholds in the south and north east—areas of traditional strength.



NW health workers demonstrate against cutbacks at psychiatric hospitals last August.

OH IT'S so difficult being rich these days. The Chief Minister of Public Security has sent out a circular calling for "immediate action" to protect wealthy persons.

Apparently, there has been a wave of "cases of robbing and evicting those families which have the right to their labor".

An editorial in the Communist Party paper People's Daily said the problem is aggravated by the constant view of many persons that "all property must be divided equally".

However, in the twisted minds of all those who are not Communist Party members at all, the Communist Party has taken the lead against this form of exploitation.

The People's Daily said that "all rural cadres should study hard, resist from seeking profits in our from his contractors and further enlarge the rural community to learn from successful contractors and get well-off through hard work".

UNDER the pretext of rationalizing the railways award, the Queensland government is stepping up preparation for a major attack on rail workers.

White most of the action so far, has been claim and counter-claim in the media, the Combined Rail Unions have decided to propose a "walk force" that is to review all rail awards. This is the first of rail opposition to the savage proposals to chop jobs and conditions.

So far the Railways Department has removed its agreement to pay a rate for Saturdays and a third of the cost of payments of rail-time will revert solely to the award.

All this is being done in the name of economic necessity. The Railways Department claims it is a lossy \$157 million and the price set by the Government is "not realistic".

But it might be expected, the real story is quite different. Wages and salaries have remained a constant percentage of railway

responders. The real problem is the loss of revenue from the coal trade—down 20% and the coal companies are getting massive subsidies in freight rates.

Combined with this is the new Government has done with the QRMX, a freight company owned by IRL, Sir Peter Ables' multinational enterprise.

Under this deal QRMX uses private sidings and gets a 50% of its tonnage free. None of the QRMX wagons are subject to the normal weighting and freight charges, in fact the Railways Union of one worker threatened with a fine for misweighting one of Sir Peter's wagons. It is not done.

That QRMX does pay for a only at a third of the rail rates. Not had in the 1970s and they are being replaced by gas turbine powered rail workers that moves the staff for them.

Only the first of the reports of P.A. Consultants has so far had the deck indications are that the ones to come will be far more drastic.

For the moment, neither side is giving way too much, but the Government is walking a thin line between pushing proposals that alienate the union officials to retreat and move that could spark a repeat of the actions that a breach on the General Strike last year.

For the moment, neither side is giving way too much, but the Government is walking a thin line between pushing proposals that alienate the union officials to retreat and move that could spark a repeat of the actions that a breach on the General Strike last year.

### A.C.O.A. . . Let's fight for a living wage!

OUR WAGES campaign must have set a new record—for the longest campaign without any industrial action.

Federal public servants dropped behind the wage of other clerical workers in 1981, and we were asking for a catch-up over soon. But as we were being down-

In September last year we got a 6% pitance from Fraser, along with a month wage freeze. Despite a 40-minute mass meeting in Brisbane to discuss this, the A.C.O.A. was not able to get a meeting for Fraser. By December he had decided to make another turn-up of us by freezing our wages for 12 months.

Instead of immediate protest action, the Administrative & Clerical Officers Association (ACOA) officials set things drift. A new claim had been lodged for 12%, and the rank and file in some states had voted for mass stoppage meetings for February.

But by January the A.C.O.A. National Executive was backtracking again and called off the meetings. When Brisbane and Brisbane still held meetings, but the other branches were abandoning their veto

last time the industrial action while the committee was working, that recommended it was postponed because of some of the signs are that the fight has been lost and file will be on again.

Clearly, a lot of demonstrators are worried about nuclear weapons and want to do something about it. To find out more, I spoke to two people who were present at the demonstration.

The American peace movement consists of many groups and fronts. One is the Nuclear Free America campaign. Another is the Women for Peace League. There is also a Women for Peace League.

Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down. Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down.

Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down. Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down.

Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down. Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down.

Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down. Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down.

economic democracy, that I hope to achieve the goals we've set out.

The United States, as any serious peace activist has to be aware of, is a capitalist society. It is a capitalist society. It is a capitalist society.

All of the weapons that are being produced are for use in the arms race. They are being produced for use in the arms race.

Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down. Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down.

Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down. Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down.

Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down. Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down.

Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down. Another objective is to get the nuclear power plants closed down.

# Why we need a revolution to stop the bomb

"GO-AHEAD for Cruise" was the reaction of the western press to the recent German election results.

The victory of the conservative Christian Democrats meant that Ronald Reagan had cleared the first hurdle in his plan to install Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe later this year.

The opposition Social Democrat (SPD) Party had promised to force Reagan to be more flexible in his plans to deploy the new generation of nuclear missiles, if they were elected. Now the NATO hawks have a loyal follower in office in Bonn.

The way the right won has implications for people who want to fight nuclear weapons not just in Germany and the rest of Europe but all around the world.

Opinion polls showed unemployment was the key issue with the German electorate, with the missiles only running third.

The Christian Democrats, who have only been in office since late last year, concentrated on the economy. They blamed the economic crisis and the record 2.5 million unemployed on the previous social democratic administration, speaking of "13 years of Social Democratic government".

By contrast the Social Democrats fought shy of bread and butter issues in their campaign and concentrated on the missiles. They paid a heavy price, polling less than 40% of the vote for the first time since 1965.

The anti nuclear forces, Party just managed to secure five per cent of the vote and so will be represented in parliament. But one party secretary, an ex-shop steward, Rainer Trampert, declared the results a "catastrophe". When the dust had settled, the election will be seen as a severe blow to those who believed there was an electoral way of stopping the missiles.

The only way forward

By Rod Connolly



is through activists outside parliament. But that will not work unless the disarmament movement can somehow connect with the feelings of millions of workers for whom the disastrous effects of the economic crisis are as important as nuclear weapons.

And while parliaments aren't going to stop the bomb neither can we rely on negotiations between the superpowers for multilateral disarmament to end the arms race. The economic rivalry between America and Russia which produced the drive towards war is increasing as the world economic crisis deepens.

"I will not be goodwill", a love of "peace" or even "plain common sense" that will prevent a future nuclear holocaust. We will only get rid of nuclear weapons when the rulers in NATO and the Warsaw

Pact fear the mass disarmament movements in their own countries more than each other. In Australia that means building a militant mass movement that can maintain the US war bases here. Only by militant demonstrations, strikes and occupations can we force a Liberal or Labor government to remove the bases.

And this in turn raises the whole question of what kind of movement we are trying to build.

### DOWN

Finally you have to ask: Who has the power to win? The modern nuclear state has colossal

power, and lured by the lies of the media, is unable to respond to an appeal to fight for an ideal world. Only when their own reality begins to break down will they begin to move.

LOCAL MARCHES in Britain have helped build the CND movement in recent years. The one below was across the Pennines.



strength the ability to deceive, to distort and where necessary, to repress brutally.

The only power that will do the job is the power of the organised working class. That is the power that can stop the train, make the bread vanish from the shops, cause the lights to go out, bring the whole mechanism of our society to a grinding halt.

And how to mobilise them? Up a point they can be mobilised in support of a moral ideal of a nuclear free world. Australian workers with their banners and strikes against the uranium industry showed that they were prepared to make a stand against nuclear madness.

But it is also a fact that millions more, trapped by the pressure of work and

parallel between that built up in Russia and West. Those who do not move when they are in some way bound to have a strong springing fire of horrific logic of the capitalist system.

### System

And that whole system is now held on nuclear arms. To disarm would be a massive upheaval we our own organised it impossible. While it is common that a powerful movement could remove the US bases from Australia, a small movement could disarm the US. It is not a matter of degree but of principle.

And now that reality is beginning to break down. For a quarter of a century after the second world war the presentation of a war economy in Russia and the USA staved off world depression, maintained full employment and rising wages in the advanced industrial nations.

Now the situation is different. Over thirty million are unemployed in the industrialised countries. Recession and inflation together haunt the world. Cut the US and Russian arms bill and we plunge deeper into slump. Rise it too much, and inflation goes through the roof.

Hence the frenzied long and fringed between threats of war and offers of disarmament talks.

There is a distinct

Greenham Common made it clear that we were not going to accept the Cruise missiles and the basis, that we were going to stop them anyway we could and that we would involve people in direct action. The Greenham Common women are mobilising tens of thousands of people in an extremely successful propaganda campaign. The fact that they did that and stepped in where the CND leadership refused, was a tremendous success and put the campaign back on the road again.

Do you see any weaknesses in the strategy adopted there? Well obviously you can talk about it as a success. There were thirty thousand women involved. But there were also weaknesses. The fact that it was women only, not only prevented a lot of men participating and making it that much bigger, but also there were a large number of women who didn't go and who would have gone had men been able to go as well. The other weakness of it is generally that it can be shared with CND more easily, it is that it has concerned all people (or all women in this case) and hasn't really shown the connection between the amount of money being spent on arms and the cuts that are going on in hospitals and schools, which mean that in Britain, unemployment is being created to fund the Bomb. So, although they were successful, they would have been that much more than thirty thousand women.

Long term British Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) activist, International Socialist and author of the booklet "Missile Madness", PETER BINNS, is on a speaking tour in Australia. Here Peter talks to MIKE GREWCOCK about the latest developments in the British disarmament movement.



PETER BINNS

more successful had they involved a campaign linking the Bomb to more bread and butter issues affecting the daily living standards of working class people.

Given that's the case, and given that construction on the missile sites is due to start this year, what prospects does CND have for actually stopping the Bomb? We have to put this within the following context—there is massive increasing support for Thatcher in the opinion polls. So a strategy which puts faith in vague promises by Michael Foot and the Labor Party must immediately be suspect. People do not see opposing Cruise and Trident as being important enough to make them change their election preference.

On the other hand, if you want to be a campaign which is capable of forcing the hand of any government— Tory or Labour—you will need to involve many more than thirty thousand women.

The thing that is particularly worrying is that people in Britain, Germany and elsewhere throughout Europe have

pinched their hopes on one of two processes. The first is electing a government which will be favourable to getting rid of the new weapons of mass destruction. These prospects appear extremely remote now.

The other is to say that if the various parties won't do it for us, then we'll have to do it ourselves—this involves direct action.

Now direct action—as long as it is geared to drawing attention to what is going on—is excellent. But you can't force the ruling class to give up the things which are most important to them on the basis of even a few million people coming onto the streets. Until the force of the organized working class is tapped, there's not really much chance of the campaign succeeding this time.

OK. Well you've talked about the Labor Party. The Green Party only did modestly well in the recent German elections. Do you think that they offer any hope? The thing that is particularly worrying is that people in Britain, Germany and elsewhere throughout Europe have

How do you get about stopping these forces? Well it's not unduly optimistic the size of the task. It is absolutely colossal—particularly in that people who work have to fight very hard to maintain their meagre wage levels on their jobs. But nonetheless, there are ways in which it could be achieved to a much greater degree than it has

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*

born up to date. For instance, a few months ago we had a major hospital workers strike in Britain. One of the arguments that the Thatcher government was using was that they simply could not afford to pay hospital workers as much as those who would automatically have taken away some of the ground from beneath the government's arguments.

If CND had effected a campaign of taking the Bomb to issue which offer workers' living standards, then the basis of their support would have been eroded. Even at this late stage it is possible that an attack of this kind in the past has had been there in the past.

But it requires the leadership of CND to actually bring this up. Yes, we support the health workers, and we do so on the basis of hospital not bombs. I don't think that would

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS FRONT British CND activist Peter Binns on "The European Disarmament Movement" tour in Melbourne on Monday, 28 March, 7.30pm at the YWCA, Room 2, 439 Elizabeth Street...\$1 and 50c. and in Sydney PETER BINNS SPEAKS ON FIGHTING THE MISSILE MADNESS, 111 Enmore Rd, Enmore, Wednesday, 30 March, 7.30pm. Enquiries \$1 3889.

Missile Madness—a second, updated edition of Peter Binns pamphlet on the weapons system that threaten to destroy us all. \$2. Order from: IS Books PO Box 48 Flemington VIC 3031



# The Embroider Affair

**THE CREW of the container ship Enterprise have occupied to save their jobs. They intend to stay on board until the ship sails again.**

The Australian National Line Ltd on the Enterprise because of a downturn in trade between Australia and South East Asia. According to the Australian Shipper's Council the operators have been ANL is insufficient to finance operations effectively as the container business is a loss-making business. The Australian National Line and the Australian Shipper's Council are not taking any action to save the ship. The captain and some crew members are taking over the ship.

By **Martin Hirst**

...engineers some aboard during the day to remove equipment which has been taken by the crew. They just want their jobs back. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

**HOSTEL SACK VICTORY**

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.



**BUILDING WORKERS protest Fraser's freeze in January. Now they are fighting another ripoff.**

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

**Write to the Battler: P.O. Box 46 Flemington, Vic 3031**

## Builders Labourers demand... FREE GALLAGHER

**THE ACTU may have abandoned Norm Gallagher, but his members certainly will not. While the Federal Secretary of the Builders Labourers Federation in jail on an outrageous contempt of court charge, B.L.F. members staged a militant Day of Protest last week.**

In Melbourne five hundred builders' labourers marched through the city to the Master Builders' office, where they demanded the release of Gallagher. In Perth, members around Victoria stopped construction work to demand Gallagher's freedom. In Brisbane, B.L.F. members are currently half-way through a three month jail sentence imposed by the High Court for the infamous strike of suggesting that a previous decision in his favour might have been due to the fact of mass walk-outs by B.L.F. members. He hoped there wouldn't be any trouble over the summer up the situation. "When they jail a man for speaking his mind, it's a rich man's country yet."



## Our reception for royalty

**THE BRISBANE Unemployed Workers League is planning a reception for Charles and D.J. These pariahs have been helped to hold the reins on the new day of June 1.**

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

## Revolution, not Reform

**THE REVOLUTION is not a reform. It is a complete overthrow of the existing system. It is a complete overthrow of the existing system.**

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

**HOSTEL SACK VICTORY**

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

## Action for metalworkers' defence!

**WHILE METAL TRADES union officials sit around to see if we can get twice price out of the economic summit, metal industry bosses are out attacking work conditions left, right and centre.**

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

## BL's fight the hours ripoff

**BUILDERS' Labourers' Federation members in Brisbane are preparing for a major confrontation with the Master Builders' Association.**

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

## COME TO CONFERENCE

**THE INTERNATIONAL Socialist will be holding our annual conference in Sydney over Easter.**

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

## Battler sub drive

**NO YOU CAN'T HAVE AN OVERTRAFF SO YOU CAN "HELP THE BATTLE" SMASH THE POWER OF THE GIANT BANKS!"**

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.

...the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship. They are taking over the ship.



ADELAIDE 1.30 pm Victoria Square  
BRISBANE 12 noon Roma St forum  
CANBERRA 2 pm War Memorial  
MELBOURNE 1.30 pm Treasury Gdns  
SYDNEY 1 pm Hyde Park South  
PERTH 2 pm Kings Park Gate

# the battler

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS



# KICK OUT U.S. BASES!

OVER THE last two years the terrible threat of nuclear war has sharply accelerated. The American government under Ronald Reagan is preparing for the possibility of fighting a limited nuclear war with the Russians in Europe. As part of this war build up the US is preparing to station the latest and most deadly accurate nuclear weapons—Cruise and Pershing missiles—in the NATO countries. In response an enormous disarmament movement has mobilised millions of people in Europe. And it has helped spark similar, though smaller movements, in the US and here in Australia where over 100,000 people marched against the threat of nuclear war on April 4 last year. As yet, Australia does not have its own nuclear weapons nor are nuclear missiles stationed here. However we are linked into the western nuclear alliance by at least ten US military bases—Fine Gap, NW Cape, Nurrungar, Omega and others—which are scattered across the countryside.

Not only do these bases mean that Australia will be a target in any future nuclear war, but we will also be actively involved in fighting such a war. The bases provide vital navigational and strategic information for a first strike attack on the Russians. The best thing we in Australia can do to prevent a future nuclear holocaust is to fight to get rid of these US bases. That means building a militant mass movement which will force their removal. We can't rely on the new Federal Labor government to get rid of them. In his election policy speech Bob Hawke gave unqualified support to the US alliance. At best the ALP has only ever made token criticisms of the US military presence. They talk of greater Australian supervision and control, which is next to meaningless, not kicking out the war bases. We have to rely on our own strength to get rid of the bases and that means reaching out to the millions of working people in the factories and offices who have the power to do just that.

**Did Gandhi's non-violence work?—p.8**  
**Revolution to stop the bomb?—p.6/7**

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR IS  
**WILL THIS MAN LAUNCH US ALL INTO WORLD WAR 3? IF HE DOES YOU'LL REALLY NEED A SUBSCRIPTION TO 'THE BATTLER' !!**

Clip and post to PO Box 46, Flemington, Vic. 3031.

Name

Address

Make sure you get your copy of the Battler every issue. For just \$18 a year \$25 for a supporting subscription, or an introductory sub. of \$8 (overseas) for you for only \$4.

# RESTRAINT?



# the battler

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

No. 143 30 cents Published by Australia Post—publication no. VBF 0622 April 23, 1983

WHILE THE National Economic Summit was deciding to "restrain" our wages in Canberra another less publicised event took place at the same time in Brisbane.

Fifteen hundred Queensland celebrities jammed into the Crest Hotel to take their fill of as much as they could eat ... smoked salmon, sour cream and caviar, sea scallops, oysters and white sauce, pate ... and as much as they could drink. Gin, Johnnie Walker and the rest in endless supply. Double the usual staff were put on to ensure that none of Queensland's finest had to wait longer than the time it takes to shove a couple of smoked oysters into their mouths.

The occasion for this grotesque orgy? Was she but a reception for the Queensland Police Minister Ross Hinzle to cap it off, seeing hundreds of scallops and obviously not worried about the \$65 alcohol limit either. But then, he has a government chauffeur. While the more earnest captains of industry were in Canberra recommending sacrifices, in Brisbane their cynical cousins were making it clear the restraint won't apply to the upper classes. Gail, one of the assembled dignitaries, was not impressed. "The whole thing made you sick," she said. "You could have fed all the unemployed in Brisbane for days unemplolyed in Brisbane for days after a filling meal at the Crest Hotel."

Just on the amount of food that was thrown out after it was all over? For more than three hours staff on the night couldn't sit down to eat, their uniforms got creased before Charles and Di arrived. And before Charles and Di arrived, management was agape when one of the women working that night turned up not wearing a bra and ... my god! no make up, a hurried search uncovered some make up but no bra. Some of the staff were told to buy shiny new shoes for the event, and in another instance it was strongly recommended that one of the women work and blue die has hair. One top of this the staff were told, "Don't try and talk to them. RUFF if they talk to you, then it's your royal highness!" Supplies were unlimited, and if in the course of the evening, some of the males became less mobile, there were TV monitors they could stand around to watch the royal couple. Which was better than being allowed by the aggressive idle rich as they jostled to be favoured by the world's richest bride. And if all else failed, the glassed-in cat above the Queen Street mall was charging \$10 for a cup of coffee and a look at the royal creature on parade.

- Restraint! Who do they think they're kidding?
- Heights of folly at the Summit—2
  - The Summit of Shame—3
  - Will wage restraint save your job?—6

**March for the RIGHT TO WORK**

SYDNEY—March from Blacktown to the city, June 4. Marchers and helpers needed. Ring Unemployed Peoples Union 679 038.

MELBOURNE—March from Broadmeadows to the Stock Exchange, June 10. Marchers and helpers needed. Ring Unemployed Workers Union 461 3155.

# Business gets a hand-out from the ACTU

**TO READ** the post mortems on Bob Hawke's Economic Summit, you would think the ACTU had won a stunning victory over the employers. On the plush seats of Parliament House.

"Impressive" is a word that better prepares than any other for the business sector. "They have taken all the points as public performers." This was just some of the praise heaped on the ACTU delegation.

But the real truth was reflected on the stock exchange. The ACTU's economic proposals, which climaxed immediately in a bank holiday, were not received as enthusiastically as the ACTU hoped for.

The other major victory of the ACTU was the fact that it had not only secured a 7% wage increase but also a 10% increase in the 1985-86 financial year.

But before he could get off the conference, the ACTU had to face the fact that the employers were not as happy as he had hoped for.



Malcolm Fraser's approach, but more received and more anticipated, for pushing the ACTU's proposals.

## SWIFT-E... AND THE GIVING IS EASY

Wage restraint, higher taxes and higher interest rates are all things that have been asked by the ACTU official lead that quit an endorsement by the ACTU officials last week.

But before he could get off the conference, the ACTU had to face the fact that the employers were not as happy as he had hoped for.

Kelly's speech was made with the clear knowledge that Labor intended that the wage freeze to extend to 1986, instead of offering the ACTU a few token concessions in return to take back to the rest of the country.

This carried the business side a sharp message over the conference by other unions, and it was clear that the ACTU was not alone in its efforts to get off the conference.

Kelly's acceptance was quickly endorsed outside the conference by other unions, and it was clear that the ACTU was not alone in its efforts to get off the conference.

Kelly's acceptance was quickly endorsed outside the conference by other unions, and it was clear that the ACTU was not alone in its efforts to get off the conference.

Kelly's acceptance was quickly endorsed outside the conference by other unions, and it was clear that the ACTU was not alone in its efforts to get off the conference.

Kelly's acceptance was quickly endorsed outside the conference by other unions, and it was clear that the ACTU was not alone in its efforts to get off the conference.

Kelly's acceptance was quickly endorsed outside the conference by other unions, and it was clear that the ACTU was not alone in its efforts to get off the conference.

Kelly's acceptance was quickly endorsed outside the conference by other unions, and it was clear that the ACTU was not alone in its efforts to get off the conference.

Kelly's acceptance was quickly endorsed outside the conference by other unions, and it was clear that the ACTU was not alone in its efforts to get off the conference.

"GOSH ROD, this is better than having Malcolm in... Business Barons Peter Hawke and Rod Carrigan (left), two of the real winners at the Summit.

The Building Workers Industrial Union said the option provided for a 7% wage rise over the next quarter, indicating next year was the most acceptable of the Government's proposals.

But Rod Ansell of the ACTU said a 10 per cent wage increase by the end of the year might be acceptable.

The conference that followed the summit was a success for the ACTU, but it was clear that the employers were not as happy as he had hoped for.

The conference that followed the summit was a success for the ACTU, but it was clear that the employers were not as happy as he had hoped for.

The conference that followed the summit was a success for the ACTU, but it was clear that the employers were not as happy as he had hoped for.

The conference that followed the summit was a success for the ACTU, but it was clear that the employers were not as happy as he had hoped for.

The conference that followed the summit was a success for the ACTU, but it was clear that the employers were not as happy as he had hoped for.

The conference that followed the summit was a success for the ACTU, but it was clear that the employers were not as happy as he had hoped for.

The conference that followed the summit was a success for the ACTU, but it was clear that the employers were not as happy as he had hoped for.

The conference that followed the summit was a success for the ACTU, but it was clear that the employers were not as happy as he had hoped for.

### BRISBANE'S NEW city mall is the centre of upgro.

But this time it's the Labor controlled city council who are helping Job Bjelke-Petersen to gag free speech.

When the mall was opened last week, we were told it was the people's mall. So some people decided to use it by speaking from soap boxes to Friday night shoppers.

The City Heart Business Association were happy. They saw it as the people's mall, only as long as the people spent money. And that's what the mall was for.

The Kern Corporation, which owns the Wintergarden complex in the Mall

BRISBANE COPS will arrest anything—even a bus. Here they hustle one off to the city watchhouse for disobeying an order to disperse. With another civil liberties campaign brewing, the coat of their march-suits is starting to get out of hand.

## Heights of folly at the Summit

GATHERING together 98 captains of industry, union bureaucrats and government ministers to plan a way out of the economic crisis is a bit like asking arconits to put a bunfire.

Still, if the National Economic Summit achieved nothing, it did allow our 'leaders' to make fools of themselves in mass, instead of one by one as they usually do.

The fun started even before the conference. Andrew Peacock, obviously ill at not getting an invitation, said it would be a representative and non-representative meeting.

Peacock was right of course. But since the same could be said of any conference management meeting, it was a rather rash criticism to level at a Liberal Party leader.

What many business analysts look at as an indication of the summit's success was the very same day by saying his Australian

Peacock was right of course. But since the same could be said of any conference management meeting, it was a rather rash criticism to level at a Liberal Party leader.

What many business analysts look at as an indication of the summit's success was the very same day by saying his Australian

Peacock was right of course. But since the same could be said of any conference management meeting, it was a rather rash criticism to level at a Liberal Party leader.

What many business analysts look at as an indication of the summit's success was the very same day by saying his Australian

Peacock was right of course. But since the same could be said of any conference management meeting, it was a rather rash criticism to level at a Liberal Party leader.

What many business analysts look at as an indication of the summit's success was the very same day by saying his Australian

Peacock was right of course. But since the same could be said of any conference management meeting, it was a rather rash criticism to level at a Liberal Party leader.

What many business analysts look at as an indication of the summit's success was the very same day by saying his Australian

Peacock was right of course. But since the same could be said of any conference management meeting, it was a rather rash criticism to level at a Liberal Party leader.

What many business analysts look at as an indication of the summit's success was the very same day by saying his Australian

Peacock was right of course. But since the same could be said of any conference management meeting, it was a rather rash criticism to level at a Liberal Party leader.

What many business analysts look at as an indication of the summit's success was the very same day by saying his Australian

Industries Development Association, said the summit provided a unique opportunity to put aside irrelevant class ideologies.

John Why, if class-war ideologies are irrelevant, it requires a unique occasion like the National Economic Summit to put them aside. Minn never got around to explaining, still, in the spirit of consensus, no one was going to pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Paul Irvingham, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, got forward with what quickly dubbed the "dirigible recovery"—the idea that locusts was to go pick him up on this minor point of logic.

Chartered Accountants wanted new taxes (to dole out). Even the Labor Government rep concluded with a call for more for his own little pet in Tasmania.

BHP's chief executive Brian Linton complained bitterly that no one realised that union management was bearing the burden of recession loss.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

Linton was about to describe how the electric industry and his Rolls needed fixing and good domestic help was so hard to come by these days, when he was called away to sign retrospective notes for another 200 BHP employees.

## Those oh-so-silent knights of the Left

THE PERFORMANCE of the Economic Summit was pretty shameful.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

## Those oh-so-silent knights of the Left

THE PERFORMANCE of the Economic Summit was pretty shameful.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

But even more shameful was the absence of the "left" trade union officials, while wage-reformers and the union members' representatives.

IMAGINE for a moment that you have fallen into a time warp when you come out, it is 20 years after a socialist revolution.

Work has become a pleasurable experience. People are free to choose their jobs and to change them wherever they like. There are no more punch-clocks.

Children laugh whenever an older person makes a racist remark, because these sorts of motions have become antiquated and now cause ridicule. Diseases have been gradually wiped off the planet, along with starvation. There is no more war. Empty cruise missile shells are used as flower pots. A new society of equality, justice, freedom and prosperity has been created by working people everywhere — a world society under the democratic control of those who produce the world's domestic services.

By new words like "utopian," "idealistic," or even "total nonsense" may be crossing your mind. For at least the last 30 years, socialists arguing for a revolutionary alternative to capitalism, for an end to exploitation and oppression, have been labelled starting "utopian."

It was a lot easier to dismiss socialism as crazy utopianism when capitalism was booming and the dreamers when paid well improved living standards and working conditions. Today, with international capitalism being crushed by crises and creating millions of unemployed workers, an alternative socialist vision to a system gone mad is once again becoming more compelling.

Karl Marx argued that it was the growth of the modern working class of wage labourers that made the human liberation from history a realistic aspiration. The working class, an exploited class, is organized in such a way that they are pushed in the course of struggle towards collective, socialist objectives.

But can workers themselves wrest control of production from the capitalists, and then go on to actually manage industry, the offices, the hospitals, all by themselves? Aren't they too stupid and apathetic? This argument usually comes from people who think "ignorant" workers will need a hand along the way from "superior" people (conveniently, a lot like

# Are socialists the idle Dreamers?

By Barbara Riel



COMPANY THUGS line up with police at a bosses' stage-managed mass rally.

## Dear Mother

WHOEVER called Labor Party leader the "Lionsman of Capital" wasn't kidding. Now that Haskie PM has won the little bastards of a capitalist, like a \$500-a-week bonus, when asked why, Sir Rob replied, "because I've never been..."

When he's no longer PM Rob will be able to follow in the footsteps of Gough Whitlam, who has just been appointed director of one of the world's largest insurance companies. Advance L&L.

★★★★

SU-152/ARABIA month King Fahd two London residents have been revealed to the tune of \$80 million. The house near Kensington Palace now sports underground swimming pool and huge outdoor pleasure dome.

Since King Fahd expects to use these places for only three weeks a year, he cancelled the order for a dance floor in the royal bedroom. It was a silver just a trifle ostentatious.

★★★★

Save the police the trouble hand yourself up. —*Geoffrey Bell*, Queensland University

★★★★

**YU-ANDROPOV**, the pious who took over the Kremlin with sensitivity and culture, was head of the KGB and Russian Ambassador to Hungary during the 1956 uprising. He invited General Pat Matkovic, chief of the Hungarian army, to the Soviet embassy for talks about a Soviet withdrawal.

During the visit, KGB functionaries, taken out and shot. Yev's personal quarters were not exactly weightless silver. —*Hungarian Press*, *Inter Nats*, *London Andropov* lived in one of the biggest embassies with a guarantee of self-sufficiency and hand

★★★★

WESTPAC BANK really believe in not taking any chances. One of the conditions of our loan in Handshank Card states that the bank must be liable for the loss of currency or documents placed in Handshank "arbitrage from burglary, theft, fire, explosion, earthquake, volcanic eruption or other combination of natural forces, or any other revolution, civil commotion, strike, lock-out, military or air-sea power or martial law." —*Dix*, *they fear anything*

## racist

But can the working class, who in the majority of cases are racist and racist and a fair percentage of whom even voted for Fraser, get together to make a revolution. Norm and Edna Feerger?

Of course, would be ridiculous to argue that the Australian working class is just going up and make a revolution next Sunday. We should have no starry-eyed illusions about the working class as it is — divided, full of mixed consciousness.

And yet any modern history is full of socialist revolutions and mass upheavals. Marx didn't just pull his ideas out of the air, after all.

His work was devoted to two parallel concerns. First, he spent years studying the real economic relations of capitalism, his discovery that the system was based on the robbery and oppression of the working majority was a real shock — to everyone but the workers.

But what really sets Marx apart from the kind of socialists who just think and write and wait for the revolution to come along, was his involvement in class struggle.

He was in touch with, and able to learn from, struggle taking place all over Europe. One of the biggest lessons was the founding of the Paris Commune.

In 1871, the workers of Paris took advantage of the defeat of the French Army by Prussia, and declared the city free. They abolished the standing army and the police, and replaced them with workers' militia.

Unequal levels of pay were abolished. Officials were

delected by open voting and were subject to recall if their performance was not satisfactory.

What is more, officials could earn only as much as a worker's average wage. For more than two months the Commune functioned as a cooperative workers' state. But the Paris working class was small and isolated. The armed Prussians stormed the French militia, and after a short but bloody siege the Commune was smashed.

## crucial

Marx learned crucial lessons from this event. First, the one force in society with the power and the motive to overthrow the exploitation and violence of capitalism is the working class.

Second, the working class must free itself through its own activity and solidarity, no benevolent agency will do it for them. Third, workers cannot be content to take hold of the old structures of the state; these must be swept away and replaced with new and truly democratic methods of organisation.

Is the Australian working class more ignorant, divided or confused than the Paris workers of 1871? Let's look at a small recent example.

When the workers at the Kortex textile plant in Brunswick, Melbourne walked out on strike in December 1981, they were overwhelmingly migrant workers who spoke little English, were isolated and

unconfident, with no experience of organising. But within a few days they started to elect a Kortex plant to bring fellows who had fought off company thugs and job loss attacks. They only had one union official who tried to get them to sign a union card. The workers won a significant pay victory and democratic, and a feel for their own power which was obtained in a struggle.

Multiply this sense of strength and confidence coming into open struggle with an unorganised system, and you get revolution.

The idea of workers running the world is a dream. Workers power has been achieved only for a few years in Russia following 1917. We remember Marx's most famous work, it is:

"Workers of all countries, unite!"

The working class must free itself through its own activity and solidarity.

## RONALD REAGAN, nuclear cowboy and warmonger has announced a new 'defence strategy'.

Based on "Star Wars" technology of high energy lasers and sub-atomic particle-beams, it will attempt to "intercept and destroy strategic ballistic missiles before they reach our own soil or that of our allies."

If successful, Reagan claims, it will outmodate nuclear weaponry and thus "free the world of the threat of nuclear war."

How very odd, you might think. Wagon's that the same man who has hitherto proclaimed the virtues of the "deterrent" in preventing war? That's Reagan just rebranded the forthcoming MX missile the "most deadly" 10-warhead missile of all times? "Defence" in accordance with the "defence" of the "defence"?

The reaction to all this on the part of most of us is that the same man who has hitherto proclaimed the virtues of the "deterrent" in preventing war? That's Reagan just rebranded the forthcoming MX missile the "most deadly" 10-warhead missile of all times? "Defence" in accordance with the "defence" of the "defence"?

"Take high energy lasers first of all. Laser beams consist of high energy light rays that are 'pulsed' — instead of a 'jammed' — and produced in step with each other. The result is that in space they do not spread out but remain concentrated and powerful. This technology is already being used in a variety of ways. For example, a laser beam can cut through a target.

The main justification for America's strategic programme was the drawing board" strategy. This is a series of reports over the last three years in America titled "Star Wars" technology is particularly relevant to us into space instead.

These, you see, are far beyond the "test even on the drawing board" strategy. It is a series of reports over the last three years in America titled "Star Wars" technology is particularly relevant to us into space instead.

One way of doing this — many other things which have been discovered — is the formation of a new party. This is a series of reports over the last three years in America titled "Star Wars" technology is particularly relevant to us into space instead.

When ZIMBABWE'S first independent government came to power in February 1980, it proclaimed its policy as "land to the tiller". Three years later, that same government has cut off food aid and drought relief to a section of its people in order to crush a rebellion.

For the people of Manicaland, led by emigration of a white-minority Senator Paul Gwaye, who has returned from the new government Rhodesia who established gross as a "miser and a rascal". He was a wealthy land-owner with interests in mining of the

There is a major part of the population of Zimbabwe who are opposed to the government in the ZANU party — it is an "old people" — because of the first phase, ZANU, and the second phase, ZANU, which has been established in Manicaland, fell apart in 1982.

There is a major part of the population of Zimbabwe who are opposed to the government in the ZANU party — it is an "old people" — because of the first phase, ZANU, and the second phase, ZANU, which has been established in Manicaland, fell apart in 1982.

There is a major part of the population of Zimbabwe who are opposed to the government in the ZANU party — it is an "old people" — because of the first phase, ZANU, and the second phase, ZANU, which has been established in Manicaland, fell apart in 1982.

There is a major part of the population of Zimbabwe who are opposed to the government in the ZANU party — it is an "old people" — because of the first phase, ZANU, and the second phase, ZANU, which has been established in Manicaland, fell apart in 1982.

# The ronier's of Reagan's fantas

By Peter Binns

SOON, it is estimated, we will have billions of nuclear warheads, even enough to obliterate the wilderness of every major city in the country.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

These satellites are crucial for the meeting of the missile and are vital for the meeting of the missile in flight.

# ...the death ray

# JUST A HERKALPSP?!

# DISAPPEARING?

Robert Mugabe, leader of a new black ruling class in Zimbabwe.

Robert Mugabe, leader of a new black ruling class in Zimbabwe.

Robert Mugabe, leader of a new black ruling class in Zimbabwe.

Robert Mugabe, leader of a new black ruling class in Zimbabwe.

Robert Mugabe, leader of a new black ruling class in Zimbabwe.

Robert Mugabe, leader of a new black ruling class in Zimbabwe.

EVER SINCE Clyde Cameron uttered his famous dictum in 1975 that "One man's wage rise is another man's job", Australian bosses, politicians and media pundits have all agreed that everyone else needs wage restraint.

Wage restraint has been the single clearest point of agreement amongst the parties at the National Economic Summit. Supposedly, it's the most important thing we can do to solve unemployment.

Socialists have always argued that wage restraint solves nothing. ALEC KAHN looks at the lies that are used to peddle it to us—and the facts that prove what a fraud it is.

### LIE NO. 1: SOARING WAGES ARE A MAJOR CAUSE OF THE CURRENT RECESSION.

**FACT:** Countries right throughout the world are in recession, whether their wage rates are high or low, rising or falling.

The country that matters most economically, the U.S., went into recession in 1980-81 after two years of sharply falling real wages. The average wage in the US fell 2.8% in 1979 in real terms, another 4.7% in 1980, and has continued to fall since, according to International Labor Organization figures.

Australia was struck by the recession last year, after being shielded for a year or so by the strength of Japan, our major trading partner. As soon as Japan finally succumbed to recession, we followed.

Trade unions in Australia allowed real wages to fall gradually but steadily between 1974 and 1979, but unemployment continued to climb. Only when the Liberal government announced a

"resource boom" did workers make a wage push and raise real wages in 1980-81.

To claim that this caused the Australian recession is absurd—real wages have risen many times faster in Australia without being followed by slumps. Recessions have been a permanent and regular feature of the capitalist system ever since it began. Since the 1820s, there have been 21 world-wide slumps, occurring roughly every seven to twelve years. Recessions are an inevitable result of the unplanned nature of capitalist production (see accompanying article) and attempts to blame them on "wage rises" are, as the figures from the US above show, nothing but charlatanism.

### LIE NO. 2: AUSTRALIAN WORKERS ARE GRABBING TOO MUCH OF THE CAKE TO QUOTE THE MELBOURNE AGE.

"Company profits have now plunged to their lowest share of Gross Domestic Product since the Korean War, while wages have increased their share to the highest level on record."

**FACT:** All this really says about Australian company profits is that they are down to the level they were last time capitalism had a moderately serious slump—the slump of the early 1970s.

Actually Australian companies have had it very good for a long time. Throughout the late fifties and sixties, they took between 44% and 47% of Gross Domestic Product.

As for wages, the UN Yearbook of National Accounts shows that the wages share has crept up in arms because their share fell 11.2% in the September quarter last year. Yet in America, bosses would be thrilled with this share of the "cake". In the last twenty years, and in 1979 (the last year for which figures are available) it was 61.8% in the US and 60.3% in Britain.

By comparison, Australian workers have steadily received just 57% of GDP during the last twenty years; the figure in 1979 being 54.2%.

# Wage restraint



# Can we save our job???

Even allowing for a small wage "boom" recently, we still have a long way to go to catch up with American and British workers' share of the "cake".

### LIE NO. 3: A DROP IN REAL EARNINGS, WHETHER IT'S ACHIEVED BY A FREEZE, A DELAY IN WAGE ADJUSTMENTS, OR EVEN A WAGE CUT, WILL GIVE EMPLOYERS THE BREATHING SPACE TO HIRE NEW WORKERS AND LESSEN UNEMPLOYMENT.

**FACT:** A fall in real earnings will only mean workers can afford to buy less. And that in turn can only mean more sickness, since demand will fall away. There are plenty of cases. Scullin Labor Government in history to bear that out. In the Great Depression, the following year,

unemployment reached an all-time record of 30% in Australia.

Wage cutting has been tried in numerous countries over the last ten years. In America, according to International Labor Organization figures, real wages fell 5% between 1973 and 1975. Far from solving unemployment, the number of jobs shot up from 4.8% to 8.3% in those years.

In Britain between 1975 and 1977, the Labour Government's "Social Contract" cut real wages by 10.6%. It didn't do the jobless any good—

### LIE NO. 4: A WAGE FREEZE OR INFLATION.

**FACT:** Once again, this is the same old lie. With wages frozen, employers keep jacking up prices in order to keep their profits. The result is inflation. For example, a survey of supermarket prices in Melbourne last year, conducted by the "Age" newspaper found an average increase of 10% in costs of basic groceries in just three months since the wage "freeze" started.

Even if dividends and real profit margins are frozen as well—as supposedly has been done in New Zealand—prices still go up due to rises in unimproved goods and falling of the system to have

### LIE NO. 5: HIGHER PROFITS WILL MEAN MORE JOBS.

**FACT:** The bosses' own figures suggest that if anything, the exact opposite is the case. "The Bulletin" recently surveyed 133 companies at the Sydney Stock Exchange. In the last two years, 70 of these companies increased their profit per employee by 30%. Yet 30 of those for 43% cut back their workforces.

By comparison, out of the 63 who made less profit per employee, only 21 (or 33%) cut back their workforces. So higher profitability doesn't mean more jobs—it means the exact opposite, more sackings!

That's because when times are hard, it's the least sentimental and most ruthless bosses who do best. The sackers get the biggest profits.

There's no guarantee that these profits will be used to create jobs in the future, either. In the short term, even the sackers limit, here's a strong tendency for sackers to go into over-expansion rather than business expansion.

Even in the medium to long term, bosses are



OVERPRODUCTION—General Motors cars pile up unsold in Michigan.

## RECESSION —It's part of the system

SINCE THE 1820's there have been 21 world recessions. Their causes were explained more than a century ago by Karl Marx.

The needs of recession are: down during capitalist boom times. With profits high, companies look to expand their production to boost profits even further.

This isn't a matter of choice—they have to, their shareholders will take their money elsewhere.

But because production is not planned to fit society's needs and no company knows exactly how much its competitors are producing, eventually a surplus is reached. More is produced than can be absorbed by classical capitalist economies. This surplus is no good.

Recussions do get worse and worse, and only two sorts of wars, which approached massive destruction according to classical capitalist economies, this time can be no good.

Recussions do get worse and worse, and only two sorts of wars, which approached massive destruction according to classical capitalist economies, this time can be no good.

Recussions do get worse and worse, and only two sorts of wars, which approached massive destruction according to classical capitalist economies, this time can be no good.

Recussions do get worse and worse, and only two sorts of wars, which approached massive destruction according to classical capitalist economies, this time can be no good.

Recussions do get worse and worse, and only two sorts of wars, which approached massive destruction according to classical capitalist economies, this time can be no good.

Recussions do get worse and worse, and only two sorts of wars, which approached massive destruction according to classical capitalist economies, this time can be no good.

## ECONOMIC WIZARDS OF OUR TIME

 <p><b>JIMMY SCULLIN (Aus.)</b>—he cut wages 10% in 1931. Unemployment reached an all time record of 30% in 1932.</p>	 <p><b>HAROLD WILSON (UK)</b>—his "social contract" cut real wages 10.6%. Unemployment shot up from 4.7% to 6.5%.</p>	 <p><b>JIMMY CARTER (USA)</b>—his "national accord" cut real wages 8%. Unemployment soared from 5.5% and to now 8.7%.</p>	 <p><b>'PIGGY' MULDOON (NZ)</b>—his pay freeze cut real wages 8% in six months. Unemployment shot up from 3.7% to over 5%.</p>
--	--	--	---

**MIKE WILLESE** probably fantasizes about being a movie TV cop.

He certainly looked like one in his special on Harlem — flitting round like a surrogate Charlie Bronson just a little concerned about how much his beer gut oozed over his belt.

But our man on the spot admitted to being a bit nervous while in Harlem. I'm not surprised. He was surrounded by armed police everywhere he went—and they had the unfair advantage as Mike pointed out, of always having bullet proof vests on.

## Willese walks on the wild side

Scene 1: Police van pulls outside courthouse and handcuffed Mike Willese. He and two others entered a store, robbed several of the customers and committed a series of acts.

This man had not even been charged at this stage. However, the problem with this is not the legal niceties involved but the general approach by bleeding hearts like Willese.

### mission

Mike's mission of course was to show the horror of Harlem. He makes us want to hunt our semi-maleficited. Under eight rules of the person who was black-themed and inclined to engage the attention of the aforementioned subject.

Under our system, a policeman can club a

Scene 2: Police van pulls outside courthouse and handcuffed Mike Willese. He and two others entered a store, robbed several of the customers and committed a series of acts.

This man had not even been charged at this stage. However, the problem with this is not the legal niceties involved but the general approach by bleeding hearts like Willese.

### MIKE WILLESE—

fulfilling the vigilance of Harlem.

demolisher over the head as a soldier can blast someone who is wearing a uniform that designates that he was probably born somewhere else.

Because it is legal, brutality of the law becomes 'natural'. Wars and the like become simply the product of man's basic violence and any change from this pattern is therefore impossible.

If it was this cynicism that deeply ingrained, the Mike sets out to tackle the problem of Harlem.

He starts by interviewing some victims who not only survived but thrived. They've been attacked. He interviews some criminals who do not surprisingly say they have to live and if they weren't getting their money, they would survive. He shows how the cops and the helms giving self-defence classes and a group of nurses who have formed a vigilante squad.

### MIKE WILLESE—

fulfilling the vigilance of Harlem.

demolisher over the head as a soldier can blast someone who is wearing a uniform that designates that he was probably born somewhere else.

Because it is legal, brutality of the law becomes 'natural'. Wars and the like become simply the product of man's basic violence and any change from this pattern is therefore impossible.

**THE SORT of scene that has Mike Willese** wringing his hands—a 17-year-old Harlem gang leader hides from a rival gang. Bull Mike attacked the system that produces poverty and street crime. Exco-BHP might find themselves another front man, hmmm?

# ASIO: Snobs, spies, mis and lies

IN "ROOTED IN SECRECY", Joan Coxsedge and her co-authors Ken Coldicutt and Gerry Harant set out to track the activities of the Australian secret police and their British and American cohorts in this country.

It is an extraordinary tale. At times it is simply unbelievable. But then, just when you start to accuse them of seeing Feeds Under every bed, something comes up to make you wonder if they may be right after all.

### Graham Willett reviews 'Rooted in Secrecy'



JOAN COXSEDGE—A fine exposé of ASIO. But what's she doing in the party that established it in the first place?

"Rooted in Secrecy" is a gold-mine of information about the western world's secret police. Australia alone runs six forces, which officially employ 2000 people and suck up \$35 million of taxpayer's money. And that doesn't count six state police Branches.

If you thought ASIO was the beginning and end of Australia's spies, that is the book to see in your ASIS, ISD, JIA, OIA, PSC—there's a whole alphabet soup of them. But what they do isn't very scary.

Consider the case of the Utahs, the nearest thing to real terrorists that Australia has produced.

The Utahs is an extreme right-wing Christian nationalist movement. For a taste decide between 1961 and 1973, it trained in Canada in fascism and terror here in Australia.

Utah's "father" than "son" is at least 70, was actually about ten times better than most ten bombs went off.

The Hilton bombing took ASIO's top desk into the mire. All the indications are that ASIO didn't just shield the bomb, it was there, but

actually planted the bomb and killed three men in the process.

The Yagan-Hand Bank, with its complex of CIA/ASIO/drog money-laundering involvements, is more evidence for the claim that the real subterranean threat are to be found in the ranks of our own secret agents.

As a day-to-day real ASIO work includes security checks on public servants and migrants, helping with security arrangements for the Exco-BHP, and training the police of our Asian neighbours in what is politely called "intelligence techniques".

The links between ASIO and the Special Branches are clearly set out, based on the major and very public inquiries and migrations.

The secret police's pathetic quest for commies there isn't as interesting as the authors find. On 12,000 people in those two states would be funny if it wasn't as alarming.

For information, most of it is based on hearsay and wildly inaccurate. It's armed out by Special Branches to

later it includes the "Military and intelligence elites" the villain.

The authors find the Wharfedale would be funny if it wasn't as alarming.

For information, most of it is based on hearsay and wildly inaccurate. It's armed out by Special Branches to

ASIO, local and interstate cops, politicians, publicists, the Public Service, teachers and private employers. In Queensland, Myers regularly applied. List and received information from Special Branch job applicants.

"Rooted in Secrecy" is at its best in detailing secret police activities. It should be required reading for anyone who thinks that the police state repression practised by other ruling classes sound the wild "Koolhaas" happen here.

But "Rooted in Secrecy" has its weaknesses too. It tends to over estimate the role of secret agencies in ruling class society. As Ken Coldicutt almost seems to see western capitalism as one by "Darius" or "Perk" who better?

"Rooted in Secrecy" says of the Kerr coup, "An Australian government was thrown out as the behemoth of the American military-industrial complex and its secret international network".

The links between ASIO and the Special Branches are clearly set out, based on the major and very public inquiries and migrations.

The secret police's pathetic quest for commies there isn't as interesting as the authors find. On 12,000 people in those two states would be funny if it wasn't as alarming.

For information, most of it is based on hearsay and wildly inaccurate. It's armed out by Special Branches to

**ROSA LUXEMBURG**

Available from I.S. Books for \$14.95 (postage) from I.S. Books, PO Box 3311

## The Battler features . . . The Battler features . . . The Battler features

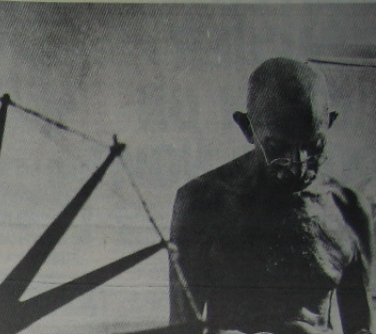
# A Fabulous Film

**THE INDIAN independence movement was a marvellous epic film.**

**But in the absence of that, Gandhi is a pretty good second best.**

If you want a real impression of the Indian struggle, you'll find it beautiful all at once—a real picture is worth a hundred words. In the end, the Indian struggle is utterly convincing.

There are scenes of brutality. These are frequent enough and they make you wonder why they do it. The British Raj was vicious, and you will be struck to learn upon millions of Indians need to summon up to face daily life, let alone wage a national liberation struggle.



# if you forget the facts

shall in an *Indian* make use of those same officials and those same soldiers.

"If I laugh then to myself I should be afraid that they might do the same when I am in power."

In the end, independence came despite Gandhi—not because of him, as the film suggests. Exhausted by the Second World War, and expelled by the rule of the US as an imperial power, Britain gave up its more far-flung colonies to consolidate at home.

Unintentionally, also featured in the film, was only half the story. For Gandhi also insisted on maintaining (with some reform) the Hindu caste system, which kept the Untouchables locked into the bottom layer of Indian society.

For Gandhi also insisted on maintaining (with some reform) the Hindu caste system, which kept the Untouchables locked into the bottom layer of Indian society.

MAHATMA GANDHI sits by his wheel. Like his film, the film spins a fine yarn—but it glosses over the many weaknesses in his philosophy.

**The making of Gandhi did not encourage hopes of a good anti-racist, anti-Brit film.**

During its filming in 1981, many Indian members of the production crew complained to Ben Richards Allenby (the director-producer of *India's Daughter*) about the British colleagues.

Earlier, in January, while *Attentiveness* was filming the *Jullundur* (1981) which Indians got a maximum of Rupees 1400 Film Development Corporation in some grades position was paying in total to Rupees 200 (22%) a government subsidy.

While the pictures were put up in post houses, the Indians

British crew received a weekly even paid overtime rates for working from 8 am to 10 pm. After the *Jullundur* (1981) which Indians got a maximum of Rupees 1400 Film Development Corporation in some grades position was paying in total to Rupees 200 (22%) a government subsidy.

While the pictures were put up in post houses, the Indians

**non-violence**

But the ultimate violence is just shown on, only to be filled away from again. At any time, it was the central objection to the film, because we see the British back to force or violence as the centre-piece of our strategy until we have the social power of the militant working class.

It was Lenin Trotsky rather than Mahatma Gandhi who said it was "not the capacity of the revolution, but that their great resistance to it" that secures the victory of the revolution.

Yes, the problem is not the personality cult around the man. To judge from the picture, everything good that happened in India for decades

UNTOUCHABLES who have converted to Islam to escape their lowly status rebel at prayer. Gandhi offered the Untouchables sympathy and reform—but he also supported the caste system that kept them locked into the lowest level of Hindu society.

—Socialist January 1982

to shelter from the Gandhi. He is obviously lost for an answer. And in one of the most telling scenes of the film, Gandhi has just been arrested, where he is surrounded by British soldiers. He is a peaceful man, but he is a powerful man. He is a powerful man. He is a powerful man.

Never mind. Despite the best of intentions, it is still the best movie this year. And in a time of imperialist conflict and bombing, it is a great movie. It is a great movie. It is a great movie.

—Tom O'Lincoln



Portacom workers prove it...

# A fightback can save your job!

A SMALL group of workers with a fighting record have shown that sackings can be stopped and conditions maintained.

In February this year five workers at the buildings section of the Portacom depot in Brunswick, Melbourne won improved conditions and union recognition. They did it by standing in strike for three weeks and maintaining a picket line despite police attacks. But the bosses didn't learn from that defeat.

On 24 March they gave notice to two workers in the scaffolding section and another in the portable buildings site. Portacom also closed their scaffolding depot at Flemington throwing two workers out.

First thing the next day the building and scaffolding workers met together at Brunswick and walked straight out demanding the reinstatement of all three sacked.

The management first tried sacking the BLF (builders labourers) delegate and made attempts to keep the yard open with a scab. But the threat of militant

picketing stopped this and the management cracked after eight days. One of the workers sacked at Flemington was reinstated during the strike. Three out of the remaining four were reinstated with an agreement to report on the case of the fourth by 22 April.

The company also agreed to pay full pay for the strike period. Restricted shop steward Ivor Lawrence told us it was important that the members go out again if the fifth worker was not reinstated or if there was any renegeing on the other four. Other pickets would be better off if they were like us he said.

## WORKERS SACKED AS FODDE FOR COMPANIES INSATIABLE GREED FOR PROFITS



Portacom workers make their point during the recent dispute. Centre: shop steward Ivor Lawrence.

Right to work march set for June

IF THE police courts and a general election is put down, we'll chase for the dollars and something else. Right to work marches are planned for the next few days in Sydney and Melbourne. In Melbourne, the march will take place on the 27th or 28th of the month. Work action will take place on the 27th or 28th of the month. The march is a demand.

"Men looking for jobs in the office or at home, we're looking for a chance to get out of the office and into the street."

"The unions get united in the economic sense have found an opening in the way of a strike."

For men who get involved in following marches Melbourne Right to Work Campaign will be in Sydney. People's Liberator by Richard

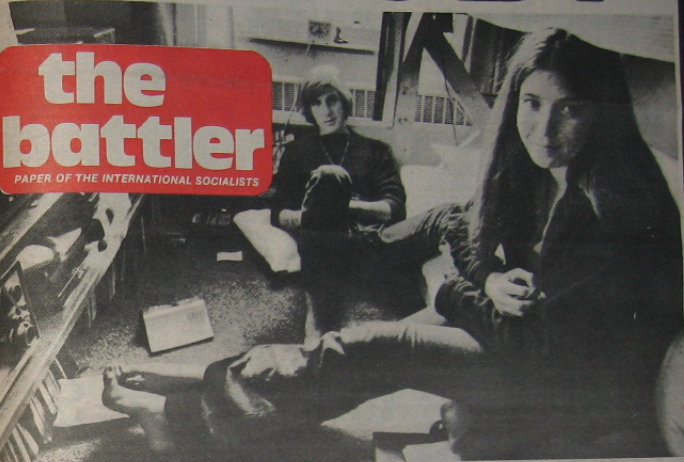
# The battler

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

# NO JOB?

## the battler

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS



No. 144 14 May, 1983 30 cents 22 cents unemployed and workers Registered by Australia Post—publication no. 157 022

Only last December, 35 pioneers held Australia's first right to work march from Wollongong to Sydney. They were met by a mass rally of eight thousand trade unionists.

Since then, unemployment has surged through the 10 percent barrier. No wonder that this time our right to work marches are for June 1, 2 and 3, in Melbourne and Sydney.

Unemployed unions are calling on jobless people and their supporters to march for three days. The marches will go through the areas of highest unemployment and those factory workers and occupations to stop layoffs.

They intend to point the finger at the companies responsible. Trade offices will be visited along the way to swell the numbers.

Marchers will be stopping at factories and shopping centres to talk to workers and their families about the need for workers and occupations to stop layoffs.

Every layoff, the marchers will be saying, is a job gone forever. Sponsorships and endorsements from trade unions mean that food, from the marchers will be provided free.

Are you unemployed? Or just bloody angry about what is happening to so many of your fellow workers? Speak up now. Join the marches.

If we act together, we can turn the tide for the unemployed in this country.

Turn to page 3

# GET ON THE MARCH!

## Right to Work March June 1

## POLICE BACK THE BIGOTS

EVERY APRIL, the Right to Lifers march through Melbourne. Invariably they are harassed by pro-choice demonstrators. Obviously, some Right to Lifers have become discouraged. This year's march was much smaller than in the past.

But the Right to Lifers have been putting some heavy pressure on the cops to give them stronger support.

One of our spies procured the latest R.L. newsletter. It spreads a whole page whinging that last year "police made only no areas of suburban demonstrators."

It reveals the frightening fact that the cops threatened the arrest Bishop Kelly. So this year, when pro-abortion demonstrators tried to hold a counter-march, the cops went for us from the start. They began by shooting their blocked our march route at two intersections. It took a wild stab before we could make our way to the steps of parliament house.

power

It's obvious that when the right wing began to lobby seriously, the fact that labor is a government makes no difference. Cops are still cops and they will defend the right wing every time.

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR IS WILL THIS MAN LAUNCH US ALL INTO WORLD WAR 3? IF HE DOES YOU'LL REALLY NEED A SUBSCRIPTION TO 'THE BATTLER'!

Clip and post to PO Box 46, Flemington, Vic. 3081.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make sure you get your copy of the Battler every issue. For June 1983 it's \$2 for a supporting subscription or an introductory sub of 18 issues for only 50c.



## Wran's land bill a fraud say angry NSW blacks

1500 ABORIGINES demonstrated in Sydney on March 29 over the Labor Government's so-called Land Rights Bill. People representing Aboriginal communities and organisations from throughout New South Wales took part in a march and vigil outside State Parliament on the day the law was passed.

They were there to tell Wran and his Aboriginal Affairs Minister Frank Walker that they wanted real land rights, not this cynical attempt to pretend that something was being done.

This legislation will be a major setback for blacks in New South Wales. It stops them claiming any land privately owned or leased, any Crown land in use, or any Crown land which the Government decides might be of use in the future.

In other words, the only land Aborigines can claim from now on is unused—i.e. useless—land. Mining for coal, oil, gold and silver cannot take place on any land they do come to possess.

The Government has claimed that this will make about \$400 million available. Now, the total Land Tax paid in 1981 was \$130 million. Simple arithmetic tells us that 75 per cent of that is about \$100 million, and over fifteen years this amounts to \$1500 million. Half this amount is to be used for administration costs, so this fund is hardly the bonanza the Government claims.

It also ignores the fact that Aborigines want land important to their traditions, not just any land that happens to be for sale.

The Land Rights Bill does give Aborigines ownership of land they occupy now—some 43,000 hectares. But the Government passed at the same time a Bill designed to make legal the theft by previous State Governments of about 10,000 hectares of land that had been granted to blacks at the beginning of this century.

This law was introduced to stop recent attempts by black lawyers to take action to get compensation for the loss of this land. With the passage of these two "Land Rights" laws, blacks now have a right to less land than before.

by Tony Beilharz

# Phyllis Schafly's fraud from the tar, tar, tar!

ONE of the more fascinating examples of the right-wing mind has just finished a visit to these shores.

Phyllis Schafly, the woman credited with "unleashing" the Equal Rights Amendment in the US, has been seen here with her usual cheer and her usual advice. Reverend Fred Nile and his band of believers on how to save civilization as we know it.

## PHYLIS SCHAFLY'S BARRAGE

with Alec Kahn

Schafly has had to work since she married a law lawyer in her twenties (she is now 59). She lives in a six-bedroom mansion on a 10-million-acre farm in Alton, Illinois. She has been able to devote her time to her political cause. Her "eminence" has been recognized by the ERA committee of convincing Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate. She has been invited to speak at the annual convention of the National Women's Political Caucus in New York City. She has been invited to speak at the annual convention of the National Women's Political Caucus in New York City.

Schafly has had to work since she married a law lawyer in her twenties (she is now 59). She lives in a six-bedroom mansion on a 10-million-acre farm in Alton, Illinois. She has been able to devote her time to her political cause. Her "eminence" has been recognized by the ERA committee of convincing Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate. She has been invited to speak at the annual convention of the National Women's Political Caucus in New York City.

Schafly has had to work since she married a law lawyer in her twenties (she is now 59). She lives in a six-bedroom mansion on a 10-million-acre farm in Alton, Illinois. She has been able to devote her time to her political cause. Her "eminence" has been recognized by the ERA committee of convincing Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate. She has been invited to speak at the annual convention of the National Women's Political Caucus in New York City.

## PHYLIS SCHAFLY—behind the folk-y feminine facade, a rich and hypocritical campaign of repression

going to have to use them." Presumably she thinks that American soldiers in Vietnam read the country with their bare hands. Schafly calls the atomic bomb, "a marvelous gift that was given to our country by a wise God." Since God subsequently gave the bomb to Russia, Schafly must now be having her doubts about it. Schafly especially admires Maggie Thatcher because, unlike Gerald Ford's wife, she "cooks breakfast for her husband every morning." Phyllis Schafly claims that American women are the "most fortunate class of people who ever lived on the face of the earth."

## harassment

Schafly once argued to a Senate Labor Subcommittee that women who are sexually harassed at work "usually asked for it." Sexual harassment on the job is not a problem for the virtuous woman.

# EMPLOYERS FIGHT SAFETY'S FIGHTERS

IN MARCOS' police state in the Philippines, worker organisation has a lot of problems. Union officials are kidnapped and murdered, a safety and anti-poisoning was passed last year, striking workers are shot and killed and those who are multinational capitalists pick best to invest in.

By Carolin Farrer

## A bosses' ball in the Mall

"HIGHLY successful" that was the Korea Corporation describes its Watergreen Complex in the Brisbane Mall, which has just made \$20 million profit.

It also had Job Brake-Peterson more banking advertising on public speaking in the area, it might get a state charge from "People's Mail" to "Prof Mail."

ANTI-MARCO pickets outside a Brisbane Woolworths store—the message is international worker-class solidarity.

## FIFTY UNEMPLOYED AND THEIR SUPPORTERS DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE THE COMMONWEALTH CENTRE IN MELBOURNE ON MAY 2.

The demonstration was organised by the Under 18 Campaign, who will have a full day of activities on Saturday. Fifteen people who travelled from Melbourne to Brisbane were present. One of the speakers was a young man who was unemployed. He said that he had been unemployed for two years and that he was looking for work.

## Doleful U18's demand full dose

The demonstration was organised by the Under 18 Campaign, who will have a full day of activities on Saturday. Fifteen people who travelled from Melbourne to Brisbane were present. One of the speakers was a young man who was unemployed. He said that he had been unemployed for two years and that he was looking for work.

## accidents

Salfo was fined \$30 a day which would be half the poverty line in the Philippines. But because there are no fencing facilities at the most factors, the work depends on the safety of the workers.

The scale of profit is indicated by the fact that the daily wages are about the same as the daily wage of Salfo in Australia.

## and the situation is so

The demonstration was organised by the Under 18 Campaign, who will have a full day of activities on Saturday. Fifteen people who travelled from Melbourne to Brisbane were present. One of the speakers was a young man who was unemployed. He said that he had been unemployed for two years and that he was looking for work.

# ASIO'S COVER IS UP

SENSATIONAL revelations by National Times editor Brian Toback have confirmed the worst fears Australian left-wingers have always had about ASIO. Bob Hawke has taken legal action to stop Toback publishing any more.

From top secret documents, Bob Hawke has revealed...

## ...and Bob Hawke races to restore it

ASIO has a highly sophisticated bugging system called "Project Phoenix" which can listen to any local phone call in a city at will. ASIO has the Reports Unit, the Security Unit, the Moresby and Jakarta. The system takes up a whole room in the Australian High Commission.

ASIO has been exposed by National Times editor Brian Toback. The documents reveal that ASIO has been spying on Australian citizens and that the information has been passed to the United States.

Bob Hawke has taken legal action to stop Toback publishing any more. The Australian High Commission has been ordered to remove the documents.

The most significant document in Toback's possession appears to be a super secret supplement to the Hope Report. The document was published in 1971.

Toback says that he has seen the original documents and that they are classified. He has also seen the documents that were used to create the Hope Report.

ASIO has been exposed by National Times editor Brian Toback. The documents reveal that ASIO has been spying on Australian citizens and that the information has been passed to the United States.

Bob Hawke has taken legal action to stop Toback publishing any more. The Australian High Commission has been ordered to remove the documents.

The documents reveal that ASIO has been spying on Australian citizens and that the information has been passed to the United States.

Bob Hawke has taken legal action to stop Toback publishing any more. The Australian High Commission has been ordered to remove the documents.

The documents reveal that ASIO has been spying on Australian citizens and that the information has been passed to the United States.

Bob Hawke has taken legal action to stop Toback publishing any more. The Australian High Commission has been ordered to remove the documents.

# "We're marching for the Right to Work!"

The Sydney march begins at Blacktown Civic Centre at 11 am on Wednesday June 3.

The Sydney march will arrive at Balmoral Park, Central, on Friday June 3, then march through the city to Hyde Park, South for a rally and speaker.

The Melbourne marchers, led by the Unemployed Workers Union will be setting out from Broadmeadows Town Hall at 10 am, Wednesday June 3.

The march will wind their way through the northern and western suburbs, where unemployment is at epidemic proportions.

The march will pass through Melbourne's "miserable valley" of the Brimley/Tottenham area and finish with a rally at the Stock Exchange at 4:30 pm on Friday June 3, to point the finger at those directly responsible for the job crisis.

Pauline Unemployed people should make themselves heard.

Pauline has been unemployed for almost a year, spent four short-term jobs here and there. She then in Redfern.

The Unemployed Workers Union meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm, 184 High St, Northcote (phone 86-1152). They're holding a free film about 'The March for the Right to Work' on Thursday, June 28.

The Unemployed Workers Union meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm, 184 High St, Northcote (phone 86-1152). They're holding a free film about 'The March for the Right to Work' on Thursday, June 28.

Pauline has been unemployed for almost a year, spent four short-term jobs here and there. She then in Redfern.

The Unemployed Workers Union meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm, 184 High St, Northcote (phone 86-1152). They're holding a free film about 'The March for the Right to Work' on Thursday, June 28.

Pauline has been unemployed for almost a year, spent four short-term jobs here and there. She then in Redfern.

The Unemployed Workers Union meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm, 184 High St, Northcote (phone 86-1152). They're holding a free film about 'The March for the Right to Work' on Thursday, June 28.

Pauline has been unemployed for almost a year, spent four short-term jobs here and there. She then in Redfern.

The Unemployed Workers Union meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm, 184 High St, Northcote (phone 86-1152). They're holding a free film about 'The March for the Right to Work' on Thursday, June 28.

Pauline has been unemployed for almost a year, spent four short-term jobs here and there. She then in Redfern.

The Unemployed Workers Union meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm, 184 High St, Northcote (phone 86-1152). They're holding a free film about 'The March for the Right to Work' on Thursday, June 28.

Pauline has been unemployed for almost a year, spent four short-term jobs here and there. She then in Redfern.

The Unemployed Workers Union meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm, 184 High St, Northcote (phone 86-1152). They're holding a free film about 'The March for the Right to Work' on Thursday, June 28.

Pauline has been unemployed for almost a year, spent four short-term jobs here and there. She then in Redfern.

The Unemployed Workers Union meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm, 184 High St, Northcote (phone 86-1152). They're holding a free film about 'The March for the Right to Work' on Thursday, June 28.





# REVOLUTION

crisis, there's only ...



FACTORY CLOSURES pock mark an era of deepening recession.

**THE INTERVIEWS with five Right to Work marchers in this issue are a stark reminder of the economic horrors the 1980s may have in store for us.**

Unemployment, which rose to 7 percent in the seventies, and to 10 percent in the past year, can be confidently expected to reach new peaks well before the decade is out. And if the experience overseas is any guide, that is only part of the picture. If British cities like Liverpool are dying, why should our own industrial centres like Wollongong and Newcastle escape devastation? If infant mortality is rising, and life expectancy falling, in American cities like Detroit, why should Sydney and Melbourne avoid the same fate?

And what is to stop drug addiction becoming an epidemic, as it has in so many places abroad among young people with no future? Why do we face economic and social catastrophe? Employers babble about militant unions. Yet for the last year strikes have been at a low ebb. It has not kept the jobless figures from soaring. Union bureaucrats fulminate against foreign competition based on "cheap labour." Yet the depression is world-wide. And a country like Mexico, with far lower wage rates than Australia, can still go virtually bankrupt.

The Fraser government was thrown out because it, and its millionaire backers, had no answers. But the Labor regime, swept into office in a blaze of promises, now reveals that its real program is largely the same as the Fraser nightmare... if not worse.

And that's not peculiarly Australian, either. Recent Labor governments in Britain and France

## Capitalism is a system of crisis

have done exactly the same. The people who run the society we live in have no answers. And no wonder, for they are trying to solve the crisis within the system. Alas, the problem is the system itself.

Capitalism is a system of crisis. Not only is, but must be by its very nature. It is a system where the many are exploited for the profits of a few. A system where each firm can only grow at the expense of others. If profits are not high enough, companies must try to force wages down, and if that doesn't produce economic growth they must lay off workers.

If they don't do so ruthlessly enough, someone else will drive them out of the market. Those who cannot compete, go to the wall.

No wonder that capitalism has had 21 world recessions in its short history! For many years, however, those recessions had a silver lining of sorts. The least efficient firms were wiped out, and the stronger ones devalued them. In this way, the surviving companies were strengthened and produced a new burst of growth. But the result over time was bigger and bigger firms. By the thirties, things reached the stage that if the least efficient firms went to the wall, they brought down others and then threatened to bring down national states.

Only World War II dragged world capitalism out of the depression of the thirties. And since then, the system has been propped up by huge government expenditures on the arms race. But this kind of government subsidy could not work forever. By the late sixties the world economy became unmanageable. By the seventies it was moving into slump.

So where do we stand now? We have seen why in modern economic world, a restructuring in which some companies go bust can no longer solve the problem.

As for a new world war, it would only "solve" the problem by eliminating the human race. Despite this fact, there is every indication that the American and Russian ruling classes, unable to halt the slide into economic chaos, are prepared to contemplate nuclear confrontation in an insane attempt to force the peace of the crisis onto each other.

Within capitalism, there are no solutions. That is the simple truth, unpleasant though it may be. From one simple truth flows another. We must get rid of capitalism before it gets rid of us.

**CHANGING the world seems pretty ambitious. Fortunately, we have capitalism itself helping us out.**

By propelling the world into a terrible crisis, the system we live under has made it increasingly clear to millions of people that some sort of change is needed. Who in their right mind could look around them today and say that we live in the best of all possible worlds?

Capitalism has also created a class of people who have the power and potential to do something about the working class. The bosses, for their own reasons, have brought together masses of people in large workplaces, and taught them to work cooperatively. By doing so they have created a situation where an on-going class struggle can be waged on a national, and sometimes international scale. For the last year or two this struggle has been at a low ebb. But in a country that has seen two national general strikes over the past seven years, a temporary lull proves nothing. As the recession deepens, Australian workers will inevitably move again.

And as the situation becomes more desperate, the class struggle will inevitably take on the form of great, violent social collisions.

What happened when the first tremors of crisis began to shake the system in the late sixties and early seventies? France saw the greatest general strike in history in 1968. The miners brought down the Heath government in Britain in 1973. By 1975 fascism had been overturned in Portugal.

In the past year the crisis has begun to deepen once again. It is only a matter of time before this leads to new clashes, probably on a large scale still. These mass struggles contain the potential for changing society. In fact every strike, as Lenin once

of revolution". But... demands wages... Most struggles... with some particu... of the next round... the capitalist... on the companies we... to combat the lies... people's heads. When... he is socialist to...

employed and students... movements have to be... present needs political... to be constructed, a new... the existing... by getting entirely on the... of the mobilising...

SUPPORTERS of the Brisbane Communist Party, April, 1975.



Workers' control of all industry would follow fairly swiftly, as firms were nationalised.

A shorter working week with no loss in pay would eliminate the need for workless. If there's less work to do, we all work less. That would open up new world of free time, instead of the present situation of misery for the unemployed and overwork for the rest.

Australia can afford it. In the past decades labour productivity has grown enormously while the working week has been reduced very little. We have earned a shorter working week many times over. But until now the bosses have simply pocketed the proceeds.

Automatic wage rises to at least keep up with inflation, with no money "guidelines" or strings attached. We have a right to maintain and improve our standard of living.

Free 24 hour child care, run by staff

AUSTRALIA is part of a world economy. Its problems could never be finally solved without abolishing capitalism on a world scale. For that reason, any socialist government in Australia would have to be in the business of promoting revolution abroad.

Nevertheless, there is a lot that could be done immediately if the wealth and productive resources of Australia were taken away from the privileged minority who control them.

An end to unemployment would probably top the list of priorities. Bosses who have to lay off staff only prove they are incompetent. Their companies would be taken over by the State and run democratically by the workers themselves.

Workers' control of all industry would follow fairly swiftly, as firms were nationalised.

A shorter working week with no loss in pay would eliminate the need for workless. If there's less work to do, we all work less. That would open up new world of free time, instead of the present situation of misery for the unemployed and overwork for the rest.

Australia can afford it. In the past decades labour productivity has grown enormously while the working week has been reduced very little. We have earned a shorter working week many times over. But until now the bosses have simply pocketed the proceeds.

Automatic wage rises to at least keep up with inflation, with no money "guidelines" or strings attached. We have a right to maintain and improve our standard of living.

Free 24 hour child care, run by staff

and permits. This would not only be a step toward the liberation of women, and establish social responsibility for raising children, but by freeing women to work if they choose it would add to the wealth of society.

Free abortion on demand and free health care would also make Australia healthier. We would all be freer and healthier. Productivity would shoot up to the wealth of society.

Real freedom to do whatever you like. As long as you don't hurt anyone else. You set life, pay or straight, would be your own business.

### reforms

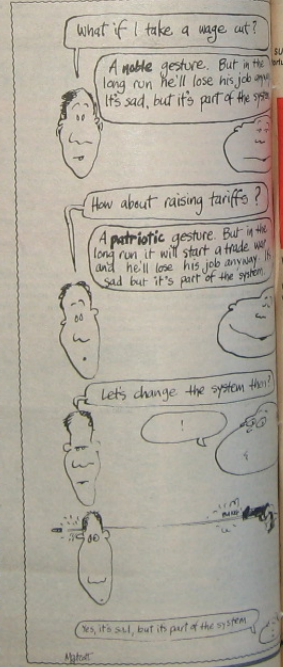
There would be lots more we could do. But in themselves these things are just reforms. The most important thing about a socialist revolution would be a total change in human relations.

A world without rich and poor, without exploitation and oppression, a revolution that establishes the democratic control of the majority over the economy and all of society - that's what we stand for.

We would be working for ourselves and for each other, not for the profit of some group of stragglers. Under these circumstances, the need for the state itself with its repressive police, courts and jails would disappear.

People sometimes ask why a revolution? We say why not? The alternative, deepening capitalist crisis and war, is terrifying. The potential for what could be achieved is breathtaking.

There's nothing wrong with Australia that a good revolution can't fix.



# REVOLUTION

**WHAT SORT of organisation have we got today? It's tiny.**

Even if you take all the revolutionaries together, there would be no more than a thousand in Australia. And the most radical of the national organisations, the International Socialists, is only a fraction of that party. We are nothing of the sort. We are still a small group. We do not lead mass struggles. We are confined to the humdrum work of giving talks on campus, taking to the streets, playing a small role in big demonstrations and sometimes taking the lead in small ones. But this is the essential precondition for building something bigger.

In the beginning of 1917 the Russian Bolsheviks had only 2000 members in the capital, Petrograd. By August, they had grown to 36,000.

But in order to pull this off, you need a certain initial base. The leap from 2000 to 36,000 is not such an astonishing feat. But if there are only a hundred of you, the danger is that you will have the drive and power to grow at all. A tiny group can be brushed aside.

That is why it is so desperately important to begin building a socialist organisation now, even though it appears very difficult. That is why every individual who joins the socialist movement now and learns revolutionary politics is such a vital pledge for the future.

Of course, it is essential to realise, that some groups around the place, the International Socialists do not set ourselves on the absent and problem. We are the revolutionary



PEASANTS' job workers in the streets of Portugal during the 1975 bid for workers power



# APTU OFFICIALS: FOAM AT MOUTH

THE VICTORIAN APTU (postal and telecommunications union) executive is never more for its belief in class struggle. However this week, following a recent sack, deserves special mention.

On April 8 they passed a motion which "endorsed" the holding of an unauthorised street meeting at the International Mail Centre.

The organisers delivered this to the shop workers. When stopping to accept the writ for daring to fight a sack, they proceeded to the nearest pub.

They drinking parties for the next four hours? The main centre manager and assistant manager, the very same butcher who sacked the APTU member.

Assistant John, returned. "The organisers who told them to go there said they were on our side. They said they were on our side."

# MORE TAX BATTLES

SIX WEEKS ago charges of sexual harassment were made against a supervisor in the Sydney tax office.

Four statutory declarations detailing other incidents were lodged with the charges.

Initially, tax management offered to transfer the supervisor to a non-supervisory position. Management used the false argument that the work in this position of authority there is colder bars.

No disciplinary action was mentioned. During the interesting hearing the supervisor has been left to flourish himself and vituperate the women who complained about him. It now appears that it will be the women who will move "for their own good."

No wonder women in the tax office are extremely reluctant to complain about sexual harassment.

In the other hand, tax management in currently doing its best to sack Alistair Walker, an ACOA deputy. Management says Walker is longer his "faith and trust" in the public service. No wonder he has been given for this charge.

Management has said that because Walker's position is open to unspecified others, it is not possible for the tax office to breach the law in a criminal sense, he will be dismissed at the chance cost to do just that.

Will a management concede sexual harassment is in itself very easy to sack any man when it sees the opportunity.

**WORKERS AT GYM** Centronics, a New South Wales base mail shop, has been the recipient of a letter from the Australian Militant, Bernie Meade.

After pleading to get the apprentice out, workers held a meeting on May 9 to evaluate the possibility of striking the B.W.I.L., the B.L.P. and F.E.D.F.A. workers who are also on the job at Brisbane's Cultural Centre.

The management was complied with, although with the condition that any future action will be taken after the next meeting.

# Discrimination: and staff as angry

**SYDNEY TAX** assessors have had a strike action over discrimination on the job.

The union officials are demanding that the tax office keep the lid on the discrimination.

Tax has recently qualified trained tax officers (TTOs) at the class 2 level. They were to be promoted to the class level quickly and as little training as possible.

The aim is to create a layer of middle ranking officers dependent on management for their positions and very receptive to management control.

The assessors sought assurance that promotions would occur in the normal manner and unobstructed action if such an assurance was not given. After saying that no one would lose promotion opportunities, management admitted that the TTOs would receive professional training.

When told the management was not willing and would not take action, the assessors went to the picket line. They walked out for two afternoons.

At this point ACOA and the UAW have taken action. The UAW has taken action in the form of a letter to the Clerk's Union (Taxation Officers Branch) office. This office is negotiating to resolve the situation.

# Right to Work marchers on the picket line

THE ACTIVISTS in the Right to Work Campaign are not just organising the march for 13 June. They are busy visiting pickets of workers either for jobs or for better pay.

In February, we helped organise support for the workers at Olex in Sunshine who were fighting to have one job. In one week we collected several hundred dollars by shopping centre rallies and collections at work places around the western suburbs.

Dunlop Olympic workers had a two-year agreement with \$100,000 more per year.

Our work shows what can be done if thinkers go to the picket lines, increase their contacts, and ask for better support.

From time to time, we have visited pickets which don't have enough for a strike fund, but we always find the pickets glad to receive our moral union arguments. It is not support, but it helps to cover by the force, as the agreement was made before the picket line.

On Friday 5 May, Campaign Field support, their choice whether to meet for themselves and meet together. The Right to Work Campaign is part of the UAW's industrial action.

WHEN PROTEAN Networks in Richmond (Melbourne) sacked a group of butchers without notice on 5 May, meathooks immediately occupied the shed and chained up the main gate.

"We made sure nothing was going on or out of our sight. Now we stay for as long as it takes."

The men were on the picket line for two weeks. They were chained up for two weeks.

The occupation was supported by the UAW. The meaties had a similar situation because of the occupation. The workers were chained up for two weeks.

They know of another worker's redundancy. They want to keep the company going. When the company says any money was paid out it was only 25 cents in the end.

# Meaties occupy to beat sack

Meat hooks in Richmond (Melbourne) occupied the shed and chained up the main gate. They made sure nothing was going on or out of their sight. Now we stay for as long as it takes.

The men were on the picket line for two weeks. They were chained up for two weeks.

The occupation was supported by the UAW. The meaties had a similar situation because of the occupation. The workers were chained up for two weeks.

They know of another worker's redundancy. They want to keep the company going. When the company says any money was paid out it was only 25 cents in the end.

# Staff as angry

**SYDNEY TAX** assessors have had a strike action over discrimination on the job.

The union officials are demanding that the tax office keep the lid on the discrimination.

Tax has recently qualified trained tax officers (TTOs) at the class 2 level. They were to be promoted to the class level quickly and as little training as possible.

The aim is to create a layer of middle ranking officers dependent on management for their positions and very receptive to management control.

The assessors sought assurance that promotions would occur in the normal manner and unobstructed action if such an assurance was not given. After saying that no one would lose promotion opportunities, management admitted that the TTOs would receive professional training.

When told the management was not willing and would not take action, the assessors went to the picket line. They walked out for two afternoons.

At this point ACOA and the UAW have taken action. The UAW has taken action in the form of a letter to the Clerk's Union (Taxation Officers Branch) office. This office is negotiating to resolve the situation.

# Jobs saved in Perth victory

IMAGINE if you were watching the Sunday night movie and your boss was trying to tell you, "Don't come Monday, you're sacked."

That is what happened to three full-time and four part-time staff at the W.A. Institute of Technology Sunday.

The staff were asked to hold an emergency stop work meeting in reality it was a gathering for a shop assistant who had been forced to leave. The Guild Executive refused to re-employ her when her contract expired.

Guild staff are vocal in their disapproval of the Industrial Relations Commission's decision to allow the whole matter of individual workers.

A student-worker meeting was called for the Monday and there was unanimous support for the sacked employee. By Wednesday they had their jobs back and the Executive was seeking legal opinion to save their jobs.

By Sue Donnelly

# Political Economy: Barricades Again?

Ever since 1976, the professors have been out to abolish the Political Economy course that they were forced to introduce that year by student occupations, demonstrations and strikes.

Now a referendum of all students in the Economics Faculty has resulted in 78% supporting expansion of the Political Economy course. And 80% thought that the courses should be run by a new Department, out of the reach of the Economics professors.

Political Economy courses compare orthodox (the bosses) economic ideas with radical systems of thought, including Marxism, modern orthodox middle class designations, existing order. Any proposed change to the system are to be decided by the workers. They have come under the thumb of the devil (or the devil's own people).

They think that the new system is more democratic, more open to the needs of the workers, and that it is a more just system.

They think that the new system is more democratic, more open to the needs of the workers, and that it is a more just system.

# International Socialists

International Socialists are the only party in the world that stands for the interests of the working class.

At the May Day march, Sydney IS takes Police to court with a talk by British comrade Peter Binn.

After 1841 days' stop Sydney comrades from backing off our May Day picket line with a party the night before. Fortunately, most people had returned already to march on the 1st of May.

The IS delegation was really the answer to the march. Our slogan included 1, 2, 3, & 4, the slogan from a leaflet of which was also the most important message.

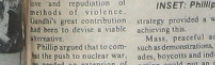
Sydney IS, tradition was broken after the march with a gathering at the Sydney branch on Monday, Peter Binn, gave a talk on the political situation in Australia. He said that 80% of which we discovered that the working class exist, and the most important message was that we have politics at will. Most have been one of our days.

# Gandhi's debatable tactics

"**WAS GANDHI** right" was the subject of a lively and stimulating Melbourne IS forum attended by seventy people last week.

Socialists, non-violent action and members of the law for best Alex Kahn the "Butter" project which started work of Gandhi's last campaign, which involved writing a letter to the Secretary of the Indian Consulate in London, to demand the release of the Indian National Congress leader, Mahatma Gandhi.

Secretary of the Indian Consulate in London, to demand the release of the Indian National Congress leader, Mahatma Gandhi.



INSET: Philip Higgins at the debate.

# How to contact the International Socialists

**BATTLE RIVER**  
PO Box 48, Farningham, Vic 3031 378 3307  
Tel: 03 942 8178  
**IS NATIONAL OFFICE**  
PO Box 46, Farningham, 3031 61058  
**MELBOURNE**  
PO Box 14326, Melbourne, 3026 61206  
**SYDNEY**  
PO Box 129, Woolloomooloo, NSW 2018  
111 Moore Rd, Moore, 2018 61366  
**ADELAIDE**  
PO Box 129, Adelaide, SA 5001 49 7370  
**CANBERRA**  
PO Box 1687, Canberra, GPO, ACT 2601  
**BRISBANE**  
PO Box 129, Woolloomooloo, QLD 4000 6532  
**PERTH**  
PO Box 198, Perth, WA 6150

# Marching on May Day

Question: what has wearing a hat got to do with the day of international working class solidarity?

Well 1841 days' stop Sydney comrades from backing off our May Day picket line with a party the night before. Fortunately, most people had returned already to march on the 1st of May.

The IS delegation was really the answer to the march. Our slogan included 1, 2, 3, & 4, the slogan from a leaflet of which was also the most important message.

Sydney IS, tradition was broken after the march with a gathering at the Sydney branch on Monday, Peter Binn, gave a talk on the political situation in Australia. He said that 80% of which we discovered that the working class exist, and the most important message was that we have politics at will. Most have been one of our days.

# Fundraiser a bottle!

I NEVER expected to report that the IS had had a fundraiser. But what happened when Melbourne branch held its annual wine bottle fundraiser on Tuesday night was that we saw 140 dozen bottles of wine sold and bottled.

For three times the sale of our hot bottle and wine fundraiser was a success. All of which will be used to support the B.A.C.

The wine was not only inexpensive, but was good quality. It was sold at a profit and the proceeds were used to support the B.A.C.

# ODE TO BOB HAWKE

You can keep your charisma and bulk!  
For it won't get us out of the hole.  
Add while you at there waving your eyebrows.  
We'll be fighting for workers' control.

For the Media has told us for years,  
But when you start attacking our taxes  
Then our language will blister your ears.  
So by bringing Australia together,  
The employed and workers alike,  
To be bossed to save us refreshments  
When we don't look and go out on strike.  
You can call for the end of the class war  
For the class war is something you hate.  
But when we wear the mantle of production  
We'll be making the wealth we create.

# What's On

**Brisbane** - 11th May  
**Sydney** - 11th May  
**Melbourne** - 11th May  
**Perth** - 11th May  
**Canberra** - 11th May  
**Adelaide** - 11th May  
**Woolloomooloo** - 11th May  
**Woolloomooloo** - 11th May  
**Woolloomooloo** - 11th May  
**Woolloomooloo** - 11th May

# WHAT WE STAND FOR

**Workers' Power**  
Workers control the means of production, distribution and exchange. They control the working class. They control the working class.

**Revolution, not Reformism**  
Workers control the means of production, distribution and exchange. They control the working class. They control the working class.

# Internationalism

Workers control the means of production, distribution and exchange. They control the working class. They control the working class.

Workers control the means of production, distribution and exchange. They control the working class. They control the working class.

# Full Equality and Liberation

Workers control the means of production, distribution and exchange. They control the working class. They control the working class.

Workers control the means of production, distribution and exchange. They control the working class. They control the working class.

# Revolutionary Party

Workers control the means of production, distribution and exchange. They control the working class. They control the working class.

Workers control the means of production, distribution and exchange. They control the working class. They control the working class.

# Rank and File Organisation

Workers control the means of production, distribution and exchange. They control the working class. They control the working class.

Workers control the means of production, distribution and exchange. They control the working class. They control the working class.

**JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone no: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trade Union: \_\_\_\_\_

One and post to IS National Secretary  
PO Box 48, Farningham, Vic 3031



# WHY SHEARERS ARE ANGRY

ALL SHEARERS outside N.S.W. have returned to work after seven weeks down the road. Their anger, that surfaced in much publicized confrontations between unionists and scabs, has won some sort of reprieve in the wide comb dispute.

The Australian Workers Union will continue to pronounce its policy. Under the terms of which they've given the right to continue proselytizing the virtues of the 64mm comb (which AWU shears in Victoria voted to use) but the ban has not been re-imposed.

Shearers are waiting for the Arbitration Commission proceedings, which will look into health and safety issues and re-running trials that were inadequately conducted prior to the Arbitration Commission rescinding the ban on the use of the wide toothed comb. Men has been said about the threat of a general pool from which most of the Australian flock are bred—the threat to poor, drought stricken farmers—all over shearer's comb!

But there are reasons why the shearers were prepared to

fight. The use of the wide comb would increase the incidence of back injuries (as occupational hazard due to the extra weight of the handpiece). A shearer taking home \$500-\$600 a week who is injured is only covered by the Compensation Act which means that he gets only \$140 a week for the period of his illness. The Arbitration Commission has repeatedly refused to continue any accident provisions in the award.

Shearers' wide wages would be cut considerably. Unlike shearers, they are not paid on a piece rate basis but

according to the time spent on the board. A wide comb means a speed up for the entire shed without increase in pay. Australian Workers Union members want a return to the ban on the use of the heavier handpiece. The combs were designed for use on coarse wool (such as that grown in New Zealand) and increase the incidence of injury to the sheep during shearing. New Zealanders working in Australia (mostly ununionized in Western Australia) are a source of concern in the district.

Shearers fear that if the

by Chris Rose

wide combs become current in the eastern states, New Zealanders will come in as scab labour lowering conditions. Lack of uniformity of handpieces also causes friction between shearers within a shed due to the differential rates of shearing.

And this is precisely what the bosses want. The wide comb speeds the work down and an attack on working conditions, and in some cases, on union rights. The men to be fought until the use of wide comb is banned.

## Education bosses put... Cleaners on the spot

**PRICES FREEZE? You're joking!** Queensland workers have just been informed that electricity prices are going to increase by 72%; beef prices are going to rise now the drought has broken; and fruit and vegetable prices are set to soar as well. All of these price rises have left their workforce in a state of shock and approval of the Bjelke-Petersen government which is busily saving funds to state institutions.

In the schools, teacher-student hours have been drastically reduced, teaching staff cuts are continuing, running costs have been whittled down to just a ludicrously low level that schools with 700 pupils get a mere \$37 a year for art materials. That's less than 50¢ per child. And State schools, like Petrie, still don't have electric light. Petrie's latest target has been the school cleaners.

The workforce is being reduced by "natural attrition" until there are only 1,000 jobs left. The type of work presently done is also under attack with the emphasis now on "tidy cleaning". That is, only those areas that are obviously dirty will get cleaned.

After nine years of using outmoded cleaning machines the department has indulged in the purchase of new polytec cleaners and an important ingredient in the process of reducing the workforce.

The new productivity scheme has seen operating on trial basis. With cleaners

making mulling placed a ban on the being introduced into any additional schools. The union is negotiating with the Education Minister, Powell, about the scheme. But while the talks are going on in the plush rooms of the Executive Building cleaners are finding work increasingly difficult.

At one school, where two 30' by 30' cleaners and one 20' by 30' work cleaner have left their workforce has been dotted out to the remaining workers.

It is no accident that the first areas under State administration to be acquired in the recession have been education, health and housing, while the Police Department has had a 21% increase in its funds from the State Treasury.

In fact, Law Education Liberal Party treasurer has admitted that "for the last seven years he has had the highest budget increase of any government department".

By Brian Petersen  
★★★★  
BRIAN WILSON, Queensland University's new Lib Lab Vice Chancellor is paying for his fancy new restructuring proposals for the Administration by attacking cleaners' wages and conditions.

In the restructuring, five new Pro-Vice Chancellors were appointed on Professional salaries with a leading, an entertainment allowance and a free car. The main attack is on the part-time cleaners (about 140 of the 200 working workforce). Their hours are to be cut from 4 to 3 hours a

# Mini-budget, wage restraint, Razor Gang, ASIO, taxes, broken promises...

No. 145 June 4, 1983 30 cents (20 cents strikers, unemployed)

# AWWWK !! IT'S MALCOLM HAWKE



IS THE HAWKE Government trying to win a Malcolm Fraser look-alike contest?

Almost everything they've done up to us has been in line with Fraser's policies... or worse.

Bob Hawke is pursuing Fraser's holy grail of malcolnoid deft with a vengeance that must make even Malcolm shudder.

The mini-budget alone increased workers' cost of living by six dollars a week, by cutting health and mortgage rebates.

Hawke has set up a Razor Gang just like Fraser's to chop back Government services. Except that Labor promises this Razor Gang will be effective.

The tax on superannuation lump sums upsets the retirement plans for thousands of workers. But the police aren't doing any better out of it. Under 10 will have to survive on the laid-off week Fraser gave them. Adults got a paltry \$4 rise.

The sole "benefit" of Hawke's smaller Budget deficit will be to give business lower interest rates on their borrowings. Because Hawke is continuing the economy, we'll lose jobs despite the token "job creation" scheme.

The Summit was just a showy pretext for Hawke to extend Fraser's wage freeze. Later this year, we'll "retreat" as to a heavy 3 or 4% "catch-up".

It isn't just the economy where Hawke is outdoing Fraser. When the National Times ran secret documents exposing

ASIO's dirty tricks, even Andrew Peacock applauded Hawke for his efforts to halt the article in the Supreme Court.

Hawke subsequently sacrificed the career of one of his best men, David Combe, to prove how ardently he supports the smooch.

On March 26, millions of Australian workers and unemployed threw Malcolm Fraser out of office because we were sick of his discredited, right-wing policies.

Now we've got Malcolm Hawke instead. If we want a better deal, we're going to have to fight this "Malcolm" just like the last one.

Published by Australia First - publication no. VSP 522

**PAGE 3**  
MAY '68 revolt in France

**PAGE 6**  
Reagan's America - living on bill-boards

**SUPPOSE YOU WERE HITLER (AND, OF COURSE, DEAD...)**  
WHICH OF THESE TWO STATEMENTS WOULD MAKE YOU TURN IN YOUR GRAVE?

- Someone has forged your diaries.
- Someone new has taken out a subscription to the Battler.

statement number .....

Yes, if you can pass the dead-Hitler test, the Battler is definitely for you! Why not subscribe right away?

Clip and post to PO Box 46, Flemington, Vic. 3031.

Name .....

Address .....

Make sure you get your copy of the Battler every issue. For just \$10 a year, \$25 for a supporter's subscription, or an introductory sub. of 10 issues mailed to you for only \$4.

# Abor still hasn't mastered its ABC's



## LABOR

**With Alec Kahn**

**THE LABOR government must still be wondering what hit them.**

One moment they were flying high after the Summit. The next, they were being camed like a lin of soup over the ABC, David Combe and Lionel Brown's ramblings.

Why did the millionaire press want to maul a government that was trying to do everything right by them? And why over more burlap than the one would normally call an eyelid at? I suppose the lining class had to bring Labor back down to earth after the election and the Summit. Remind

them about reality running the show, just in case they start to have any illusions in the area.

And the Liberal opposition badly needed revving. The old wine took new bottles when Michael Foot, with a House of Representatives boom at the end of next year.

But the ABC blow-up had more to do than that.

John Burton's attack on Dame Leonie Kramer hit a sensitive spot because it was completely unjustified. Kramer has not acted 'without fear or favour' in running the ABC—even in terms of the scabby parliamentary behaviour that has become her habit.

Actually the ABC is supposed to be politically neutral. But there's no such animal—especially when a big part of the ABC's job is to convince us that the parliamentary charade really matters, through its incessant Canberra broadcasts and reports of Ministers' statements.

### neutral

Leonie Kramer couldn't be neutral if she tried. From the 1950s, she has returned from overseas to pronounce that Australian women were "boring" when and where they had been second nature to her.

"Kramer" is used on a monthly board of Ozcard, the magazine published by the Allandale Country Club. Freedom. She has been a rabid campaigner against progress-

ive ideas in education and for a return to "The line of the self-appointed Australian Council for Educational Research."

Kramer has carried these right-wing attitudes into running the ABC. She has attacked multi-cultural institutions such as Channel OZ2. But the money is spent on teaching-

During the election campaign, Kramer backed a head of Public Affairs in the ABC (who was dismissed in 1987 for allegedly striking a woman reporter, but later reinstated when her reprimanded radio journalist Helen O'Neill and abused her over the phone as a "smarter" Fraser.

O'Neill quipped, "I must ask President Reagan about that," before asking the related question: "Was Kramer not as amused."

Kramer's attitude as ABC head came as a strike of ABC's journalism and earned her a vote of no confidence from the ABC Staff Association. Without giving Hunt a chance to defend himself, Kramer wrote back with an "unreserved" apology.



**LEONIE KRAMER—learning to the right, as usual.**

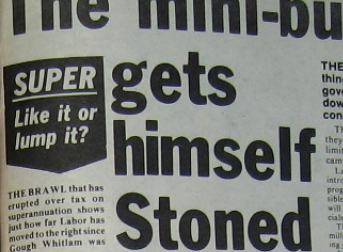
Bruce Briggs. The interview exposed how Briggs had allowed major wool-hedging companies to tip into the forests of south west WA.

Charles and former WA Premier Sir Charles Court wrote to Kramer in 1987, protesting about the "distorted" interview. Without giving Hunt a chance to defend himself, Kramer wrote back with an "unreserved" apology.



**Bruce Briggs**

The reason a simple, somewhat innocuous power is being used in such a way is because of the ABC's such right-wing class bias. Getting rid of the ABC is a full frontal assault on the right-wing class bias. Labor's hit on the superannuation good enough.



## SUPER Like it or lump it?

**THE BRAVE** who has strapped himself to the superannuation shows just how far Labor has moved to the right. In the words of William Wiatlam was sacked.

Artificial superannuation schemes have one of the main uses by business to avoid tax.

Small family businesses would set up large superannuation schemes for members of the family.

Investment in this superannuation, looked at either way, will replace work on just one quarter of the jobs lost in the past year alone.

## fracton

The Labor cabinet only take a fraction, that money back into the economy some \$200 million in the first year and \$400 million in the second year.

The effect of the tax incentives will be to offset the job program. In the first year of the program, it will be hard to believe that Labor is being more conservative than Malcolm Fraser has ever been.

## drag

Fraser's spending program and waned their cost. Even a mildly reformist government would have cut some of this.

# He gets himself Stressed



**John Stoen**

They have abandoned the unemployed and they are breaking many of the cautious and limited promises they made during the election campaign.

## By Phil Griffiths

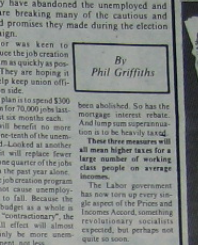
LABOR was keen to introduce the job creation program as quickly as possible. They are hoping it will help keep union officials on their feet.

The plan is to spend \$300 million for 70,000 job placements on a monthly basis. It will benefit no more than one contractor's employees.

It will replace work on just one quarter of the jobs lost in the past year alone.

The Labor government has now taken every single aspect of the Prime and Income Assistance Commission's recommendations. It is a disaster for the unemployed.

# MALL SPEAKERS WIN ROUND 2



SIX WEEKS into the campaign for free speech in Brisbane's Queen Street Mall, and we've already had a victory.

Two hundred of us marched to the Mall Act came in beating speakers and rallies. The Democratic Rights Organisation has been holding rallies in defiance of the act every Friday night in recent weeks.

Marianne Michael says, "If the Brisbane City Council ordinances were repealed, the gate of the Mall Act would disappear."

Democratic Rights Organisation is now planning a mass rally in King George Square. We're discussing this at our meetings each Wednesday night at 7.30 pm in Trades Hall. All supporters are welcome.

They have abandoned the unemployed and they are breaking many of the cautious and limited promises they made during the election campaign.

LABOR was keen to introduce the job creation program as quickly as possible. They are hoping it will help keep union officials on their feet.

The plan is to spend \$300 million for 70,000 job placements on a monthly basis. It will benefit no more than one contractor's employees.

It will replace work on just one quarter of the jobs lost in the past year alone.

The Labor government has now taken every single aspect of the Prime and Income Assistance Commission's recommendations. It is a disaster for the unemployed.

# COMBE SACRIFICE

## BATTERED AND bruised, Bob Hawke has come staggering out of his first political crisis.

Clashing to go along with ASIO rather than on from it, he has ended up embarrassing Government and sacrificing the career of David Combe, one of his most loyal supporters of the past.

The Butler has little sympathy for David Combe's personal plight.

Combe spent twenty years as a Labor "pragmat" shifting the party to the right and losing credit.

**By Maria Giolitti**

David Combe's personal plight. But perhaps it is in this faced with a choice between standing up to the right and losing credit.

### friends

In other words, Hawke's comment to "respectability" is "not making the best of a bad job."

JUST FIVE years ago, a pub in Charleville had iron grilles between white and black drinking areas.

Two black women were refused service recently in the private bar of the Boundary Hotel in Brisbane. Forty blacks and white men and women pressed the point no less than at the racial and sexist discrimination in public bars in the three States and Commonwealth Hotels in Ipswich. All stopped picking up blacks and their white supporters.

# Bar colour bars!

The police heard we were coming, so they went round and warned the pubicans. For once, even if they were asked "what will be" they would not be taking the bait.

By Carol Berger

### WHEN Combe and Hawke were buddies—shifting the ALP to "pragmatism" at the 1974 Trifurcation

"...that is a great that not even his best friends are safe." Over the last few weeks, ASIO has laid into David Combe's private life.

Defense Signals Directorate, set to do illegal bugging to spy on the Opposition. ASIO is "incompetent nincompoops."

According to this crazy McCarthyite logic, Bob Hawke himself is an "agent of influence." Hawke has extensive dealings with KGB operations, including the 1976-77 tour of the USSR.

### ASIO has got the "beat"

ASIO has got the "beat" as a great that not even his best friends are safe. Over the last few weeks, ASIO has laid into David Combe's private life.

The National Times revelations have confirmed everything the Left has said about the man.

ASIO has already fingered Valery Ivanov as a "major agent of influence." The article, like the previous one, is an afterthought. It is a "KGB mo."

### possibly of becoming a lobbyist for Russian trade

The government is now trying to sue ASIO for the damage done to its reputation by the way it has handled the information.

According to this crazy McCarthyite logic, Bob Hawke himself is an "agent of influence."

ASIO has got the "beat" as a great that not even his best friends are safe. Over the last few weeks, ASIO has laid into David Combe's private life.

### MINI-BUDGETER Paul Keating and the man who's pulling the strings, righting Treasury boss John Stoen.

# IF YOU CAN'T EMPLOY 'EM—JAIL 'EM!

**IF YOU CAN'T supply jobs for the young, you can always jail them instead!**

**THE REAL** centre looks trendy and fashionable, with leather baccos and kissing through fibro walls.

Most teenage boys are looking for property rather than an apartment, say, creating sex. The younger generation is being forced to rely on their parents for money.

ASIO has got the "beat" as a great that not even his best friends are safe. Over the last few weeks, ASIO has laid into David Combe's private life.

# JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS!

I want to join  I want more information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no \_\_\_\_\_

Trade Union \_\_\_\_\_

or send to: 15 National Secretary, P.O. Box 61, Farmington VIC 3031.





# They're living on billboards in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Trying to win a mobile home in a competition run by a local radio station, three men are living on a platform on an advertising hoarding alongside a busy highway. They've been there six months. Last one down wins the mobile home.

Enduring freezing weather in thin tents, near-constant noise and late-night drunks isn't just one of those crazy things Americans do.

"In here because of the economy," said Ron Keller, a truck driver. "If I had a job, I wouldn't be here."

This sort of despair can be found throughout Reagan's America. In Los Angeles, people are living under freeways. Unemployment, inflation, urban decay, increase in violence—all the symptoms of a society in crisis are there. In the past, it always seemed to be happening to someone else—America's traditional scapegoats, the blacks and other minorities, the south, welfare mothers and so on. Today the majority of Americans are aware of the rot. A recent poll found that 68% of Americans feel alienated, compared with only 20% in 1966.

Much of the economic crisis is the result of stagflation in industry. The entire U.S. car industry is running at about a half its peak capacity, and steel at 35% of capacity. The lowest since 1934.

American exports are no longer competitive. Blaming high labor costs as usual, industry has tried two solutions.

Some companies just assume themselves to be more labor-efficient. For instance, Atari, the computer game firm, is picking up its machines and moving to Hong Kong and Taiwan, leaving in its wake 1700 unemployed workers. Such actions by "lean-way" companies are as much to avoid unemployment as to get lower costs.



They're living on billboards in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Trying to win a mobile home in a competition run by a local radio station, three men are living on a platform on an advertising hoarding alongside a busy highway. They've been there six months. Last one down wins the mobile home.

Enduring freezing weather in thin tents, near-constant noise and late-night drunks isn't just one of those crazy things Americans do.

"In here because of the economy," said Ron Keller, a truck driver. "If I had a job, I wouldn't be here."

This sort of despair can be found throughout Reagan's America. In Los Angeles, people are living under freeways. Unemployment, inflation, urban decay, increase in violence—all the symptoms of a society in crisis are there. In the past, it always seemed to be happening to someone else—America's traditional scapegoats, the blacks and other minorities, the south, welfare mothers and so on. Today the majority of Americans are aware of the rot. A recent poll found that 68% of Americans feel alienated, compared with only 20% in 1966.

Much of the economic crisis is the result of stagflation in industry. The entire U.S. car industry is running at about a half its peak capacity, and steel at 35% of capacity. The lowest since 1934.

American exports are no longer competitive. Blaming high labor costs as usual, industry has tried two solutions.

Some companies just assume themselves to be more labor-efficient. For instance, Atari, the computer game firm, is picking up its machines and moving to Hong Kong and Taiwan, leaving in its wake 1700 unemployed workers. Such actions by "lean-way" companies are as much to avoid unemployment as to get lower costs.

## Janey Stone reports from Ronald Reagan's America

At home, industry intensifies its attacks on the working class, particularly in the area of wages.

More than a quarter of the labor force actually makes less than the minimum wage over the whole of 1981. This is due partly to short-time working and unemployment, and partly to a new phenomenon, contracts which actually cut wages.

"The right thing to do would be to go back to the days before there were any wage laws." So says Ronald Reagan. The new contracts, known as *givebacks*, made 1982 the worst year for US workers' living standards since before World War 2.

## The Depression again?

The figures are shocking enough.

On a national level unemployment is 10%, but if part-time workers and those who have given up looking are included it would be over 15%. And long-term unemployed has increased markedly as a percentage of the total.

But small incidents bring the human cost home. When a San Francisco hotel advertised for a bell-boy two weeks before Christmas, even hotel managers were among the 400 who applied.

Unemployment has repercussions right through society. Tak-Dobson, Connecticut, where Reaganomics has accelerated the city's collapse, a welfare worker had this to say:

"It's going to get worse. People are not paying their utility bills, no housing is being built.

"Eighteen-year-olds are running around with brand new five foot six. You actually can't make it on city welfare, the only alternative is crime. Old folks are being mugged for \$5.

"There's much more very young prostitution, male and female—and not just adults. The Mafia has taken over virtually every bar and restaurant. The whole social fabric is coming apart.

"More than five million US and Canadian workers got their last pay cheques before last August. But the unemployed are beginning to fight back.

"In response to the slogan, 'Don't take it personally, it's a political statement,' political organizations are forming so fast no-one can keep track of them.

"While some concentrate on lobbying in Washington, others are taking to the streets. As one New York activist pointed out, the lesson of the 30's was that relief was won through daily confrontations in grocery stores and relief offices.

"*Revolving beds in your home town is no barrier for a politician to ignore them having a chat with his legislative assistant.*

"So cardboard workers swooped over the holders' heads as homes were auctioned off at a third of their value in Pittsburgh last December. The symbolic beds were flown by a black unemployed committee.

"Angry crowds in Philadelphia prevented a sheriff from evicting an unemployed

## Holy water and vampires

Recently, Ronald Reagan certified the government of El Salvador eligible for fresh shipments of jet attack fighters and 500-pound bombs.

The same day, he declared at a meeting with anti-abortionists that "God's greatest gift is human life."

This was the tenth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that abortion

is a constitutional right. But it harder than ever to get an abortion. State and local governments have whittled away at available abortion clinics in funding and regulations on services.

Pressure comes from all angles which Reagan for once has implemented. Also included are Jerry Falwell's "Moral Majority," Church hierarchy and supporters of both major political parties.

The hypocrisy of the so-called "pro-life" movement is obvious when you consider the policies they are taking.

For instance, Jerry Falwell said recently that he planned to spend most of his time combating the nuclear arms race. The *First World War* of business is coming back, military equality with the Soviet Union.

Anti-abortionists have raised millions of dollars to finance lobbying and attacking. But throughout the decade they have also engaged in direct action—firebombing abortion clinics, picketing, as well as operating theatres and general harassment.

This has been supposed to occur. The directors of Illinois clinics were kidnapped for several days last August. A Seattle clinic has been repeatedly harassed by a gang of religious group, which hassles patients and tells them "baby killer".

Men for Christ the Klan, its members sprinkle "holy water," while others flash

one noticed a "suspicious judge" under Neville Jackson's shirt, stuck his gun in Johnson's face, and then hit Wagoner said there'd been a trouble in the woods, and Johnson had neither pulled a gun nor resisted.

Police brutality is rampant in Miami, and the memory of 1980 when nothing was done to the murderers of a black businessman, led blacks to believe that the only justice is in the streets.

But behind the police brutality there are many other factors.

In Overton, as across the country, there is a growing gap between whites and non-whites in income and unemployment. One third of all the ghetto riots show that blacks are prepared to fight racism, in the words of Malcolm X, "by any means necessary."

But without any organized militant action, tragically, the response takes an unorganized form and is relatively easily contained.

Part and parcel of the intensifying economic crisis has been the national resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan. The Klan assaulted and harassed Vietnamese American fishermen in 1979. Last year they staged a march burning outside Austin, Texas, and burned a coffin which read "all commies" on the side.

The KKK's "Border Watch" has terrorized the Mexican and Chicano population. Recently an "Imperial



Watch" told a Klan rally "We will do whatever is necessary to fight communism and illegal aliens."

When the KKK marched in Austin in February, a multi-racial crowd of 3000 joined it them, and police with clubs, bricks and sticks.

An eye-witness said, "Violence is constant. The Klan should be stopped now."

## 'Hang in there!'

"Hang in there because you've that makes the union."

The 93 workers at two Boston answering services, AmeriCall and SecretCall, know what they're talking about. After a nine-month strike their unity and solidarity led to victory.

The operators walked out when the new boss Joe Limerick tried to break the union.

To mislead from the strike, Wredy and Gloria, describe how it was organized.

"Limerick's very fast tactics was to fire people. The people who were active in the union were out the door."

"If he had been a little less extreme than he was, he would have broken the union, could have broken the union, but because he was so extreme and hit so many different areas of people in there—he fired the Blacks, he fired the gays, he fired the union activists—this made people in there think. And of course because the majority of us were white, he wanted to make racial tension. He wanted to make it look racially motivated."

Limerick opened up a lot of people's eyes who had been racially prejudiced and who learned during the strike how wrong that is. The majority of the shift were gay. Management was primarily interested in harassing the workers. The lesbians were harassed more than anyone else because management was usually there only during the day. There were seven committees and things like that.

"The lesbian and gay staff was a very big issue in the strike because this has been a very feminist union."

"We had mass pickets. The mass pickets were almost always successful because these were the things that we could get the outside groups all the union involved in. We got a lot of support from other union, and we also let it be known to other unions that if they ever need our support on their picket line we'd be there and we'd get them down in our pocket line. I think we helped a president in Boston to union solidarity."

The workers didn't say any massive gain. But they were able to prevent the smashing of their union organization. And a final message to unions and other fighting for their rights.

"Don't let Reagan scare you. Unions are still to be had if you stick together."

"Murder? Nah. A dozen jobs opened up across town."

SEE-REAGAN'S NOT ANTI WOMAN - HE APPROVED ELIZABETH DOLE TO HIS CABINET

HE DOESN'T SUPPORT THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT







**PUBLISHED** in the *Beehiving*, 11 February, 1868, the cartoon shows the Chinese invading Australia through an open window entitled South Australia, then the only colony which hadn't introduced Chinese restriction acts. Russell Braden took the same racism in his theories of Japanese expansion, military and economic.

## BOWEN IN THE WIND

RUMOUR HAS IT that surgery was required to remove Lionel Bowen's foot from his mouth after the NSW ALP Country Conference.

After all, how could Bob move the winter sessions of the summit to the summer climate of Phoenix Park if his arrival had to be preceded by a lot of talk of running into town blaring out the 1812 Overture?

But what the media has tended to overlook in what sounds like an utterly ridiculous speech from Bowen are his comments about the "threat" of the Japanese.

According to Lionel, Australians (read Australian bosses) are being "taken to the cleaners" by the Japanese (read Japanese bosses).

Now this notion isn't particularly original. Eye-typer from BHP to the Labor Party believes it to be the case—and the reason they do so is because they believe that Australian capitalism is worth defending.

However, in defending this capital, Australians (read Australian workers) can be called upon to do many things. In many ways, this is the "common good" which ranges from accepting wage cuts, to accepting unemployment to even going to war.

### ideology

And if the stakes do get as high that millions of workers are sent to get shredded to death on the battlefields, the overwhelming ideology of the ruling class is that the enemy is not those bosses whose competition, it created the conflict in the first place, but simply the other confederates.

And if it is this level—when the tanks take over from the tariff barriers—that all the racism and mindless violence of capitalism becomes sickeningly obvious, but also very difficult to fight.

About ten days before Bowen's speech, the ABC screened Russell Braden's documentary "The Burma Railway". This special showed with stomach-churning intensity the brutal treatment handed out to Australian prisoners of war—the malnutrition, the cholera, the limbs devoured by insects.

This is the race which is showing the rest of the world how to do it. I have come to think that it is formidable, magnificent. But the trouble is they are all magnificent in victory.

"I was warning firms in this country (Bowen says) and that the Japanese would wipe the floor with us and do us one look any minute."

Now it is difficult to argue that the success of post-war reconstruction in Japan was due to something in their makeup. It is, that not being hindered by massive re-armament programmes spurred on by the Cold War, Japanese industry (and to a lesser extent the German economy also), was able to achieve faster rates of growth.

This is why Reagan is now trying to take the burden off the U.S. economy and trying to spread the cost of arms spending more evenly among the western powers.

The attraction of the arguments advanced by Braden and Bowen is that, on the surface, they make calls for a safer easier to make on the basis of Australian nationalism.

But the Second World War was a product of imperialism. The cruelty of Chang and the Burmese jungle is no different to the cruelty of thousands dying of starvation in Ethiopia while grain is withheld from sale in Australia and the U.S. It is no different to the cruelty of dropping two massive atomic bombs. It is no different to the cruelty of Australian and U.S. concepts being exported to Agent Orange by their own governments and then being denied compensation.

### effects

It is on this last point that I'll delve. On April 20, Robert Linden, Chairman of the Board of Dow Chemicals, told a CBS news show about Agent Orange:

"We stand on this way of producing and using the material, and either in the plants or in the people, there is no indication that there were any adverse health effects."

This is despite the fact that the U.S. Federal Court has just verified that both the U.S. government and Dow knew of the chemical side effects as early as 1965.

If Bowen and his fellow ALP leaders had a notion of class loyalty left in them, they would be using opportunities like this to say that workers in all countries have one enemy—and that is the rulers.

By Mike Grewcock



### Tom O'Lincour reviews *Gender at Work*, a new feminist study of women in the workplace since WWII.

**"I HAD delivered the baby before the doctor arrived. The mother looked from the doctor and said, 'Should I pay you, Sister?'"**

So many competent women, so little recognition or fair payment. That is the Australian industrial world described in *Gender at Work*.

## Bert and Ernie's Token

NOW THAT winter has ruled out the beats and the AIDS epidemic has emptied the saunas, what's a boy to do on a Saturday night?

Well, I could sit home and read CHURCH LENA (Vols 1-4), or dip into *Muskrat and Empire-Crisis* for a few laughs. Or I could go to the pictures.

And so it was that I found myself surrounded by the classiest kinship of the Forum in Melbourne: watching *Dark Crystal*, the latest of the supernatural movies. Strife for reward purposes, of course.

### fantasy

For the rest of us, *Dark Crystal* is the latest in the recent wave of big-budget fantasy films. But in this movie there is no beautiful blond hero, his laboured

# POLES FROM THE LABOUR

At Kettle's numbers in 1983 have already been reduced by 10 per cent over the past year, and that's not all. More lately than ever, women voters (and this is true for the same time in every other country) are being urged to put their votes in support of the party which has a long record of women's oppression.

Game and Pringle define "patriarchy" as a social structure that gives some men power over other men, and all men power over women. But it is the real world quite that simple.

It was Marx who pointed to the central importance of the division of labour. In early times the division between the sexes was less than that of the division of labour.

Capitalism, as the highest form of class struggle, brings the contradictions inherent in an

oppressive, alienated division of labour to a head. Game and Pringle, in assumption that women are always passive on the divisions are tied in with the logic of class society, only confirm this analysis. The notion of "patriarchy" really advances very little.

Game and Pringle define "patriarchy" as a social structure that gives some men power over other men, and all men power over women. But it is the real world quite that simple.

And what it does add is often wrong.

Game and Pringle define "patriarchy" as a social structure that gives some men power over other men, and all men power over women. But it is the real world quite that simple.

Game and Pringle define "patriarchy" as a social structure that gives some men power over other men, and all men power over women. But it is the real world quite that simple.

Game and Pringle define "patriarchy" as a social structure that gives some men power over other men, and all men power over women. But it is the real world quite that simple.

Game and Pringle define "patriarchy" as a social structure that gives some men power over other men, and all men power over women. But it is the real world quite that simple.

# Frances ... rebel with a cause?

But despite that it is an extremely harrowing gripping story I can't remember seeing a film that has treated me so extensively. At times I could only just believe myself from walking out on any frustration built up. And if it had had some hands who knew what they might have done.

By Mick Armstrong

**DO YOU WANT to see a film that makes you want to tear the whole rotten system down? Do you want to see a film that makes you want to scream in frustration and rage? Then go see *Frances*.**

*Frances*, starring Jessica Lange in a role which has won her the Best Actress award at the 1982 Oscars, is a film about a woman who is hospitalized in a mental institution because of her violent behaviour. It is a story of a woman who is hospitalized in a mental institution because of her violent behaviour.

Lange's performance is a masterpiece of acting. She captures the essence of a woman who is hospitalized in a mental institution because of her violent behaviour.

Frances Farmer was a woman who was hospitalized in a mental institution because of her violent behaviour. She was a woman who was hospitalized in a mental institution because of her violent behaviour.



FRANCES FARMER (the real one) being dragged from the court after looking at his bottle of pills with stunning accuracy (and) in the witness box.

Frances may have survived her rebellion against the system if she had not had her hands so well. The forms appear to have been simply too numerous and too tedious to handle.

Frances Farmer (the real one) being dragged from the court after looking at his bottle of pills with stunning accuracy (and) in the witness box.



KIRA AND JEM, two loathsome cute moppets (bearing a passing resemblance to a rather famous Ernie of the Muppet Show fame) embark on the quest.



# Minto jobless angry

**THE KIDS at Minto, a huge housing estate some fifty kilometres from Sydney, are angry. They're so angry that they marched through Sydney to protest about the lousy deal they're getting.**

Unemployment in Minto is horrific. Eric Perival, who left school last year, told The Battler, "There aren't any jobs out there. When you apply for jobs in the city, as soon as they find out you come from Minto, they don't want to know about you."

"According to them, I live too far away. Lots of Minto kids find it impossible to live at home. But housing is so inadequate that there

is nowhere else to live. Minto has no youth centre or entertainment, and public transport is almost non-existent."

Maui, an unemployed teenager, says, "For four years now we've been trying to get a youth centre. All they've given us is a community hall that's not big enough for a hundred or so people who want to use it every night."

Two months ago, 200

of us marched to Campbelltown to demand a youth centre. The organisers we got were 'maybe... but... if... We've not been listened to, which is why we've come to the city to demonstrate.

The forty kids set up their banners in front of the State Office Block. When they were locked out, they marched to the Tower Hall, demanding better facilities and more jobs.

into Minto, Campbelltown area. A group of Black and White teenagers from the Right to Work Movement in Minto had determined that they get a better deal.

# Unemployed are marching.

**JOBLESS PEOPLE** took to the streets in several places at the end of May and beginning of June.

Beginning with protests by workless teenagers, in Minto, NSW, and culminating with Right to Work marches through the suburbs of Sydney and Melbourne, we told governments and employers we were fed up.

The Sydney march was a visit to begin at Blacktown Civic Centre. It proceeded down Parramatta Road, passing through Blacktown and Liverpool, the unemployment centres of Sydney.

A high point of the

Hall. After leafletting local shoppers, we went to a local building which a number of factories.

The march was swelled along the way by local people, especially young people who are especially threatened by the crisis.

A social worker and member of the Victorian Public Service Association arrived to offer a donation, she had collected in her office and addressed the delighted campaigners.

An interesting incident occurred at Brisbane,

makers of communications equipment in Broadmeadows.

The workers had heard the march was coming, but had no management. When some of the workers tried to come out and join the marchers rallying outside, the bosses locked them in!

Obviously the employers know this is an explosive issue, and above all they fear the prospect of unity between the employed and unemployed.

And that unity was increasingly evident in the building up to the march.

When Right to Work activists visited Melbourne factories, they always found their collections were generously supported. They also addressed a number of workplace meetings.

At Plumpton in Moreab, workers held a meeting in company time and one of them argued that the marches were only a start - what was really needed was to get people to stop work and force their bosses to take on more workers.

There was even talk of a women's support committee, especially in a Telicomb office, and conference. Union members at Altona, who took up a collection when they heard that the union had endorsed the march.

In Sydney radio station 2SR broadcast a "Radiothon" to publicise the march. The funds and recruit marches.

The marches are not to diminish in central rallies. In fact, large sections of Melbourne and Sydney will have heard our message, loud and clear.

PAGE 5  
**Why the Tories won**  
British socialist PETER BINNS examines Thatcher's landslide

PAGE 3  
**HAWKE TEARS UP POLICY**

PAGE 4  
**Union leader hits Accord**  
-LEP COOPER speaks out

# America's Cup

## the battler

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

No. 146 June 25, 1983 30 cents (20 cents strikers, unemployed)

### Poor little rich man

WITH Alan Bond at the helm—look out below. The Perth multi-millionaire recently sacked 700 from Watsons. "It hurt me as much as it hurt them," he said, crying piteously.

New Bond is spending the money he saved on his America's Cup Challenge. He's got a team of 20, a boat for his yacht and a lawyer to argue the rules for him. Total cost for the poor little rich man—at least \$5 million.



MELBOURNE Right to Work marchers assemble in Broadmeadows.

### Rightwing splitters

THE CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

The CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

The CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

The CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

The CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

The CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

The CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

### The Bond Corporation

Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week. Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week.

Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week. Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week.

Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week. Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week.

Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week. Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week.

Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week. Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week.

Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week. Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week.

Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week. Alan Bond is having a week of it in Brisbane—where who were here last week.

### Rightwing splitters

THE CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

THE CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

THE CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

THE CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

THE CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

THE CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

THE CRWC was staggering. The CRWC demanded the right of vote over everyone who took rally sites in Sydney and Melbourne.



## Why haven't you got a job?!

- It's all my fault.
- It's all your fault.
- It's all our fault.
- It's the system's fault.
- It's the fucking system's fault!!!

If you ticked boxes 1, 2 or 3 you really need to subscribe to The Battler. If you ticked box 4 you will subscribe to The Battler. And if you ticked box 5, you already subscribe to The Battler... so what are you doing sitting there playing with quizzes? You've got work to do!!!

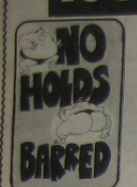
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make sure you get your copy of The Battler every issue. Just \$10 a year, or \$25 for a supporting subscription.

Copy and post to: P.O. Box 101, Pennington, N.S.W. 2211.

# THE NEW DEAL



... remains. But it would be meaningless to speak any longer of economic strategy. Politicians and politicians realize they are largely at the mercy of economic forces which operate on a world scale and are beyond their control.

They speak about pragmatically, butting simply to survive.

Fraser it is only appropriate that we now have government in this country which are the very soul of pragmatic thrashing about.

Much has been said about Bob Hawke taking over Fraser's economic policies it could last be said that he has taken over Fraser's neo-policies.

Fraser talked about running a tight ship, attacked workers and social welfare but threw money at any problem he thought would solve him politically.

Hawke has been tougher, a more man of steel and has only strategy for recovery is to hold on and get used to the American economy to pull us out of the mire.

The unconsciousness of

**Labour policy becomes clear from two recent events.**

While the Great Marxist in Washington, it emerged that Hawke was thinking of giving up to \$100 million in tax cuts.

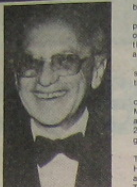
While confirming the fact, Hawke went on to denounce protectionism. And it is true that he has so far restricted many of the manufacturing industry's demands for more protection.

But subsidies to BHP are nothing but a form of protection. They are simply supposed to be on grounds of defence and other considerations, such as import substitution. In the economy and the number of people it employs.

Defence might be a serious consideration from the bosses point of view but probably just a cover for the other arguments. And these are the same grounds given for protection by any sector of industry.

The on-going circus over the import substitution bill has as yet a similar picture.

Australia is virtually the only western country that



MILTON FRIEDMAN

does not tax capital gains. Righting paranoia about such taxes is just a reflection of reaction to vested interests.

A Labor government with a sense of purpose, however right wing and however determined to operate within a purely capitalist framework, would not hesitate to tax capital gains.

And many experts argue it is inevitable, so why hold

back?

That it was an election promise. But why keep this one, when you're breaking the others with such frequency?

Yes there is the Labor Party, split into two factions over the issue.

Mick Young wants a capital gains tax. Finance Minister John Dawkins is anxious to re-draft section 75 of the Income Tax Act to get some of the same effect.

But Dawkins' archival-Treasurer Paul Keating and Hawke himself are equally anxious to resist such tax.

This despite the fact that Hawke called for a capital gains tax only a year ago.

If the government's response to these immediate issues is confused to say the least, what of Bob Hawke's response to these immediate issues?

Even more so aware that these issues will not solve the

Obviously it factors.

The fact that the new mass party is clearly in a leadership serious view.

Bob Hawke will "pragmatically" follow the lead of the other political leaders.

Keynes on the other hand, it is fairly certain that he will not follow the lead of the other political leaders.

But he will follow the lead of the other political leaders.

Even now he is aware that these issues will not solve the

But they will not solve the

And because he will not solve the

The working class will vote Labor.

JUST RUNNING the system - Bob Hawke with good buddies Suharto (left) and Mitterrand (right). Hawke Irishly praised dictator Suharto for his "national reconciliation and reconstruction" - a statement that must have amused the residents of East Timor. Mitterrand was slapped with a leather strap for France's Pacific bomb tests.

**BOB HAWKE'S** overseas trips roughly produced a mild uproar in the Labor Party.

Unfortunately, a lot of the criticism was misplaced. Hawke has been accused of behaving like a "one-man band". Actually, his policies are the inevitable concessions that any Labor Party has to make before the ruling class will let it govern.

It will take each of Hawke's major points of class in turn.

In Indonesia, Hawke has long had mis-imperialist designs in the Pacific Basin.

But as the war with Indonesia is now over, brought home, it can't be a major concern.

This is not an individual aberration by Hawke. It was vigorously supported by the Foreign Minister, Bill Hayden - who has no particular reason to put him down for Hawke.

The reason for the switch

# Make trials - ALP policy fails

is simple. Australia has long had mis-imperialist designs in the Pacific Basin. But as the war with Indonesia is now over, brought home, it can't be a major concern. This is not an individual aberration by Hawke. It was vigorously supported by the Foreign Minister, Bill Hayden - who has no particular reason to put him down for Hawke.

The reason for the switch

is simple. Australia has long had mis-imperialist designs in the Pacific Basin. But as the war with Indonesia is now over, brought home, it can't be a major concern. This is not an individual aberration by Hawke. It was vigorously supported by the Foreign Minister, Bill Hayden - who has no particular reason to put him down for Hawke.

The reason for the switch

# THE LATEST SOLUTION TO UNEMPLOYMENT

Take the hapless unemployed

Give them implements and land

Call it a "commune" and they'll presto

trembled

... A PEASANTRY!

# PEASANTS FOR MARX, UNEMPLOYMENT

IT MAY NOT have been the most strategically important target in the world.

But occupying the clock tower of the University of Sydney gave the administration a taste of what it could get rid of the university's radical Political Economy courses.

A floating population of 20 to 30 young intruder Butler reporters amongst them took over the clock tower.

We discovered with Political Economy banners, raised the Political Economy flag in place of the university's and held the banner up to the tower against security men and the threat of the police.

The Professor and the University Administration have been wanting to get rid of the courses since they started in 1975. The courses act of orthodox economics and free market theories. From the late 1960s, students and a few teachers had wanted changes in the Economic course. They were being and irrelevant. Unable to explain how the world works, the teachers periodically walked away by cries which show millions out of work and into poverty. The economic courses were only concerned with abstract and



**ALL ALONG THE CLOCK TOWER** - students occupy one of UPV's 'invoy towers' to protest at the abolition of Political Econ courses.

By Rick Kuhn

The occupation followed the largest form law movement in 1976 (several occupations) at Sydney Uni in many years. The issue at the time was an attempt to get rid of the Political Economy (PE) courses. The Economics Professors and the Academic Board had the PE course for 1984. The PE course for 1984.

unrealistic models. After years of protests and in 1976 several occupations) at Sydney Uni in many years. The issue at the time was an attempt to get rid of the Political Economy (PE) courses. The Economics Professors and the Academic Board had the PE course for 1984. The PE course for 1984.

Students won in 1974.

By Rick Kuhn

The occupation followed the largest form law movement in 1976 (several occupations) at Sydney Uni in many years. The issue at the time was an attempt to get rid of the Political Economy (PE) courses. The Economics Professors and the Academic Board had the PE course for 1984. The PE course for 1984.

# REAL LABOR RANKS

WHILE HE WAS hob-nobbing with the America's Cup crew, Bob Hawke was drenched with criticism from the Victorian ALP conference.

The conference expressed "strong dissatisfaction" with the government's Timor oil-cut and called for an end to the oil embargo.

It demanded a strong anti-imperialist program for more government spending.

In addition, Hawke was told to keep "an eye on prices".

This was hardly surprising. It was noteworthy that a number of Federal Ministers were present because of the bad press they were creating for the government.

In addition, Hawke was told to keep "an eye on prices".

Timorese women run a Fretilin creche for displaced children after Hawke's struggle in order to pursue Australia's mis-imperialist interests.

The only effective way to stop France's Fretilin arms trade was to denounce Hawke's mis-imperialist adventures. The ALP could win from the last use of Federal Government money when it was used to finance arms trade with the Soviet Union.

Evio Lubela's paper commended children after displaced and Hawke's struggle in order to pursue Australia's mis-imperialist interests.

# ... but it's all Right in NSW

There might have been plenty of foreign works at the Victorian ALP Conference. But the NSW ALP Conference a week earlier showed how much dead-weight conservatism Hawke has in the party to back him.

It certainly was an eye-opener for any novice ALP member. The idea that a coalition policy disapproved was the Annual Conference is a lesson worth remembering. It was a lesson worth remembering.

A touch of excitement rippled through the hall and finished delegations were sent to the back of the hall. This would have done them the whole conference, and saved everybody waiting their time.

Brown was there in it and that BITF would get whatever it little hair showed in sustain it through these difficult times.

It wasn't unusual to see delegations that were sent to the back of the hall. This would have done them the whole conference, and saved everybody waiting their time.

Oh Regis, what has become of you?

A SPECIAL ANNOY from French President Mitterrand arrived in Australia last week, to lobby the Labor Party to resume uranium shipments to France.

The special annoy from the French Socialist Regis Debray, a famous name in the left internationalism in the late sixties.

In the sixties, Debray was a young Paris intellectual who became the confident of Cuban revolutionaries Che Guevara (1959-1967).

Guevara and sentenced Debray to 30 years jail on charges of treason and murder.

After three years of tortuous behind bars, Debray was released following an international campaign. So what is a former revolutionary doing in Australia, having uranium for a Government that is just as right-wing as he?

In the early sixties, Debray had his colours to the mast of Salvador Allende's neo-parliamentary

government in Chile. He called it "The future type of Government in Latin America".

When Allende's dream of peaceful transition to communism was drowned in blood in the military coup, Debray refused to novel writing.

In 1978, perhaps sensing the rising star of the Socialist Regis Debray, he elected and appointed him to deal with international affairs.

Even at the best of times, Debray ignored the crucial importance of the working class winning its own liberation and murder.

But at least he recognized that a violent system would need a revolution - who get rid of it.

Since then, he has followed the path of the left, uncritically applying whatever seems the best thing to do at the moment.

Tragically, that now leaves him in the absurd position of trying to pressure Bob Hawke to the right so that France's social democracy can run a "responsible" nuclear arms policy for his ruling

... but it's all Right in NSW

There might have been plenty of foreign works at the Victorian ALP Conference. But the NSW ALP Conference a week earlier showed how much dead-weight conservatism Hawke has in the party to back him.

It certainly was an eye-opener for any novice ALP member. The idea that a coalition policy disapproved was the Annual Conference is a lesson worth remembering. It was a lesson worth remembering.

A touch of excitement rippled through the hall and finished delegations were sent to the back of the hall. This would have done them the whole conference, and saved everybody waiting their time.

Brown was there in it and that BITF would get whatever it little hair showed in sustain it through these difficult times.

It wasn't unusual to see delegations that were sent to the back of the hall. This would have done them the whole conference, and saved everybody waiting their time.

Open Slather

DIME COOPER... Palace... Williams...

Constable Richard... Williams... court dismissed...

WOMAN'S PLACE

Dame Louise Kenner... women's liberation...

DOGS OF WAR

US... Service System... included were Jack...

NBODY

to... Communist Party... Whelan government...

EMPLOYMENT

A fine slogan... workmen's call... "Blonds" best...

as a trapped or lions?

LEN COOPER, Victorian assistant secretary of the Australian Telecom Employees Association, discusses the real meaning of Labor's Prices and Incomes Accord with the BATTLE.

In the general context... the establishment... would be considerable...

They let the terms of the debate... who could best describe the working people...

Back every struggle!

LEN COOPER'S remarks are extremely important... That a trade union leader is prepared to denounce the Accord...

IS WHAT WE THINK IS

how this is done when they visited the working class... The idea was first to support the occupation and second to argue for an alternative...

SHOULD OR STRUGGLE...

It's a question of how you come to terms... to demonstrate the way forward... If the parliamentary representatives are saying one thing and doing another...

At present the resolution... they supported the Accord... AIEA policies. Then Hawke began to campaign on the Accord...

There was no debate on the job, there was little debate in the branches... The unions were locked in a No-may battle was developed...

Back every struggle!

LEN COOPER'S remarks are extremely important... That a trade union leader is prepared to denounce the Accord...

IS WHAT WE THINK IS

how this is done when they visited the working class... The idea was first to support the occupation and second to argue for an alternative...

SHOULD OR STRUGGLE...

It's a question of how you come to terms... to demonstrate the way forward... If the parliamentary representatives are saying one thing and doing another...

There was no debate on the job, there was little debate in the branches... The unions were locked in a No-may battle was developed...

There was no debate on the job, there was little debate in the branches... The unions were locked in a No-may battle was developed...

Back every struggle!

LEN COOPER'S remarks are extremely important... That a trade union leader is prepared to denounce the Accord...

IS WHAT WE THINK IS

how this is done when they visited the working class... The idea was first to support the occupation and second to argue for an alternative...

SHOULD OR STRUGGLE...

It's a question of how you come to terms... to demonstrate the way forward... If the parliamentary representatives are saying one thing and doing another...

There was no debate on the job, there was little debate in the branches... The unions were locked in a No-may battle was developed...

There was no debate on the job, there was little debate in the branches... The unions were locked in a No-may battle was developed...

Back every struggle!

LEN COOPER'S remarks are extremely important... That a trade union leader is prepared to denounce the Accord...

IS WHAT WE THINK IS

how this is done when they visited the working class... The idea was first to support the occupation and second to argue for an alternative...

SHOULD OR STRUGGLE...

It's a question of how you come to terms... to demonstrate the way forward... If the parliamentary representatives are saying one thing and doing another...

There was no debate on the job, there was little debate in the branches... The unions were locked in a No-may battle was developed...

There was no debate on the job, there was little debate in the branches... The unions were locked in a No-may battle was developed...

Back every struggle!

LEN COOPER'S remarks are extremely important... That a trade union leader is prepared to denounce the Accord...

IS WHAT WE THINK IS

how this is done when they visited the working class... The idea was first to support the occupation and second to argue for an alternative...

SHOULD OR STRUGGLE...

It's a question of how you come to terms... to demonstrate the way forward... If the parliamentary representatives are saying one thing and doing another...

There was no debate on the job, there was little debate in the branches... The unions were locked in a No-may battle was developed...

There was no debate on the job, there was little debate in the branches... The unions were locked in a No-may battle was developed...

Back every struggle!

LEN COOPER'S remarks are extremely important... That a trade union leader is prepared to denounce the Accord...

IS WHAT WE THINK IS

how this is done when they visited the working class... The idea was first to support the occupation and second to argue for an alternative...

SHOULD OR STRUGGLE...

It's a question of how you come to terms... to demonstrate the way forward... If the parliamentary representatives are saying one thing and doing another...

PLO splits deals, bombs, or the workers?

By Tom O'Lincoln

YASSER ARAFAT'S diplomatic skills are being bent to a new task... The PLO Chairman is conducting what a deep split in his own ranks...

In recent weeks the dance has been rather one of post-armistice rivalry... forming their own camp and claime territory in the Lebanese town of Baalbek in the Bekaa Valley...

The differences go back to the year of 1974... Arafat has tried to play down the split...

They were strengthened in this view and the first frontal assault to cover the city, and it in fact, was stopped dead by the defenders...

But for many months this feeling was largely articulated by members of the small "offering faction" in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine...

New talks have appeared in Fatah, the PLO's largest and most militant organisation which provided the bulk of the PLO forces...

Arafat has tried to play down the split... But the depth of the current in the ranks is made clear by the evidence brought the PLO leadership has gone to in trying to restrain it...

Libyan halation appeared them in the general election...

It also appears that Syria is backing the rebels, not out of any sympathy for their cause... The PLO permanently. Thus, Damascus hopes to control the Palestinian territories...

But the most of the problem is the PLO in its own camp... Arabians prepared to settle for a limited battle, concludes the American government...

It has called for "an explicit Israeli and the most recently announced an alliance with the PLO... Libyans led against the Israeli forces in Lebanon...

Without an explicit Israeli and the most recently announced an alliance with the PLO... Libyans led against the Israeli forces in Lebanon...

What is so important is that it is being waged in Lebanon... Libyans led against the Israeli forces in Lebanon...

What is very clear in Palestinian ranks... the PLO is doing more to defend the Israeli, war machine... Libyans led against the Israeli forces in Lebanon...

YASSER ARAFAT - too much emphasis on deals, too much on the Arab working class.

British socialist PETER BINNS examines Thatcher's sweeping victory.

ON JUNE 9 Britain's Labour Party was annihilated at the polls. Its vote slumped 25 percent, leaving Margaret Thatcher with an overwhelming 140 seat majority.

How on earth was this possible? Under Thatcher industrial production has declined 17 percent, cuts have been made in schools and hospitals, and unemployment has skyrocketed to a quite unprecedented 4.5 million.

In the last weeks of the campaign a major error was made which, in other circumstances, would have sunk the Tories.

A recent Treasury report claimed that the rate of inflation had risen to 10.5 percent. This was a surprise, but not a shock.

A confidential report by the Confederation of British Industry revealed that Britain had not "turned the corner" economically, but was still spinning down.

A Tory-dominated parliamentary committee admitted that the Labour Party had been in, and that it was not clear whether the government would have to hand over sovereignty to Britain.

In the case of the Labour Party, the Tory government would have to hand over sovereignty to Britain.

How come then the Labour Party was so successful? The answer lies in the fact that the Labour Party was not a party of the working class.

For their part, the Tory government was not a party of the working class. It was a party of the middle class.

Any "progressive" Labour Party would have to be a party of the working class. It would have to be a party of the working class.

Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government. Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government.

Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government. Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government.

Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government. Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government.

Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government. Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government.

Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government. Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government.

Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government. Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government.

Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government. Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government.

Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government. Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government.

Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government. Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government.

Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government. Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government.

Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government. Healy then scragged the Labour Party's support for the Tory government.



THATCHER fans (above) and her heroine on the hustings (right) - without struggle, her policies seem inevitable to millions of British workers

Labour left-wingers retained to even admit that the working class was suffering deeply as well.

The left was that the Labour Party was not a party of the working class. It was a party of the middle class.

Labour left-wingers retained to even admit that the working class was suffering deeply as well.

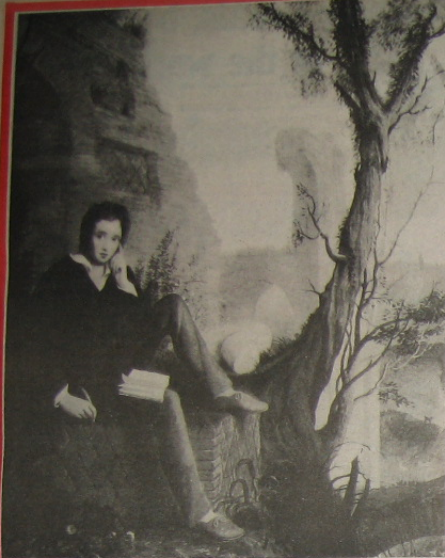
Labour left-wingers retained to even admit that the working class was suffering deeply as well.

Labour left-wingers retained to even admit that the working class was suffering deeply as well.

Labour left-wingers retained to even admit that the working class was suffering deeply as well.

Labour left-wingers retained to even admit that the working class was suffering deeply as well.

Labour left-wingers retained to even admit that the working class was suffering deeply as well.



PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY painted in exile in 1845.

From the Revolt of Islam

'Can man be free if woman be a slave?  
Chain one who lives and breathes this  
boundless air,  
To the corruption of a closed grave.  
Can they whose mates are beasts,  
condemned to bear  
Scorn heavier far than toll or anguish,  
dare  
To trample their oppressors? in their  
home  
Among their babes, thou knowest a  
curse would wear  
The shape of woman—Hoary Crime  
would come  
Behind, and Fraud rebuild Religion's  
tottering dome.'



MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT SHELLEY,  
1841.

*ON CLASS, From Queen Mab*  
That, basking in the sunshine of a court,  
Fatten on its corruption what are they?  
—The drovers of the community; they feed  
On the mechanic labour, the starved hind  
For them compels the stubborn glebe to yield  
Its unshar'd harvests, and you squall from  
leaner than Flabbes misery, that wastes  
A sunless life in the sulphur-bone mine,  
Drops out in labour a protracted death,  
to give their grandeur many faint with toll,  
That few may know the care and woe of loath.

**MOST OF US in school are taught poetry as if it doesn't belong to us.**

As if to understand it you have to pore over the meaning of the words and images until they blur in front of your eyes. Or even preferably—go to university.  
Poetry they say has more to do with the way things are said than the meaning. It's made difficult. It inhabits its own special world and has little to do with the way most of us live.  
Poetry they say is like a precious object—to be taken down and looked at in leisure.  
How wrong they are: Poetry can be dangerous. And because it does have the ability to affect our lives deeply, it has been turned into something untouchable by those who seek to control it—the literary establishment.  
There was probably no more dangerous poet than Shelley. And consequently none that has been so disfigured by the Establishment.  
One hundred and fifty years ago at a time of probably the most reactionary government England has seen, Shelley saw through the veneer of society and tore into the heart of the government.  
This is what he wrote about Castlereagh, Elton and Sidmouth—government ministers at the time I met murder on the way—  
He had a mask like Castlereagh—  
Very smooth he looked, yet grim;  
Seven blood-hounds followed him.  
All were fat, and well they might  
Be in admiral's plight.  
For one by one, and two by two,  
He tossed them human hearts to chew  
Which from his wide cloak he drew.  
Next came Fraud and he had on,  
like Elton, an ermine gown,  
His big tears, for he wept well,  
Turned to millions as they fell;  
And the little children who  
Round his feet played to and fro,  
Thinking every tail a gem,  
Had their brains knocked out of them.  
Clothed with the Bible, as with light,  
And the shadows of the night,  
Like Sidmouth next, Hypocrisy  
On a crocodile rode by.  
And many more destructions played  
In this ghastly masquerade.  
All disguised, even to the eyes,  
Like Bishops, lawyers, priests or spies,  
(The Mask of Anarchy 1819)

Hatred and disgust for these men shine through and yet in schools and universities throughout the country Shelley is served up now as the epitome of the ineffectual romantic poet.  
From 1819 when *Mask of Anarchy* was written to now, somewhere along the line the real Shelley has got lost.  
It is to rescue Shelley from the hands of those who would rather have him doctored of all political ideas and more importantly to inspire people to read him—that Paul Foot has written his magnificent book *Real Shelley*.  
Putting Shelley right back into the real world where he belongs, Foot says, far from being the swooning romantic he was an atheist, a republican, a supporter of women's liberation and above all, a revolutionary whose radical politics penetrated all his writings.  
And as the critics tore out the politics they didn't like so the flesh was taken off the bones of the poetry.  
Shelley wrote against a background of war. The war against France and the war against the working class.  
Habeas Corpus was constantly—almost permanently suspended, press censorship was endemic, embryonic working class organisations were banned and the price of corn went up and up.  
As the poor starved, the aristocracy gave lavish parties.  
Shelley saw through the divisions of the society in which he lived and was revolted. His poems are passionate pleas for change. They skewer the culprits of the misery he saw all around him.  
The Generals he said 'are the hired brats on which depend the tyrant's throne—the bullets of his fears these are the stinks and channels of worst vice, the refuse of society, the drogs, of all that is most vile...'  
Priests he called 'those grave and hoary headed hypocrites'. While Judges 'stand ready to oppress

## SHELLEY ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

### SHELLEY was far in advance of his time in his attitude to women, sex and marriage.

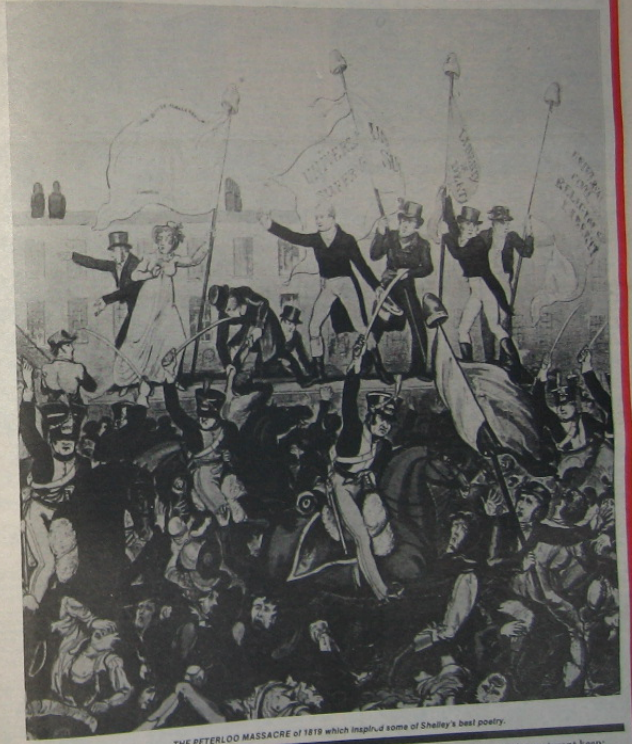
He was a supporter of women's liberation who believed in women as his intellectual and spiritual equals.  
In all his major revolutionary poems it is women who play the leading agitational role.  
In the Revolt of Islam it is the heroine Cynthia who spins on the masses. In *Prometheus Unbound* it is Asia—'Prometheus's lover—who urges the Demogorgan to action.  
Shelley saw women's role outside that of the home as a vital and important part of the move for change. His poetry had a great influence on the Suffragette movement.  
At a time of such oppression he argued against marriage (although he was married twice) and for 'free love'—(although not, as *Real Shelley* makes clear, in a promiscuous sense).  
early  
Putting such advanced theories into practice in the early nineteenth century was a different matter.  
His treatment of his first wife Harriet whom he left for Mary Godwin leaves a lot to be desired. Two years after Harriet committed suicide by drowning.  
Shelley didn't mean to hurt her, but he was rather more than a little insensitive in putting his theories above the emotions of those around him.  
With Mary, who was less his devoted admirer and more his equal, his life was different. Her encouragement of his writing, which resulted in personal tragedies—miscarriages and the death of their children—while Mary was encased in grief he was supportive and dependable.

*ON RELIGION From a prose piece: 'On the revival of Literature'*  
'superstition of whatever kind, whether earthy or divine has hitherto been the weight which dogged man to earth and prevented his genius from soaring aloft amid its native skies... In the mist of both humane and philosophical there cannot exist a greater subject of grief, than the reflection of how much superstition has retarded the progress of intellect and consequently the happiness of man.'

*FROM MASK OF ANARCHY*  
And the slaughter to the Nation  
Shall stream up like inspiration  
Eloquent, ecstatic  
A volcano hoard of  
And these words shall then become  
Ringing through each heart and brain,  
Heard of ages—  
How like Lions after slumber  
In an equipage number  
Shake your chains to earth like dew  
Which in sleep had fallen on you—  
You are many—but they are few.

*ON THE FUTURE From 'Ode to Liberty'*  
'What if earth can clothe and feed  
Ample millions as they need,  
And power in thought be as the sea within the world?  
Or what if Art, an ordent intercourse,  
Drive us to bring to Nature's nurture,  
Check the great mortar stooping to carter hew,  
And vice, 'Ere me, thy child dominion  
Over all bright and dark? 'If Life can breed  
New wars and wealth from those who toil and  
groan  
Render of thy gifts and hers a thousandfold for one'

# D SHELLEY



THE PETERLOO MASSACRE OF 1819 which inspired some of Shelley's best poetry.

Men of England, therefore plough  
For the lords who lay ye low?  
Wherefore weave with toil and care  
The rich robes your tyrants wear?

The seed ye sow, another reaps;  
The wealth ye find, another keeps;  
The robes ye weave, another wears;  
The arms ye forge, another bears.

Sow seed—but let no tyrant keep;  
Find wealth—but let no impostor hie;  
Weave robes, let not the idle bear;  
Forge arms, in your defence wear.









WORKERS FROM Commonwealth Engineering (Comeng) file out the gate to join a meeting with Sydney Right to Work marchers.

ON FRIDAY 10 June the bosses of Australian National Industries must have thought they had no more worries about sacking 83 workers at Comeng in Sydney.

**Support Vital for Comeng**

On that day an overwhelming majority of Comeng workers endorsed an official recommendation to stop all industrial action against the company in order to get into negotiation in the Arbitration Commission. But any idea that the company might soften its attitude must have been quickly dispelled once these negotiations started. The company's generosity to the sacked workers only stretched to \$1250 for workers with up to five years service, through to a

huge \$4500 for workers with more than twenty years service. And this is only for workers on the permanent staff. The other eleven sacked workers aren't even offered the miserable deal. So a meeting of over 400 Comeng workers voted unanimously to resume their own action to force a bit of responsibility out of the company. The work-in and rolling stoppages are back on.



ALL BRISBANE A.N.I. shops met to discuss support action for Comeng workers. Above, above, votes taken on a motion to go out for the rest of the day.

**A.N.I. savages conditions ... what next?**

WORKERS at Commonwealth Engineering (Sydney) aren't the only ones with a score to settle with parent company, Australian National Industries (A.N.I.).

In the last round, ANI bosses showed that they were prepared to withstand this action. So it's back to a question of taking stronger and stronger industrial action, including indefinite strikes or occupation of the plant, until the bosses are forced to give in. This makes the support of other workers throughout Australia even more vital than it was first time round. Donations and messages of support can be sent to: Comeng Support Committee, Permatama Trade Union Centre, 20 Hunter St, Permatama (ph. 615444)

By Mark Gillespie, ETU  
mass meeting here have at best held off the worst of a period. On the same day they sacked 81 Comeng workers had been sacked at A.N.I. Sargents Avenue would have been next.  
Over the last year our conditions have been taken away. First there was the shorter boom. Then the agreement on agreements they had made to try to get a work.  
Then there was the national wage rate drawn out with negotiations, lost at Perth's freeze and finally shelved in the case of a man when the Labor Party was elected.  
Now A.N.I., being the front runner for strikers, has started rolling back over the standards in shops weakened by retrenchment.  
One thing positive to come out of our meeting was a motion giving the officials and delegates to call another mass meeting if any of our workers.  
The experience of Comeng workers and the union. Negotiations and contracts are not stop A.N.I. or any of the other bosses. If the finger on our wages, it will take all our workers to them.  
But this isn't going to make up for what's already lost. To do that, we should reject the consensus that came out of the Commonwealth meeting for an all out national wage support

**ANGRY STUDENTS** have invaded Sydney University's Economics building and staged the longest campus sit-in for a decade.  
Four hundred students started the sit-in after Vice-Chancellor John Ward suspended five students and had another arrested by the police riot squad.  
The students have won the reinstatement of the suspended Economics building and are demanding the continuation of the University's Political Economy courses.  
Ward suspended the students after calling the riot squad to an earlier occupation of the Economics building.  
Students were occupying in protest at a decision by the University's ruling Academic Board to abolish the first year Political Economy course.  
Political Economy courses began at Sydney University after a bitter struggle by students and left-wing staff in 1974.  
Full story—p.3

**COPS MAUL PERU PICKERS**



LEFT: City Engineer Amos MacInnis (left) gets a tongue lashing from union officials at the picket line. BELOW: A senior inspector hauls a picket away as a scab waits to drive through.

By Tony Henderson in Perth

**THE FOUR WEEK garbage strike in Perth** has turned into a key battle for the Australian labour movement.

The strikers have been sacked en masse. Scabs have been hired to do their jobs. Police have brutally beaten back picket lines to get scab-driven trucks through.  
When Perth Council's manual workers struck for the 38 hour week, the Council sacked 215 of them and took on scabs.  
Organizing the scabs is Rick New, the man who arranged the Noolbarraba truck convoy in defiance of union bans.  
The struggle quickly came to the boil, with mass pickets and police violence.

**Strikers smashed**

Police have thumped and manhandled pickets, seized them by the hair, thrown them bodily into who has a weak heart.  
Police smashed a camera into the face of a photographer and left him pointing with blood.  
Pickets trying to resist have been set upon by as many as seven cops at a time. Two dozen picketers, including prominent union officials, have been arrested.  
No wonder workers are angry. Six hundred furious unionists marched to Parliament to demand resignation of ALP Police Minister Carr.  
Workers around Perth have mobilised in solidarity.

Garb on the other council's strike.  
There was a mass walk-out by the huge Merlin Hotel where a complete ban on major contractors. Another contractor's job has been black-banned.

Six hundred workers stopped work at the Wesley Aluminium Refinery and Alcoa workers at the new Swanley Fraser refused to work on the scab's attack on the scab's strike as well as that appeared.

This is an ordinary dispute. It is a normal industrial action. It is a normal industrial action. It is a normal industrial action. It is a normal industrial action.

Turn to p.3

If you're fighting for your rights ...

**THE BATTLER IS YOUR PAPER! SUBSCRIBE NOW!**

Make sure you get your copy of The Battler every issue. Just \$10 a year, or \$25 for a supporting subscription.

City and post to PO Box 86, Perth, W.A.

**Brisbane Peace Campaign the go**

THE BRISBANE Peace Campaign aims to set up an on-going group from a public meeting on July 31.  
This is no good news. One of the findings of the campaign till now has been the lack of an organizing force between yearly rallies.  
Many people are sympathetic to the disarmament movement but we need an on-going group to turn their sympathy into active support.  
Several groups have successfully mobilised people around specific issues. These groups include Peace Action Campaign Against Nuclear Power and the Rally for Peace Committee. Those who go on the one-year marches, but only a handful become active, between rallies.

To get new people involved we need one central body committed to building up an on-going campaign.  
The campaign has often concentrated too narrowly on the issue of nuclear disarmament. Many people get the impression that only the nuclear threat is important.  
The rally for Peace Committee meetings, some have opposed having main speakers at the rally discuss the Middle East, Central America or Afghanistan. The anger that these wars don't relate to nuclear disarmament.  
We think the peace movement should support and to stop the export of Queensland uranium. And we can support the general nuclear disarmament campaign in Melbourne and Sydney.  
Australia is linked to the western military alliance by the US bases scattered across the country. This means Australia will be actively involved in any nuclear war and a target for nuclear attack.  
It is clear that the Labor government won't remove the bases. Hank's talk is in terms of strengthening the ANZUS pact even further, a pact which legitimates the bases, visits by nuclear warships, and facilities for B-52s.  
With an organised Brisbane peace campaign we can pressure the Queensland government to have visits by nuclear warships.  
We can support struggles for Aboriginal land rights over uranium mining and to stop the export of Queensland uranium. And we can support the general nuclear disarmament campaign in Melbourne and Sydney.  
Our goal must be a

**SOMETHING HAPPENING WHERE YOU WANT? Write for The Battler**

PO Box 445  
Perth, W.A.  
Tel 01-274 212

# BRIBED

**With Alec Kahn**  
**THE HIGH COURT**  
**decision to stop the Franklin Dam was tremendous victory for the conservationists who fought long and hard against it.**

**But it's important that in the rejoicing we don't draw the wrong conclusions about it.**

Already, some people on the left, convinced that the success was due to the "top-down" mass action that resulted in 2000 arrests at the dam site, are planning similar tactics against uranium development in South Australia in a few days.

"I hear they could be in for a large disappointment. We should be quite clear about why the Franklin Dam

was stopped. On its own, the decision by the High Court did not achieve a thing.

The original aim was to block the construction and/or the dam itself and originate the Tasmanian Government with the consent of both many protesters (having so many protesters on so many occasions) because it wasn't a mass action.

The only people who could participate were the 2000 hardy souls who took down to the Franklin.

Despite the legal technicalities which got the protesters off their charges of trespass, Robin Gray's policy succeeded quite easily in its primary intent of breaking up the action by carrying people up to Bason all.

Real mass action, such as the trade union ban against the Tasmanian Government by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia, was far more hardier for Gray to cope with than the Tasmanian Wilderness Society's actions were. It was hoped to be a way of extending the action to the rest of the state as being a media exercise.

# Cons: and over that petition!

**SIGNED A petition lately? If you have, it's possible you now have a place on the files of your local Police Special Branch.**

The Queensland Police Special Branch has tried to get hold of copies of a petition protesting against the Brisbane Mall legislation.

This has been revealed by a leaked memo from the Acting Supervisor of the Mail, R.K. Andrews, to the Brisbane Town Clerk.

The petition, which protests against the ban on political speakers and leafleting on the Mall in Queen Street in late March.

The memo reveals that the Special Branch supervisor Acting S.P. Andrews rounded April 26 to ask for a copy of the petition.

Special Branch's pretext was that it wanted to uncover unknown radicals and potential radicals "known radicals" had signed the petition - and would possibly be involved in any other forms of surveillance on the Left, this excuse is dubious.

It is far more likely the police were trying to uncover unknown radicals and potential radicals - that is, ordinary members of the public - angered by the public proposal protest rally on Friday 27th May.



Fortunately for the Tasmanian Wilderness Society, the High Court decision that won the day.

Firstly, in the polluting anti-uranium case, the anti-dam case won, because of its positive sympathy as a result of their spirited action.

Even that, however, would have been insufficient for victory. The anti-uranium movement had a majority of Australian taxpayers voting in favour of uranium mining in Gallup Polls for a long time. Labor would have lost and it.

But unlike uranium, the dam campaign also aroused a considerable body of class opinion against the project.

This was typified by Don Chipchase and his friends who showed their support for the dam by their refusal to sign the petition. The influential Melbourne area came out strongly against the construction.

For the bosses, the cost of the dam was a crisis issue. Tasmania gets Federal funding that is double the rest of the country on a per capita basis. Mainland bosses see themselves as subsidizing Tasmania, and don't like the money being wasted on unnecessary dams.

With the more liberal sections of the middle class against the dam, the Labor Party was prepared to come in behind the anti-damers for the election campaign in a way it never did before.

Uranium.

Uranium.

Labor took the scene for a showdown in the High Court. But then, there was no government of the day.

When the High Court would decide by whatever decision was handed down. If the decision had gone against the wilderness society, Labor would have abandoned it. Earlier multi-

## ANTI-DAM LEADER Bob Brown at the High Court - are his tactics worth repeating?

...ing about blocking imports to Tasmania would have been forgotten.

And the High Court is no great respecter of electoral mandates. In 1977, ultra-leftists would overwhelmingly win a referendum. Aborigines in a referendum. But the Labor Government decision last year has the High Court been prepared to take on the Queensland Government over black rights.

What decided the High Court was a quite different issue - the hoary old chestnut of "Federal vs State rights".

Since the appointment of

Justice Deane to the High Court, there has been a trend towards the High Court being seen as a conservative institution. These factors may apply at the High Court in the case of the Tasmanian Wilderness Society. In the case of the Tasmanian Wilderness Society, the High Court has been seen as a conservative institution. These factors may apply at the High Court in the case of the Tasmanian Wilderness Society.



**RIOT POLICE, SUSPENSIONS BACKFIRE ON SYDNEY UN VICE-CHANCELLOR**

**Occupiers meet in the Economics Faculty building in the afternoon in Australia for a decade.**

# Sit-in shakes up Profs

**COPS ON the campus. Students suspended and arrested. Mass meetings and occupations. No wonder the professors and administration at Sydney University are worried!**

On Tuesday 5 July students occupied part of the Economics Faculty building - for the second time. The occupation followed the biggest (first) lawn meeting since the mid-1970s.

Over 500 students gathered on the lawn to protest the occupying of the first year University (PE) course, the presence of cops on the campus and the suspension of students.

For reasons we'll be campaigning to save the PE course, which 'are a vice-chancellor's Ward helped the staff's decision would confuse and demoralize students. And he said the first students were prepared to condemn the suspension of the PE staff.

But we all agreed that the campaign had to go with or without the staff.

That was why the first meeting was so important. Ward's recent mistake was determining the response to the suspensions and use of cops on campus. His actions put students into activity.

The use was covered with posters and letters. Trade unions, including the NSW Teachers' Federation, Transport Workers, Building Workers, Builders, Laborers and Hospital and General Employees' union, were all supporting the campaign.

The TEUFA threatened industrial action if Ward's occupation continued.

## RICK KUHN reports from the Political Economy occupation

...the abolition of the PE staff. It was a backward step. Political action was necessary to force the staff to give up the Vice-Chancellor's occupation has continued for a week.

Political Economy campaigner Scott Cameron summed up our attitude. "The campaign should be kept up pressure on the administration until we see the removal of the occupation, especially if we see the staff's continued functioning."

# Dolies soup it up

**PERTH COUNCIL workers know a lot about the filth of a city.**

The maggots that breed in it, the rats that scavenge in it, and the muggers that attack in it.

Here in Perth the maggots have names, the rats are named, and the muggers wear uniforms.

The maggots who form the Council's Senior Management Committee have been on providing a showy display for the workers.

Millions are provided for the workers and street-cleaning. City Engineer Alan Macklin has long wanted to see the workers.

Macklin even complained to the High Court that put the most militant shop stewards on the gag that was new "tariffs" but no increase of course.

The coincidence is still being fought out in the streets. The Barrier would save bread of suggesting an increase of the fight to the pickets of Macklin's Meats.

The workers of the Mount Lawley.

City Treasurer John Clark Depuy Tenor. Clerk John Walker are two smart-aleck maggot-fuckers who are trying to get their hands on the money.

Local unemployed workers and parents are trying to get their hands on the money.

An ABC journalist who interviewed me for his radioed, after when I just happened. He was surprised that I had a good idea of the fact that we all had been queuing for soap, water, and food.

The journalist meant: do you know you're fighting the police who tried to keep you out of the staff, telling them we would have to do it.

But we didn't have much choice. We were being told that if we didn't do it, we would have to do it.

We fought to smash their wage freeze, and to get their hands on the money.

Higher wages don't cause unemployment. It has been won from, not given by. Some of the maggot-fuckers began to descend on us, told their supporters that we were being targeted for a pig in a blanket.

Then we were unconcernedly thrown out of force. One participant was arrested, but was released to free him.

After we returned to the footprints and were told that we had demonstrated that we had the strength. We had held the police back with our strength.

My reply to the journalist was, "The maggot-fuckers don't mind a radical change. This system needs radical change. Here today, gone with it."

Everyone felt a little bit of a success. We were proud of the fact that we had been able to show the people about the possibility of organizing by Saturday.

# Garbos fight the filth of a city

**PERTH COUNCIL workers know a lot about the filth of a city.**

The maggots that breed in it, the rats that scavenge in it, and the muggers that attack in it.

Here in Perth the maggots have names, the rats are named, and the muggers wear uniforms.

The maggots who form the Council's Senior Management Committee have been on providing a showy display for the workers.

Millions are provided for the workers and street-cleaning. City Engineer Alan Macklin has long wanted to see the workers.

Macklin even complained to the High Court that put the most militant shop stewards on the gag that was new "tariffs" but no increase of course.

The coincidence is still being fought out in the streets. The Barrier would save bread of suggesting an increase of the fight to the pickets of Macklin's Meats.

The workers of the Mount Lawley.

City Treasurer John Clark Depuy Tenor. Clerk John Walker are two smart-aleck maggot-fuckers who are trying to get their hands on the money.

Local unemployed workers and parents are trying to get their hands on the money.

An ABC journalist who interviewed me for his radioed, after when I just happened. He was surprised that I had a good idea of the fact that we all had been queuing for soap, water, and food.

The journalist meant: do you know you're fighting the police who tried to keep you out of the staff, telling them we would have to do it.

But we didn't have much choice. We were being told that if we didn't do it, we would have to do it.

We fought to smash their wage freeze, and to get their hands on the money.

Higher wages don't cause unemployment. It has been won from, not given by. Some of the maggot-fuckers began to descend on us, told their supporters that we were being targeted for a pig in a blanket.

Then we were unconcernedly thrown out of force. One participant was arrested, but was released to free him.

After we returned to the footprints and were told that we had demonstrated that we had the strength. We had held the police back with our strength.

My reply to the journalist was, "The maggot-fuckers don't mind a radical change. This system needs radical change. Here today, gone with it."

Everyone felt a little bit of a success. We were proud of the fact that we had been able to show the people about the possibility of organizing by Saturday.

## WOULD-BE scabs queue for strike-breaking

The union leaders must spread the struggle so they are being... The strike was on, with many militant pickets of the building lighting Labor Premier Bob Carter's copes. Premier Bob Carter's copes. Premier Bob Carter's copes.

# TEN'S people set up a shop

**TEN'S people set up a shop**

Local unemployed workers and parents are trying to get their hands on the money.

# Leaked memo exposes Old Special Branch

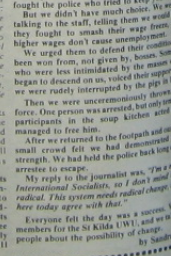
**Leaked memo exposes Old Special Branch**

The Queensland Police Special Branch has tried to get hold of copies of a petition protesting against the Brisbane Mall legislation.

# Ten thousand anti-nukes tell it to the masses

**Ten thousand anti-nukes tell it to the masses**

Author's explanation for the failure of leafletting against the... The police were trying to uncover unknown radicals and potential radicals.



**Have you got your copy yet?**

**Only \$3.00**

**Post paid**

**P.O. Box 46,**

**Perth, Western Australia, 6150.**

**Vic. 3011.**

**This important new book on Marx is written in a style which is accessible to the reactionary myths so often encountered.**



**PROTESTORS drags a banner from the deck of the USS Women.**

# Member, and even

## Open Slather

1575 Now officials who work this hard to keep the money out of the pockets of the workers.

The starting revision appeared on the cover page of the *Monthly*. The new salary schedule was a 15% increase for the lowest-paid workers and a 7% increase for the highest-paid.

T.K. Jones, US ambassador in Hanoi, is under attack by the press. Jones is under attack by the press. Jones is under attack by the press.

### THE NATIONAL Wage Case has always been a circus glorified game of legal robbery. But this time we stand to lose more than usual from it.

The wage freeze has cost us 1% of our buying power. But rather than apply for a catch-up, the ACTU is holding off the price. All the economy is doing is making for the price.

## It's the National Wage circus again

How long will we have to wait for a 9 1/2% rise? If the ACTU advocates and refuses to 'place' and 'prioritize' the value of 'high-priority' (a) a 9 1/2% rise for giving people the sack in a way that will actually make them poorer for 15%.

### V.B.U. WAGE JUSTICE VEHICLE STOPPERS

But they're also worried about "one they" drivers show about 15 hours a week are "taken" by workers. We've seen that since the buses make a profit out of our labor.

### SHOP STEWARDS claim the fight in the Arbitration Court—just a quiet kill for John Moore knew they hadn't stolen him.

### JOIN A JOB SCHEME—RISK YOUR LIFE!

In the last Depression the Victorian government built the Melbourne tramway around the banks of the Yarra, using the unemployed as cheap labour.

### POLICE BRUTALITY

London's Metropolitan Police beat the Royal Ulster Constabulary in the police sector of last year's riotous. Police beat the Royal Ulster Constabulary in the police sector of last year's riotous.

### What's the deal for a R.I.C.?

The deal was for a R.I.C. The deal was for a R.I.C. The deal was for a R.I.C.

### MELBOURNE shop stewards march on the National Wage Case hearing after their rally over the 8 1/2 per cent foot in the Wage Freeze again

keeping quiet. So the ACTU should get that too. Thirdly, the ACTU has accepted John March has given little emphasis to quarterly hearings in his annual hearing, and a "double over" that request.

## OFFICIALS FACE THE MUSIC

When 500 shop stewards and job delegates assembled at Melbourne's Trades Hall on July 25 to discuss the National Wage Case, they were handed two bits of paper.

One contained the official recommendation of the ACTU's claim for a 2.2 per cent rise.

The other carried the headline: '2.2 percent? What job?' This was handed out by the International Socialists, and it slammed the wage 'restraint' advocated by Trade Hall.

After a few weeks, the Community Welfare Scheme officers of Sunshine noticed that the young men came home at night carrying in some red substance. One of them dropped a rash all over his body and began itching.

After the first weeks, the Community Welfare Scheme officers of Sunshine noticed that the young men came home at night carrying in some red substance. One of them dropped a rash all over his body and began itching.

After the first weeks, the Community Welfare Scheme officers of Sunshine noticed that the young men came home at night carrying in some red substance. One of them dropped a rash all over his body and began itching.

So the ACTU has accepted John March has given little emphasis to quarterly hearings in his annual hearing, and a "double over" that request.

So the ACTU has accepted John March has given little emphasis to quarterly hearings in his annual hearing, and a "double over" that request.

So the ACTU has accepted John March has given little emphasis to quarterly hearings in his annual hearing, and a "double over" that request.

So the ACTU has accepted John March has given little emphasis to quarterly hearings in his annual hearing, and a "double over" that request.

So the ACTU has accepted John March has given little emphasis to quarterly hearings in his annual hearing, and a "double over" that request.

So the ACTU has accepted John March has given little emphasis to quarterly hearings in his annual hearing, and a "double over" that request.

So the ACTU has accepted John March has given little emphasis to quarterly hearings in his annual hearing, and a "double over" that request.

So the ACTU has accepted John March has given little emphasis to quarterly hearings in his annual hearing, and a "double over" that request.

So the ACTU has accepted John March has given little emphasis to quarterly hearings in his annual hearing, and a "double over" that request.

So the ACTU has accepted John March has given little emphasis to quarterly hearings in his annual hearing, and a "double over" that request.

So the ACTU has accepted John March has given little emphasis to quarterly hearings in his annual hearing, and a "double over" that request.

# IS BILL HAYDEN the new 'peacemaker' of South East Asia?

His recent ten day trip signalled a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

# Peacemaker

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

Hayden's trip to Southeast Asia was a grand initiative by Hawke's government. Labor was to seek accommodation between Vietnam and the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) over Kampuchea, and to reduce tension between China and Indo-China.

## JOHN PAUL RENDERS UNTO CAESAR

John Paul Renders, a Belgian politician, has been sentenced to three years in prison for his role in the Belgian Congo. He was accused of involvement in the 1960-61 Congo crisis.

John Paul Renders, a Belgian politician, has been sentenced to three years in prison for his role in the Belgian Congo. He was accused of involvement in the 1960-61 Congo crisis.

John Paul Renders, a Belgian politician, has been sentenced to three years in prison for his role in the Belgian Congo. He was accused of involvement in the 1960-61 Congo crisis.

John Paul Renders, a Belgian politician, has been sentenced to three years in prison for his role in the Belgian Congo. He was accused of involvement in the 1960-61 Congo crisis.

John Paul Renders, a Belgian politician, has been sentenced to three years in prison for his role in the Belgian Congo. He was accused of involvement in the 1960-61 Congo crisis.

## Arab workers are the key

The SPLIT in the Palestinian forces has deepened over the past couple of weeks. A significant minority of the fighters had grown tired of Yasser Arafat's reliance on diplomacy.

The SPLIT in the Palestinian forces has deepened over the past couple of weeks. A significant minority of the fighters had grown tired of Yasser Arafat's reliance on diplomacy.

The SPLIT in the Palestinian forces has deepened over the past couple of weeks. A significant minority of the fighters had grown tired of Yasser Arafat's reliance on diplomacy.

The SPLIT in the Palestinian forces has deepened over the past couple of weeks. A significant minority of the fighters had grown tired of Yasser Arafat's reliance on diplomacy.

The SPLIT in the Palestinian forces has deepened over the past couple of weeks. A significant minority of the fighters had grown tired of Yasser Arafat's reliance on diplomacy.

# Striking up solidarity

**PHILIPPINE workers have won a small victory over the Australian multinational, Safcol.**

The issues were forced to negotiate by Australian workers' solidarity action when the Steamer & Packers stopped work on a container of Safcol fish. With pressure on sales from the consumer boycott and from the militant union in Manila, management caved in.

The fine is only 20 cents a day, the union asked for by a union official who happened to be a Marcos agent. They need \$2 to survive. But even small victories can be the beginning of bigger things.

The twenty workers asked 24 hours have been remunerated with back pay and the company has agreed to last year's amount of availability of work.

The better asked Bob Muzst of Australia Asia Worker Links about the trade union struggle in the Philippines.

### casuals

"It the Safcol workers organized a ban on overtime, a compulsory 12-hour day was worked six days a week, with only one 20 minute lunch break and two 15 minute tea breaks. Two thirds of the workers were classed as casuals and had to queue from 4 am in the hope of starting at 6."

The actual factory processes are the butchering of frozen fish with no protective gear, and then handling very hot fish out of the oven, again with no gloves.

The wages were 30 pesos a day (\$3.80). This is half the poverty line for a family with four kids - but only if you are working full time. The average amount of work is only 10-12 days a month, and it varies from one to 26 days according to the catch of fish.

The workers can barely survive. The union president had to have one child

adopted because they couldn't afford to keep it. Compare this with the former Australian manager, Richard Fowler. He owned 80 per cent of the Manila factory personally until July last year when he sold his share for \$4.8 million and retired to Hawaii.

Australian multinationals like Dunlop, Grubby shoes, Rette-Hetta, AGL, ANI and BHP all have subsidiaries. Dunlop has had a constant policy of preventing the formation of a union in all its subsidiaries. The wage of 30 pesos is pretty standard, but it may be 18 pesos or less in non-union factories.

Both social union organisations is very difficult under such conditions.

"Unions are legal, but the laws establishing the legality of the unions are seldom enforced. There are many illegal attacks on the union movement with little done about them. There have been five instances in the past 18 months of workers being shot dead on picket lines."

"On his release he took another job. The present woman organiser has no permanent address. She moves around from day to day; uses an alias; and when I meet her she has to cough brains sticking out of her back pocket. To be known as a union organiser is to invite a short life span, I was told."

"But there is a very strong tradition of militant picketing in the Philippines. They maintained 24 hours a day and the families come down and cook there. Picket lines are frequently quite violent, as they resist being broken up by hired goons, scabs or the military."



**WORKERS hold a demonstration to protest the killing of a striker on the picket line at Solid Mills, Manila, last year.**

# Australia paves the way

THE 1977-78 coal strike in Australia did not see the first walk out by the 10,000 people who work in the coal-mining industry. It was the first in a long line of such actions, however, which have led to a series of legislative changes, including the right to strike, which have paved the way for the development of a strong labour movement in the country.

The Australian labour movement has a long history. It was founded in 1890, and has since then been a powerful force for social and economic change. The 1977-78 coal strike was a landmark event in its history, as it was the first time that a major industry had been brought to a standstill by a union-led action.



**IMELDA Marcos (left) presiding over a real estate for Metro Manila beautification Day - says slums such as Pook are superfluous.**



# The reapple power keg

*The Philippines suffers in the past regularly with war horror stories of life and death under Marcos. Now Chris Ross examines the conditions that have forced working people into a corner and how they're fighting their way out.*

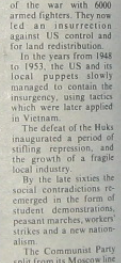
## AMERICA SEIZED THE Philippines from Spain at the turn of the century.

First they had to crush a national liberation movement, led by Emilio Aguinaldo, which had freed virtually the whole archipelago from Spanish rule. It took them three years.

Next the islands were turned into a colonial dependency. Foreign trade was monopolized by the US, and American investors achieved a dominant influence.

Local landed elites were forged into a subservient ruling class. In return for its political loyalty, the US allowed it to extend its lands at the expense of free peasants.

The end of World War II brought formal independence and paper "democracy." But the US secured the right to maintain over 20 bases and military installations, and US citizens got equal



**Emilio Aguinaldo**

rights to exploit the country's resources. The Communist-Led People's Liberation Army (known as the HUKs) had led local resistance to the Japanese, and came out

of the war with 6000 armed fighters. They noted an inscription against US control and for land redistribution.

In the years from 1948 to 1953, the US and its local puppets slowly managed to contain the insurgency, using tactics which were later applied in Vietnam.

The defeat of the HUKs inaugurated a period of stifling repression, and the growth of a fragile local industry.

By the late sixties the social contradictions re-emerged in the form of student demonstrations, peasant marches, workers' strikes and a new national union.

The Communist Party splits from its Moscow line leadership in 1968. Led by Maoist cadre, they founded the New People's Army in 1969.

President Marcos tried to halt this wave of protest by introducing martial law in 1972. The free press was shut down.

There is an urgent necessity to improve capital punishment for rebellion or insurrection, sedition and certain other acts which involve the national security and the stability of the government."

In 1981 the Philippines ran a trade deficit which was up 47 per cent on the year before. Coconut prices dropped by more than half between 1979 and 1981, affecting the livelihoods of 14 million people.

Rice and corn farmers have fought a losing battle against favouritism, bribery, insecticide, irrigation and seed prices. At the same time they were squeezed by government-imposed ceilings on grain prices.

Inflation went up to 15 and 20 per cent.

The official end to martial law in January did not mean an end to repression. The government did not dare end it. As Marcos put it:

"There is an urgent necessity to improve capital punishment for rebellion or insurrection, sedition and certain other acts which involve the national security and the stability of the government."

From several hundred in 1980, the ranks of workers joining broad political demonstrations swelled to thousands in 1981-82. Amid a surge of trade union activity the Mass Front Movement (MFM) was born.

It served as a centre of progressive trade union activity and seized the leadership of the movement from the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP), the regime's principal tool for repressing workers' and class collaboration among

the ranks of organized labour.

A financial panic in 1981 brought the local financial market to the brink of collapse. Favoured towards the founding business of Marcos' cronies in the import allocation of funds provided a storm

of protest.

Marcos has tried to salvage some credibility with a new Ministry of Livelihood and Development. Billed as "inspired after the New Deal of Franklin Delano Roosevelt," with the slogan "The Great Leap Forward of Manobo,"

But given conditions in the country, the government can only get local landowners and landlords, bureaucrats and military officers, Pusanis

# New People's Army Spreads out

**THE BRUTAL repression of martial law did not end resistance, it drove it underground.**

In 1974 the National Democratic Front (NDF) was established as a coalition of groups opposed to the Marcos dictatorship and the US economic and political domination. The NDF has developed into the main force co-ordinating various sectors of resistance. In 1981, for example, peasant struggles for land, teachers' and health workers' for higher wages and student protests against universities were organised into a successful nationwide boycott of Marcos' fake presidential elections. The groups within the NDF currently have a total of 20,000 full-time organisers operating in two thirds of the country's provinces.

The NDF has a strategy of broadening the opposition of the popular front includes groups such as Christian for National Liberation and the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) who are militant wing of the New People's Army (NPA) operating in most provinces.

The NPA area of operations has expanded to include a lot of the large southern island of Mindanao. They have a concentration of about 600 guerrillas there armed mostly with what they capture from the army.

In Mindanao they have largely taken over the struggle from the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) who fled down 80% of the army since 1972. Their goal is an autonomous region to include 13 existing southern provinces.

An agreement in this effect was made with the government in 1974. Marcos subsequently dishonoured it and hostilities resumed the following year. But war weariness and lack of political clarity has allowed them to be driven back into pockets around the coast of Mindanao.

Vietnam-style strategic hamletting (confining at present 300,000 peasants in villages it believes it can control) continues unabated. The army has thus far claimed the lives of 69,000 in the Moro conflict in Mindanao.

In 1979 the Marcos started making a copy of the 79 grandiose charter and have Syria made AK-47s from "friends". But still they and the NPA, who are moving towards plain military action, say their main single problem is the scarcity of weapons.

Commander Diego of the NPA implied: "We need guns. That is our only hope to speed up the revolution. We could distribute 50,000 rifles in a week and still need more."

On the island of Samar, insurgents and local rebels call the government troops "ongsa," since as the wild monkeys who screech down on the remote villages to steal the peasants' rice.

Rape, torture and murder of civilian suspects are also the hallmark of the corrupt, undisciplined and demoralized government forces.

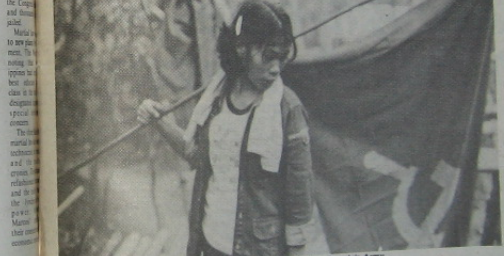
The government troops usually don't speak the local language and are often out-manoeuvred by the NPA which has the organized support of the people who can act as the "eyes and ears of the enemy."

The NPA seeks to organise the people around the issue that oppresses them most. For example, in the tribal areas of Northern Luzon, it's resistance to the building of huge dams at the cost of their rice terraces and the relocation of 100,000 people to hillides so eroded that the hills simply slip into ravines below.

But neither the NDF, the Communist Party or the emerging union movement have a perspective of establishing 'bourgeois' state capitalist rule or even, for most see socialism as a long term objective.

The broad opposition holds out the hope of a democratic alliance of autonomous regions with, in all probability, a large slice of power to particular interest groups like the church.

But at least they wouldn't have Marcos.



**IN A "liberated area", flag of the New People's Army.**

will be further contained through landgrabbing and forced labour.

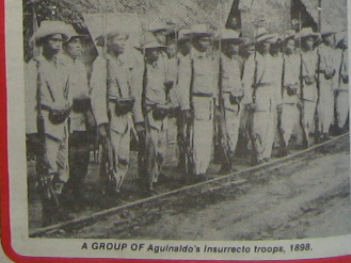
Meanwhile, the rain forests are dominated by the furniture of the bourgeoisie and painted with palm for oil, bananas, mangoes and pineapples for the export market. And the working people get scummy from their diet of sweet potato, rice and a scarce fish for special occasions.

The abundance of tropical fish are whited off for Shrimp Tom and the cure come back at exorbitant prices. Filipinos produce only through the filthy old multinational oil.

The mass of workers are beginning to see what's going on and in what interests but in those of the ripoff merchants who are sitting on the principal power of the state.

The organisation of mass resistance is the focus.

NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY cadre use a coconut palm as a lookout post.



**A GROUP OF Aguinaldo's Insurrecto troops, 1898.**



with Mike Grewcock

I WAS GOING to write this article on Monday morning but it seems to have been entirely something like there Life before Death and would have included a detailed description of how my nerve ends felt as though they'd been attacked by a cheese grater.

Why don't like Monday

The central theme of the article would have been 'alienation'—or how vast oceans in a thousand times more exciting than fronting up for the start of an week television spectacular.

Why don't like Monday (continued)

THE NEW anti-nuclear film Dark Circle really sums up the state of the peace movement.

On the one hand it presents a powerful indictment of the whole nuclear industry, including the military side.

By Phil Griffiths

There is lots in the film to interest the activist. The makers have dug up some amazing archival material and that is the high point of the film.

There is a lot in the film to interest the activist. The makers have dug up some amazing archival material and that is the high point of the film.

Heretic opposition, but irrelevant tactics

he was recently interviewed by Bill Collins. Bill Collins is to football what Rex Moxley is to football for the ratings.



HARLAN ELLISON confronts an alienating telephone on the cover of latest novel 'Shattersky'

Ellison opens this collection of stories with an introduction that says 'The lunatics of our world erupt daily like bolts on the crazed body of civilization.'

he is an appalling sexist. But at least he doesn't try and create a word which appears like a script from 'Happy Days'.

genius

Ellison does this with these stories to show what a genius he is at describing error and loneliness, and yes alienation.

he is an appalling sexist. But at least he doesn't try and create a word which appears like a script from 'Happy Days'.

AUSTRALIA is an imperialist country. That fact, frequently glossed by people on the Left, is vividly illustrated by two current films on New Guinea. 'First Contact' and 'The Sharkcallers of Iru'

'First Contact' shows the experiences of Michael and Daniel Leahy, two Australian gold prospectors, who in 1933 were the first whites to enter the heavily populated valleys of the Central New Guinea highlands.

By Steve Sherlock



WHEN Mike Leahy said a man he never missed—Michael Leahy, one of the brothers who opened up the Central New Guinea highlands for Australian imperialism in 1933.

The highlands were the Western 'backwoods' and people could be living better off there.

One aim was to convince the whites, which the Leahys failed to record in the light of European and American technology.

The Leahy brothers were quick to exploit the cheap labour of the highlanders.

Under this ideological onslaught, the old tribal religions and the sacred indigenous practices, with Manukese ideas, the activities of Alan Walker and Fred Viles.

Under this ideological onslaught, the old tribal religions and the sacred indigenous practices, with Manukese ideas, the activities of Alan Walker and Fred Viles.

Under this ideological onslaught, the old tribal religions and the sacred indigenous practices, with Manukese ideas, the activities of Alan Walker and Fred Viles.

Under this ideological onslaught, the old tribal religions and the sacred indigenous practices, with Manukese ideas, the activities of Alan Walker and Fred Viles.

For me shell, they'd do a mom's work

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

Two new films unveil the not-so-preetty face of Ocker imperialism

TALK TO TWO INTERNAL Socialists for long enough, and you lose almost inevitably some of the zeal for capitalism and the permanent arms economy.

Both ideas are unique on the left. The former gives us an understanding of what Russia is, and although welcoming the book's own criticism of the post-war economic boom.

Both ideas are unique on the left. The former gives us an understanding of what Russia is, and although welcoming the book's own criticism of the post-war economic boom.

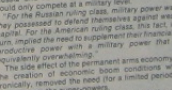
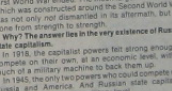
Both ideas are unique on the left. The former gives us an understanding of what Russia is, and although welcoming the book's own criticism of the post-war economic boom.

Both ideas are unique on the left. The former gives us an understanding of what Russia is, and although welcoming the book's own criticism of the post-war economic boom.

Both ideas are unique on the left. The former gives us an understanding of what Russia is, and although welcoming the book's own criticism of the post-war economic boom.

Both ideas are unique on the left. The former gives us an understanding of what Russia is, and although welcoming the book's own criticism of the post-war economic boom.

TOP—Our own dead were crying out inside that box—highlanders are amazed by their first sight of a gramophone. BELOW—A Kontu harcelator kills his pig by hand.



TOP—Our own dead were crying out inside that box—highlanders are amazed by their first sight of a gramophone. BELOW—A Kontu harcelator kills his pig by hand.

TOP—Our own dead were crying out inside that box—highlanders are amazed by their first sight of a gramophone. BELOW—A Kontu harcelator kills his pig by hand.

TOP—Our own dead were crying out inside that box—highlanders are amazed by their first sight of a gramophone. BELOW—A Kontu harcelator kills his pig by hand.

TOP—Our own dead were crying out inside that box—highlanders are amazed by their first sight of a gramophone. BELOW—A Kontu harcelator kills his pig by hand.

TOP—Our own dead were crying out inside that box—highlanders are amazed by their first sight of a gramophone. BELOW—A Kontu harcelator kills his pig by hand.

TOP—Our own dead were crying out inside that box—highlanders are amazed by their first sight of a gramophone. BELOW—A Kontu harcelator kills his pig by hand.

TOP—Our own dead were crying out inside that box—highlanders are amazed by their first sight of a gramophone. BELOW—A Kontu harcelator kills his pig by hand.

TOP—Our own dead were crying out inside that box—highlanders are amazed by their first sight of a gramophone. BELOW—A Kontu harcelator kills his pig by hand.

TOP—Our own dead were crying out inside that box—highlanders are amazed by their first sight of a gramophone. BELOW—A Kontu harcelator kills his pig by hand.

TOP—Our own dead were crying out inside that box—highlanders are amazed by their first sight of a gramophone. BELOW—A Kontu harcelator kills his pig by hand.

TOP—Our own dead were crying out inside that box—highlanders are amazed by their first sight of a gramophone. BELOW—A Kontu harcelator kills his pig by hand.

# AFU FIGHT

**SYDNEY'S** striking train drivers have **synded out.**

900 of them voted on Monday, 11 July to continue their strike over agreement by the State government and the State rail Authority (SRA) to reduce Manning levels on the high speed XPT train.

Predictably the SRA chief executive David Hill accused the drivers' union (the AFULE of feather-bedding.

In response, the drivers made it clear they will fight their jobs. They have refused to operate the passenger train XPT without an agreement as well as the driver, but it is only their direct employer, the SRA, that the drivers had to do battle with.

Since the NSW Labor government's record of attacking all the rail unions, it is not surprising that they're having a go at the AFULE again this time. The Premier has summed up the government's position beautifully. As far as the impending showdown of over 3000 other rail workers, he said the government would not operate its striking train drivers.

**clear**

And he made it quite clear that the government was determined to beat the drivers. "Other public sector unions have played the game of railway cost cutting for far too long," he said. In other words, the only way the workers can expect the support of the Labor government in NSW is to go along with lining their jobs.

Fortunately, the Premier's

compromise. The Labor Council officials visited a few select branches to the drivers. Acting secretary of the Labor Council John MacBeane went on the record as saying that he would "inevitably lead the union to a situation of virtual isolation from the rest of the trade union movement".

Macedo to Labor shops and David Hill's car no doubt. But all fell in deaf ears at the drivers meeting.

**dispute**

In the course of the dispute, they've seen the

But their position soon changed once they saw the state government were going to agree. The labor Council's compromise is that the drivers received on 11 July money to cover all XPTs off the rails until the inquiry is finalized.

The cash is to get the drivers back in to get at least a "interim" deal. The Commissioner's failure to give the drivers what they were asking for in the inquiry would be carried out by a Full Bench of the Arbitration Commission. This is the same Arbitration Commission that has already ruled that single standing should be ahead before the inquiry begins on 13th.

**AT THE AFULE mass meeting where the decision to strike was taken.**

By Diane Fields

# A.C.O.A. ACTION

## Victory for keyboard victims

**TWO YOUNG women temporise at the Melbourne Tax Office at the Melbourne Tax Office after they contracted repetition injury from their jobs as keyboard operators. The department admitted injury and gave them permanent appointment along with others in their group.**

Lynne and Barbara are under 21, without HSC, and can no longer work in the area in which they have skills. (The only form of repetition injury they are exempt from).

The other workers at "tax stood by their own agreement for 600 members of the A.C.O.A. and FGL (Tax Office Branch) voted overwhelmingly for industrial action.

Four weeks later management caves in. There had been work ban, strategy meetings and almost endless negotiations. The Department and Packers Union helped by bringing a plan to move to new accommodation.

Lynne and Barbara have been reinstated for three months, while management undertakes to find permanent employment for them. Perhaps more important, management is prepared to make changes in the keyboard area and change the status of all current temporaries.

The underlying problem remains—the keyboard risk. Last year there was action over this issue. With tax-workers time with us again, and a victory behind them, they return in the Tax Office can build on their own and resolve this question once and for all.

by Janev Stone

## Women refuse order to scab

**CLEANERS ARE on strike at a large public sector building in Melbourne because they were pushed around. And women public sector workers have refused to accept that sort of treatment either.**

When the cleaners went out 158 Lonsdale Street, a building which houses the Victorian State Government Department of Metallurgy, dust and garbage began to pile up.

Management on the 15th floor (part of the State Society) drew up a roster for the women cleaners to do the cleaning, and to scab on the strike. But the women refused to accept the roster.

The telephone operators (A.C.O.A.) refused.

Management went out on the 16th of April as a result of a new contractor. A new contract involved penny-punching at every level—from cleaning every area every day, down to referring to provide bins.

Unfortunately, it seems that no one is taking into account the women unions when the dispute began. As for these things, it's not the women's (manager's) interests that is at stake. It's the A.C.O.A. for public interests to be clearing.

Nevertheless, many women members refused. By the time they heard about it, they were already on strike. The A.C.O.A. had said that they did not want their members scabbing in the cleaners' area.

by Marianne Michael

# Write to The Battler: P.O. Box 46 Flemington, Vic 3021

## Let Cooper: just a "left cover"?

Dear Battler,

The latest issue of the Battler featured an interview in which Cooper, in an official of the Australian Television Employees' Association (ATVETA) who is also a member of the ALP/ACTU.

He said that following the pattern of the interview is that "Len Cooper is a member of the ALP/ACTU who is also a member of the ALP/ACTU."

LEN COOPER: is a member of the ALP/ACTU who is also a member of the ALP/ACTU.

And he spoke again as an amendment moved by a member of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, the ALP/ACTU member of the ALP/ACTU.

Cooper is not a member of the ALP/ACTU. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU.

Cooper's public performance is not a member of the ALP/ACTU. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU.

AT SYDNEY'S Departmental Society (DSS) the members of the DSS are the members of the DSS.

**Wages slip away**

ACOA NSW branch had a "mass meeting" on July 10th just how little we are getting for our work of last of members attended.

**MELBOURNE**  
P.O. Box 46, Flemington, Vic 3021  
Tel: 336 3367

**SYDNEY**  
P.O. Box 10, Alexandria, NSW 2015  
Tel: 31 9395

**CANBERRA**  
P.O. Box 42, Braddon, ACT 2601  
Tel: 229 8323

**PERTH**  
P.O. Box 10, Perth, WA 6000  
Tel: 384 4242

speech continued on the right things. Wages slip away. But his interview was not supported by the official.

His remarks were "extremely important. They ACTU and Trade Union bureaucrats, the ALP/ACTU member of the ALP/ACTU."

LEN COOPER: is a member of the ALP/ACTU who is also a member of the ALP/ACTU.

And he spoke again as an amendment moved by a member of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, the ALP/ACTU member of the ALP/ACTU.

Cooper is not a member of the ALP/ACTU. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU.

Cooper's public performance is not a member of the ALP/ACTU. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU.

**Wages slip away**

ACOA NSW branch had a "mass meeting" on July 10th just how little we are getting for our work of last of members attended.

**MELBOURNE**  
P.O. Box 46, Flemington, Vic 3021  
Tel: 336 3367

**SYDNEY**  
P.O. Box 10, Alexandria, NSW 2015  
Tel: 31 9395

**CANBERRA**  
P.O. Box 42, Braddon, ACT 2601  
Tel: 229 8323

**PERTH**  
P.O. Box 10, Perth, WA 6000  
Tel: 384 4242

in such a way that the workers' and maximum control over the industry. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU.

LEN COOPER: is a member of the ALP/ACTU who is also a member of the ALP/ACTU.

And he spoke again as an amendment moved by a member of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, the ALP/ACTU member of the ALP/ACTU.

Cooper is not a member of the ALP/ACTU. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU.

Cooper's public performance is not a member of the ALP/ACTU. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU.

**Wages slip away**

ACOA NSW branch had a "mass meeting" on July 10th just how little we are getting for our work of last of members attended.

**MELBOURNE**  
P.O. Box 46, Flemington, Vic 3021  
Tel: 336 3367

**SYDNEY**  
P.O. Box 10, Alexandria, NSW 2015  
Tel: 31 9395

**CANBERRA**  
P.O. Box 42, Braddon, ACT 2601  
Tel: 229 8323

**PERTH**  
P.O. Box 10, Perth, WA 6000  
Tel: 384 4242

**Wages slip away**

ACOA NSW branch had a "mass meeting" on July 10th just how little we are getting for our work of last of members attended.

**MELBOURNE**  
P.O. Box 46, Flemington, Vic 3021  
Tel: 336 3367

**SYDNEY**  
P.O. Box 10, Alexandria, NSW 2015  
Tel: 31 9395

**CANBERRA**  
P.O. Box 42, Braddon, ACT 2601  
Tel: 229 8323

**PERTH**  
P.O. Box 10, Perth, WA 6000  
Tel: 384 4242

**Wages slip away**

ACOA NSW branch had a "mass meeting" on July 10th just how little we are getting for our work of last of members attended.

**MELBOURNE**  
P.O. Box 46, Flemington, Vic 3021  
Tel: 336 3367

**SYDNEY**  
P.O. Box 10, Alexandria, NSW 2015  
Tel: 31 9395

**CANBERRA**  
P.O. Box 42, Braddon, ACT 2601  
Tel: 229 8323

**PERTH**  
P.O. Box 10, Perth, WA 6000  
Tel: 384 4242

**WHAT WE STAND FOR**

**Workers' Power**

Workers' power control over the industry. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU.

LEN COOPER: is a member of the ALP/ACTU who is also a member of the ALP/ACTU.

And he spoke again as an amendment moved by a member of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, the ALP/ACTU member of the ALP/ACTU.

Cooper is not a member of the ALP/ACTU. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU.

Cooper's public performance is not a member of the ALP/ACTU. He is a member of the ALP/ACTU.

**Wages slip away**

ACOA NSW branch had a "mass meeting" on July 10th just how little we are getting for our work of last of members attended.

**MELBOURNE**  
P.O. Box 46, Flemington, Vic 3021  
Tel: 336 3367

**SYDNEY**  
P.O. Box 10, Alexandria, NSW 2015  
Tel: 31 9395

**CANBERRA**  
P.O. Box 42, Braddon, ACT 2601  
Tel: 229 8323

**PERTH**  
P.O. Box 10, Perth, WA 6000  
Tel: 384 4242

**Wages slip away**

ACOA NSW branch had a "mass meeting" on July 10th just how little we are getting for our work of last of members attended.

## National Library bites the dust

MEMBERS FROM the unions in the National Library building struck on Friday, 1 July. They were protesting the refusal of Library management to admit that the deteriorating asbestos in the building was a health hazard and should be removed.

The asbestos sheeting has been used in the roof area of the Library building where the air conditioning intake ducts are located.

This means that the deteriorating sheets, which are breaking up in lumps, flakes and dust, are generating asbestos fibres which are then inhaled throughout the building.

The building has been monitored for 10 years by the Capital Territory Health Commission which admits that there are 2 asbestos fibres in the air at any given point in the Library every 4 hours.

Asbestos is a known killer, causing cancer and more general breathing problems. Already two workers in the Library have been diagnosed with cancer of the throat and scarring on the lungs.

The Library management has refused to allow an independent body to assess the danger and has refused to organise health checks for all workers in the building.

### removal

The only long-term solution to the problem in the Library is the removal of every particle of asbestos. This has been estimated to cost around \$500,000—what any management worth its name would undertake to have the asbestos removed.

The National Library Joint Union committee—covering the Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, the Professional Officers Association (Librarian) and the Australian Public Service Association (fourth division clerical workers)—has been negotiating with management for months and to no avail. So the committee called a strike.

300 Library staff and other Public Service workers met at 400 men to demonstrate publicly what they thought of the professional library management and the Hawke government—500,000 palmy dollars ahead of the health and lives of government workers.

Since then the Trades and Labor Union committee in Canberra has imposed a goods and services embargo that has the Library A24 hour picket line mounted by all unions affiliated to the TLC and the police (no time in taking prisoners).

On 11 July the TLC

President Peter O'Dea, ACTU Secretary, Peter Parramore and an ACCO Librarian were arrested on the picket line.

Removal of asbestos from a public building because it is a declared health hazard would be one of the biggest blows we could launch against the killer substance. This is a fight that all Canberra workers have an interest in.

The Library workers must get the solid support of the unions, so that Canberra-wide industrial action can back their demands. Without such action we'll lose this dispute. But we can win the one and we must.

by Anne Picot, ACCO, Canberra.

MEATWORKERS march on Protean's liquidators in Melbourne demanding their share of cut and run.

## PROTEAN FOLDS ... ON TOP OF ITS WORKERS

By Tom Orag



SACKED MEATWORKERS at Protean, Richmond (Vic) have been picketing their shed since June. They want the redundancy pay owed to them.

The threat of sackings had prompted occupation of the works at the end of May before anybody got the gun.

But after the June long weekend, all 250 got their marching orders from the Protean barons anyway.

At this time the men didn't occupy, only the gates to make sure ANZ, the liquidators, couldn't get in.

On 22 June, about sixty men made ANZ in the city to demand redundancy pay. The problem was that a union organiser who informed the police. The organiser then told the police the numbers of marchers, the route and destination of the march!

As one manie exclaimed: 'I'll tell you anything your number!' What the men did was good for trying to get publicity, the eye for eye anywhere near the inside of the ANZ had many police.

The men would also like to get their jobs back. But the new owner could be Smorgon's man with a bad industrial reputation. They aren't sure of the confusion about whether he is competing with sacked Smorgon workers for new jobs at the Protean plant.

### both

Meaties should be demanding work at the Protean and Smorgon's workers.

On 29 June, 150 men held a mass meeting. One worker wanted to know what the union had in view action, the motion killed. Margaret Union Secretary, Wally Curran, just wanted to talk to the men.

Later Curran was asked to involve workers in the action but he said that to mean the men should get out of the shed into the dispute. They should decide to go back. This is to mean the men should support strikes they would easily concede.

Of course, if the union hierarchy would say yes if the Protean workers stop, the men are to talk to other sheds, and to collect some men are all sacked, they and they should be collecting money to help out.

Whilst the picket isn't a 24 hour one, it's strong. But all Curran could offer was to visit their local Labour MP.

But as one picket, Alvy W... said out meatworkers... Why would he help...

For workers power!

## Pentagon targets Nicaragua

No. 148 August 6, 1983 30 cents (20 cents strikers, unemployed)  
Registered at Post Office as Publication No. 102

# REAGAN'S WAR IN NICARAGUA



### RONALD REAGAN has threatened war on Nicaragua

Despite all the pious talk about negotiations for peace, Washington is signalling its intention to impose its will on the people of Central America by naked force.

A narrow task force is on its way. Thousands of troops will soon be in Honduras, making repeated incursions into Nicaragua. A navy blockade is being considered.

And why? Because the people of Nicaragua dared to fight back against Reagan's neo-fascism.

monstrous of a dictator. Because the people of El Salvador threaten to do likewise.

### spread

This is a threat to America's imperial interests. Even worse, it might spread to other countries living under US-backed dictators.

The American people themselves might be inspired to fight back against Reagan's neo-fascism.

We say—Reagan, hands off Nicaragua!

racist and anti-women domestic policies. So the marines are counting their bullets and the bombers are revving up.

Bob Hawke, during his Washington visit, gave Reagan full endorsement for these measures.

Bill Hayden, while mulling vaguely about human rights, has also endorsed America's "rightist security concern" in the area.

For our part, we side with the people of Central America.

We say—Reagan, hands off Nicaragua!

Reagan muscles in—3

Can we stop the Bomb?—p 6,7

**HIROSHIMA DAY RALLY**

Melbourne's City Square from 4.30 pm  
**FRIDAY 5 AUG.**  
Then take to the streets against nuclear war.

**Damn!**

CAME IN THE WILDERNESS WITHOUT THE LATEST BATTLER? DON'T YOU WISH YOU HAD SUBSCRIBED !!

Make sure you get your copy of the Battler every issue. For just \$10 a year, \$25 for a supporting subscription, or an introductory sub. of 10 issues mailed to you for only \$4.

Clip and post to PO Box 46, Flemington, Vic. 3031.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_



**SYDNEY UMI students** tell the Administration how their feelings about the abolition of Political Economy courses.

# The Combe Intrigue

with Alec Kahn

**THE HOPE** Royal Commission into the Combe Affairs is now two months old. And what a galling, frustrating spectacle for Labor Party supporters it has turned out to be.

Many Labor supporters feel that the party has been "set up" by ASIO. Just how true is that? And just how much has Labor contributed to its own problems?

The first two months have made it increasingly clear that if anyone was "set up," it was David Combe rather than the Labor Party. The prime mover in the set up has been the shadowy figure of Laurie Matheson, millionaire trading agent between Australia and Russia.

Matheson, acknowledged by Government sources to have been until very recently working for ASIS, the overseas arm of Australia's spy network. This is confirmed by the fact that Matheson's evidence to the Royal Commission was given entirely behind closed doors. Only ASIO head Harry Braxton and two other (unnamed) ASIO agents have so far been accorded this privilege.

Less than a year just three weeks before David Combe went on a tour of Russia, Matheson commissioned Combe to do a report for him on how he could improve his trading business with Russia.

After his return, Combe tendered a confidential report to Matheson. Amongst other things, it suggested that Combe should add to upgrade relations between the ALP and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU), and that Matheson's trading business would gain some reflection if he became Combe was so far as Matheson's agent.

Matheson appears to have been the victim of a direct ASIO set up. On April 25, he rang Combe for advice about how to handle press attacks resulting from Ivanor's statement that he had tried to arrange a trip to Russia for Wright.

This phone call was of course taped by ASIO. It proved to ASIO that Wright knew of dealings between Ivanor and Combe. When it came on June 2 in the SA parliament when he got no particular reason at all, Liberal shadow minister for Ivanor, Brown asked Wright whether he knew of an association between Ivanor and Combe before his statement to the press late on April 25.

Wright replied that he didn't, which landed him in desperate hot water when ASIO tapes were published. But what could ever have made Brown suspect that Wright would know such a thing in April, unless ASIO had tapped the SA Liberals so far?

To be credit, Wright has refused to release the tapes. This is clear from ASIO's own admission that the Combe telephone tap records are nothing of "national security interest".

Under the ASIO Act and the Telecommunications Act, it should then have destroyed the tapes and transcripts retained, ASIO illegally kept them.

Government spending on security has gone up 260% in the last five years, compared with a 80% rise in other areas. Combe's salary package was that 20% new one year when ASIO started in late 1975.

My guess is that far from abolishing ASIO like it should, Labor will simply be its biased security spending in this area.

My guess is that far from abolishing ASIO like it should, Labor will simply be its biased security spending in this area. My guess is that far from abolishing ASIO like it should, Labor will simply be its biased security spending in this area.

**LAURIE MATHESON—millionaire ASIS agent** who commissioned a report from Combe, then handed it to ASIO.

that information to get a lobbyist paid. The person who **does** deserve some sympathy is SA deputy premier Jack Wright, the only Labor politician so far who has had the guts to stand up to ASIO.

Wright appears to have been the victim of a direct ASIO set up. On April 25, he rang Combe for advice about how to handle press attacks resulting from Ivanor's statement that he had tried to arrange a trip to Russia for Wright.

This phone call was of course taped by ASIO. It proved to ASIO that Wright knew of dealings between Ivanor and Combe. When it came on June 2 in the SA parliament when he got no particular reason at all, Liberal shadow minister for Ivanor, Brown asked Wright whether he knew of an association between Ivanor and Combe before his statement to the press late on April 25.

Wright replied that he didn't, which landed him in desperate hot water when ASIO tapes were published. But what could ever have made Brown suspect that Wright would know such a thing in April, unless ASIO had tapped the SA Liberals so far?

To be credit, Wright has refused to release the tapes. This is clear from ASIO's own admission that the Combe telephone tap records are nothing of "national security interest".

Under the ASIO Act and the Telecommunications Act, it should then have destroyed the tapes and transcripts retained, ASIO illegally kept them.

Government spending on security has gone up 260% in the last five years, compared with a 80% rise in other areas. Combe's salary package was that 20% new one year when ASIO started in late 1975.

My guess is that far from abolishing ASIO like it should, Labor will simply be its biased security spending in this area. My guess is that far from abolishing ASIO like it should, Labor will simply be its biased security spending in this area.

# In boss' suit out Sydney sit-in

**AFTER THREE** occupations, demonstrations and militant student action last week, the Political Economy campaign at Sydney UMI is over.

We were fighting to keep the department. We were able to get a separate department.

Campuses have been pretty quiet for the last five or six years.

No, the Economics professors and the bureaucrats who are the bosses at Sydney UMI thought they'd just set up with abolishing the (radical) PE courses, without students putting up a fight.

But it got a block. We occupied about 600 student study desks, and many more demonstrated with the struggle for greater student control over the university.

After we had tried to defend the courses through the "correct" channels—University committees and board—we found that matters went to our own hands.

At that point we decided that we'd like to work towards an alternative course, with more bargaining power. When we started work, we had no resources.

The only way to win our demands is to disrupt the University, that it becomes easier for the administration to give in than to hold out.

The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents. The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents. The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents.

The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents. The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents. The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents.

The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents. The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents. The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents.

The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents. The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents. The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents.

The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents. The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents. The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents.

The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents. The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents. The set up includes the Laurie Matheson and his ASIS agents.

# Deep in the heart of USS Texas

## BLACK BAN HOLES

## HAYDEN'S FAVORITE N-SHIP

WHAT TO DO about nuclear warships? **BAN THEM** was the answer from Brisbane and wharves when the USS Texas tried to sail into Fishermen's Island last month.

Their action proved right when the US military base, and even more so to the USS Texas.

Scanned inside to provide us with the Texas. They have decided to berth the Texas in its own bay, as well as all other containers coming into Brisbane wharves.

At a time of nuclear 300 protesters joined a TILC opposed rally in Kings Cross last week.

The TILC was unexpected by all. It was on its way to Darwin with the USS Carl Vinson but was diverted to Brisbane in a last minute change of plan.

Many spent it was in a lot of repair and leaking radiation.

As we have reported for Bill Hayden. Despite a couple of accidents, the TILC managed to block our path, we all went to see it. It was a very good thing.

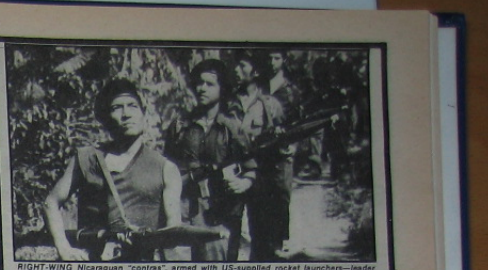
LOOK OUT Hayden, here we come!—nuclear protesters lined up the Department in Brisbane to protest against the USS Texas.

Gay-baiters—the real AIDS menace

BY Graham Willott

What has made AIDS such an issue in the disease field, or even the fact that it exists, has the fact that 70 per cent of its victims are gay men.

GAYS encounter AIDS victims in New York—each number represents a death.



**RIGHT: Edwige Chameroy** "contracts" armed with US-supplied rocket launchers—leader Edwige Chameroy admits they are "not a heroic propaganda movement".

RECENT TALK of peaceful negotiations should not be allowed to obscure the fact that the Reagan Administration is set on an escalation of the conflict in Central America. More missiles will be applied.

That is quite clear from several major developments over the past month. The one bad, Washington is openly backing a mercenary army of so-called military equipment and supplies. US forces might also be used to help build up a much greater force.

On the other, it has announced the sending of a carrier task force to the area to carry out exercises which would include the interception of shipping. The US Navy is reported to be out on a blockade of Nicaragua in the near future.

The US State Dept reports that the scale of US sponsored "covert action" aims requires a combination of such military equipment and assistance, (that) the Central American situation is being controlled by the US.

The New York Times reports that the scale of US sponsored "covert action" aims requires a combination of such military equipment and assistance, (that) the Central American situation is being controlled by the US.

Finally, the Pentagon has announced that the number of US military advisors in El Salvador will be increased from 50 to 120.

LOOK OUT Hayden, here we come!—nuclear protesters lined up the Department in Brisbane to protest against the USS Texas.

Gay-baiters—the real AIDS menace

BY Graham Willott

What has made AIDS such an issue in the disease field, or even the fact that it exists, has the fact that 70 per cent of its victims are gay men.

GAYS encounter AIDS victims in New York—each number represents a death.

GAYS encounter AIDS victims in New York—each number represents a death.

GAYS encounter AIDS victims in New York—each number represents a death.

RIGHT: Edwige Chameroy

RIGHT: Edwige Chameroy

RIGHT: Edwige Chameroy

RIGHT: Edwige Chameroy

RIGHT: Edwige Chameroy

RIGHT: Edwige Chameroy

RIGHT: Edwige Chameroy

RIGHT: Edwige Chameroy



## Open Slaughter

GIKKI and other top Italian fashion designers have asked to come up with new uniforms for Rome. They're the current uniform, "the current enough."

The city administrators prepared to spend \$700 a policeman on the new design. The mayor of Rome says, "These women are the symbol of Roman civilization."

The mayor of Rome says, "These women are the symbol of Roman civilization."

THE ITALIAN "Communist" also received praise from a revealing source on 19 July for his economic policies.

The Financial Review, stable, slammed the ADP in an editorial for being too much like the Tories and the Treasury.

Labour's cabinet members suggested the Review, "the best group of the Italian Communist Party, which has more than any other major economic realist."

THERE'S plenty to be made about it seems. Just a few days later, the Financial Review discerned that capitalism faces serious long-term problems.

It seems that profit rates keep falling. "In the largest industrial countries... real rates of return fell from 20 to 10 per cent from 1973 to 1981."

This is part of a general secular decline in profitability, which is still unambiguously confirmed by analysis of all camps.

ALL camps? Not really! But Marx explained why. It is a classic feature of the capitalist crisis a century ago, in a chapter about "the tendency for the rate of profit to fall." That Capital, Volume III, chapter 13, for those who want the gory details.

## DON'T WASTE BREAD!

LIKE TO eat \$100 a \$100? Get yourself into the club. Come to the Club in Queensland. And other work, they've converted a minute meeting in 1971 to happen that a few weeks earlier. The conditions are: "I don't remember that I need themselves that \$100 per month in three months. They are now a \$100 per meeting."

"The answer for the 'pay' out? "As under the last time, if they work out, they're taken to the bank."

PROBLEM: The garden of Rhodes House, an Oxford college in England, is open to the royal garden party. "The garden party" is the wall with the neighbouring. "The garden party" is the wall with the neighbouring. "The garden party" is the wall with the neighbouring.



ABOVE: Sydney demonstration for gay rights. Homosexuality was once considered a crime, and so will be in a socialist society. But under capitalism, one man kissing another is not a crime, and so will be in a socialist society. But under capitalism, one man kissing another is not a crime, and so will be in a socialist society.

"Bishop, I can fly, said the tailor to the Bishop. Just watch me try. And with a couple of things that looked like wings To the big, big roof of the church he climbed.

"Let the church bells ring. It was nothing but a lie. A man is not a bird. No man will ever fly." The Bishop told the people.

Today we smile at the Bishop's words. We have learned to fly, and we know that the tailor's fate was crushed on the city square. With a superior snarl the Bishop, guardian of traditional ideas, draws a moral.

So begins a poem by Bertolt Brecht, the German Communist. Also, the tailor's wings don't work, and he lies smashed on the city square. With a superior snarl the Bishop, guardian of traditional ideas, draws a moral.

On the face of it, it is a serious argument. Everyone around us seems mainly concerned with their own welfare. It is a dog-eat-dog world, and from what we know of history, it always has been that way.

How can a change of social organization, even one as radical as the change from capitalism to a socialist society, be achieved?

Today capitalism is in decay. Far from changing the world, the employer class wants to hang on to things as they are. Change is a threat, and any attempt to create a more progressive society is a grave threat to its survival.

Not surprisingly, we now get pseudo-socialist "proof" that human beings are permanently given, and basically selfish and egotistic.

One writer would persuade us that people are only "taken apart." Another, in the *Terrestrial Imperative*, wants to convince the world that the desire to cling to one's bit of territory—private property, what the means—is the basic urge of all human beings.

What their overlook of the fact that socialism itself has created the possibility for us to move on to a more co-operative world.

# "SOCIALISM? WHAT'S AGAINST THAT?"

Tom O'Lincoln looks at every right-winger's favourite argument against socialism.

democratically-run planned economy, change human nature. But human nature is the most changeable thing in the world.

In the ancient world it was considered "natural" for people to own other, and buy and sell them like cattle. Today we consider it "inhuman."

In medieval times, it was considered "natural" to burn witches and heretics. Today we are appalled by such practices.

Today we smile at the Bishop's words. We have learned to fly, and we know that the tailor's fate was crushed on the city square. With a superior snarl the Bishop, guardian of traditional ideas, draws a moral.

So begins a poem by Bertolt Brecht, the German Communist. Also, the tailor's wings don't work, and he lies smashed on the city square. With a superior snarl the Bishop, guardian of traditional ideas, draws a moral.

On the face of it, it is a serious argument. Everyone around us seems mainly concerned with their own welfare. It is a dog-eat-dog world, and from what we know of history, it always has been that way.

How can a change of social organization, even one as radical as the change from capitalism to a socialist society, be achieved?

Today capitalism is in decay. Far from changing the world, the employer class wants to hang on to things as they are. Change is a threat, and any attempt to create a more progressive society is a grave threat to its survival.

Not surprisingly, we now get pseudo-socialist "proof" that human beings are permanently given, and basically selfish and egotistic.

One writer would persuade us that people are only "taken apart." Another, in the *Terrestrial Imperative*, wants to convince the world that the desire to cling to one's bit of territory—private property, what the means—is the basic urge of all human beings.

What their overlook of the fact that socialism itself has created the possibility for us to move on to a more co-operative world.

## Fretlin leader speaks out on Timor

MILITARY training in the liberated areas of East Timor.

## BRAZIL

THE WORLD'S fifth largest country, Brazil, has run out of foreign currency for buying the basics it needs to keep it going.

The Brazilian government is desperate. It is being hounded by the world's bankers who are determined to force Brazil to pay its debts.

THE WORKERS WHO GAVE THEIR OWN SVO

The case of Mr Sullivan was a tough one. "I've fought one over, the doctors said, 'the extensive burn case they had even seen before.'"

concentration

The city of Sao Paulo has the biggest concentration of workers in the world. In 1978 there have been mass demonstrations almost every day for higher wages and more social services.

On July 6, 5,000 of the city's workers walked out in protest against the government and the military.

## LABOR ABOUT GENOCIDE?

FRETILIN REPRESENTATIVES have warned the Labor government that it will be an accomplice in genocide if it fails to implement party policy on Timor.

Abilio Araujo, member of the Fretlin Central Committee and leader of delegation touring Australia, said he was "happy with the victory of the Labor Party in the last election."

He told the Bulletin, "If this government doesn't take a correct position concerning the Timor problem, it will be an accomplice in the genocide that Indonesia will carry out."

economic

"We have no industry. We export coffee and import rice. It's a very simple economic diversification. Fretlin is not a socialist party."

There are workers in civil construction, road building, rural workers on sugar plantations. They are minority, but they are conscious of their role in the economy.

"I was a revolutionary Marxist party based in the factories to lead an insurrection."

Another problem is that Timor is not an island and is surrounded by sea. "What for the workers and peasants appears as a revolutionary party, it is a party in a running battle that can't stop in the middle of the road."

The demand includes a 25 per cent increase in the minimum wage, an 11 per cent increase in the minimum wage, and an 11 per cent increase in the minimum wage.

the workers in the towns are the vanguard facing the Indonesian forces in the occupied areas. They are not individual figures who know how to organize collectively, organize cells. Sometimes there are strikes on protest, but they are not to be done very carefully.

strategic

But the Hawke government remains unimpressed. That is not simply out of desire to remain friendly with the business who rule Jakarta. Timor has a certain strategic importance for U.S. imperialism and its Australian lackey.

The Melbourne Age reported in 1976 that "the forces and support were American and nuclear-armed submarines to pass through waters between the Pacific and Indian Oceans."

economic

"We have no industry. We export coffee and import rice. It's a very simple economic diversification. Fretlin is not a socialist party."

There are workers in civil construction, road building, rural workers on sugar plantations. They are minority, but they are conscious of their role in the economy.

"I was a revolutionary Marxist party based in the factories to lead an insurrection."

Another problem is that Timor is not an island and is surrounded by sea. "What for the workers and peasants appears as a revolutionary party, it is a party in a running battle that can't stop in the middle of the road."

The demand includes a 25 per cent increase in the minimum wage, an 11 per cent increase in the minimum wage, and an 11 per cent increase in the minimum wage.





THE PLANNED introduction of a computerised customer record system in Telecom Business Offices and a proposed engineering review within Telecom signal worsening conditions and a massive number of job losses for Telecom workers.

The Combined Union Committee (comprising delegates from the seven unions which cover workers at the jobs and conditions are threatened by the review) has directed all members to impose bans wherever imposed, means that no union will be taken into account. It is expected that the review will be completed by the end of the year.

Similarly with DECIS (Distributed Customer Record Information System), a computer system which replaces the need for clerical staff in Telecom Business Offices, it has been estimated that 2200 jobs will be directly lost nationally and that over 3000 jobs may go.

Senior positions have already been advertised for the new system which is due to commence in December 1984, and implementation has begun. New phone installation requests are being taken on hold as

By Jane Mussett, ACOA

work requests are no longer required with DECIS. Woodland spoke to the Battler about Telecom's new computer system. Telecom is currently crying out for more staff. DECIS is being introduced in a big way. It is already there waiting to be introduced to the system.

But it was only on the initiative of delegates that meetings have been called to consider what delegates would be taken to fight for the sort of industrial action should be taken.

Applying industrial pressure doesn't end with implementing bans, however. The union must be prepared to call its members out on strike immediately they give Telecom's record during the dispute around the wages campaign of 1981.

Wills now says he's undecided on what to do about the notorious CLER and CIEP Acts. These allow the government to stand down workers, move to other industrial districts.

Canberra pickets

The two 24-hour picket lines in Canberra that were started by the ACTU were extended to include the construction workers who were added to the extension to the Library. The workers had refused to sign up or enter to the building, but now all work on the site has stopped.

LEAFLETING outside the Canberra Central Library.

Penalty rates win overdue

PICKETING has won City of Sydney workers penalty rates on Saturday mornings. The pickets handed out leaflets and got library users to sign a petition in support of their claim on two weekend shifts.

Penalty rates were secured for staff in the Municipal Library staff are in the Municipal

XXXX sack plans flat

The workers' victory was complete. They're letting the Commission and manage not operate under the hammer. And the black and white workers' union was not a party.

ACTU backs Comeng workers

MORE ACTION! That's what the reaction of the stood-down Comeng workers in Sydney.

At the next meeting the officials did not take any proposals before them with regard to the building industry.

At the next meeting the officials did not take any proposals before them with regard to the building industry.

At the next meeting the officials did not take any proposals before them with regard to the building industry.

"We should fight the Super tax!"

Dear Battlers, I cannot agree with your Faxist (Battler 187) that opposition to the lump sum superannuation tax is "pointless",

The fact that PAYE workers ever able to contribute their super and invest it is a very small number. Most are in the private sector.

WORKERS from the laundry, kitchen and cleaning staff of the Government departments... main roads, public works and maintenance and teachers' aids.

WORKERS at Castlemeads (XXXX) went out for four days last week over the sackings of quality controller Tony van Dongen for a mistake.

XXXX sack plans flat

IF YOU'RE looking for a fun night out, try the Party of Friday night at 7:30 the Democratic Rights Organisation...

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

Dear Battlers,

Dear Battlers, We understand staff members of the BSB Comeng, Sydney, would like to express our disappointment over the organization of the BSB to work march which was held recently between Blacktown and the city.

Dear Battlers, I would like to say two things about the march which was held on Friday night last week.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Super again

Dear Battlers, I would like to say two things about the march which was held on Friday night last week.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

RW march disappointment

Dear Battlers, We understand staff members of the BSB Comeng, Sydney, would like to express our disappointment over the organization of the BSB to work march which was held recently between Blacktown and the city.

Dear Battlers, I would like to say two things about the march which was held on Friday night last week.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

Dear Battlers, The march was a success in many ways. It was a chance for us to express our views on the Super tax.

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

INTERNATIONAL Socialists MELBOURNE DEBATES PEACE

WHAT WE STAND FOR

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

Workers' Control over the means of production and distribution of goods and services in a democratic society.

## HEINZ WORKERS FIGHT WAGE FREEZE

**"HOW CAN a government turn around and ask for a wage freeze when they're pulling up their own chaises, and prices in the supermarkets are going up?" That was the typical comment on the picket at the Heinz factory at Dandenong (Vic).**

The picket was set up on Friday 29 July when the 450 workers at the factory were locked out by the company. Nothing was getting in or out. And the Stewards and Packers' Union and the Transport Workers Union had agreed to black ban all Heinz products in warehouses around Australia. Spirits on the picket on the first morning were riding high.

When the company escalated the ten week old dispute they may have bitten off more than they can chew.

Geoff Bennett, shop steward for the Food Preservers' Union, told the Battler the history of the dispute.

Since 30 May members of the FPU have had bans and limitations in the plant which have slowed down production in support of a claim for a \$30 pay rise and a 36 hour week with a nine day fortnight.

The dispute has been raised in the Arbitration Commission several times



HEINZ WORKERS on the picket line and (below) Geoff Bennett—stood down for holding a fork lift illegally.

so that workers involved in the action will be fined by the courts. The union now faces heavy fines.

When the workers refused to be intimidated by this, and by the threat to stop the national wage hearing, the company went all out to escalate the dispute. They began threatening stand downs.

On 28 July, some workers were given orders which contravene the Department of Labour and Industry regulations.

Geoff was a typical example. He was instructed to move stock (which was banned) by using a fork lift. The catch was he didn't have his driving licence on him.

The reason he didn't is that he's never driven a fork lift in that factory—he's employed as a kitchen hand. And it's illegal to drive a fork lift without your licence on the premises.

When he refused the order, which would have made him liable for a fine of \$400, he was stood down. Several others had similar experiences. Then the company announced they were closing down the plant.

### hearing

The company says they won't consider the claim until after the national wage hearing is completed—which means the middle of September, the way it's progressing.

So the round-the-clock picket at the factory is for a long way. Lane Freer, another FPU shop steward, was confident they could last as long as the company could.

The bosses are united in their hostility to this claim—because they can see if one group of workers should break through the wage freeze, it could give



others the confidence to have a go.

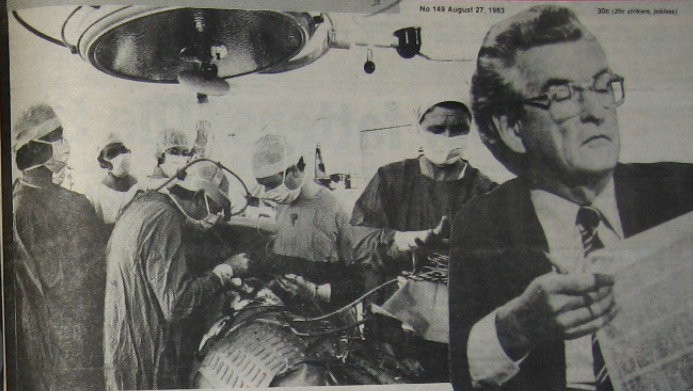
So one of the most important tasks for the Heinz pickets is to get out and build on the support they have already got so they can outlast the company.

If you can organise solidarity in the form of bans on Heinz goods, raising money, or just messages of support, contact the Food Preservers' Union in Melbourne.



Illustrated by A. M. P. - publication V&P 101

## THE SCANDAL BEHIND THE BUDGET...



# Hawke's Medicare's Medi-slip-off.

**\$12 a week from your paypacket**

**Crumbs for the jobless: Full Budget analysis p3**

### IS MEDICARE going to mean a bonanza for the bosses?

All taxpayers will be up for a 1 per cent levy to pay for Medicare. But it looks like the Labor government will use Medicare to cut out wages as well.

This came to light when Ralph Willis spoke at a meeting of bosses in Queensland. He said the ACTU had agreed to reduce the Consumer Price Index by 3 per cent in return for Medicare.

That means a worker on \$300 per week will lose a \$9 pay rise sometime next year, while a worker on the tax free \$5, this Combined with the tax levy of \$5, this makes the cost of Medicare \$12 per week.

For most workers, this would be a step back. Only a tiny minority of very high-paid workers who are not eligible for Health Cards will benefit from the Medicare health insurance scheme.

At the same time bosses, small business people, management, and others whose income is not tied to what the Arbitration Commission decides, will only pay the 1 per cent levy. They will generally be better off than at the moment.

By taking over Health Insurance from the health funds with Medicare, Labor can provide health cover for a lower total cost. But by cutting our indemnity, Labor makes sure the saving goes to the employers.

The Medicare wage cut is confirmed by Treasurer Paul Keating's Budget estimates. Despite expecting a 2% inflation and more hours worked, Keating has only budgeted a 1% Medicare wage cut in the likely 1% Medicare wage cut in the likely 1%.

It's an old, old story. Labor governments doing the dirty work for the bosses.

And as we show on page three, this is mainly the story of the whole Keating budget.

That is the thanks we get for the "restraint" embodied in the ALP/ACTU Accord. There is a lesson here. It's time we stopped exercising Keating's where to get off.

And above all, it's high time a new, socialist alternative was developed to replace the Labor Party.

**YOU TOO CAN BE A MENACE TO AUSTRALIAN SECURITY...**

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE BATTLE!!**

Make sure you get your copy of the Battler every issue. For just \$10 a year, \$25 for a supporting subscription or an introductory sub. of 10 issues mailed to you for only \$4.



**P.S. MOSCOW ALMOST CERTAINLY WON'T REIMBURSE YOU.**

Clip and post to PO Box 46, Flemington, Vic. 3031.  
Name.....  
Address.....

### what we think ... what we think ... what we think

**A VICTORY for the Heinz workers would be a tremendous morale booster for the trade union movement.**

It would give new heart to thousands of shop stewards and militants. It would prove that wages can be defended, despite the recession. Yet under the Prices and Incomes Accord the ACTU and the Labor government are committed to seeing the Heinz workers defeated.

There can be no question that the claims of the Heinz workers are both justified and moderate. Since their only pay rise was \$10 last August, they need the \$30 to keep pace with inflation.

And yet, under the Prices and Incomes Accord, the ACTU and the Labor Party have agreed that "if the essential conditions of the centralised system are met, there shall be no extra claims except where special and extraordinary circumstances exist."

The ACTU claims provision will apply to both award and overseas payments. Accordingly the Arbitration Commission denounced the Heinz workers and their fans, and the ACTU asked them to cease their action.

This kind of treachery was inevitable. The ACTU has always preferred appeals to Arbitration rather than Labor government as the most workers can hope for. It has always relied on sympathy from above rather than struggle from below.

In an economic crisis, the ACTU leadership will hide behind the capitalist state, trying to make the least painful arrangement possible. They will not be able to do drop in unemployment will not be restored, to they promise wage restraint.

The approach taken by the Heinz workers' counterproposal to that taken by the ACTU. The Heinz workers have realised on their own objectives outside the Accord. They will demand them up against still opposition.

They will face not only the bosses and the Labor government and ACTU leadership but also their own defeated.

It is increasingly clear that any group of workers are out to seriously defend their living standards face this same sort of opposition.

For that reason workers need to explore alternatives to Labor and the ACTU leadership. We need rank and file organisations that will stand down the need.

And we need a new political movement, a socialist alternative to the pro-boss and anti-people policies of the Hawke government.

### what we think ... what we think ... what we think

# Old Libs to a whiter shade of pale

No, the reasons are more subtle than the Queensland economy is heading for trouble. It's the "spectrum" of the Queensland State Government's recession is hurting them. Employment levels and rising investment in declining and the retail sector is looking worse and worse.

When White crossed the floor, he seized the opportunity, by saying the would not support the Liberal government. He was making the Liberal Party's own position on the Libs in Brisbane electorate.

Terry White—Bjelke's successor to split.

It will be so weak that Labor might well be ensuring an election. Peterlen gets to govern on his own in the run-up to the election, and take all the credit for the hand-out which are already being planned in the pre-election budget.

For the Libs, they look rather forlorn. But there is a theory in Liberal ranks that the Liberal government will last longer than you would expect. An electoral defeat would happen, they reason, which would be good.

Meanwhile, the Queensland Liberal Party, with its membership rising from the grass roots, has been a major force in the political arena. It's all rather daring, and the conservative who would be the Liberal Party, it is a ray of hope. Unfortunately, it is a ray of hope.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.



TERRY WHITE—Bjelke's successor to split.

It will be so weak that Labor might well be ensuring an election. Peterlen gets to govern on his own in the run-up to the election, and take all the credit for the hand-out which are already being planned in the pre-election budget.

For the Libs, they look rather forlorn. But there is a theory in Liberal ranks that the Liberal government will last longer than you would expect. An electoral defeat would happen, they reason, which would be good.

Meanwhile, the Queensland Liberal Party, with its membership rising from the grass roots, has been a major force in the political arena. It's all rather daring, and the conservative who would be the Liberal Party, it is a ray of hope. Unfortunately, it is a ray of hope.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

# Keating's sleight-of-hand Budget... A FEW CRUPPERS ARE BLESSED

After Tossing them a few crumbs, Hawke has washed his hands of the unemployed.

Like Pontius Pilate, he has handed them over to the houses, to use or abuse as they choose.

The Labor government has resigned itself to one and a half million official and hidden unemployment.

As well as wanting to minimize our discontent.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

When you look behind the budget and concentrate on the facts, this budget does very little. If you believed the papers, you'd think that there were big rises in the cost of living for the unemployed.

TEAS are to get an increase of 10 to 15 per cent this year. They will be expected to live on \$40 to 50 per week at least, in real terms, than at any time under Fraser.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

And while education is being squeezed, the Defence Department is bringing in getting a further \$500 million over the next year. This would allow the government to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

# Labour's new agenda

The right-wing officials of the Federated Ironworkers Union and other steel industry unions have thrown their members' conditions away for virtually nothing.

And the wealthy shareholders of BHP are to get the equivalent of a big Tattsлото win every single week, in subsidies from the government.

Labour will give BHP around \$340 million in the next five years. BHP is guaranteed 80 per cent of the Australian steel market.

It will probably get a much larger share because the \$160 million is being paid out as a \$170 million a year bounty to the major steel producers to use Australian steel.

BHP subsidiaries like Lyngs and Tabernacks will be paid by Labor to buy from BHP.

In return, BHP has promised no more sackings in the steel industry. They have already sacked one-third of their workers in the past year—12,000 out of 30,000—in a pretty hollow concession.

The deal does not bind BHP to maintaining employment levels. In the next year alone, 150 apprentices who finish their training will get the chop. Sixty are to be sacked.

BHP closed down at Newcastle, it would put the government under enormous pressure to take over the steel industry. But BHP would not have to take over.

BHP's promises can be seen as worthless. In return for the government subsidy and BHP's "workable" responsibility for making BHP even richer.

In just one year, they have promised an increase from 214 tonnes of steel per employer to 500 tonnes, a 45 per cent increase. The government has said it wants productivity to rise from 100 to 150 tonnes in five years.

The increased productivity will come from steel workers working hard. It means agreed to take no more industrial action for super-efficient equipment. Steelworkers are not to be paid for their work.

Workers who are laid off. The production agreement is a contract for the steel industry. There is no one available for the steel industry. They had been working hard.

Workers who are laid off. The production agreement is a contract for the steel industry. There is no one available for the steel industry. They had been working hard.

Workers who are laid off. The production agreement is a contract for the steel industry. There is no one available for the steel industry. They had been working hard.

Workers who are laid off. The production agreement is a contract for the steel industry. There is no one available for the steel industry. They had been working hard.

Workers who are laid off. The production agreement is a contract for the steel industry. There is no one available for the steel industry. They had been working hard.

Workers who are laid off. The production agreement is a contract for the steel industry. There is no one available for the steel industry. They had been working hard.

Workers who are laid off. The production agreement is a contract for the steel industry. There is no one available for the steel industry. They had been working hard.

Workers who are laid off. The production agreement is a contract for the steel industry. There is no one available for the steel industry. They had been working hard.

Workers who are laid off. The production agreement is a contract for the steel industry. There is no one available for the steel industry. They had been working hard.

Workers who are laid off. The production agreement is a contract for the steel industry. There is no one available for the steel industry. They had been working hard.

Workers who are laid off. The production agreement is a contract for the steel industry. There is no one available for the steel industry. They had been working hard.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

There was no move to increase taxes on company profits or the rich, again despite earlier statements.

**Open Slather**

PEOPLE magazine in the United States called the United States "the most open slather in the world". It is that "open slather" that "incites" them to "murder" and "rape".

ONE OF the most common objections you'll hear to socialism is that "there will always have to be incentives."

It is typical of capitalism, in which everything is measured by its cash value, that when people say "incentives" they mean money incentives.

In capitalist society they are, of course, right. The only real incentive to slog your guts out for the greater glory of the boss that you are paid for it. In those circumstances it is quite right to argue that if you are being forced to work at a hard and dangerous job you need a bit extra—an incentive.

The only way that you can establish your identity in a world which is systematically distorted human relationships is to have as much money as possible and to spend it on lots of shiny toys.

In practice, things are not quite that simple. The "incentives" which are most obvious to us are those that cash in hand to do with how hard you work. As a primary teacher in a class full of screaming lads has to work a lot harder than a lecturer in a seminar room with a couple of deferential students. But the lecturer gets at least twice as much money incentive as the primary teacher.

A moment's thought proves that cash in hand is the only thing that can be an incentive. The dictionary says that an incentive is "something that arouses feelings or actions." There are obvious lots of other things apart from money that have that role.

**Christians, for example, deny themselves all sorts of things they would really like to do. The only incentive they have is that they think they will get up in the sky when they die.**

The fact that the cash is the dominant one is a reflection of what Marx called "alienation" or "reflexion." He argued that in capitalist society, by the means of production owned by one class

and the vast mass of the population proprietors, labour means the production of things which become the property of other men.

The dominant way in which people satisfy their needs is to purchase things in the market. So the pocket of Kellogg on your breakfast table is consuming things which are a relationship between things. The chain of human labour between the farmworker in the mid-west of the USA and the packet of Kellogg on your breakfast table is masked as a series of financial transactions.

A planned, socialist society is based on quite opposite principles. Free of the pressure to accumulate and in control of their own means of production, the producers will have social relations as human relations. The

Our rulers try to keep us hard at work by applying both the carrot and the stick. Obviously, socialism will get rid of the stick. But can we do without the carrot? Jim Scott thinks so, and in this article he tells why.

## Can society do without material incentives?

work becomes satisfying the infinite range of human desires. Such a desirable state of affairs will not come about immediately. In his *Critique of the Gotha Programme* Marx argued that after a revolution we would have a period of transition in which the consciousness of the workers and the communist future of abundance will be a long and hard road. It will not be possible to abolish incentives overnight. The cash attitude will only overcome both by a change in the material conditions of production and the changing consciousness of the producers.

The clearest illustration of this problem is the practice of the Bolshevik Party after they seized power in 1917. Their problems were particularly acute. The economy was devastated. The vast bulk of the population were small property owners, peasants not workers. The working class was tiny and at a very low cultural level; many could not read and write.

There's no way like the American Way

The most class-conscious of the workers were ready to move straight towards an egalitarian society without cash incentives. The Bolshevik Party set an example by deciding that Party members would only accept the average wage of a skilled worker. This resulted in many members of the party leadership being reduced to poverty. Victor Serge, in his memoirs, writes that Zinoviev's brother-in-law, himself a senior party official in Petrograd,

**"THE RACIAL rioting initiated by the Sri Lankan army against the island's Tamil population has now died down. But in its wake the death toll mounts.**

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of Tamils have been slaughtered (the government admits 300) and countless Tamil homes and shops have been burnt down.

The big gainer from the "communist plot" involving the Sri Lankan government of President Jayawardene who had the rioting as an excuse to declare a virtual emergency.

Jayawardene claims that a "communist plot" involving the Russian, the Indians and the Sri Lankan leftists behind the secretaryship election.

However it is quite clear that troops started the rioting in the southern Tamil city of Jaffna after 100 soldiers were killed by the Tamil Tigers guerrillas.

In one incident a bus was stopped as people went to work. Six young Tamils were taken off by troops and shot. In the capital, Colombo, 50 Tamils held under security laws in the maximum of 10 days were clubbed to death by government troops.

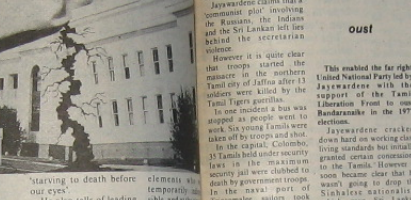
In the north 1000 Sinhalese snipers took advantage of the men of weapons from the town, attacking Tamil homes and schools.

The rioting elements were temporarily suppressed, but encouraged by the men of weapons and individual incentives for the Sinhalese class.

The Sinhalese class was right to be angry after the government had announced a disciplinary action against the members in the example of the Sinhalese army.

But it is impossible to build a world socialist society on the basis of the cash economy.

What the Bolsheviks were trying to do was to build a world socialist society in the face of unfavourable conditions, was to bribe the non-working class.



starting to die before our eyes." He also told of leading members of the *Chekwa* walking around with holes in their boots during the terrible winter of 1918.

At the other end of the scale were the peasants and the bourgeois "specialists" necessary for running production. One weapon against them was the stick of the workers state, but the other was the carrot of wage differentials and special privileges.

What the Bolsheviks were trying to do was to build a world socialist society in the face of unfavourable conditions, was to bribe the non-working class.

Both British colonialism and the rules of imperialism meant that the Sinhalese class was right to be angry after the government had announced a disciplinary action against the members in the example of the Sinhalese army.

But it is impossible to build a world socialist society on the basis of the cash economy.

What the Bolsheviks were trying to do was to build a world socialist society in the face of unfavourable conditions, was to bribe the non-working class.

## INDONESIA CRACKDOWN

IN AN effort to quell growing worker unrest, the Indonesian dictatorship has brought in a tough new labour chief.

He is former head of the national security, Admiral Sudomo. He has brought with him a team of henchmen from his former post.

He is former head of the national security and Order.

Re-employment has risen steadily in Indonesia over the past few years. Official figures are only around 4 per cent, but unofficial figures are only around 40 per cent.

Wild strikes and other forms of industrial action have been so well. Wildcat strikes rose from 77 in 1980 to 128 in 1981. Over 11 per cent of the first seven months of 1982.

Trade union strikes are widespread, since the procedure for legal industrial action is designed to make it difficult to organise.

Sudomo has been seen to try to regain control of

**THE RACIAL rioting initiated by the Sri Lankan army against the island's Tamil population has now died down. But in its wake the death toll mounts.**

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of Tamils have been slaughtered (the government admits 300) and countless Tamil homes and shops have been burnt down.

The big gainer from the "communist plot" involving the Sri Lankan government of President Jayawardene who had the rioting as an excuse to declare a virtual emergency.

Jayawardene claims that a "communist plot" involving the Russian, the Indians and the Sri Lankan leftists behind the secretaryship election.

However it is quite clear that troops started the rioting in the southern Tamil city of Jaffna after 100 soldiers were killed by the Tamil Tigers guerrillas.

In one incident a bus was stopped as people went to work. Six young Tamils were taken off by troops and shot. In the capital, Colombo, 50 Tamils held under security laws in the maximum of 10 days were clubbed to death by government troops.

In the north 1000 Sinhalese snipers took advantage of the men of weapons from the town, attacking Tamil homes and schools.

The rioting elements were temporarily suppressed, but encouraged by the men of weapons and individual incentives for the Sinhalese class.

The Sinhalese class was right to be angry after the government had announced a disciplinary action against the members in the example of the Sinhalese army.

But it is impossible to build a world socialist society on the basis of the cash economy.

What the Bolsheviks were trying to do was to bribe the non-working class.

Both British colonialism and the rules of imperialism meant that the Sinhalese class was right to be angry after the government had announced a disciplinary action against the members in the example of the Sinhalese army.

But it is impossible to build a world socialist society on the basis of the cash economy.

What the Bolsheviks were trying to do was to bribe the non-working class.

Both British colonialism and the rules of imperialism meant that the Sinhalese class was right to be angry after the government had announced a disciplinary action against the members in the example of the Sinhalese army.

But it is impossible to build a world socialist society on the basis of the cash economy.

What the Bolsheviks were trying to do was to bribe the non-working class.

Both British colonialism and the rules of imperialism meant that the Sinhalese class was right to be angry after the government had announced a disciplinary action against the members in the example of the Sinhalese army.

But it is impossible to build a world socialist society on the basis of the cash economy.

What the Bolsheviks were trying to do was to bribe the non-working class.

Both British colonialism and the rules of imperialism meant that the Sinhalese class was right to be angry after the government had announced a disciplinary action against the members in the example of the Sinhalese army.

But it is impossible to build a world socialist society on the basis of the cash economy.

What the Bolsheviks were trying to do was to bribe the non-working class.

Both British colonialism and the rules of imperialism meant that the Sinhalese class was right to be angry after the government had announced a disciplinary action against the members in the example of the Sinhalese army.

But it is impossible to build a world socialist society on the basis of the cash economy.

What the Bolsheviks were trying to do was to bribe the non-working class.

Both British colonialism and the rules of imperialism meant that the Sinhalese class was right to be angry after the government had announced a disciplinary action against the members in the example of the Sinhalese army.

But it is impossible to build a world socialist society on the basis of the cash economy.

What the Bolsheviks were trying to do was to bribe the non-working class.

## A HUNGER FOR JUSTICE

**POLITICAL PRISONERS of the military government in Turkey face torture just to extract information, but especially to terrify them.**

Bill Hayden said a telegram saying he will not send diplomatic relations with Turkey. The United Nations doesn't meet until later this year, so that demand is to be shelved.

Hayden said he believes that the Australian Embassy in Ankara has already reported to the UN that the Embassy has made progress already.

The press reaction to the issue in Ankara has been muted. The press reaction to the issue in Ankara has been muted.

Meanwhile in Turkey many political prisoners have been tortured. The Australian government needs your support. Contact the International Socialist in Melbourne or Sydney for information.

## Chad: Reagan interveves

**FRENCH AND American imperialist forces are pouring aid into Chad, to forestall a rebel victory.**

They are trying to prop up the government of Hissou Habre who is under heavy pressure from the forces of Libyan-Bahad Goukouni.

Chad is a desperately poor country. In 1975 it had only 15 miles of surfaced roads to link up a population of 6 million.

This increased divisions with the desert. Industry, mining, services and oil administration are heavily developed, but there is virtually no "national" industry.

In 1974, President Malloum announced a coup in Chad, which was supported by France and one of the imperialist powers.

The Reagan administration has been supporting Habre's forces in Chad, which is a strategically vital position, placed on the border of Nigeria, Sudan and other important states.

The plan is that these countries free themselves by the advance of Libya and will have been highlighted by the recent coup in Upper Volta, which has a support of Chad's army.

Chad is a strategically vital position, placed on the border of Nigeria, Sudan and other important states.

Chad is a desperately poor country. In 1975 it had only 15 miles of surfaced roads to link up a population of 6 million.

This increased divisions with the desert. Industry, mining, services and oil administration are heavily developed, but there is virtually no "national" industry.

In 1974, President Malloum announced a coup in Chad, which was supported by France and one of the imperialist powers.

The Reagan administration has been supporting Habre's forces in Chad, which is a strategically vital position, placed on the border of Nigeria, Sudan and other important states.

The plan is that these countries free themselves by the advance of Libya and will have been highlighted by the recent coup in Upper Volta, which has a support of Chad's army.

Chad is a strategically vital position, placed on the border of Nigeria, Sudan and other important states.

Chad is a desperately poor country. In 1975 it had only 15 miles of surfaced roads to link up a population of 6 million.

This increased divisions with the desert. Industry, mining, services and oil administration are heavily developed, but there is virtually no "national" industry.

In 1974, President Malloum announced a coup in Chad, which was supported by France and one of the imperialist powers.

The Reagan administration has been supporting Habre's forces in Chad, which is a strategically vital position, placed on the border of Nigeria, Sudan and other important states.

The plan is that these countries free themselves by the advance of Libya and will have been highlighted by the recent coup in Upper Volta, which has a support of Chad's army.

Chad is a strategically vital position, placed on the border of Nigeria, Sudan and other important states.

## NORTHERN IRELAND'S SUPER TRAVESTY

WHEN I think capitalism was created at Belfast Crown Court today, on the words "vagrancy" Christopher Black, the press called a victory for justice.

The only evidence on offer was that from Black himself. He is other offence.

The only evidence on offer was that from Black himself. He is other offence.

The only evidence on offer was that from Black himself. He is other offence.

## REBEL LEADER GOUKOUNI SEEN GOVERNMENT

**ABOVE: Rebel leader Goukouni. Below: government troops.**

The plan is that these countries free themselves by the advance of Libya and will have been highlighted by the recent coup in Upper Volta, which has a support of Chad's army.

Chad is a strategically vital position, placed on the border of Nigeria, Sudan and other important states.

Chad is a desperately poor country. In 1975 it had only 15 miles of surfaced roads to link up a population of 6 million.

This increased divisions with the desert. Industry, mining, services and oil administration are heavily developed, but there is virtually no "national" industry.

In 1974, President Malloum announced a coup in Chad, which was supported by France and one of the imperialist powers.

The Reagan administration has been supporting Habre's forces in Chad, which is a strategically vital position, placed on the border of Nigeria, Sudan and other important states.

The plan is that these countries free themselves by the advance of Libya and will have been highlighted by the recent coup in Upper Volta, which has a support of Chad's army.

Chad is a strategically vital position, placed on the border of Nigeria, Sudan and other important states.

Chad is a desperately poor country. In 1975 it had only 15 miles of surfaced roads to link up a population of 6 million.

This increased divisions with the desert. Industry, mining, services and oil administration are heavily developed, but there is virtually no "national" industry.

In 1974, President Malloum announced a coup in Chad, which was supported by France and one of the imperialist powers.

The Reagan administration has been supporting Habre's forces in Chad, which is a strategically vital position, placed on the border of Nigeria, Sudan and other important states.

The plan is that these countries free themselves by the advance of Libya and will have been highlighted by the recent coup in Upper Volta, which has a support of Chad's army.

Chad is a strategically vital position, placed on the border of Nigeria, Sudan and other important states.





# REMEMBER THE QUEEN

**WE SEEM to be forever marking the anniversaries of our own defeats.**

Ten years ago in Chile, a left wing government was overthrown by a military coup. Even today, the images of that coup remain: the left wing activists shot dead in the streets, or taking refuge in foreign embassies, the prisoners held together in the Santiago football stadium, the nightly raids and book-burnings.

But if we are to remember Chile, we should remember all of it.

We should remember what was achieved by the Chilean workers and peasants in the years before the coup. And we should remember that it was achieved by them—not for them.

By the time Allende's Popular Unity coalition came to power in September 1970, Chile was a life within Chilean society. The economy was expanding with a growth rate of less than 2% a year. Real wages fell as prices rose by 50% a year. And 28% of the population were earning less than the subsistence wage.

Popular Unity was a coalition between the Communist and Socialist parties, and three smaller groupings. In the 1970 Presidential election it ran Salvador Allende as its candidate.

And yet Popular Unity never promised anyone socialism—which it all about. It offered the sort of gentle restructuring of a society which would be open to any social democratic government. A bit of nationalisation, a bit of land reform here.

But all for changing society. Popular Unity made its intentions very clear. Most businesses were to remain in private hands. Those that didn't would be transferred. And Allende signed a statement of guarantees which promised no interference with the armed forces, no tampering with the press, radio, schools or judiciary, and no private militias (meaning armed workers).

IN 1971 KARL MARX remarked that he was 'the best calculated and the most miseducated man in London'.

Things are little different in Australia today. Not only do our rulers value his name and ideas. But so do many people on the left. You only need to look at the latest issue of Australian Left Review. Big chunks of it are devoted to Karl Marx, but being crude, vital, astute, and generally too horrible for words. And even a more sympathetic piece by Stuart Holland explains that he has been trying to 'keep Marx at bay for more years than I'm going to live'.

You would never know from this magazine that Karl Marx was the most brilliant socialist in history. That he was described by a thoughtful contemporary as 'Rousseau, Voltaire, Hobbes, Lessing, Helms and Hegel all fused into one'.

It is called 'The Revolutionary Ideas of Karl Marx and his Legacy'.

It is today's world, where a variety of police states call themselves 'socialist'. 'Marxism' is an absolute certainty to rescue Marx's own view, which we call 'Marxism'.

It is today's world, where a variety of police states call themselves 'socialist'. 'Marxism' is an absolute certainty to rescue Marx's own view, which we call 'Marxism'.

As the crisis continued, the stakes got higher. Strikes were left behind. Factory managers became the order of the day. In a rising campaign of sabotage against the government, factory owners started closing down a given area in the city.

The workers took over the factories and ran them themselves in many industries. They arranged the distribution of necessary raw materials. In the areas around Santiago, Cordons Industriales were set up. These were workers' councils in embryo, composed of committees and representatives from factories throughout a given area.

In the areas around Santiago, Cordons Industriales were set up. These were workers' councils in embryo, composed of committees and representatives from factories throughout a given area.

The working class was running the economy which the capitalists had tried to destroy. Independent of Popular Unity, the workers were setting up their own institutions, their own centres of power.

The fact was not lost on the bosses. The growing independence and initiative of the workers was a real threat to Chilean Capitalism—as Popular Unity had never been.

Things were moving in the countryside as well. Almost as soon as Popular Unity came to power, the peasants began seizing the landed estates. Allende pleaded with them to wait, since the government did not have the money to buy the land from the landlords. The peasants took it without demurring for having a 'facist' approach and attacked with tar.

The result was that their strike was used by the right wing in his propaganda against the Popular Unity.

**Read these revolutionary ideas!**

If there's one book you read this year, Tom O'Lincoln thinks it, should be this one.

He was also responsible for the secret bombing of Cambodia and keeping it secret for 5 years.

He was also responsible for the secret bombing of Cambodia and keeping it secret for 5 years.

ON THE barricades of Berlin, during the revolutions of 1848 where Marx's ideas about the importance of the working class were first tested.



BELOW: L to R Harry Telford, the trainer; Dave Davis the owner; and Tommy Woodcock, the strap-

**HENRY KISSINGER** was dubbed by Regny and the "new right" as the man "who now he is being welcomed back to the fold."

Kissinger has appointed him to head the bipartisan commission on Central America, publication of Seymour Hersh's book, The Price of Power: Kissinger in the White House. You can get through this very long book only by convinced we have a great deal to worry about with Kissinger back in the White House.

In Hersh's view, Kissinger was always a power-hungry immoral man, willing to cheat, lie and rob.

One senior advisor to the White House Kissinger was always a hawk.

The plan was behind the Cambodia bombings in the last months of the negotiation to end the war in 1971.

When Nixon became president, and appointed Kissinger head of the National Security Council.

He was also responsible for the secret bombing of Cambodia and keeping it secret for 5 years.

He was also responsible for the secret bombing of Cambodia and keeping it secret for 5 years.



TOP: Tom of the Victoria Race Club watch Phat Lap take the 1930 Cup.

**PHAT LAP** was a game as a trainer.

PHAT LAP was a game as a trainer.

PHAT LAP was a game as a trainer.

PHAT LAP was a game as a trainer.

PHAT LAP was a game as a trainer.

PHAT LAP was a game as a trainer.

PHAT LAP was a game as a trainer.

# Phat Lap as a trainer

**I HAD A sudden feeling of dread when I walked into "Phat Lap".**

The pre-movie ads were plugging stud farms! Was this a cult film for fans of "Three Way TALK"?

My fears were unfounded: "Phat Lap" left me mildly entertained and mildly disappointed.

Like a real stud farm, "Phat Lap" enters on the edge of a surreal, surrealistic world. It never quite falls in, thanks to a game attempt to capture some of the politics of racing. But it tries to do too much and ends up an abortion.

My fears were unfounded: "Phat Lap" left me mildly entertained and mildly disappointed.

My fears were unfounded: "Phat Lap" left me mildly entertained and mildly disappointed.

My fears were unfounded: "Phat Lap" left me mildly entertained and mildly disappointed.

My fears were unfounded: "Phat Lap" left me mildly entertained and mildly disappointed.

My fears were unfounded: "Phat Lap" left me mildly entertained and mildly disappointed.

My fears were unfounded: "Phat Lap" left me mildly entertained and mildly disappointed.

My fears were unfounded: "Phat Lap" left me mildly entertained and mildly disappointed.

# THE BS... and save the laundries

**AUSTRALIAN Workers Union (AWU) members employed in Queensland public hospitals voted unanimously to reject a State Industrial Commission's recommendation that bans on handling linen be lifted.**

In a second vote the laundry workers, cooks, cleaners and ward staff almost unanimously voted to hold state-wide 24-hour rolling stoppages with no skeleton staff as they take to the industrial commission, the government or hospital boards against union members, officials or the union itself in the campaign to stop hospital laundry being handed to private contractors.

**By Ian Rintoul**

1400 jobs in public hospitals are at risk in a move by the state government to close 25 hospital laundries. While the ban is taking effect, maintenance workers, who have had their own fight against the state government run down of public hospitals, have joined the campaign.

FEDA (federation and engine drivers) members resolved to cut off the steam if any action is taken against workers fighting the closures.

By the way, the former health minister Austin who has presided over the move to close the laundries and cut jobs, is a Liberal. So are the Nationals and Liberals have something in common after all!

By the way, the former health minister Austin who has presided over the move to close the laundries and cut jobs, is a Liberal. So are the Nationals and Liberals have something in common after all!

By the way, the former health minister Austin who has presided over the move to close the laundries and cut jobs, is a Liberal. So are the Nationals and Liberals have something in common after all!

By the way, the former health minister Austin who has presided over the move to close the laundries and cut jobs, is a Liberal. So are the Nationals and Liberals have something in common after all!

By the way, the former health minister Austin who has presided over the move to close the laundries and cut jobs, is a Liberal. So are the Nationals and Liberals have something in common after all!

By the way, the former health minister Austin who has presided over the move to close the laundries and cut jobs, is a Liberal. So are the Nationals and Liberals have something in common after all!

By the way, the former health minister Austin who has presided over the move to close the laundries and cut jobs, is a Liberal. So are the Nationals and Liberals have something in common after all!



## YARNING ON THE PICKET LINE

**IF YOU visit the picket at Proteon in Richmond (Vic) as I.S. members do regularly, you'll get into discussions about every topic under the sun.**

We've discussed the rights of prisoners, the plight of the Turkish hunger strikers, the threat of war and many more. The workers from the Proteon meatworks have educated me in the history of just about all the bosses in the industry. I love the talking, and I suspect they do too.

But there's another side to it. As Rocky Atunsi said, "All we do is yak, yak, yak." That day, we talked about how being without a job goes to begin to affect you. The men spoke of how they used to do all kinds of work around the house after work in the afternoon—but how they find they can't get themselves to do it.

Ricky said how bored you get—even with a determined picket to attend each day.

Another picketer, Pat Thomas, said "People used to talk about how you get when you're unemployed—but I didn't understand. You just feel as though you can't be bothered doing the things you used to do."

Some of the men have been in the meatworking industry for 20 and even 35 years. They know no other work and they know there's not much prospect of work in the industry with meatworks all around Melbourne closing down.

They've been picketing since 15 June when they were all sacked without redundancy. They marched on the legislation, the ANZ bank a few times.

But there's nothing but silence on their redundancy or the possibility of the work re-opening. There's a lot of

most stirred in the meatworks, and they're determined to stay there until they get a decent deal.

I asked Ned Johnson if the pickets were a "flourish" if they weren't determined they would go. "We're not going to move until we get what we bloody look for pack up after nine weeks of anything."

But the redundancy pay, when it is won, will change the fact that they, the hundreds of other workers, will have to cope with the loss of their jobs, despite unemployment. At least they'll have a fight and stick together. If you can't work during the day (they start at 5.55 every morning), and help keep up the morale. They need you.

By Sandra Boden

## Save education from Nifty

**AS WE go to press, NSW Infants and Primary teachers are taking strike action. They are fighting back against the Wran government's blitz on working conditions.**

Like other employers, the state government has used the arguement that it is the employer that must pay for the recession with sacrifices. Therefore serious cuts have been made to the education system.

Because of falling employment of all teachers' employees, 700 teaching have recommended the government to implement a 40% reduction in the number of full-time jobs. Another 900 are likely to go.

Wain has decided to cut and sack 10,000 employed teachers in this year.

However, Wran is a moralist. He has been promising to release time (induced fast lane teaching) for the past few years. Even though the Premier's Education knows which cover those teachers, the effective employees, the PSA and

MWU, have been approached to give support.

The NSW Government has even isolated itself from its labor counterparts in other states. The South Australian and Victorian governments have at least agreed to maintain staffing for their 1987 levels.

Already strong support for the strike has been organised. A conference on August 6 of some 400 state reps endorsed the PSA and the International Education Movement. Local associations will meet on August 12 to discuss local level action to avoid industrial action.

For the first time ever, the Parents and Citizens' Association have publicly supported a strike by teachers.

A rally of some 5000 parents and teachers on August 17 proved further support exists. The rally later picketed Parliament House.

Only 10% of Primary schools have a library that is more than a bookcase. The NSW Government has been promising to release time (induced fast lane teaching) for the past few years. Even though the Premier's Education knows which cover those teachers, the effective employees, the PSA and

## Let's upset the ruling class

**IT SEEMS that whenever workers in the service industry go on strike they're attacked for inconveniencing the public.**

That's the workers at the Australia Club in Melbourne, a ruling class watering hole second only in exclusiveness to the Melbourne Club, supporting the dentists, a struggle the best part of the decade.

It's a dispute that's been ten years ago when over half of the workforce who joined the Liberal and Allied Trade Unions were asked to picket a closed shop. The management responded by sacking several picket members and by pressuring others to leave the union.

Then the union started picketing the premises, with support from Carlton and United brewery workers. If you're able to help contact the picket line, you can pick up the picket at the corner of William and St. Peter's streets. They would like to keep the picket going 24 hrs a day.

A win here for Melbourne City Council would open the way for attacks on other union rights.

By Leo Ross

By Robert Bullard

## THE AG-PROP Country

### MELBOURNE

## H-1 day hand for Heinz

**THE MELBOURNE branch of the International Socialists was busy building support for the members handed out tariffs and organised a demonstration on Friday.**

The strike was important for the union and we were able to help it. Look, someone is standing out against the wage

Athe Hiroshima Day demonstration on August 6. The Melbourne branch of the International Socialists was busy building support for the members handed out tariffs and organised a demonstration on Friday.

The strike was important for the union and we were able to help it. Look, someone is standing out against the wage

### BRISBANE

## Rocks to Roxby

**THE URSANIU Mining Union "No Nuclear Power" and Rights**

will be the I.S. demonstration against the Rocky Downs uranium mine.

Brisbane peace activists from several organisations have formed a mobilising committee to take action against the uranium mine.

The anti-Roxby rally will start at 10am in the City Square. The rally will start at 10am in the City Square.

### MELBOURNE

## Budget debunk

**Phil Griffiths will discuss the Federal Budget on Tuesday 30 September.**

Phil Griffiths will discuss the Federal Budget on Tuesday 30 September. He will discuss the Federal Budget on Tuesday 30 September.

### SYDNEY

## Bottles Up!

**IT'S HERE again—the classic date for the Marxists to hold a meeting in Sydney.**

It's here again—the classic date for the Marxists to hold a meeting in Sydney. It's here again—the classic date for the Marxists to hold a meeting in Sydney.

### BRISBANE

## Spread S.A. Tax fight

**FOUR ISSUES go to the fore in the tax fight.**

Four issues go to the fore in the tax fight. Four issues go to the fore in the tax fight.

### BRISBANE

## Spread S.A. Tax fight

**FOUR ISSUES go to the fore in the tax fight.**

Four issues go to the fore in the tax fight. Four issues go to the fore in the tax fight.

### BRISBANE

## Spread S.A. Tax fight

**FOUR ISSUES go to the fore in the tax fight.**

Four issues go to the fore in the tax fight. Four issues go to the fore in the tax fight.

### BRISBANE

## Spread S.A. Tax fight

**FOUR ISSUES go to the fore in the tax fight.**

Four issues go to the fore in the tax fight. Four issues go to the fore in the tax fight.

### BRISBANE

## Spread S.A. Tax fight

**FOUR ISSUES go to the fore in the tax fight.**

Four issues go to the fore in the tax fight. Four issues go to the fore in the tax fight.

## International Socialists

### WHAT WE STAND FOR

**Workers' Control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to create a society free of exploitation, oppression and war. The USSR and China are not socialist because they are based on the exploitation of workers by a bureaucratic ruling class.**

**Revolution, not Reformism**

We believe in overthrowing the capitalist system, not making it go gradually into a coma. The state parliament, the military, the law, a weapon of class rule and can never be used to secure the interests of the working class.

There is no parliamentary road to socialism.

### INTERNATIONALISM

## Schools' in!

**WHY NOT enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?**

Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club? Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?

### INTERNATIONALISM

## Schools' in!

**WHY NOT enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?**

Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club? Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?

### INTERNATIONALISM

## Schools' in!

**WHY NOT enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?**

Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club? Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?

### INTERNATIONALISM

## Schools' in!

**WHY NOT enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?**

Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club? Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?

### INTERNATIONALISM

## Schools' in!

**WHY NOT enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?**

Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club? Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?

### INTERNATIONALISM

## Schools' in!

**WHY NOT enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?**

Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club? Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?

### INTERNATIONALISM

## Schools' in!

**WHY NOT enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?**

Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club? Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?

### INTERNATIONALISM

## Schools' in!

**WHY NOT enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?**

Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club? Why not enjoy a weekend away with all the angst at the Canberra Workers Club?

THE BATTLE 27 AUGUST, PAGE 11

**of the bosses get up  
your nose—picket!**

# HEINZ FACTORY

HEINZ workers have launched a new food sensation: "Spaghetti Dandenong". It's shoved up the noses of the bosses, served with Labor-in-the-soup, and is definitely not frozen!

The signs outside the Dandenong (Vic) Heinz factory told the story: first "Mr Heinz has locked us out"—and now, "Victory!"

**By Sandra Bloodworth**

When the workers put on bans in support of their pay and hours claim, the bosses locked them out. But Heinz reckoned without the determination and solidarity of the workers.

Now the 450 members of the Food Preservers Union have won a \$16 a week rise (which, with the National Wage Case rise, will bring them close to their original \$30 demand). As well they'll be getting \$600 for the time they were locked out a 16-hour week 9-day fortnight phase in over the next 6 months and reinstatement of a sacked worker!

The pay at Heinz had been lousy. Bob Sullivan, a shop-steward was taking home only \$190. Even on the folk, with a wife and three kids, he'd be getting \$180. "I don't know who I am here," he said.

The workers didn't just have to fight the bosses, they also had to take on the Government.

Social Security refused to pay Unemployment Benefits, although the workers had been stood down. The Courts even threatened \$500 a day fine for each worker.

And the Hawke Government demanded that the workers should be excluded from the National Wage Case.

So much for the claim that we've got a government that's on the side of ordinary workers.

The 24-hour picket that was a model of organisation, with tents, warm fires, cooking and washing facilities, a canteen, a generator, and even TV.

The picketers were busy preparing food parcels for distribution. There was even an official, daily garbage collection.

Support poured in from other workers, with good-will messages and donations. Truck-drivers "just happened to drop a load of old wooden pallets handy for the fire. SEC workers shared drinks at the pub, anti-nuclear demonstrators in Melbourne passed round collection buckets. Even pensioners gave donations.



**BOB SULLIVAN, shop steward: fighting for a living wage.**



**WORKERS AND unemployed rally at the gates of Comeng for the right to work.**

**THE COMENG dispute** entered its fifteenth week as other groups in the Labour movement added their support.

The RIF in Canberra, the Newcastle ILC and workers at the Lull and Baywater power stations and the Yomgo Aluminium smelter in the Hunter Valley, have all endorsed the action being taken by the Comeng workers and have imposed bans on all equipment supplied by the ANI subsidiaries Coates Hire and Komatsu.

Meanwhile, at Comeng itself, the strikers have not been idle.

After the vehicle Builders and the Stormers and Packers returned to work the SFI officials threatened to withdraw financial support from its members if they did not return, and even withdrew voting rights from its members who had been sacked, a picket was placed at the factory gates, and no goods have entered or left since.

## COMENG FIRMER THAN EVER

Also, although the strikers have returned to work they have stated they will not break or unload any trucks that do manage to reach the picket.

The action doesn't stop there. Workers' delegates from ANI subsidiaries in Brisbane have called for a mass meeting of all ANI workers to plan an industrial campaign against the sackings.

**FORM YOUR own workplace peace group!** That's the message of a press release from the newly formed Department of Veterans Affairs "People for Nuclear Disarmament" in Melbourne.

When a meeting was called for the formation of D.V.A.-P.N.D. management refused permission for the group to meet on DVA premises because it was deemed to be "political and unrelated to work matters."

This was clearly an attempt by management to dictate what is and what is not a legitimate issue for unions to pursue.

As well, management was continuing to enforce the more conservative doctrines of the previous Federal Government.

The Comeng standing firm has meant they've been fighting since week 10 and are going to back down.

They know the right way to fight the industrial action, and the support of other workers who don't just direct actions at the reception of Christy Labor Council support the right to work.

With all the willingness can't last.

The initial meeting was held outside venue and was highly successful. Amongst other things the group endorsed the entry of a number of nuclear-powered vessels and Ending mining and export of uranium to the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

On Thursday August 4, a Delegation met the Minister Glatzert. He overruled previous decision and gave permission for the group to meet on D.V.A.-P.N.D. to use DVA facilities for becoming "Historical Society."

He agreed to become "Historical Society" of D.V.A.-P.N.D. The group will be every sign of growing.

No 155 September 17, 1983 35c (20c inc GST)



**FORCED behind campus gates by riot police, Santiago, students shout slogans and abuse against the Chile Junta.**

## THE BRUTAL Chilean dictatorship has been badly shaken.

General Pinochet's iron grip appears to be slipping.

Despite fierce police repression, thousands demonstrate in poor and working class districts, chanting confidently "He's going to fall. He's going to fall!"

The most recent protests were sparked by the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the coup that brought Pinochet to power.

In 1973 the reformist Allende government was driven from office in one of the bloodiest military coups in history. Some 30,000 workers were killed in the following days.

Hundreds of thousands of people were rounded up and jailed. Many of them tortured. Trade unions and left wing parties were outlawed, and any suspect literature banned.

Yet now a powerful new resistance is growing.

The government has not hesitated to sell its troops to shoot to kill. Often they fire at virtually anything in sight. Many workers' children have died from bullets which tore through the walls of homes.

Yet the workers simply turn the funerals into new, mass demonstrations.

General Pinochet's iron grip appears to be slipping.

Despite fierce police repression, thousands demonstrate in poor and working class districts, chanting confidently "He's going to fall. He's going to fall!"

The most recent protests were sparked by the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the coup that brought Pinochet to power.

In 1973 the reformist Allende government was driven from office in one of the bloodiest military coups in history. Some 30,000 workers were killed in the following days.

Hundreds of thousands of people were rounded up and jailed. Many of them tortured. Trade unions and left wing parties were outlawed, and any suspect literature banned.

Yet now a powerful new resistance is growing.

The government has not hesitated to sell its troops to shoot to kill. Often they fire at virtually anything in sight. Many workers' children have died from bullets which tore through the walls of homes.

Yet the workers simply turn the funerals into new, mass demonstrations.

Fernando Matthei openly disavowed himself from the murderous behaviour of other sections of the military police.

A retired general, Vialta, actually supported the protests, saying "the armed forces should never be used as a police against the civilian population". Vialta's sign of revolt has produced splits in the ruling class itself, and among its supporters.

In middle class districts, people hang cooking pots from the sally of their homes.

Even some of the generals are uneasy. Air force general

Fernando Matthei openly disavowed himself from the murderous behaviour of other sections of the military police.

A retired general, Vialta, actually supported the protests, saying "the armed forces should never be used as a police against the civilian population". Vialta's sign of revolt has produced splits in the ruling class itself, and among its supporters.

In middle class districts, people hang cooking pots from the sally of their homes.

Even some of the generals are uneasy. Air force general

The workers were crushed in 1973 because they did not rely sufficiently on their own strength. Allende persuaded them to put faith in the capitalist parties, the reliability of the army.

Today the Socialist and Communist Parties seem bent on making the same mistake. They are backing a broad alliance including bourgeois, who preach that they will forward lies in persuading Pinochet to retire peacefully.

The way, they say, would then be

opes for a smooth transition to "democracy"—a "democracy" with the bosses still in control, and the army still intact.

If the disaster of 1973 is not to be repeated, Chilean workers need to see these new opportunities to stop up independent forms of working class struggle.

But already Chile's heroic workers have proved one thing: No matter how grim and brutal the repression, the capitalist class will build on foundations of sand. If they can shake it—no one can do it.

## Reagan exploits Jumbo tragedy—5

Reagan exploits Jumbo tragedy—5

**YOU TOO CAN BE A MENACE TO AUSTRALIAN SECURITY...**

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE BATTLER!!**

Make sure you get your copy of the Battler every issue. For just \$10 a year, \$25 for a supporting subscription, or an introductory sub. of 10 issues mailed to you for only \$4.

**PS. MOSKOW ALMOST CERTAINLY WON'T REIMBURSE YOU.**

Clip and post to P.O. Box 46, Flemington, Vic. 3031.

Name .....

Address .....

# Alan Bond's Cup run over

ever more of a commercial success. He attributes his capture of the Santos company to the leading role of American executives in the American campaign in 1980 campaign, and found out the least trends in his life.

That gave him a big head start over his Australian rivals in making over his Santos takeover. He gave him access to foreign currency. He had a great idea to do with the \$275 million but it had enough exposure in previous America's Cup to give the international banking markets a back a Australian bank's confidence level. The \$2 million market is worth \$450 million and no new capital has been subscribed.

**kudos**

Despite getting the kudos from the America's Cup campaign, Alan Bond very cunningly got other people to pay for most of it. The current campaign had an initial (disclosed) budget of \$3 million. Alan Bond put in total half. Then they got a free gift of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of American equipment from Dana General. In return, he gives his co-sponsors advertising on spinners after each race and in Pluribus Murdoch's case, that looked

for had the right idea. He went into land speculation and claims to have made his first million by age 21. (More sceptical commentators say he was 25.)

One early deal involved taking down three married women who inherited a large estate. Bond paid them \$3.4 million for a house, rather than sell out himself. (Labor Minister for Sport John Brown endorsed the approach.)

Early this year Bond bought a house in the Sydney area. He had to sell it for \$100,000 immediately. He was really worth \$4 million. He had to sell it for \$100,000 because of the corrupt land deals of the Victorian. He made a profit of \$200,000 from the MacArthur Park estate in Ballarat, which he divested under an aircraft flight path.

Bond shares many of the "small government" far right-wing policies of the late Perth capitalist, Lang Hancock, though he is more subtle about them. He wants all income tax cut to a maximum of 20%, to be replaced by a force indirect taxes which naturally hit workers harder than the rich. He wants far more use of freelance and flexibilities, so he can keep buildings open around the clock.

The effect on his employees' work and discipline in the Bond's is far more conservative. "I cannot fault his work ethic and his work ethic," says one of his employees in Singapore. (where Hancock is also a major shareholder.)

Early this year Bond bought a house in the Sydney area. He had to sell it for \$100,000 immediately. He was really worth \$4 million. He had to sell it for \$100,000 because of the corrupt land deals of the Victorian. He made a profit of \$200,000 from the MacArthur Park estate in Ballarat, which he divested under an aircraft flight path.

Bond shares many of the "small government" far right-wing policies of the late Perth capitalist, Lang Hancock, though he is more subtle about them. He wants all income tax cut to a maximum of 20%, to be replaced by a force indirect taxes which naturally hit workers harder than the rich. He wants far more use of freelance and flexibilities, so he can keep buildings open around the clock.

He made a similar profit of \$200,000 from the MacArthur Park estate in Ballarat, which he divested under an aircraft flight path. Bond shares many of the "small government" far right-wing policies of the late Perth capitalist, Lang Hancock, though he is more subtle about them. He wants all income tax cut to a maximum of 20%, to be replaced by a force indirect taxes which naturally hit workers harder than the rich. He wants far more use of freelance and flexibilities, so he can keep buildings open around the clock.

to the real estate agents he wrote signs

for had the right idea. He went into land speculation and claims to have made his first million by age 21. (More sceptical commentators say he was 25.)

One early deal involved taking down three married women who inherited a large estate. Bond paid them \$3.4 million for a house, rather than sell out himself. (Labor Minister for Sport John Brown endorsed the approach.)

Early this year Bond bought a house in the Sydney area. He had to sell it for \$100,000 immediately. He was really worth \$4 million. He had to sell it for \$100,000 because of the corrupt land deals of the Victorian. He made a profit of \$200,000 from the MacArthur Park estate in Ballarat, which he divested under an aircraft flight path.

# The ACTU Congress

Numbers, numbers, who's got the numbers?

ONE of the more perplexing sessions at ACTU Congress was the very first. There were three of two of the delegates.

The first challenge came from officials representing 21000 members of the Australian Clerks Union (Central and Australian Divisions). The tradition in the Clerk union used to be that each delegate to the ACTU Congress was to be an ALP-Polite member ticked led by Bernard Callaghan and Hubbs, the defeated Labor candidate.

But the delegates tried to put the official taking over the union in the past. The union had been in the past. The union had been in the past. The union had been in the past.

What the document doesn't say is that the Labor Party do share this view. Yet it is there in the ACTU Congress's own saying how wonderful the ACTU Congress is with the Labor Party.

What the document doesn't say is that the Labor Party do share this view. Yet it is there in the ACTU Congress's own saying how wonderful the ACTU Congress is with the Labor Party.

What the document doesn't say is that the Labor Party do share this view. Yet it is there in the ACTU Congress's own saying how wonderful the ACTU Congress is with the Labor Party.

IT'S HARD to go past the ACTU Congress as an exercise in organised cynicism.

The Congress has sailed through hundreds and hundreds of pages of resolutions. There are demands for the maintenance of real wages, for consultation with the union movement, demands for improvements in the social welfare system and more.

And in the whole interminable business, there was just one clear, definite proposal for protest at the shooting down of the Korean Airlines 747.

Everything else, from wages to welfare, is to be done through the ACTU government. "I don't pay to live," Let's look at the government. Unemployment has just Let's look at the government.

ACTU officials say that the ACTU Congress is an environment where the ACTU can be held responsible for it.

ACTU officials say that the ACTU Congress is an environment where the ACTU can be held responsible for it.

ACTU officials say that the ACTU Congress is an environment where the ACTU can be held responsible for it.

ACTU officials say that the ACTU Congress is an environment where the ACTU can be held responsible for it.

# WHAT A COP-UP

ACTU HEAVIES Bill Kelly and Cliff Dolan— plenty of resolve to take to Hawke, but not much else.

"We're involved in the ACTU Congress. We're involved in the ACTU Congress. We're involved in the ACTU Congress.

"We're involved in the ACTU Congress. We're involved in the ACTU Congress. We're involved in the ACTU Congress.

"We're involved in the ACTU Congress. We're involved in the ACTU Congress. We're involved in the ACTU Congress.

"We're involved in the ACTU Congress. We're involved in the ACTU Congress. We're involved in the ACTU Congress.

"We're involved in the ACTU Congress. We're involved in the ACTU Congress. We're involved in the ACTU Congress.

# PHIL GRIFFITHS reports from the biennial shemuzzle in Melbourne

Labor Party do share this view. Yet it is there in the ACTU Congress's own saying how wonderful the ACTU Congress is with the Labor Party.

What the document doesn't say is that the Labor Party do share this view. Yet it is there in the ACTU Congress's own saying how wonderful the ACTU Congress is with the Labor Party.

What the document doesn't say is that the Labor Party do share this view. Yet it is there in the ACTU Congress's own saying how wonderful the ACTU Congress is with the Labor Party.

What the document doesn't say is that the Labor Party do share this view. Yet it is there in the ACTU Congress's own saying how wonderful the ACTU Congress is with the Labor Party.

What the document doesn't say is that the Labor Party do share this view. Yet it is there in the ACTU Congress's own saying how wonderful the ACTU Congress is with the Labor Party.

What the document doesn't say is that the Labor Party do share this view. Yet it is there in the ACTU Congress's own saying how wonderful the ACTU Congress is with the Labor Party.

What the document doesn't say is that the Labor Party do share this view. Yet it is there in the ACTU Congress's own saying how wonderful the ACTU Congress is with the Labor Party.

What the document doesn't say is that the Labor Party do share this view. Yet it is there in the ACTU Congress's own saying how wonderful the ACTU Congress is with the Labor Party.

# ... and what an abdication by the 'left'

THE MOST tragic event highlighted by this ACTU Congress is the complete abdication by the left union officials.

The left unions overwhelmingly support the Prices and Incomes Accord. Only a tiny minority of delegates are opposed to it.

Representatives of the majority of the left talk about the Accord as a framework for struggle. But in fact they have not sought a single proposal for the reforming struggle around the rest of the working class.

Even the rhetoric of the left is now similar to that of the centre and right as it looks at Labor government to solve the problems of the economic crisis and prepare the allegiance to the Accord.

The whole approach of the left at the Congress has been to support the Accord. The whole approach of the left at the Congress has been to support the Accord.

The whole approach of the left at the Congress has been to support the Accord. The whole approach of the left at the Congress has been to support the Accord.

The whole approach of the left at the Congress has been to support the Accord. The whole approach of the left at the Congress has been to support the Accord.

The whole approach of the left at the Congress has been to support the Accord. The whole approach of the left at the Congress has been to support the Accord.

# The Bill Hancock reviews

THE GREATEST achievement of the Roxby Downs protest was that it put the uranium issue back on the front page of the newspapers.

And when that happened, large sections of the public showed their support for the protestors, in the face of rabid media attacks and the hostility of the Hawke Labor government.

Channel Nine in Adelaide did a survey on the Friday just before the blockade—40.7% agreed with the action. Five days later, the figure had risen to 43.4%.

Bob Hawke, speaking in western Tasmania of all places, tried to smear the Roxby activists as a "minority demonstration". He made the ridiculous suggestion that they were not approved by the conservative movement generally.

Colman denied all the old, discredited propaganda arguments and presented them all as if they were new insights. But the letters pages were full of angry demands that the media show much they wanted Roxby stopped.

All in all, the fact that this big public debate was as pro-activist as it was pro-activist is a credit to the media and the public.

# ... and without any help from our fair weather "friends"

THE ROXBY blockaders came under violent attack in the press. And some of it was from supposed "friends of conservatism."

Bob Hawke, who was happy to use the Franklin to win an election, turned on them, and they were given a "visit" to the blockades, insisting that the protestors were guilty of violence.

From this point, however, action was increasingly confined to "hitting and letting off" the blockaders were over-mentioned on those occasions. Attempts to block the road were getting through all the barbed wire.

It was said on commercial radio that the blockaders had won the first round. "It was really interesting to see that of all the South Australian newspapers that read the only time that a victory to the blockaders was mentioned on those occasions.

From this point, however, action was increasingly confined to "hitting and letting off" the blockaders were over-mentioned on those occasions. Attempts to block the road were getting through all the barbed wire.

From this point, however, action was increasingly confined to "hitting and letting off" the blockaders were over-mentioned on those occasions. Attempts to block the road were getting through all the barbed wire.



# ...now why a G?

Open Slather

**SOMETIMES it seems like revolutions just aren't what they cracked up to be.** In the century, and with what result? In modern times, the New Testament, the letters of St. Ignace, a generation of student radicals worldwide, Zimbabwe's Marxist rulers attack the workers, Fidel Castro attacks Jay. In Indonesia, the heroic fighters of a bourgeois revolution are being flogged each day. So it's not only professional cynics who might conclude that revolutions simply replace one gava of dictators or cliques with another. That there will always be a ruling class. That mass revolutionary

teaches the workers the basis of political struggle. What the bourgeoisie theorists, producers, advisors is its own gure diggers. From all this it should be obvious that for Marx, the development of capitalist socialism presupposed the industrial development. And because this industrial development was increasingly international, his idea of socialism was international as well. United action of the leading civilized countries at least, in one of the first conditions for the emancipation of the proletariat.

Where then do revolutions in places like Tsarist Russia (rather backward economically) or China ever purely on their own, they don't. It is true that you can throw out the old gang of rulers, and redistribute the existing wealth more fairly. But in such a situation, Marx, 'only want is equalized... and all the other crap must revive.'

But here, again in the historic achievements of modern science into play. Modern industry has created a world market and a world economic system, and even though the third world countries are a very subordinate and impoverished part of it, what happens to the world revolution are and are essentially similar.

For this reason, third world revolutions have world capitalist system, they set upon movements in the industrialized countries. And a successful revolutionary movement in the west, in turn, carries the third world over the barriers that separate it from the road to real socialism.

They are also important in another way. The bourgeoisie, in making its own revolutions, taught the workers political struggle. Similarly, today, the experience of successful struggles in Vietnam or Cuba or Southern Africa provides a living school of revolution for the working class world-wide. It offers lessons we can learn, positive and negative, and a continuing source of inspiration.

And the limited revolutions we have seen so far, fated though they were to give rise to a new set of ruling classes, nevertheless prove that revolution is possible. It is up to us to translate that lesson into social and political action in the industrialized countries.

Should a socialist revolution begin in, or spread to, a failed though they were to give rise to a new set of ruling classes, nevertheless prove that revolution is possible. It is up to us to translate that lesson into social and political action in the industrialized countries.

Today even some of Marx's followers are beginning to realize that the Chinese revolution was not quite all it was cracked up to be. They are beginning to realize that there can never be a real human liberation!

# It's all so complicated

It goes without saying that a new revolutionary government is bound to first steps. In there may be other than practice by which the people can learn to govern themselves and to avoid mistakes. If there any way other than by proceeding immediately to permit self-government by the people.

# bold

The conscientious, bold, universal move to hand over administrative work to proletarians and semi-proletarians, will raise such unprecedented revolutionary as the worker led by the people, who will multiply the people's forces in combining strikes, that much that seemed impossible to our narrow, old bureaucratic forces will become possible for the first time. These millions, who will begin to work for themselves and not for the capitalist, the very, the bourgeoisie, and out out of fear of punishment.

# The Korean Airlines passengers FLEECE THE ARMS RACE

By Richard Emerson

TRAGIC, horrific, barbaric, criminal. The words pour smoothly from the mouths of the politicians.

Yet the very thought of the destruction of the Korean Airlines is that it is not surprising at all. We live in a world of great imperialist powers, the United States and the Soviet Union. These two powers are locked in a continual battle for influence, territory, and economic and military advantage.

Second-rank imperialisms like Britain or France, the Japan pursues their own interests in a similar fashion within this broader framework and smaller states are inevitably drawn in as well.

Not all that the blame rests with Moscow. The Korean airlines was a consequence of imperialism and the arms race. And it was very obvious from Reagan's address to the nation in early September that his response is to renege the arms race.

Not all that the blame rests with Moscow. The Korean airlines was a consequence of imperialism and the arms race. And it was very obvious from Reagan's address to the nation in early September that his response is to renege the arms race.

Not all that the blame rests with Moscow. The Korean airlines was a consequence of imperialism and the arms race. And it was very obvious from Reagan's address to the nation in early September that his response is to renege the arms race.

Lebanon, who backs blood-stained butchers who rule much of Central America, and who is ventrally to the American people to justify both.

hypothesis

But Regan's frequent hypocrisy during the speech was his striking contrast toward the end. Having exhausted all the ploys his speculators could come up with, he finally turned his fire on the Congress.

But Regan's frequent hypocrisy during the speech was his striking contrast toward the end. Having exhausted all the ploys his speculators could come up with, he finally turned his fire on the Congress.

But Regan's frequent hypocrisy during the speech was his striking contrast toward the end. Having exhausted all the ploys his speculators could come up with, he finally turned his fire on the Congress.



One butcher follows another

One butcher follows another. This is the title of a report from the New York Times regarding the deaths of Israeli soldiers in Lebanon. The report details the actions of Israeli forces and the resulting casualties.

# ★★★

**THE BARRHAM** were called a die to one of the most hauntingly beautiful systems in modern times. Warwickshire police in Britain may have to pay \$300 compensation to a farmer for having kept 12 horses pig feed so long it turned.

Comologists were baffled as to what the boy in blue was doing with the pig feed.

# ★★★

**SUB POLICEMEN** sometimes do something useful. Last the statements published in Israel about settlers on the occupied West Bank.

An article in the newspaper *Davar* said West Bank settlements were a 'psychological backbone for the growth of Jewish state.' It went on to say there was 'evidence that settlers had been trained for attacks on Arab Mayors and students.'

# ★★★

**MEANWHILE**, an 'apparent' revolt by workers' director remarks that *Progress Daily* in Detroit states, 'the intentions of the experts are revealed on the appalling error committed by television managers in Oakland.'

The museum, which found in *Time* over *Monday* as a cost cutting measure, open \$6000 on a new solo for a visit by *Time* Charlie, reporter in the *Old* *Katikan* one of the *Chin*, *Leah's* former school service.

# ★★★

NOT ALL QUESTIONS conservative politicians were taken by their million count. Former chairman says the bars are getting on. He'll get sum superannuation. Not the time \$400,000. Two of his former cabinet mates, Val Bird and K. S. Tindall, will get more than \$300,000.

RELATIVES OF KAL passengers weep.

# "It landed on us."—Malcolm X

THE STRUGGLE of American negroes for their liberation transformed the US in the fifties and sixties.

The quarter million strong mass march on Washington on 27 August 1963—celebrated on its twentieth anniversary last month by another mass march—was both a high point and a watershed for the movement. JANET STONE looks at the mighty struggle of a people shaking off their chains...

## From Jim Crow to

**WHEN ROSA Parks**, a black seamstress, sat down in a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, in December 1955, she wasn't thinking of starting off a movement which was to shake the whole country. She was just tired.

But she had challenged the Jim Crow laws, the apartheid-like system by which blacks were suppressed throughout the South since the 19th century. So Rosa Parks was arrested. Her subsequent bus boycott lasted nine months.

It was a struggle in which blacks showed the spirit which was to characterize the civil rights movement—determination, courage, organisation and readiness to sacrifice for their rights.

Blacks were harassed, arrested, fired from their jobs. Martin Luther King, who rose to prominence during the Montgomery bus boycott, had his home bombed. Yet they stuck it out until they won complete integration of the bus system.

The Jim Crow racism meant institutionalised racism in every aspect of life—in job, education, housing, in all public places such as parks and cinemas, in institutions such as unions.

It was backed up by police repression and extra-judicial organisations such as the Ku Klux Klan.

In 1952, two Georgia cops beat a black man to death because they thought he was "uppity". They took him off afterwards. "There's nothing like fear to keep niggers in line".

Klan lynchings were not just punitive occurrences in the mind of the right. On occasions there were public rallies, with Democratic party officials giving speeches, special railway prices and mass audiences.

This overwhelming repression existed alongside daily harassment. At last in the early 1960s, a black woman was arrested for wearing slacks and lipstick.

This was what the civil rights movement was up against. And it occurred at a grim time in the American class struggle—the height of the McCarthy era, the Cold War. No-one there expected



TOP: A typical Deep South negro lynching. ABOVE: Martin Luther King is arrested during the Montgomery bus boycott—his home was also bombed.

the downtrodden blacks to fight back.

But in 1954 two things happened. The Supreme Court ruled an end to school segregation, a move necessary to present a democratic front to newly emergent black nations in Africa. Desegregation was not imposed, but it raised hopes among blacks.

Then followed the lynching of a 14-year-old boy for whistling at a white woman. This was the last straw.

Bus stations were another popular target. On the Freedom Riders, a bus full of black and white protesters would drive through the South. Arriving in a town, the passengers would simply go into the white waiting room.

This simple act was usually enough for white vigilante mobs to attack. Following the non-violent principles of the movement, the protestors would not fight back.

President Eisenhower appealed for understanding. For the next months, after all, he said, they "see a picture of non-segregation of the race". But federal troops, and blacks turned out in large numbers to defend their children.

Up to 1960 the struggle was mostly local. But in 1960 the sit-ins started.

They were sparked by four black students who sat in at a lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, in February 1960 and demanded to be served.

Within a year, thousands had sat in throughout the South in over

200 cities.

The usual pattern was for 300 or 400 college students to go into a restaurant. The waiter would go up to them and say, "We're sorry, we don't serve coloured". The typical response was, "Well, I don't want coloured. I want a hamburger".

In some cases, this good-humoured approach worked straight off. But there were frequent confrontations. The sit-ins gained national publicity. Not only blacks but also sympathetic whites joined the struggle.

Bus stations were another popular target. On the Freedom Riders, a bus full of black and white protesters would drive through the South. Arriving in a town, the passengers would simply go into the white waiting room.

This simple act was usually enough for white vigilante mobs to attack. Following the non-violent principles of the movement, the protestors would not fight back.

This did not prevent violence however. They were often badly beaten, arrested, beaten some more in jail. Many sustained permanent injuries.

But nothing could dampen their spirits. They sang freedom songs such as "We shall overcome". They were an inspiration to people all over the country and internationally. Northern youth joined in and it became a national movement.

However inspiring the struggle was, by 1963 the movement had been going on for nine years. Yet the Jim Crow laws remained essentially intact. Mass civil rights demonstrations met with mass repression. The worst occurred in Birmingham, Alabama.

Birmingham was the most segregated big city in America. The libraries had even banned a book featuring black rabbits and white rabbits. It was nicknamed Bombingham because of racial bombings and cross-burning incidents.



IN APRIL 1963, millions of viewers watched horrified as their TV screens showed what became known as the Battle of Birmingham.

The mass peaceful demonstration was met by dogs and horses, baton-wielding police, power water cannon. Thousands of children were arrested, some many times.

The gaily dressed police commissioner, "Bull" Connor was notorious for his contempt for the blacks. When a inquiry was injured and taken away in an ambulance, Connor commented "I wish they'd carry him away in a hearse".

But the waves of black demonstration kept coming in spite of Connor's spite. They said, "It's not nice to go to jail. There are nicer ways to do it. But the nice ways always fail."



POLICE DOGS (left) and snarling jets (above) are used against Birmingham blacks in 1963.

passive resistance into new dangerous dimensions". So President Kennedy called a meeting of one hundred top officials.

They decided that the struggle had to be out of the streets and back into the courts. Out of the case, Kennedy's civil rights program to end Jim Crow laws.

In the North there were no Jim Crow laws. But blacks were still restricted to poorer jobs, education and housing. KKK propaganda in unions weakened workers class struggle, and northern whites still "waded" over their daughters in murky one.

So a new phase started. It began with the Battle of Birmingham. As long as the community, the tactic was the traditional non-violent use of passive resistance. But when they were pushed back into black areas, rocks and guns were used to defend the community. This was the start of black self-defence.

In doing this, blacks went beyond the control of their traditional leaders such as Martin Luther King, Malcolm X said.

The march was a huge success with over a quarter of a million people. Martin Luther King made his famous "I have a dream speech". His most ringing line was "I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the white and black children will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood".

But for Kennedy, too, the march was a huge success—at least in the short term. It was a stunning military. People left in a quickly alerted that many Washington hotels made a loss in unpaid rooms. An one black

added to Black Power was born.

## "Get those niggers"

"There were police cars all round the bus, and the helicopters flying overhead," recalled a young black woman from Atlanta. "But when we got inside the Montgomery city limits, it all disappeared... There was not one policeman around." On arrival in the bus station a white mob appeared. "Get those niggers," a woman cheered the mob of nearly three hundred venting its fury... with sticks, metal pipes, and baseball bats. A white group grabbed James Zwerg, an exchange student... They pummeled and stomped him into the hot air of the pavement. One of the mob put Zwerg's head between his knees to let others take turns at socking

him and kicking in the front teeth of the Freedom Rider. "Kill the nigger-loving son of a bitch," several women chanted. The mob had now grown to over a thousand. Not a single policeman had yet arrived. They broke one boy's leg. They poured inflammable liquid on another and set his clothes alight. They slapped and chased the two white women riders, who begged a motorist for help. "You deserve what you get," he replied. "I hope they beat you up good."

1961: Freedom Riders' arrival in Montgomery, Alabama (from "The Struggle for Black Equality", Harvard Sitoff.)

## "I have a nightmare"

together with his oppressor in lilypad park pools, with gospels and guitars and "I Have a Dream" speeches... And that black masses in America were—and still are—having a nightmare. (from his Autobiography)

"There go my people, I must catch them, for I am their leader!" Martin Luther King, speaking Gandhi.

"We don't want to be integrationist. Nor do we want to be separatist. We want to be human beings." Malcolm X

MALCOLM X—"We didn't land on Plymouth Rock. It landed on us."



MALCOLM X—"We didn't land on Plymouth Rock. It landed on us."



SHERIFF Lawrence Rainey and friends enjoy themselves during his trial in 1964 for the lynching of three civil rights workers. Rainey got off, but his deputy got six years.



WORKERS at the missile base are puzzled as it becomes apparent that the computer terminal has been broken into.

# MORE A GAME

WAR GAMES is a big hit in the States. It will be a big hit here. It deserves to be.

The plot is a thriller. A bright kid taps into a computer. He is hoping to steal some new Worldwide Thermocuclear War. He starts to play this new game.

When he finds out he has made a mistake. The very soon he finds out he has made a mistake. The very soon he finds out he has made a mistake.

The film makes those who find everything they are worth. It takes a stock set of characters—brightly curly, gaudy, mad scientist, paranoid CIA officer—and mixes them together with an efficiency that makes the film irresistible.

A big part of the film's appeal is that it uses a plot almost as old as explanation itself—essentially it is a reworking of Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein' myth. The idea is that scientists create something so powerful that it escapes their control and wreaks havoc.

That, of course, is a very capitalistic myth. Only in this sort of society do the products of people's labour seem to take on a life of their own and dominate them.

The film does not question its own framework. It alienates nuclear war but sees the problem in the mind and not in the myth.



CIA operative apprehend David and wheel him back to the missile base.

"The most shameful episode... in the history of this country's foreign relations."

# JAMES DUNN'S Timor: A People Betrayed

(Jacaranda Press, Brisbane) has just been published. With Indonesian tanks and massive troop reinforcements aimed in Dili, it should have come out much sooner.

Nonetheless, its documentation of events there from the Second World War onwards should have some effect in changing the state of what Dunn calls 'disinformation' about East Timor in Australia.

With little serious international support for their struggle for self-determination, in which about a third of East Timor's population, but were not been despoiled since 1975) the likelihood of Fretilin being able to retain control of large areas of East Timor against the massive force of the Indonesian troops seems remote.

Dunn's story gives detailed documentation of how in the recent past Australia has related to its Asian neighbours, particularly Indonesia and East Timor.

Australia's failure to take initiatives which would have aided Fretilin's struggle is described in a thoughtful episode of his kind in the history of his country's foreign relations.

similar

While prominent members of the Labor Party like George Greaves and Ian McLaine have recently made similar statements, particularly in relation to Hawke and Hayden's determination about Party policy which supports self-determination, that is not the case.

William in particular argued that East Timor should be integrated into Indonesia. Such was Fretilin's disgust at Whitlam's role that they sent a telegram of congratulations when Kerr threw him out.

Dunn was Australian Minister for External Affairs in 1974-75, and returned again in 1979-82. He has personal experience and inside information.

But the book is thin on analysis of the reasons behind Australia's position. His stance is more one of moral outrage.

Dunn quotes Woolcott saying, just before the invasion, 'a pragmatic rather than a principled stand... is what national interest and foreign policy really is about'.

There is a bit of detail about the American attitude to the Indonesian invasion, including the US ambassador's comment that the intervention should be done 'efficiency, speedily and as our equipment'.

And there are also passing references to the CIA being party to Indonesia's plans. In fact, the invasion was indeed for a long time a CIA operation, and Kissinger were in Jakarta at the time.

# NEIGHBOURHOOD GENOCIDE

By Carole Ferrier

immense military support for Indonesia, supposedly non-aligned, goes on in the US, in 1955 to the \$750m, and in 1982-4, \$1000m. These are the weapons being used to wipe out Fretilin together with support from Darwin. At least 60,000 East Timorese died as a result of the Australian action which brought in the Japanese.

The Australian government again felt no obligation to support East Timor's struggle following the result of the 1975 referendum.

I would have liked more detail from Dunn also about the involvement of right wing Catholic organisations in Australia, especially the NCC, on the propaganda front.



FRETILIN LEADERS in 1975. Most were killed in the Indonesian invasion.

operation Committee which called the Prime Minister in November 1975 urging him to remember the 'strong commercial and investment links existing between Australia and Indonesia' and to 'resist pressure for any form of censure'.

Fretilin is still far from being the state force it is today. It was negotiated from a position of strength and they still control much of East Timor. But Timor's entry and relatively insignificant internationally.

Steve Goldberg looks at another new weapon in the struggle, the pamphlet, 'East Timor, betrayed but not beaten'.

FOR some years a war has been going on, right on Australia's doorstep. This is the war between the people of East Timor and the Indonesian army.

For years too, there has been a military blockade on the war, both by the Indonesian and by the Australian governments. Any publication which throws some light on the conflict is therefore to be welcomed.

Such a publication is the pamphlet 'East Timor, betrayed but not beaten', produced by the Australian East Timor Action Committee (ETAC).

It is to be noted that Fretilin, the movement of the East Timorese people, is a driving force, is expelled. As expressed in the hypocrisy of the Australian Labor Party.

In opposition, the ALP did acknowledge the civil rights of the Timorese. While in power, however,

# Go Lotto?

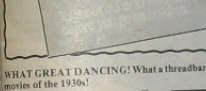
I DISCOVERED the names of the three biggest winners on Lotto in NSW recently...

Rupert Murdoch, Kerry Packer and Robert Sangster. Sound familiar?

Together they own Lotto Management Services, which operates Lotto in NSW. \$201 million was spent on Lotto in 1981-82. About 60% of this was returned to the public as prize money. Another 5% or so went to LMS to cover 'operating costs'. And what of the other 35%? Read on.

Of course, Murdoch and pack aren't the only individuals to benefit from our desire to get rich quick. Lots in the rest of Australia is run by Tattersalls. Tattersalls was set up at the end of last century by George Adams in the U.S. It's still privately owned by the beneficiaries of the same dream.

There are about 400 people involved, who are winning \$500 a week each from Tattersalls without buying a ticket.



LOTTO MANAGEMENT SERVICES

But Lotto makes up only a very small part of the money spent on legalised forms of gambling. In 1981-82, the NSW public spent a total of over \$4,800 million on gambling.

Most of this (\$3,400 million) was spent on poker machines. And of this \$1,400 million ended up in the coffers of the state government. Which is where the money 35% from Lotto goes.

It's the same for all the forms of legalised gambling around. Every pull on the so-called 'one-armed bandit' or 'slot' machine or horse scratch, we automatically give a certain proportion of our money to the state.

During a recession, such as we are going through now, the desire to escape increases enormously. This is no doubt the reason behind the recent proliferation of ways of gambling. Instant Lottery, PubTAB, FootyTAB and so on. It's impossible to walk into a newsagency these days without being met with a salesman shouting the deadline for one or another of them.

So we all buy more tickets and hope. But funny things can happen if you do have big wins. Take the case of a police constable who recently won \$11 million on Lotto.

'I've always said to talk about it at work—no need to change the next day and buy some holiday items up the coast.' 'But when you actually win that sort of money, things change. The last thing you want to do is rush into anything.'

He will tell his casual job, but he is still working. He has left the plumber from Queensberry. He used his share of the \$11 million Lottery to pay off his loan on his house. But he still works at the same job. Other people just love their winnings on a long-term basis. But even if you do manage to spend your money, it is only an individual solution. The rest of us are still stuck wherever we happen to be.

# You're mad if you do!

By Diane Fieldes

'Flashdance' is by no means the first of our only one of these films that has had a current dejection has produced.

'Sunday Night Fever' showed one individual solution to the problems of the economic crisis.

Even more strikingly the follow-up, 'Do I wake up here?', shows that you can do something about being young and working class in a depression. You can be a wonderful dancer and look like John Travolta.

In some way, 'Flashdance' is different from the Ruby Berkeley musicals of the thirties. It makes certain concessions to modern ideas of women's role.

Unlike 'Gold-diggers of Broadway', we don't see Alex marrying her man who 'just goes out with him'. She does have a current dejection has produced.

'Sunday Night Fever' showed one individual solution to the problems of the economic crisis.

Even more strikingly the follow-up, 'Do I wake up here?', shows that you can do something about being young and working class in a depression. You can be a wonderful dancer and look like John Travolta.

In some way, 'Flashdance' is different from the Ruby Berkeley musicals of the thirties. It makes certain concessions to modern ideas of women's role.

Unlike 'Gold-diggers of Broadway', we don't see Alex marrying her man who 'just goes out with him'. She does have a current dejection has produced.

'Sunday Night Fever' showed one individual solution to the problems of the economic crisis.

Even more strikingly the follow-up, 'Do I wake up here?', shows that you can do something about being young and working class in a depression. You can be a wonderful dancer and look like John Travolta.

In some way, 'Flashdance' is different from the Ruby Berkeley musicals of the thirties. It makes certain concessions to modern ideas of women's role.

Unlike 'Gold-diggers of Broadway', we don't see Alex marrying her man who 'just goes out with him'. She does have a current dejection has produced.

# Instincts

Whatever doors instincts might be displayed (such as Alex's initial refusal to go out with the boss because he is too busy), she is quickly disposed of.

She has a wonderful dancer and look like John Travolta.

In some way, 'Flashdance' is different from the Ruby Berkeley musicals of the thirties. It makes certain concessions to modern ideas of women's role.

Unlike 'Gold-diggers of Broadway', we don't see Alex marrying her man who 'just goes out with him'. She does have a current dejection has produced.

'Sunday Night Fever' showed one individual solution to the problems of the economic crisis.

Even more strikingly the follow-up, 'Do I wake up here?', shows that you can do something about being young and working class in a depression. You can be a wonderful dancer and look like John Travolta.

In some way, 'Flashdance' is different from the Ruby Berkeley musicals of the thirties. It makes certain concessions to modern ideas of women's role.

Unlike 'Gold-diggers of Broadway', we don't see Alex marrying her man who 'just goes out with him'. She does have a current dejection has produced.

'Sunday Night Fever' showed one individual solution to the problems of the economic crisis.

Even more strikingly the follow-up, 'Do I wake up here?', shows that you can do something about being young and working class in a depression. You can be a wonderful dancer and look like John Travolta.

In some way, 'Flashdance' is different from the Ruby Berkeley musicals of the thirties. It makes certain concessions to modern ideas of women's role.

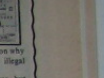
Unlike 'Gold-diggers of Broadway', we don't see Alex marrying her man who 'just goes out with him'. She does have a current dejection has produced.

'Sunday Night Fever' showed one individual solution to the problems of the economic crisis.

Even more strikingly the follow-up, 'Do I wake up here?', shows that you can do something about being young and working class in a depression. You can be a wonderful dancer and look like John Travolta.

# Don't go to see 'Flashdance' even if you love dancing.

To come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.



TO come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.

TO come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.

TO come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.

TO come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.

TO come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.

TO come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.

TO come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.

TO come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.

TO come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.

TO come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.

TO come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.

TO come to grips with the situation, Alex gets a helping hand from her boss. ABOVE: Alex mimics a cop on point duty. FLASHDANCE has all the hallmarks of a depression musical.





Thanks to solidarity action

# WE'VE WON!

AFTER 102 days of industrial action, Sydney's Comeng workers have won. Management caved in on their two major demands.

The company agreed to reinstate any of the 83 sacked unionists who wanted their jobs back. For those who don't, the company will have to make redundancy payments at the higher level offered before Australian National Industries bought out Comeng.

The dispute ended very quickly after other unions placed their ANI subsidiaries. Building unions banned Coates Hire at all building sites. Mining unions refused to service Komatsu equipment in coalfields in the Hunter Valley and elsewhere. Victoria had all agreed to bans. The ACTU disputes committee eventually endorsed these actions in the second week of the dispute.

ANI responded to the bans by threatening to sack ANI employees who were still out, to be followed the two days later by the three hundred metal workers. This provoked twenty angry unionists to invade the city offices of ANI, demanding to see the big boss, John Leard. He was in there. The unionists stood firm, despite being hassled by security and the police. Eventually a crown sergeant got Leard to come from Lidscombe to speak to the men.

The workers say that it was this action, plus the effect of the bans, that persuaded Leard to drop the sacking threat and to meet the unions. It was at this meeting that ANI agreed to the demands.

The bans also agreed to drop all reclassifications. These amounted to demotions. The catch is that this only applies to the people currently employed. New employees will be taken on at the lower levels. The status of leading hands who aren't actually in charge of anybody is still being negotiated.

Comeng also agreed that there would be no more retrenchments before January 1 next year. They were forced, earlier on in the dispute, to drop a 10% across-the-board pay cut.

A key factor in the victory was the industrial action against other ANI companies. Management denied it, but the end of the dispute came less than two weeks after the ANI blacking. A company director at the Friday talks confirmed it saying he wanted the bans lifted as soon as possible.

### By Peter May

If the NSW train drivers had the same sort of back-up in the XPT manning dispute, they would have really hurt the State Rail Authority.

The dispute only went on for as long as it did because of enormous financial support from dozens of workplaces around Sydney.

Money-making efforts were so successful that the Comeng Fighting Fund paid out over \$150,000. It was one of the largest ever in Australia.

Many job sites took up weekly levies or collections. It was difficult to get hold of anyone from the dispute committee because they were always off collecting the money.

Comeng delegates spoke at mass meetings all over Sydney, and passed around buckets. They held a Right to Work rally which attracted considerable moral and financial support.

Job delegates organised all the strike assistance work at the shopfloor level. The rank and file showed its strength by rejecting the union officials' earlier return to work recommendation made before the company's backdown. Their resolve and organisation made the victory possible.

### forced

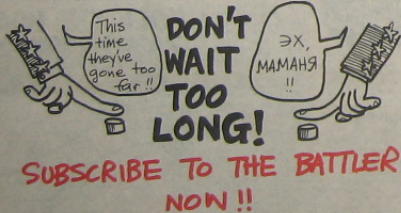
The Comeng workers forced a reluctant ACTU into spreading the fight. This was even to include a national 24 hour stoppage at all ANI workplaces.

At the final meeting, the union officials argued against continuing action to resolve issues like dirt money, confinement money and loss of the higher job classifications over time.

Metal workers organizer John Royle claimed that these points should have been raised by the workers earlier.

He said that only two points of discussion had been given to the negotiating team. These were voluntary redundancies and reclassification.

No brief had been given to talk about anything else.



Make sure you get your copy of the Battler every issue. For just \$10 a year; \$25 for a supporting subscription; or an introductory sub. of 10 issues mailed to you for only \$4.

Clip and post to PO Box 46, Flemington, Vic. 3081.

Name .....

Address .....



MEETINGS and pickets like those above were the lifeblood of Comeng disputes in Sydney. But the push to victory came from helping hands of other workers.

so no-one should have any complaints, he said. It was in fact the 'complete capitulation by the company' that one union official called it.

Extras such as dirt money and confinement money are not guaranteed beyond 23 September. They are still being negotiated.

Without the backing of industrial action, these conditions may well be lost.

But this is unlikely to happen, given the high level of shopfloor organisation and solidarity.

This is the real significance of the Comeng struggle. Through their own organisation, the workers built up strong links with workers at other shops. They learnt not to rely on the union bureaucracy to win them for them.

Job delegate Bill Burns stressed the importance of the lessons learnt over the 16 weeks.

In his speech at the final mass meeting, he said that the battle would still go on. His last sentences summed it up.

**"If they attack one person or one union in the future, then they take it all on."**

**If the dole's all you've got, squat!**

**WHAT DO you do if you don't get enough money to live on?**

You find a run-down mansion to squat in. A group of unemployed young people from the Squatters Union have occupied an empty house owned by Teleson in South Yarra. They said that they took this action to highlight the hard time that under-eighteens are having surviving on the pittance dole.

The Labor government is going to increase the dole for under-eighteens by \$5 a week in November. But this isn't enough to keep up with the cost of living, let alone bring it up to survival level, the squatters said.

Teleson is seeking a court order to have the squatters evicted. The Squatters Union say that Teleson is only doing this because the government is embarrassed. The house hasn't been used for eight years, but it's right in the heart of the money belt of South Yarra.

The police haven't hassled the occupiers very much yet. They were called in by the neighbours, but left when they were unable to find any damage done to the place.

If the police return to carry out an eviction notice, the squatters are prepared to stand up to them. The occupants plan to bolt themselves in, so that the eviction will have to be forcible.

Interpreting the Boss



From the mouths of babes

**MARGARET Thatcher, move over!** 'Teacher the Milk Sucker', Britain's PM who first won fame for cutting off school milk in Britain, has been renounced by Victoria's Labor government.

The Minister for Appearing on Television, Tom Roper, has abolished free milk for up to 7400 children in preschool and child-care centres.

He is also cutting off subsidies for most extended-hours programs at preschool centres for three-year-olds. These are vital for women in high-rise areas with two or three pre-school age children.

Roper claims the funds will be used to expand kindergarten services for four-year-olds. It's a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul. A little property tax levied on footsies would easily raise funds for both. Labor governments do defend the poor? Who are they kidding?

Mass rallies shake Marcos — p5

# the battler

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

No 151 October 8, 1983 35c (20c outside, postage)

# POVERTY SHOCK!

OVER four million Australians — more than one in four — are living in poverty.

Most are unemployed, ill or on miserable old age pensions. This is the grim fact just revealed from surveys by the Department of Social Security. For the first time, the Department counted unemployed and their dependents. They found that on May 27, 827,296 were out of work. Their dependent spouses and children took the figure to over a million.

When other forms of benefits — mainly old age, sickness, war veterans and single — are taken into account, four million people are living below the official poverty line.

And things are getting worse. The Labor government admits unemployment will keep rising, but it proposes to do little about the retirement age.

Experts predict the proportion of pensioners will rise. Calomiris, they suggest, raised the retirement age.

Bob Hawke's answer to this poverty crisis? His government has announced a Fraser-style "dole" — "welfare checks". The aim, of course, is to shift the guilt onto the heads of the poor.

Meanwhile, each parastate squander millions on wasteful schemes.

There is an alternative to the dole system. It is to organise the economy, to provide jobs for all who want them. It is to run industry for human needs and not a tiny minority of bosses.

It is to guarantee everyone a decent standard of living, instead of allowing a tiny minority to siphon off the wealth.

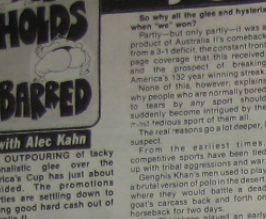
That's the socialist alternative.

# in 4

# on the bread-line

**IS JOH'S TIME FINALLY UP? — p3**

# Go dotty over a yachtie?



AT LEAST Depression Australia had Don Bradman to cheer about. All we get is Alan Bond!

International sporting contests, however, only took off early this year, inspired largely by the revival of the Olympic Games in 1986. They have performed two different services for modern capitalism.

One is well-known. Sport trains the masses in nationalistic spirit and fuels raw jingoism against the nation's enemies.

Just recall the Berlin Olympics in 1936, the furthest allegations of cheating against Russian judges, the Olympic Committee and the IOC, and the Olympic medals given to the Soviet Union.

All are familiar examples of what George Orwell might have had in mind.



At least Depression Australia had Don Bradman to cheer about. All we get is Alan Bond!

their junior allies and colonies. In fact, the same way that a Police Boys' Club allows stragglers to make up for their approximations to a socially acceptable fashion, international sporting contests allow junior powers like Australia to

Even the yachting experts were unable to keep up a continuous record. First let us agree that the races were boring. You only had to listen to the radio commentators to discover that.

Even the yachting experts were unable to keep up a continuous record. First let us agree that the races were boring. You only had to listen to the radio commentators to discover that.

Even the yachting experts were unable to keep up a continuous record. First let us agree that the races were boring. You only had to listen to the radio commentators to discover that.



RACIST graffiti at a Sydney school, and (below) Stewart West, the Immigration Minister who is starting to pull it into practice.

## White Australia re-visited

REMEMBER THE White Australia policy?

The Labor government is out to stop overseas students coming here. With his Overseas Students Bill, "left-wing" Federal Immigration Minister Stewart West wants a fifty percent cut in the number of new students, and a \$2000 increase in fees.

Meetings of overseas students have continued the bill.

In the past, there was a guaranteed allowance which allowed for flexibility. But West has his way, and a 1986 figure will be an absolute maximum.

The excuse given is that bright overseas students are taking places away from Australians. But Professor John Goldring, who has chaired an investigation, claims "it's like a rat in a hole" and says:

"It is only a limited excuse. It is because the real problem... There seems to me to be a substantial minority... Asian students... more of whom are, if not Australian citizens, permanent residents or children of residents, who have exactly same rights as anyone else."

Residents or not, this bill encouraging racism. Members of the Overseas Students Service, who received abusive phone calls and racist graffiti on campuses, has expressed...

## Teach Wran a lesson!

AT LEAST one group of workers is revolted over the Wran Government's budget. The NSW Teachers' Education has called a statewide strike for 18 October.

The state budget largely ignored the major changes needed for schools. Relief Times—reduction in face-to-face teaching will be introduced. This will reduce to a small proportion of schools.

This means 95 extra teachers. But because of falling enrolments, five hundred teaching positions will be abolished.

Minor gains were made in specialised areas such as Aboriginal education and libraries. But even in areas of increased enrolments such as Tertiary and Further Education, staff increases are well below recommended levels.

Education Minister Mulock is writing to the 250,000 teachers who are to stay at work. The Government is spending \$200 million on public schooling this year.

If we are not to be ignored again, we must prepare to take all-out strike action this time.

—Philip Whitefield, NSWTF member

## THE MAIN AIM of this budget is to create more jobs, declared Victorian Treasurer Rob Jolly in his budget speech.

The previous day his NSW counterpart Ken Booth also brought down an "expansionary" budget.

The two state Labor treasurers stand in sharp contrast to Mr Austier, Federal Treasurer Paul Keating, who wants to "fight inflation first", cut wages, and hold down interest rates rather than create jobs.

Rob Jolly says that the budget will do a lot for big business, but he says the big gains will go to the middle class. He says that the budget will do a lot for big business, but he says the big gains will go to the middle class.

Rob Jolly says that the budget will do a lot for big business, but he says the big gains will go to the middle class. He says that the budget will do a lot for big business, but he says the big gains will go to the middle class.

## Worers to pay for Labor's "expansionism"

WORKERS TO PAY FOR Labor's "expansionism" is the main theme of a budget speech by Victorian Treasurer Rob Jolly. The budget, which is the first in the state's history to be presented on the basis of the expanded federal budget, is expected to create 15,000 jobs.

Rob Jolly says that the budget will do a lot for big business, but he says the big gains will go to the middle class. He says that the budget will do a lot for big business, but he says the big gains will go to the middle class.

## The Old election

EVERYONE'S saying the Queensland elections on 22 October are about the last chance since 1957 to get rid of John Bjelke-Petersen.

There have been other chances, the general strike last year being one. Nevertheless, the prospect of Petersen being thrown out by voters is the only one that has been realistic.

Certainly, more people than ever have liberal reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him.

## WELBOURNE Club demo—three charged

THE DAVID GUNN and Mother England in the shirts—will be shown through in the first half of this century. Australians used to be entertained by Test cricket victories over the USA.

Now the David Gunn and Mother England in the shirts—will be shown through in the first half of this century. Australians used to be entertained by Test cricket victories over the USA.

## WATSONIA — spying for the red, white and blue

WATSONIA, the American spy organization even more secret than the CIA, is the target for the US State Department's new anti-demonstration law. The law is designed to prevent the group from operating in the United States.

The Watsonia Barracks will be the target for the US State Department's new anti-demonstration law. The law is designed to prevent the group from operating in the United States.

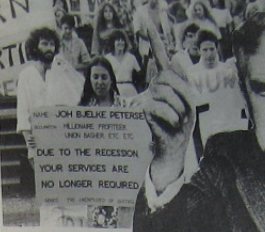
## Sex Discrimination Bill riles the Right

"THERE IS no male kinder to the female than the Australian male", blathered National Party leader Ross Edwards in the debate on the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act.

Similar stupor is also striking over the national anti-discrimination legislation. This has various types of sexual discrimination in the workplace, education, provision of goods and services, and recreational facilities.

Some have howled about the bill doing it "by the book". It is supposed to be a "no frills" bill.

In the early evening, workers were frustrated by the bill's provisions. In the early evening, workers were frustrated by the bill's provisions.



SUSAN RYAN—"It doesn't try to change things"

## THE OLD election

EVERYONE'S saying the Queensland elections on 22 October are about the last chance since 1957 to get rid of John Bjelke-Petersen.

There have been other chances, the general strike last year being one. Nevertheless, the prospect of Petersen being thrown out by voters is the only one that has been realistic.

Certainly, more people than ever have liberal reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him.

## WELBOURNE Club demo—three charged

THE DAVID GUNN and Mother England in the shirts—will be shown through in the first half of this century. Australians used to be entertained by Test cricket victories over the USA.

Now the David Gunn and Mother England in the shirts—will be shown through in the first half of this century. Australians used to be entertained by Test cricket victories over the USA.

## Sex Discrimination Bill riles the Right

"THERE IS no male kinder to the female than the Australian male", blathered National Party leader Ross Edwards in the debate on the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act.

Similar stupor is also striking over the national anti-discrimination legislation. This has various types of sexual discrimination in the workplace, education, provision of goods and services, and recreational facilities.

Some have howled about the bill doing it "by the book". It is supposed to be a "no frills" bill.

## White Australia re-visited

REMEMBER THE White Australia policy? The Labor government is out to stop overseas students coming here. With his Overseas Students Bill, "left-wing" Federal Immigration Minister Stewart West wants a fifty percent cut in the number of new students, and a \$2000 increase in fees.

Meetings of overseas students have continued the bill. In the past, there was a guaranteed allowance which allowed for flexibility. But West has his way, and a 1986 figure will be an absolute maximum.

## Teach Wran a lesson!

AT LEAST one group of workers is revolted over the Wran Government's budget. The NSW Teachers' Education has called a statewide strike for 18 October.

The state budget largely ignored the major changes needed for schools. Relief Times—reduction in face-to-face teaching will be introduced. This will reduce to a small proportion of schools.

This means 95 extra teachers. But because of falling enrolments, five hundred teaching positions will be abolished.

## Worers to pay for Labor's "expansionism"

WORKERS TO PAY FOR Labor's "expansionism" is the main theme of a budget speech by Victorian Treasurer Rob Jolly. The budget, which is the first in the state's history to be presented on the basis of the expanded federal budget, is expected to create 15,000 jobs.

Rob Jolly says that the budget will do a lot for big business, but he says the big gains will go to the middle class. He says that the budget will do a lot for big business, but he says the big gains will go to the middle class.

## THE OLD election

EVERYONE'S saying the Queensland elections on 22 October are about the last chance since 1957 to get rid of John Bjelke-Petersen.

There have been other chances, the general strike last year being one. Nevertheless, the prospect of Petersen being thrown out by voters is the only one that has been realistic.

Certainly, more people than ever have liberal reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him.



SUSAN RYAN—"It doesn't try to change things"

## THE OLD election

EVERYONE'S saying the Queensland elections on 22 October are about the last chance since 1957 to get rid of John Bjelke-Petersen.

There have been other chances, the general strike last year being one. Nevertheless, the prospect of Petersen being thrown out by voters is the only one that has been realistic.

Certainly, more people than ever have liberal reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him.

## WELBOURNE Club demo—three charged

THE DAVID GUNN and Mother England in the shirts—will be shown through in the first half of this century. Australians used to be entertained by Test cricket victories over the USA.

Now the David Gunn and Mother England in the shirts—will be shown through in the first half of this century. Australians used to be entertained by Test cricket victories over the USA.

## Sex Discrimination Bill riles the Right

"THERE IS no male kinder to the female than the Australian male", blathered National Party leader Ross Edwards in the debate on the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act.

Similar stupor is also striking over the national anti-discrimination legislation. This has various types of sexual discrimination in the workplace, education, provision of goods and services, and recreational facilities.

Some have howled about the bill doing it "by the book". It is supposed to be a "no frills" bill.

## White Australia re-visited

REMEMBER THE White Australia policy? The Labor government is out to stop overseas students coming here. With his Overseas Students Bill, "left-wing" Federal Immigration Minister Stewart West wants a fifty percent cut in the number of new students, and a \$2000 increase in fees.

Meetings of overseas students have continued the bill. In the past, there was a guaranteed allowance which allowed for flexibility. But West has his way, and a 1986 figure will be an absolute maximum.

## Teach Wran a lesson!

AT LEAST one group of workers is revolted over the Wran Government's budget. The NSW Teachers' Education has called a statewide strike for 18 October.

The state budget largely ignored the major changes needed for schools. Relief Times—reduction in face-to-face teaching will be introduced. This will reduce to a small proportion of schools.

This means 95 extra teachers. But because of falling enrolments, five hundred teaching positions will be abolished.

## Worers to pay for Labor's "expansionism"

WORKERS TO PAY FOR Labor's "expansionism" is the main theme of a budget speech by Victorian Treasurer Rob Jolly. The budget, which is the first in the state's history to be presented on the basis of the expanded federal budget, is expected to create 15,000 jobs.

Rob Jolly says that the budget will do a lot for big business, but he says the big gains will go to the middle class. He says that the budget will do a lot for big business, but he says the big gains will go to the middle class.

## THE OLD election

EVERYONE'S saying the Queensland elections on 22 October are about the last chance since 1957 to get rid of John Bjelke-Petersen.

There have been other chances, the general strike last year being one. Nevertheless, the prospect of Petersen being thrown out by voters is the only one that has been realistic.

Certainly, more people than ever have liberal reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him.



SUSAN RYAN—"It doesn't try to change things"

## THE OLD election

EVERYONE'S saying the Queensland elections on 22 October are about the last chance since 1957 to get rid of John Bjelke-Petersen.

There have been other chances, the general strike last year being one. Nevertheless, the prospect of Petersen being thrown out by voters is the only one that has been realistic.

Certainly, more people than ever have liberal reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him.

## WELBOURNE Club demo—three charged

THE DAVID GUNN and Mother England in the shirts—will be shown through in the first half of this century. Australians used to be entertained by Test cricket victories over the USA.

Now the David Gunn and Mother England in the shirts—will be shown through in the first half of this century. Australians used to be entertained by Test cricket victories over the USA.

## Sex Discrimination Bill riles the Right

"THERE IS no male kinder to the female than the Australian male", blathered National Party leader Ross Edwards in the debate on the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act.

Similar stupor is also striking over the national anti-discrimination legislation. This has various types of sexual discrimination in the workplace, education, provision of goods and services, and recreational facilities.

Some have howled about the bill doing it "by the book". It is supposed to be a "no frills" bill.

## White Australia re-visited

REMEMBER THE White Australia policy? The Labor government is out to stop overseas students coming here. With his Overseas Students Bill, "left-wing" Federal Immigration Minister Stewart West wants a fifty percent cut in the number of new students, and a \$2000 increase in fees.

Meetings of overseas students have continued the bill. In the past, there was a guaranteed allowance which allowed for flexibility. But West has his way, and a 1986 figure will be an absolute maximum.

## Teach Wran a lesson!

AT LEAST one group of workers is revolted over the Wran Government's budget. The NSW Teachers' Education has called a statewide strike for 18 October.

The state budget largely ignored the major changes needed for schools. Relief Times—reduction in face-to-face teaching will be introduced. This will reduce to a small proportion of schools.

This means 95 extra teachers. But because of falling enrolments, five hundred teaching positions will be abolished.

## Worers to pay for Labor's "expansionism"

WORKERS TO PAY FOR Labor's "expansionism" is the main theme of a budget speech by Victorian Treasurer Rob Jolly. The budget, which is the first in the state's history to be presented on the basis of the expanded federal budget, is expected to create 15,000 jobs.

Rob Jolly says that the budget will do a lot for big business, but he says the big gains will go to the middle class. He says that the budget will do a lot for big business, but he says the big gains will go to the middle class.

## THE OLD election

EVERYONE'S saying the Queensland elections on 22 October are about the last chance since 1957 to get rid of John Bjelke-Petersen.

There have been other chances, the general strike last year being one. Nevertheless, the prospect of Petersen being thrown out by voters is the only one that has been realistic.

Certainly, more people than ever have liberal reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him. From laundry reasons to get rid of him.

## Race:

"Bonjour, I'm canvassing for the French presidential elections. We speak with austerity, wage freeze, sackings in the steel industry, and of course, immigration controls."

"No thanks, comrade. I'll be voting for the Left."

"That will be seen on hundreds of French doorsteps, when the presidential elections roll around in 1987."

It's not just that Francois Mitterand, elected by a coalition of the Left in May 1981, hasn't introduced socialism. After all, his program made no such promise. Reforms that were promised. It has taken on the policies of the right, and left many of its supporters politically high and dry.

Most importantly, Mitterand's government has allowed the extreme right to move into the vacuum that has created. That's why French Nazis are beginning to make inroads in local elections.

Mitterand's government came in on a program that promised to create jobs, and combine economic expansion with state intervention in industry.

The plan was to pump money into the economy through increases in public spending, welfare benefits and wages. It sounds familiar because of the election promises of our government. And it ran into the same problems.

At least in France, there was a serious attempt to implement the program. Public spending did rise, the amount of unemployment was cut down, wages were maintained while the working week was shortened.

But within just under a year, the Left government had gone full-throttle into reverse. The program was abandoned in June 1982. Austerity, "fighting inflation" and a wage freeze became the order of the day.

Why the reversal? The program came to pieces firstly because Mitterand could not control the French national economy, and secondly because he could not control the movements of international capital.

No matter what the government did, it could not force the private investors to invest. And every time it did something they didn't like (which became less and less often) money simply poured out of France.

## restore

French bosses wanted a strategy to restore their profits by cutting wages and welfare. In the end, Mitterand saw it their way.

In June 1982 wages and prices were frozen, with the emphasis heavily on the former. The government announced its intention to reduce the amount paid to sacked workers. Hospital charges were introduced, and so on.

Trade unions in Germany are preparing to vote strike action to fight against the introduction of Ciaris and Berching. In most of their members are going to be cut off... To... to... to...

IGNORE the officers, the Red Throat will win. Asked if the RCMP were interested in Australia. Victor Marentis replied, "Anyone who is interested in Chad has got to be interested in Australia."

COMMUNIST PARTY Chief Marchais and the President on the march in 1973.

## Dear Battlers,

RUINING the waves in a risky business. The Royal Navy has had to raise the Falkland Task Force. Sacked explained by "Buddy" Woodward... dismissed by a four eight gale on the Solent. The misadventure... Heiser spotted the crippled vessel and saved him to NEARBY CHESTER HARBOUR.

## Sacked on Cup Day

Dear battlers, On the day when the "whole of Australia" was triumphantly with Bob Hawke was quoted as saying, "Oh, you like the total job today in Australia... On the final day of my sackings no reason... maintenance fitter at a machine unit in a... asked Sheridan and... doing the job. This... Preston in Melbourne, also required to do with...

## STEELWORKERS talk shop: a new round of 12,000 sackings.

# The great socialist backtracks

By David Lockwood

Now that that enough. Early this year, a second austerity package was unleashed. It promised zero growth in the economy, and 100,000 more on the dole. To kick things off, a new round of 12,000 sackings was announced in the steel industry.

Despite having elected the government to office, workers didn't take all this lying down. From January 1983 onwards, there was a wave of strikes in the car industry, Citron, Renault and Fiat were all out.

At this point, the right launched a campaign against their favourite scapegoat for all France's problems—the cost the strikes! Immigrant workers. Right-wing rags like *Le Figaro* screamed that immigrants were spreading chaos in French industry. The campaign was taken up, and sackings of the strikers began.

Worst of all, the campaign has been actively encouraged by the Left government. Labour minister Auroux claimed that the immigrant workers were being 'starred up' by Muslim fundamentalists. He went on to say that workers who used 'terrorism' (presumably he means strikes) had no place in the 'community of labour'.

## Isolate

The campaign is an attempt to isolate and intimidate immigrant workers, who are present among the most militant.

But the effects are more far-reaching than that. The fact is that anti-immigrant propaganda used to be confined to the extreme right. Thus the fascist journal

## The star spangled banners

As A MEMBER of the postal workers' union (APTU), I find it ironic that the Federal Executive of the APTU directed its members to ban mail to Russia... As a socialist, I have meetings to discuss the

As at the same time, the Spanish Socialist Party... South African small... For a long time... the reason for an APTU ban... confidence gained in... enable Australia to

Stephen Mason, Melbourne, APTU.

Le Pen would campaign on the theme, "Immigrants unemployed, two million immigrants to come."... When racism is taken up by the Social and Communist parties however, it gives a nod and a wink to the far right.

Nowhere has this been illustrated more than in recent elections in the town of Dreux... When the Renault management gave way and granted wage rises to 76,000 workers, it became clear that the government's wage freeze was being challenged right

The main issue in the election was room for workers make up 25 percent of Dreux's inhabitants. The Nazis ran a savage campaign on their behalf. They laid the blame for unemployment on immigrants.

Mitterand himself declared that "large numbers of immigrants would be sent home... Marchais said that the new measures 'constituted a step towards this grave problem'.

Governments like that in France qualify as right-wing... France, what is the Left's best kept secret? It's that it has no alternative... And that's the case in France, we might want to ask question in Australia.

## Belgian strike ends

A GENERAL STRIKE of 800,000 Belgians ended in bitterness and defeat last week.

Belgian workers returned to work after 21 days of their proposed general strike... The strikers held the line for two months... Even so, the general... government's... and faced a

Tom Paleras, APTU.

## A YEAR ago the world was horrified by the news of massacres in Beirut refuge camps.

Members of the fascist Phalange systematically slaughtered people for their non-stop, while Israeli soldiers looked on.

Now the American government has marked the anniversary by sending its armed forces to Lebanon in action to support the perpetrators of that massacre.

Before that year, a young leader of the Marxist Christian sect of the Lebanese... The Lebanese... sent 100,000 Palestinian refugees to Lebanon... were confined to camps in an area north of Beirut.

But at this point the Lebanese army dominated... Syria army intervened, prevent a total victory... The Phalange was not... according to plan... Phalange was not

# THE STREETS



## Mass rallies threaten the Marcos regime

Facing open opposition from sections of the Philippine bourgeoisie, it is because they are determined to find a more presentable alternative to the left. Otherwise they fear that the growing radicalisation will weaken the arms of the National Democratic Front, and ultimately of the New Peoples Army—the Communist guerrillas.

Still, the NPA's popularity has grown... The NPA's strategy is one of the more conventional union parties.



Still, the NPA's popularity has grown... The NPA's strategy is one of the more conventional union parties.

The most drastic testimony to the weakness of the Marcos regime was the decision by the Phalange to launch an open campaign to attack the PLO from behind. The Israelis found it very difficult to dialogue them from Beirut. Arafat kept near Sabra and Chatila... positive over-looked Beirut street.

As the same one as the Lebanese Army... Getting a very difficult... where the Syrian... population, Phalange... "Amal" is very strong.

What was left of the Phalange was not... to establish in the... the Phalange was... from East Beirut... by the Phalange... the PLO would be... in 1982 the Israeli... a full scale... Beirut. Things did not... The Phalange was not

The Phalange was not... of the Phalange... the Phalange was... the Phalange was... the Phalange was...

The Phalange was not... the Phalange was... the Phalange was... the Phalange was... the Phalange was...

The Phalange was not... the Phalange was... the Phalange was... the Phalange was... the Phalange was...

IT SEEMS the middle classes are getting the credit for the couping of public protest against the Marcos regime.

Media attention has been focussed on the opposition role of big business, and the mobilisation of office workers.

The demonstrations have been far too militant to be merely the creations of the bourgeoisie.

At one point some 200,000 workers gathered in Manila's Post Office Square to campaign in the 25th people's anniversary of Benigno Aquino's death.

Some 200000 protesters demonstrated in Manila... They were mobilised by the state.

When the demonstrators began, it was pelted with eggs and stones... and a beating around the neck.

The next day, Filipinos poured into the Post Office Square to show their opposition to the regime, and later on street battles took place with the police.

When the demonstrators began, it was pelted with eggs and stones... and a beating around the neck.

The demonstrators began, it was pelted with eggs and stones... and a beating around the neck.

The demonstrators began, it was pelted with eggs and stones... and a beating around the neck.

The demonstrators began, it was pelted with eggs and stones... and a beating around the neck.

The demonstrators began, it was pelted with eggs and stones... and a beating around the neck.

THE BATTLE 8 OCTOBER, 1983 PAGE 5

## JEERS FOR THE JUNTA

ADJUDGING the order of the night for prolonged prison by the Chilean... in a... in a... in a...

The Phalange was not... the Phalange was... the Phalange was... the Phalange was... the Phalange was...

The Phalange was not... the Phalange was... the Phalange was... the Phalange was... the Phalange was...

EUREKA, 1854

TO I. W. W., 1917!

Sixty-Three Years Fighting for YOU!

IS THE CAREER OF

MONTY MILLER

86 Years old and Still Fighting for INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM!



One Big Union PIONEER The Grand Old Man of the Labor Movement



WILL SPEAK IN MELBOURNE SHORTLY! WATCH FOR DATES!

ON NOVEMBER, 1916 in a magistrate's court in Perth, eleven men were charged with conspiracy. One of them was Montague Miller, age given as 84 (really 79), widower, atheist, no occupation.

Miller and the others were charged with seditious conspiracy, to carry into execution an enterprise having for its object to raise discontent and dissatisfaction amongst the subjects of our Lord the King, to promote feelings of ill-will and enmity between different classes of the subjects of our said Lord the King.

The case for the prosecution was that the accused by their membership of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) were bound together in these aims. This was a political charge aimed at crushing the IWW by making membership of it a crime, so the IWW was on trial. It took place during the First World War when Australia was divided bitterly over conscription, a few weeks after the first conscription referendum in which the IWW had spearheaded the successful 'No' campaign.

Large questions about the future of Australia were at stake in the drab little police court, oppressive in the summer heat, where extra chairs had to be placed down one side of the room to seat the accused.

The police evidence was solemnly disclosed. Miller's house had been searched on a military warrant under the War Precautions Act and IWW literature seized. Miller admitted authorship of articles 'Eureka' in Direct Action, the IWW newspaper. He had written a letter ending with 'Yours for the Revolution'. Police had taken notes of his speeches at open-air meetings on the Perth Esplanade.

The magistrate found that a prima facie case had been established against Miller and several of the others who were committed for trial at the next sessions of the Criminal Court.

Asked if he wished to say anything in answer to the evidence and warned that what he said might be used in evidence against him, Miller rose and addressed the court.

'I say in my pride... I am a member of the IWW. If I am not a member by right of payment of subscription (only wage workers could be full members) I am a member in heart, in brain, and in power of spirit, in fighting, during the short span of life left to me, after long years of suffering born in toil and hardship, wrong which exist.

'The counsel for the prosecution has tried to prove that I am a member of the IWW. I give him that information freely—I am a member.

Compiled by Chris Ross from an article by Eric Fry in 'Rebels and Radicals'

were out for four hours before they would bring back the required verdict of guilty. As the foreman of the jury pronounced it a young girl in the gallery cried softly and several older women burst into tears. Miller's children and grandchildren were in court. Monty was deprived of his old age pension following his conviction, but was not jailed due to his age.

MONTY HAD travelled a long road to his conviction in Perth in 1916. He signed himself 'Eureka' because he claimed to have fought as a miner at the stockade. He had started five years later, working his trade as a carpenter and raising a family. From early manhood to middle-age he educated himself, absorbing the writings of the thinkers available to him and testing their theories in practice as he joined in every reform movement.

When later in life he turned to the IWW, who sought one union for all, he did so from long experience of craft unionism and his personal position as one of the aristocracy of labour.

IWW clubs were formed in Australia from 1907 along the same lines as IWW formations in America. In that year Monty Miller was first chairman of the Melbourne club.

By 1914 there were numerous locals, or branches, such as the Fremantle local of which Miller was a member, because the IWW voiced the discontent which many members of the labour movement felt about arbitration and Labor governments. Yet it was a small force until the First World War projected it to the centre of the stage.

In 1914 Fisher, federal Labor leader, could pledge the last man and the last shilling as Australia entered the war on a wave of jingoism and empire loyalty which swept a flood of recruits into the army. By 1916 prices rose whilst wages were held back, war profiteers flourished. At the front the inhibition of Anzac was followed by the withdrawal from Gallipoli and no end in sight.

Hughes, now Labor prime minister, joined with every voice of the ruling class in calling for conscription to reinforce the armies. The political situation led him to see a referendum as the only way of bringing this about, a referendum he was confident of winning. The IWW knew where it stood on the war. 'War, What For?' its banners proclaimed at the outbreak. For the profits of the capitalists of each nation who in their rivalry for the spoils of the world would march

their parties against each other, duped by their politicians. And, speaking of the IWW, he said: 'The IWW was brought into being by a plucky young man who had arrived at a philosophy which would permit any turning

each other, duped by their politicians. And, speaking of the IWW, he said: 'The IWW was brought into being by a plucky young man who had arrived at a philosophy which would permit any turning

each other, duped by their politicians. And, speaking of the IWW, he said: 'The IWW was brought into being by a plucky young man who had arrived at a philosophy which would permit any turning

each other, duped by their politicians. And, speaking of the IWW, he said: 'The IWW was brought into being by a plucky young man who had arrived at a philosophy which would permit any turning

each other, duped by their politicians. And, speaking of the IWW, he said: 'The IWW was brought into being by a plucky young man who had arrived at a philosophy which would permit any turning

each other, duped by their politicians. And, speaking of the IWW, he said: 'The IWW was brought into being by a plucky young man who had arrived at a philosophy which would permit any turning

each other, duped by their politicians. And, speaking of the IWW, he said: 'The IWW was brought into being by a plucky young man who had arrived at a philosophy which would permit any turning

each other, duped by their politicians. And, speaking of the IWW, he said: 'The IWW was brought into being by a plucky young man who had arrived at a philosophy which would permit any turning

each other, duped by their politicians. And, speaking of the IWW, he said: 'The IWW was brought into being by a plucky young man who had arrived at a philosophy which would permit any turning

each other, duped by their politicians. And, speaking of the IWW, he said: 'The IWW was brought into being by a plucky young man who had arrived at a philosophy which would permit any turning

each other, duped by their politicians. And, speaking of the IWW, he said: 'The IWW was brought into being by a plucky young man who had arrived at a philosophy which would permit any turning

each other, duped by their politicians. And, speaking of the IWW, he said: 'The IWW was brought into being by a plucky young man who had arrived at a philosophy which would permit any turning



The IWW TWELVE jailed for 'conspiracy to commit arson'. One was alleged to have spoken about the use of 'Brent and Meyer'. That was enough to convict (above, from left) John Hamilton, Peter Larkin, Morris Page, William Teas, Donald Grant, John Benjamin King, (below from left) Thomas Glynn, Donald McPherson, Thomas Moore, Charles Reave, William Beattie, Bernard Bob Bevan.



Pay No Rent, No Dohat! Give the Employer a Chance To Show HIS PATRIOTISM.

Direct Action newspaper cover with the title 'WAR WHAT FOR?' and a cartoon illustration of a man holding a flag.

Right: 'WAR, WHAT FOR?' For the workers and their dependents: death, starvation, poverty and untold misery. For the capitalist class: gold, stained with blood of millions, riotous luxury, banquets of jubilation over the graves of their dupes and slaves. War is hell! Send the capitalists to hell where it is impossible.

This was typical of the front pages of Direct Action, paper of the industrial workers of the World during World War I.



# STARRS ABREAS

MAINTENANCE workers at the Swanbank power station in Queensland have won a major victory.

Until the end of September, Swanbank power station was the best place to be in the world for an electrician. In ten years, no people had died. Two present workers have living descendants, and one retired worker needs a continuous oxygen supply and can't walk without crutches.

All because of asbestos, and because of the complete disregard of management for safety procedures.

But on September 14 last the maintenance workers won. They also wanted an agreed program for the complete removal of all asbestos from the site. Two days later, after years of contempt for safeguards and the workers' concerns, SEQEB management said to all the demands. "Yes, we took them on long."

It was then that they didn't know the danger when they made the plan for their air conditioning units as under a source of asbestos, contractors were with all the gear to strip the airway safe.

Money was no problem. But workers were something else altogether. New Swanbank TAFE (Technical and Further Education) in Melbourne gave an angry answer to the question where 800 of them marched on state parliament on 20 September.

In July, the TAFE board released a report that recommended the closure of most of the courses in the college.

The march was called by the organizers as part of a campaign, not because of asbestos.

liberal shadow minister for education, came out to weep crocodile tears over what the horrible Labor government was doing to Swanburne students.

As he droned on, more and more joined in with interjections like "less talk more action you Liberal scum!"

By Robert Bolland

The situation has been the same at Ballina, Tarengo, Collinvale, Workers there too have had asbestos make their health an issue and with the right equipment, working procedures.

### By Ian Rintoul

It was not until a man in a white coat, who looked like a doctor, told us to get into a line and hold our arms out.

He took them on long. It was then that they didn't know the danger when they made the plan for their air conditioning units as under a source of asbestos, contractors were with all the gear to strip the airway safe.

Money was no problem. But workers were something else altogether.

New Swanbank TAFE (Technical and Further Education) in Melbourne gave an angry answer to the question where 800 of them marched on state parliament on 20 September.

In July, the TAFE board released a report that recommended the closure of most of the courses in the college.

The march was called by the organizers as part of a campaign, not because of asbestos.

liberal shadow minister for education, came out to weep crocodile tears over what the horrible Labor government was doing to Swanburne students.

As he droned on, more and more joined in with interjections like "less talk more action you Liberal scum!"

By Robert Bolland

The situation has been the same at Ballina, Tarengo, Collinvale, Workers there too have had asbestos make their health an issue and with the right equipment, working procedures.



## DO NOT SPLIT OUR SCHOOL

**WHAT DO YOU want to do** about your school is going to be split into fragments and dispersed throughout the state? Students and staff from Swanburne TAFE (Technical and Further Education) in Melbourne gave an angry answer to the question where 800 of them marched on state parliament on 20 September.

In July, the TAFE board released a report that recommended the closure of most of the courses in the college.

The march was called by the organizers as part of a campaign, not because of asbestos.

liberal shadow minister for education, came out to weep crocodile tears over what the horrible Labor government was doing to Swanburne students.

As he droned on, more and more joined in with interjections like "less talk more action you Liberal scum!"

By Robert Bolland

## Plumbers job drain

**WORKERS at Energy Services in Sydney have shown that militant industrial action can beat the sack.**

After workers at Comeng passed the way to their final sixteen week dispute, the plumbers at the Australian Gas Light (AGL) subsidiary have successfully fought for their jobs.

On September, AGL gave them the sack. Energy Services employees one month's notice. The workers walked straight off the job.

They returned the next day, held a meeting, and occupied the office. As plumber Mick Terry later explained to the *Herald*, occupation was the only possible tactic. Strike action would have been useless because AGL wanted to wind up Energy Services.

The occupation was backed up by bus on gas connections throughout Sydney.

The action was endorsed by a number of unions, including the Plumbers and Gasfitters, Seamens Union, Metal Workers, Builders Labourers and many more. Energy Services workers took up collections at jobs and gave out collection sheets.

A delegation from Comeng visited the occupiers.

In particular, it was good to see a degree of healthy scepticism among the students when Walter Jones, liberal shadow minister for education, came out to weep crocodile tears over what the horrible Labor government was doing to Swanburne students.

As he droned on, more and more joined in with interjections like "less talk more action you Liberal scum!"

By Robert Bolland

US Military and spy bases out

October 23 is the date of the rally outside the Watsonia Military Barracks in Melbourne.

It is a vital link in communications intelligence network, contributing information to give US nuclear first strike capacity.

BRISBANE  
Labouring the point

**THIS MONTH there's** the state elections in Queensland. For the first time in 18 years the opposition might get into power between the National and Liberal parties.

What change will this bring?

The Brisbane IS will be deskilling New Queenslanders at the University of Queensland, at the University of Queensland and at the University of Queensland.

There will be further stoppages at **Less accord and more action!**

**BANK WORKERS at last month's meeting in the Sydney Dome. The message was simple: we were supposed to decide on a no-strike day (instead of a 24-hour strike). There will be further stoppages at less accord and more action!**

BYRON BAY  
The 60-foot diameter grum-metron was made in Watsonia

# The AGIT-PROP Column

## Spy bases out!

US Military and spy bases out

October 23 is the date of the rally outside the Watsonia Military Barracks in Melbourne.

It is a vital link in communications intelligence network, contributing information to give US nuclear first strike capacity.

BRISBANE  
Labouring the point

**THIS MONTH there's** the state elections in Queensland. For the first time in 18 years the opposition might get into power between the National and Liberal parties.

**BANK WORKERS at last month's meeting in the Sydney Dome. The message was simple: we were supposed to decide on a no-strike day (instead of a 24-hour strike). There will be further stoppages at less accord and more action!**

BYRON BAY  
The 60-foot diameter grum-metron was made in Watsonia

The Melbourne IS has been helping to build the demonstration by circulating letters, distributing leaflets in workplaces and in the one at Borewick, Watsonia.

If you're opposed to the arms race and want to be a part of organising the demo, you can take the following to get up to work, give us your views or come to the organising meetings.

**EL SALVADOR Radiothon**

**SUPPORT MCR'S** All proceeds on Sunday 10 October from 9pm-3am. All people are invited to join Radiothon and send to Latin American Information Centre, 83 Gertrude St, Fitzroy.

**THERE'S A NEW FORCE on the streets of Sydney.** Many heads of IS in producing our new badge with its new badge making machine.

**Be a badger for the revolution**

**Sydney** Strike support floods in

**BRISBANE** Red Letter Days

**EL SALVADOR Radiothon**

**SUPPORT MCR'S** All proceeds on Sunday 10 October from 9pm-3am. All people are invited to join Radiothon and send to Latin American Information Centre, 83 Gertrude St, Fitzroy.

**Red Letter Days**

**Sydney** Strike support floods in

**BRISBANE** Red Letter Days

**BRISBANE** Red Letter Days

**Sydney** Strike support floods in

# International Socialists

## WHAT WE STAND FOR

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on the organized working class has the power to create a society free of exploitation and oppression. This is the only way in which we can achieve the liberation of workers by a bureaucratic ruling class.

**Revolution, not Reformism**

We believe in overthrowing the capitalist system, not patching it up or gradually trying to change it.

The state-parliamentary system, which is a mere apparatus of class rule and can never be used to serve the interests of the working class.

There is no parliamentary road to socialism.

**Internationalism**

A socialist revolution cannot survive in one country. It must help build revolutions in other countries or it will be defeated like the Russian revolution in 1917. We are building an international movement, opposed to patriotism and ready to overcome national divisions.

**Full Equality and Liberation**

For women, blacks, migrants and all oppressed groups. Factors, unions and discrimination against migrant peoples are all pillars of the capitalist system. We are opposed to the social generation of these.

**Revolutionary Party**

To smash the capitalist state, we need a revolutionary party, organised and built in the workers. Without a revolutionary party, the struggle of workers will be crushed.

**Rank and File Organisation**

Workers need their own rank and file organisations, to fight the bosses where the paid unions are afraid, are unwilling. We fight to bring the unions under worker control.

**IS aims to build a revolutionary party out of the struggle workers are waging today. We will be a program of industrial and social demands that can strengthen the confidence, organization and solidarity of the working class. If that's what you want to do, join IS!**

**Contact us . . .**

**BATTLEFIELD**  
PO Box 46, Cammermear 3567 003 316 3307

**Sydney**  
PO Box 962, Westmoreland 2018 002 81 2936

**MELBOURNE**  
GPO Box 47786, Melbourne 3002 03 224 5016  
1122 Oxford Road 3008 03 224 5016

**PERTH**  
PO Box 1, Anderson 2313 08 933 5363  
PO Box 1, 1000 Perth 08 933 5363

**CANBERRA**  
GPO Box 181, ACT 2601

**Join us!**

**IMPROVE your snooker**

**Join the**

1. I want to join  
2. I want more information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

100/10012

**Join the**

1. I want to join  
2. I want more information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

100/10012

**the  
battler**

**The bigger  
they come. .**

**MAIL OFFICERS at Waterloo Mail Sorting Office in Sydney have learnt the real meaning of the saying in recent weeks.**

Working on the dock at Waterloo has always been a hard job. It involves filling bags up to twenty kilos for a couple of hours at a time earlier in the dock, you get occasionally when trucks aren't in the dock, you get a breather. At least, you used to until your current supervisor approved on the scene following orders. Not one to waste a spare moment of a mail officer's time on unproductive painting and sweating, he's called them off the dock to sort letters until the next truck arrived.

We demanded a permanent dock staff, especially in the hardest period of work. From 7 p.m. to about 8 p.m. the hot (or rather scorching) air, so to get lost. But it's the hot (or rather scorching) air, so to get lost. But it's the hot (or rather scorching) air, so to get lost. But it's the hot (or rather scorching) air, so to get lost. But it's the hot (or rather scorching) air, so to get lost.

Encouraged by this, we decided to press on and bring out of him another one and a half hours of work. The result totals about ninety minutes of extra breaks during the day for the various dock shifts.

Our next demand? **Lines in the dock** to use in our new leisure time.

by John Minns, APTU rep  
Waterloo MSO.

# MAIL CENTRE A SHORT FUSE

**ALTHOUGH defeated in a dispute over bomb threat evacuation procedures, Maffra Shop mail officers have shown they can and will fight Australia Post for better working conditions.**

The dispute started when a male supervisor found in the women's toilets. Australia Post (AP) said that when a bomb threat they would just search the premises. They claimed evacuating the building would cause panic. Monday, we demanded that they had advice that evacuation was dangerous by AP should check the exits and evaluate, or produce evidence. We wanted production to continue in matter what. By Monday the boxes were scared and offered a compromise. They would train shop stewards in evacuation procedures and shop stewards were to participate in any evacuation decision. However the thought of a strike for several months to union officials. So they decided the offer was a victory.

**By Michael Thompson  
Maffra St, APTU**



The SDA (shop assistants) picket made a formidable lineup on Sunday 25 September at Harvey Norman Discounts at Auburn.

## Weekenders traded?

**HOW WOULD you like to spend your Sundays behind a counter?** Well, Sydney's shop assistants don't want to. Workers Union and the Shopmen and Packers have stopped delivery of goods at Norman Ross, Joyce and Harvey Norman stores. Since mid-September, the pickets, with the support of

## Support the Canberra sorters

**WORKERS at the Canberra Mail Centre** walked off the job on 16 September, after an Australia Post security guard allowed into the Centre, as part of an investigation into the passing of bad checks. The workers demanded an apology from Australia Post. They want full pay for the time they were sacked. After the staff had been on strike for almost a week, Australia Post apologized and agreed to investigate the security section. But management refused the strike pay demand. So the workers agreed to return to work on 22 September, but imposed a ban on overtime and all mail coming into Canberra. There are now nearly two million articles of mail held up in the centre, with more banking up daily. The Canberra press and local business has reacted angrily against the postal workers. That's why it is important to let the mail sorters know that other workers approve of their action. Messages of support should be sent to the Australian Postal & Telecommunications Union, 469 Sussex St, Sydney 2069.

casuals

Stewart, from Grace Brothers at Parramatta stressed that "the story went to employ more casuals. It's a threat to full time career employment". Another picketer added, "They want to put us on a roster basis. We'll be forced or not. The union has to work whether we want to or not. We'll have to strike again."

So far, the union has fought the issue on the legality of Sunday store opening. Sunday Union secretary, Brian O'Neil, says they'll only win if the Wran government supports them. But Wran has already shown whose side he's on. He's refused to prosecute the shop owners who have remained open illegally.

by Jane Mussett

**PATRICK KILLORAN** — responsible editor for Cape Flattery

No 152 October 29, 1983 30c (20c strike, jobs) Registered by Australia Post in publication 974 522

# BLACK WORKERS!

**BLACK WORKERS at the Cape Flattery silica sand mine north of Cooktown have revolted against the racism of the white management.** They walked out for two-and-a-half weeks after the mine manager threatened "I'll sack you black bastards".

The threat came after Aboriginal workers were called to intervene in a bar-room brawl between the mine manager and his son.

The incident was the last straw in a long series of racist acts by the mine management. Blacks struck and demanded the dismissal of racist managers, greater control by blacks over their own work, improved safety, and action over other long-term grievances.

The Cape Flattery mine is on the Aboriginal reserve land. The Department of Aboriginal and Islander Advancement leases it to Mitsubishi on condition that black workers be employed from Hopevale, two and a half hours' drive away.

Blacks at the mine site have to work in appalling conditions. "Most of us are slaves. We just work and do exactly what they tell us," says black shift boss Frank Doremal.

The white managers allocate work on the basis of skin colour. "The darker the skin, the harder the job you are given," said Frankie.

Those with the most Aboriginal blood have always received the heaviest jobs, like **drinking.** Blacks are abused as "crows", "manabak" (black rooms), "white burg slipper Tony Yern."

Black workers at the mine blame the Queensland state government and the white Australian management for the problems, rather than Mitsubishi. Black workers have to live on site for up to three weeks at a time.

But only white workers are provided with family quarters. Blacks have been refused housing for their families. "A few years ago we tried to organise a union but it was crushed," said worker Sam Plinders. "The last manager said 'no, you're not a trade union'."

Black Cape Flattery workers get below-wage wages of about \$200 a week. None has ever been promoted above the level of shift boss, though many have worked there for ten to fifteen years.

Meanwhile, head of the Department of Aboriginal & Islander Advancement (DAIA), Patrick Killoran, has been awed from job for several months, campaigning unsuccessfully for 8000 Pitcairney Natives in the Cooktown area.

Killoran is known as the "billy man" for his patronising habit of throwing insults to Aboriginal kids as he arrives at reserves.



## black mining rebels

## Nurses on the warpath

**NURSES at Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital are on the warpath over the Wran Government's health cuts, which will put students nurses on the dock queues.** And in Victoria and Queensland, state government health workers have been on the warpath too. See articles p.4 and p.12.

## US invades Grenada

**US MARINES have invaded Grenada in America's most blatant imperialist adventure since Vietnam.**

This outrage must be opposed. The people of Grenada must determine their own affairs without foreign interference. Story p.5.

## HANDS OFF GRENADA! — P5

**If you're fighting for your rights . . .**

**THE BATTLER IS YOUR PAPER!  
SUBSCRIBE NOW!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Make sure you get your copy of The Battler every issue.  
Just \$10 a year, or \$25 for a supporting subscription.

\*City and post in PO Box 64, Flemington, Vic.

# Police's 'finest' in disgrace

Police are showing their finest side in a case where the local cops, what about the rest of the state?  
Following the Age revelations, apologists for the police...

Rejecting charges that the area was too difficult for young age, Hancock says young people were almost always accompanied by some...



FITZROY police on parade — "a fair bit of racial prejudice at the station", admits one of them.

## REPROBATED

with Alec Kahn

FOR the third time in six months, Fitzroy's finest are in disgrace.

The Melbourne Age, with the heading of the Victorian Chief Commissioner, Police, sent a reporter to investigate Fitzroy's suburban ruffians. The idea was to show the "versions" of police work. But Fitzroy policeman blew it and created a public uproar by arresting local carpenter James Frayley.

The article described Austin as a "dead-end street" and a "red upped police" to "have a look on the books". Austin's crime it seems was to be in the right when he complained to Fitzroy police trying to get a permit.

On July 1, it emerged that Fitzroy police could be just as vicious towards working-class whites.

Judge Lazarus found in the County Court that he was "deeply shocked" by the "racially biased" and "ad libitum" behavior of the police.

Police "were not only racist but also, in the words of the Victorian Chief Commissioner, Police, sent a reporter to investigate Fitzroy's suburban ruffians.

Police "were not only racist but also, in the words of the Victorian Chief Commissioner, Police, sent a reporter to investigate Fitzroy's suburban ruffians.

Police "were not only racist but also, in the words of the Victorian Chief Commissioner, Police, sent a reporter to investigate Fitzroy's suburban ruffians.

Police "were not only racist but also, in the words of the Victorian Chief Commissioner, Police, sent a reporter to investigate Fitzroy's suburban ruffians.

# Here are 3 labour eaters

YOU DON'T normally expect three of the country's most prominent labour leaders to advocate tenuous positions on our wages than an Arbitration Court judge.

But that's the amazing state of affairs after the last few weeks. "Communist" Laurie Carmichael, ACTU secretary Bill Kelly and ALP Secretary Bill Borton took more right-wing stands on our pay than Arbitration Commissioner Jim Staples.

## ... and an Arbitration Judge

## Guess which one ISN'T IN FAVOUR OF WAGE RESTRAINTS...

JUSTICE Jim Staples

JOHN BJELKE PETERSEN'S victory over Labor's Keith Wright in Queensland's state election has knocked holes in a few fashionable theories.

One is the notion that the key to Labor winning is always to hug, hemming, hawing, for the middle ground.

This was the conclusion many people in the labour movement had drawn from the by-elections notched up by Bob Hawke and by the ALP in other states.

Even one left newspaper, Tribune, was so sold on this idea that it headlined Keith Wright's promise of "a bit of moderation".

Yet here he broke playing the politics of polarization for all their worth, and reneged.

Given the opportunities opened in by the coalition area, as well as Bob Hawke's intransigent grandstanding, the ALP's achievement of a 3-2 percent swing was pretty good.

The police spokesman in the southern states, cannot be explained away by the ALP's ability to lose the middle ground.

Labels have been hard to take in Queensland. The Watson's victory proved that the labour movement was not a party of the past.

After the golden years of the 1970s, Australia probably fits this pattern. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

Federally and in Victoria, Labor was an unlikely winner. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

Consider what John Borton had to say first, since his statements were the most strident. Borton, who is Minister for Industry and Commerce, announced the Government would be looking at cutting "new" costs in the metal and manufacturing industries.

These include penalty rates, long service leave, and workers' compensation.

John Howard and the Liberals immediately associated themselves "delighted" at the prospect.

Apparently, this is another case where Labor were a "step into the light".

These developments give added impetus to the recent exchange between Justice Staples of the Arbitration Commission and Bill Kelly of the ACTU.

Staples told a conference of industrial relations that the new award would be a "step into the light".

Labour governments, he said, "are not only not to be assumed to be pro-worker but the assumption was now 'aloud' 4-5 percent inflation rate rather than 6-7 percent."

These remarks were an obvious comment that they inevitably came from the fact that, Bill Kelly of the ACTU Kelly said, "the government's comments as a threat to workers' wages."

He added: "The members are not rubber but they are not only not to be assumed to be pro-worker but the assumption was now 'aloud' 4-5 percent inflation rate rather than 6-7 percent."

More interesting still, Staples was able to simultaneously take to task by Fawcett, the employer of the paper of the Communist Party.

"Tribune" said Staples had "revealed" the nature of the struggle outside the realm of wages and salaries.

It would have made much sense if Labor had been able to take to task by Fawcett, the employer of the paper of the Communist Party.

One speaker asked Queensland ALP secretary Peter Bostan if the membered Bostan did. But he stood by approvingly while police victory arrested a

Eighty people picked Bob Hawke when he spoke at an ALP state election function in Brisbane on October 7. They included 50 BHP workers and 30 union members.

Another three years of Bjelke Petersen WHERE DID WRIGHT GO WRONG?

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

It was a triumph against the odds. The Watsons' victory was a result of the collapse of the left.

# COLLABORATE AGAINST

## WATSONIA BARRACKS

### WATSONIA BARRACKS

#### LABOR KEEPS CERR

TWO THOUSAND demonstrators have demanded an end to the war base at Watsonia, in Melbourne's northeastern suburbs.

The march on Watsonia Barracks was held in solidarity with the mass rallies in Europe on October 23, which mobilised several million people, and in protest against Australia's participation in the American war machine.

Watsonia Barracks participates in Project Sparrow. It rejects satellite spy satellites by the American Security Agency the atmosphere of determined anti-Americanism.

A Labor party speaker denounced the American nuclear submarine. He was followed by Dan Chipoy, who was remembered by a number of demonstrators for his spontaneous attacks on Koolha Davis activists.

Organizers were at pains to indicate the crowd as the "Bona Vata" squatters drop in on the boss.

"Bona Vata", once used by ASIO for telephone tapping, has lain in ruin and despoiling for eight years. Under Telecom's management, Squatters moved in during September and began repairs with union assistance. Telecom swiftly had them evicted.

# LABOUR AGAINST

## WATSONIA BARRACKS

### LABOR KEEPS CERR

#### LABOR KEEPS CERR

TWO THOUSAND demonstrators have demanded an end to the war base at Watsonia, in Melbourne's northeastern suburbs.

The march on Watsonia Barracks was held in solidarity with the mass rallies in Europe on October 23, which mobilised several million people, and in protest against Australia's participation in the American war machine.

Watsonia Barracks participates in Project Sparrow. It rejects satellite spy satellites by the American Security Agency the atmosphere of determined anti-Americanism.

A Labor party speaker denounced the American nuclear submarine. He was followed by Dan Chipoy, who was remembered by a number of demonstrators for his spontaneous attacks on Koolha Davis activists.

Organizers were at pains to indicate the crowd as the "Bona Vata" squatters drop in on the boss.

"Bona Vata", once used by ASIO for telephone tapping, has lain in ruin and despoiling for eight years. Under Telecom's management, Squatters moved in during September and began repairs with union assistance. Telecom swiftly had them evicted.



Open Slather

BUILDERS of better neighborhoods... Most townships are 95 percent white...

How will it meet? Who will win? I think Anthony DiNoia will win...

I DON'T really understand the never sufficient for women... The Queen on women's liberation...

MANY more socialists than you can change the Labor Party...

Belinda Weaver was presented in standing ovation simply because she wrote something criticizing the Wren government...

I can't criticize the Labor Party in the media... I will be asked out, I can't criticize the Labor Party...

RAKISH, but revealing... Ronald Reagan's bludgeon in El Salvador...

They may illustrate important points, but they're not that stupid...

CANADIAN officials have asked me to look into his wife's funeral... The employment office in Sudbury...

Public accountants' union minister... I'd like to see the members of local papers...

Over 1500 hospital employees held a stoppage meeting on 13 October...

Over 1500 hospital employees held a stoppage meeting on 13 October... I'd like to see the members of local papers...

Department of Social Services... I'd like to see the members of local papers...

Most

When we talk about socialism we're talking about a society in which everyone will be able to have basic necessities of life...

So, the question goes, where would you get the money to create a world of plenty?

But if we look at the way this society produces goods, we can see that it is forced to squander resources and to produce inefficiently...

There are millions of people in the world who could live like a car, but instead of producing cars...

Belinda Weaver was presented in standing ovation simply because she wrote something criticizing the Wren government...

I can't criticize the Labor Party in the media... I will be asked out, I can't criticize the Labor Party...

RAKISH, but revealing... Ronald Reagan's bludgeon in El Salvador...

They may illustrate important points, but they're not that stupid...

CANADIAN officials have asked me to look into his wife's funeral... The employment office in Sudbury...

Public accountants' union minister... I'd like to see the members of local papers...

Over 1500 hospital employees held a stoppage meeting on 13 October...

Department of Social Services... I'd like to see the members of local papers...

Ann Rogers looks at capitalism's most glaring contradiction.

Outside of manufacturing, nearly huge amounts of money and energy are siphoned off into insurance companies and the stock exchange...

It is an irony that the anarchy and inefficiency of capitalism can be most clearly seen. Factories are thrown out the door...

As soon as profits fall, capitalists are no longer interested in investing. Hence, desirable or useful products are not made...

Huge amounts are spent on arms, which is the most wasteful squandering of resources of all...

Maximizing profits in manufacturing industry means making abject goods which will become obsolete...

The resources to build socialism are already there. In just a matter of releasing this wealth...

In a socialist society the driving force behind production would be the need. It would be necessary to organize production...

As well as improving everyone's standard of life outside of the workplace it would also improve life at work...

Capitalism is an anarchic crazy system, which is anyone's control, and only serves the interests of the rich minority...

By Bernadette Fallon, ILL

UPWARDS of six thousand teachers packed a stoppage meeting in Melbourne...

Had the officials actively supported strike action, it may well have been carried, because they were back at work...

Employees at the Dames Mary Herring Catholic school were the only teachers to refuse a leaflet to send to people at other centres...

This victory, if it is one, clearly came from the fact that the teachers' union was not a stoppage meeting of all the health workers...

For the first year of the Protestant school has been held in a "honorary" manner...

By Bernadette Fallon, ILL

VIC. & NSW TEACHERS' STRIKES

Education Minister Robert Fordham has asked for five days emergency teachers' pay...

Like the NSW teachers' strike, the Victorian teachers' strike was not a stoppage meeting...

The effect on kids is very poor. Emergency teachers are used to enable regular staff to supervise camp and excursions...

For the first year of the Protestant school has been held in a "honorary" manner...

By Bernadette Fallon, ILL

THE AMERICAN invasion of Grenada is an intolerable outrage.

The American ruling class has a long and distinguished record of intervention in the affairs of other countries...

Despite the vast amount of restoring democracy, no good can be done by the people of Grenada themselves...

Our second responsibility, however, is to be on the face. How has the disaster come about?

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...



MAURICE Bishop and the army who destroyed him.

It's Reagan's newest imperialist outrage

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

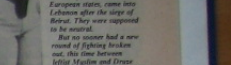
But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...

But there is a world of difference between participation and control. At no time did the movement call for, let alone build, democratic structures through which the workers and the masses generally could control the state...



NEIL KINNOCK

British Labour moves right

ITS THE END of a dream. Only a few years back thousands of socialists were flocking to the British Labour Party...

But as long as the Labour Party remains a party of the working class, it will be a party that will be able to do something to change the society...

But as long as the Labour Party remains a party of the working class, it will be a party that will be able to do something to change the society...

But as long as the Labour Party remains a party of the working class, it will be a party that will be able to do something to change the society...

But as long as the Labour Party remains a party of the working class, it will be a party that will be able to do something to change the society...

But as long as the Labour Party remains a party of the working class, it will be a party that will be able to do something to change the society...

But as long as the Labour Party remains a party of the working class, it will be a party that will be able to do something to change the society...

But as long as the Labour Party remains a party of the working class, it will be a party that will be able to do something to change the society...

But as long as the Labour Party remains a party of the working class, it will be a party that will be able to do something to change the society...

But as long as the Labour Party remains a party of the working class, it will be a party that will be able to do something to change the society...

But as long as the Labour Party remains a party of the working class, it will be a party that will be able to do something to change the society...

But as long as the Labour Party remains a party of the working class, it will be a party that will be able to do something to change the society...

But as long as the Labour Party remains a party of the working class, it will be a party that will be able to do something to change the society...

**HEARS DOWN—A shortage of schools and a massive literacy campaign means makeshift classrooms and "hot-seating" of pupils.**

**WHITES ARE still the wealthiest group in Zimbabwe. Swimming pools and luxury houses are a part of white living. The joke goes that if they migrate from Zimbabwe, they'll have to polish their own floors, so many stay.**

Generally, whites are still very hostile to black majority rule. One 17-year-old supporter of the former Ian Smith regime said to me recently, "Before independence, life was bliss here. Where you went, you were waited on hand and foot."

Later he told me, "It's a pity they don't reopen the gas ovens for the suburbs."

I got some idea of the attitude of white liberals at a dinner at the house of the Todds.

Garfield Todd was prime minister of Southern Rhodesia in the fifties. When Smith declared UDI, Todd and his daughter Judith went round the world attacking Smith's illegal declaration.

The Todds have a great reputation as liberals. They have a house in Harare, a house in Bulawayo, a ranch at Dudaya. Garfield Todd sees himself

as a Father Christmas capitalist. He is confident Mugabe will follow the capitalist path.

Todd and his wife came to Zimbabwe in the 1910s as missionaries. They are now extremely rich—gold-pattered plates, farmworkers, servants, the whole lot. They own numerous stores around Dudaya.

During the liberation war, the Todds were able to sit back on their verandah, and watch the local villagers being strangled by the helicopter gunships.

Todd supported both ZAPU and ZANU, enhancing their safety from guerrilla attack. They felt extremely relieved and their consciences soothed when Robert Mugabe came to power.

There are many whites like the Todds who have made their money out of the colonialist situation of cheap labour. Some black teachers have described life as children next to Todd's ranch.

During the fifties when they were at school, they were made to provide free labour for Todd. They went to school in the morning, and in the afternoon they had to work on his land.

Todd said that an African had paid him the greatest compliment of his life. "You have taught me how to work," Mr. Todd.

**CONDITIONS for black workers still provide a striking contrast with white opulence.**

Worst off are domestic workers, a large section of the black workforce. A few years before independence, a domestic worker would get \$10 per month. They were at the beck and call of their master or madam. (And they use those words—I'm still "madam" to most people.)

At the back of their master's place, there would be some very small "dog box" cubicle with concrete floor and high windows where they lived.

Domestic workers' wages went up to \$30 at independence, then \$50 which is where they are now. The regulations say a domestic worker or gardener can be worked 56 hours a week.

**ALL THE best land in Zimbabwe was taken by Cecil Rhodes and the white colonists who followed him.**

Whites own all the central area in Zimbabwe. Blacks have been pushed into the dry peripheral areas. Because of the poorness of the land, and the drought which has been going for two years now, many blacks rely on relatives working in the city.

City relatives buy them big sacks of maize meal, which has a government controlled price of only a few dollars and lasts a family over a year.

Mugabe is not carrying out land reform, and this is creating discontent in the countryside.

The government is acquiring land, then selling it to people in the rural areas who already have made money out of stores and the like. People are land hungry, but they're not getting it.

When squatters build houses on vacant land, the soldiers or police sooner or later burn them down. A friend of mine says they always pick the coldest day to do it.

Squatters in Matabeland have been killed by soldiers.

**THE GOVERNMENT has expanded education tremendously. At least three times as many blacks are in schools now as independence.**

Eighty per cent of school-aged children are now at school.

But the government is stepping back by making parents pay fees at secondary school of \$20 a student at the start of each term, the \$100 or \$150 a month, that's pretty difficult.

Secondary education is being priced out of the lives of the poorer classes.

**T GOVERNMENT pays lip service to socialism all the time.**

"Scientific socialism" was the term used in the last week I was there. It's called window dressing, but it's done to placate people, especially in the countryside.

People in the city were affected by right-wing propaganda before independence, but not so much in the country. If there's further civil war, the countryside is where it will come from.

The class situation and the economy haven't changed since independence. It's still a capitalist economy. What does exist is a co-operative movement, but even that has enormous difficulties.

For example, Oxfam has organized the Zimbabwe Project, which is prepared to finance co-operatives.

Late last year they helped put out a magazine called "Vanguard" to be the voice of the co-operatives.

The first issue came out full of short articles saying "what groups were doing." "We're raising pigs," and so on.

This year the second issue of "Vanguard" came out. It is much bigger, and had an interview with the Minister of Lands and Resettlement. It was banned by the government.

The reason? It has a cartoon of a big fat capitalist, and about to descend on him was a hammer labelled "co-operatives." The Minister for Lands and Resettlement said the cartoon objected to that cartoon.



# ZIMBABWE

**THREE years ago, Robert Mugabe's guerrillas won black majority rule in Zimbabwe. But are they ready for socialism? BRONWYN HART, an Australian who has just spent two years in Zimbabwe, offers her impressions.**

**I**N THEORY, compulsory education is a noble idea. How much use does it have in practice? To take work out of the hands of the unemployed, the government is not only to be able to pay the unemployed, but also to be able to pay the employed. Last year, the government was able to pay the unemployed, but not the employed. It was a failure.

**CAUSE OF THE sanctions against Ian Smith, Mugabe became militant in a lot of things.**

**ZAPU, Joshua Nkomo's party, was the first party to really move on the issues of black rights and nationalism.**

Robert Mugabe's party, ZANU, broke away from ZAPU in the action to start fighting the guerrilla war, and became a predominantly Shona speaking group.

The break was on political grounds. The BBC, Time and New York Times felt that the differences are tribal differences between Shona and Ndebele groups.

The truth is that there are Shona people in ZAPU and Ndebele people in ZANU.

Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo both stand on the centrality of their respective parties. Radicals from both parties are increasingly hooked to them.

In Bulawayo, there is a refuge camp called DAVE. That is now taking in former ZANU guerrillas—Mugabe's soldiers—as well as former ZIPRA people who supported Nkomo.

In both parties, the civil war reflected at different times in the last fifteen years and been put down most horrendously.

In 1974 guerrillas went to the ruling body of ZANU and complained about lack of supplies. For that, two hundred of them were massacred in Mozambique.

Before I went to Zimbabwe the left in ZAPU tried to put a new colour. It was squashed by the right-wing.

**I**N JANUARY, Mugabe sent the Fifth Brigade into Matabeland. He claimed that South African supported saboteurs had to get rid of it.

At the time, the BBC explained the move as a solution. Mugabe was supposedly sending the Shona Fifth Brigade to carry out guerrilla work against the Ndebele. But there's far more to it than that.

During the liberation war, African National Congress guerrillas fought alongside ZAPU.

At independence, South African intelligence picked up that there were ANC guerrillas at various assembly points throughout Matabeland. South Africa threatened to bomb those guerrilla assembly points unless the ANC guerrillas were got rid of.

That was quickly carried out. If Mugabe terrorizes the general population with troops in Matabeland, then there is no room for any guerrillas coming in from South Africa.

This is consistent with Mugabe's policy right from the beginning. Just before the elections, he had to be told to absolutely nothing to threaten African troops and saboteurs, and to try to placate them.

**S**INCE Ian Smith's Unilateral Declaration of Independence in 1965, the government has maintained a state of emergency.

Mugabe has continued that state of emergency, renewing it every six months.

The state of emergency allows the government to pass legislation in parliament, and to detain people.

At least five people per day are arrested in Bulawayo for having said something insulting about Mugabe.

Mugabe wants to create a security force. But he's scared to let ZAPU state that it will then go to fight for him.

Having a ZANU membership card is extremely important in getting work.

I met one man who had been told by a ZANU membership card he had about 60 per cent black kids. So we're getting a black upper class, and the differences in facilities between A and B schools remain. In the end, it's not going to be black versus white—it will be class versus class.



**TOP: Joshua Nkomo (left) and Robert Mugabe—both on the centrefig of their respective parties. ABOVE: Whites depart after black majority rule. But those who stayed still on the wealth.**

If they want to buy food from a store, there'll be people nearby wanting to see their ZANU card.

**I**N JANUARY, there was a mutiny in the police barracks.

ZANU guerrillas have been drafted into the police force to become trainers at Tomlinson Barracks in Harare.

Their trainers are whites who were in that position during the Smith regime. This naturally causes a lot of friction.

In January a man drowned in the swimming pool while being punished. The police trainer helped themselves to the emergency and barricaded themselves in. They demanded to see the head of the Army, who sent in the troops.

About 400 police trainees were arrested and put into Chikurubi, one of Ian Smith's former detention centres famous for its magnificent furnaces and torture procedures.

**C**IVIL war in Zimbabwe has resumed intermittently throughout country areas, and is not just confined to Nkomo's stronghold in Matabeland.

The dissidents seem to fall into four categories: Nkomo's supporters, radicals who are former ZANU and ZIPRA guerrillas, bandits and South African saboteurs.

Last year, two Australians were kidnapped along with four others.



**MRS MASUKU (left) and Mrs. Dabengwa enjoy watch as their husbands, opponents of Mugabe, are driven off by re-education (immediately after being acquitted of treason).**

# GAPS! Who needs 'em'?

**OUR GOVERNMENT, and most cop shows on TV, tell us that the police would like to be seen performing a service to the community. Catching "criminals" and getting back stolen property.**

The police in Queensland do the same. In fact, the existence of police and law often makes things worse. For example, the manufacture and drinking of alcohol was banned in the United States in the 1920s. This only gave rise to a vast criminal industry which supplied.

The same is true of prostitution in Australia, which remains a criminal enterprise in those states where it's not banned.

In some ways, what the police don't do is as significant as what they do. In the pre-1970 period in Queensland there was a campaign to "clean up" the Brisbane waterfront.

But everybody knows the Queensland police won't (and can't) in any real way against the big crime racket in Queensland which governs firms in this country.

The police force is guided by "intelligence" provided by its Special Branches.

In Northern Ireland, one half of the population is on file. In London the cops have computerised systems for monitoring stolen cars. But only a quarter of the other women seen as "despicable" that the police bother to seriously follow up leads.

Some cases of severe bashing and watchhouses have been taken forward in today's those of Melbourne, Brisbane, and Fremantle at Fitzroy in Melbourne in October 1985.

Crime is caused by social pressures. For example, the number of Aborigines arrested is disproportionate to their numbers. Most crime committed by Aborigines is minor theft and breaking and entering. This is often a survival tactic by young blacks forced out of the reserves where they have grown up and with no prospect of a job.



# The workers' movement

**ON August 1914, the European sent millions off to a bloody death in the trenches. Yet within years the workers' movement had thrown most of the monarchs and emperors out of power.**

Over the next few years the revolution movement was to have a very different fate. Its guiding principle was summed by the Socialist Manifesto: "Everything goes wrong, imperialist war between the peoples means the oppressed classes against their oppressors, for the appropriation of the class of capitalist, the conquest of political power by the proletariat, the realization of socialism."

This was not a recipe for pacifism, but for action. At the German socialist Karl Liebknecht workers of one country should not fight another because "the real enemy is in your own country."

The workers' peace movement began in 1914, but it was not until 1917 that the Second International had taken its final steps towards a more radical program.

At the strike's leader put it: "The first political aim was no apparent gain for the workers, but from a psychological point of view, it did more than millions of profits and speeches."

The Second International had taken its final steps towards a more radical program. At the strike's leader put it: "The first political aim was no apparent gain for the workers, but from a psychological point of view, it did more than millions of profits and speeches."

There was one group that we would be confident at this time—the monarchs and emperors.



RED GUARDS, a worker and a sailor on a 1917 poster.



# For peace

**ALLIES IS a very disturbing film. It traces the "work" of the American CIA in Southeast Asia over the past 20 years, and the involvement of Australian politicians in American influence.**

For peace, the workers' movement had thrown most of the monarchs and emperors out of power. Over the next few years the revolution movement was to have a very different fate. Its guiding principle was summed by the Socialist Manifesto: "Everything goes wrong, imperialist war between the peoples means the oppressed classes against their oppressors, for the appropriation of the class of capitalist, the conquest of political power by the proletariat, the realization of socialism."

This was not a recipe for pacifism, but for action. At the German socialist Karl Liebknecht workers of one country should not fight another because "the real enemy is in your own country."

The workers' peace movement began in 1914, but it was not until 1917 that the Second International had taken its final steps towards a more radical program.

At the strike's leader put it: "The first political aim was no apparent gain for the workers, but from a psychological point of view, it did more than millions of profits and speeches."

The Second International had taken its final steps towards a more radical program. At the strike's leader put it: "The first political aim was no apparent gain for the workers, but from a psychological point of view, it did more than millions of profits and speeches."

There was one group that we would be confident at this time—the monarchs and emperors.



MEMBERS OF the German Communist Party in the streets of Berlin, 1919.



# For peace

**ALLIES IS a very disturbing film. It traces the "work" of the American CIA in Southeast Asia over the past 20 years, and the involvement of Australian politicians in American influence.**

For peace, the workers' movement had thrown most of the monarchs and emperors out of power. Over the next few years the revolution movement was to have a very different fate. Its guiding principle was summed by the Socialist Manifesto: "Everything goes wrong, imperialist war between the peoples means the oppressed classes against their oppressors, for the appropriation of the class of capitalist, the conquest of political power by the proletariat, the realization of socialism."

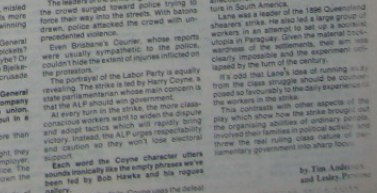
This was not a recipe for pacifism, but for action. At the German socialist Karl Liebknecht workers of one country should not fight another because "the real enemy is in your own country."

The workers' peace movement began in 1914, but it was not until 1917 that the Second International had taken its final steps towards a more radical program.

At the strike's leader put it: "The first political aim was no apparent gain for the workers, but from a psychological point of view, it did more than millions of profits and speeches."

The Second International had taken its final steps towards a more radical program. At the strike's leader put it: "The first political aim was no apparent gain for the workers, but from a psychological point of view, it did more than millions of profits and speeches."

There was one group that we would be confident at this time—the monarchs and emperors.



MEMBERS OF the German Communist Party in the streets of Berlin, 1919.

# LETTERS

**MINERS emerge from their stay-in at the no. 14 tunnel of the Southern Cross coal mine near Ipswich, Queensland, to victory**

## Canberra victories marred

ANZACHERS' mail letters were won two important victories.

But both have been flawed by temporary reliance on outsiders.

After months of campaigning involving a three-week picket in support of the LF and the public service, the ACOA will win its demand for removal of buses from Waverley High school and the National Library.

But both have been flawed by temporary reliance on outsiders. After months of campaigning involving a three-week picket in support of the LF and the public service, the ACOA will win its demand for removal of buses from Waverley High school and the National Library.

**COBTER could have been a bad month in Queensland in more than one way. Petersen is elected, and jobs lost in the first couple of weeks.**

But nine determined days between 11 October and 21 October threw a different light on the fight for jobs.

From a government that began by insisting 'there was nothing that could be done, the miners have to face facts' the miners have won 12 months guaranteed work with a contract to supply 200,000 tons to the Swanbank power station (and an export order). They have also won a feasibility study into the future of power generation at Swanbank.

The Southern Cross Combined Mining Unions Committee met every night to organise and to discuss the progress of the dispute, and reported to the stay-down strikers every day.

Solidarity and support came from all quarters. Telegrams, letters and donations. Rosters of men, wives and families organised supplies of food and handouts.

'Southern Cross was to be closed on 16 December, but we knew that was just beginning. All the mines supplying Swanbank faced reductions in contracts by 20 per cent in one of the mines alone. This will mean 50 to 60 jobs next year.'

It was a sentiment expressed right across the field. Alan, one of the Box Flat miners, spoke for a 48 hour strike

**Meaties hear PND talk**

AN UNCLE ALFAR was on his feet for 15 minutes last night when he addressed the members of the PND at a meeting held at the Brisbane Club on October 19.

Uncle Alf, who is a member of the PND, said that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane and that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane and that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane.

Uncle Alf, who is a member of the PND, said that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane and that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane.

Uncle Alf, who is a member of the PND, said that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane and that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane.

Uncle Alf, who is a member of the PND, said that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane and that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane.

Uncle Alf, who is a member of the PND, said that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane and that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane.

Uncle Alf, who is a member of the PND, said that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane and that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane.

Uncle Alf, who is a member of the PND, said that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane and that he was very pleased to see the PND in Brisbane.

## Postal wars ... the other side of the ballot

ACTION PROPOSALS were on the ballot paper.

Most financial APTU members in NSW work for Telecom, not Australia Post, and this has been the traditional case for the current State officials led by Paul Walton and Barry Poulson.

Both sides stressed their Labor Party connections and there were plenty of dirty tricks and mud-slinging.

A visitor from outer space landing in the middle of the election would get the general idea that postal workers don't have any problems that needed a fighting campaign to solve.

The best issue on the planet (or at least on the postal side of the union) for the opposition ticket around Brisbane should have been the disestablishment of the Metropolitan Mail Officers Committee (MMOC). The State officials have enforced a grossly forgotten section of the constitution.

## Bosses' asbestos tightrope

I WORKED with asbestos for 3 months and now I'm on Sickness Benefits.

This was the response of one person to local Security workers in St. Kilda Va. We were distributing letters outside our office in early October, to explain why service was interrupted.

Asbestos had fallen on a worker when an electrician had been putting in a light to stop the ceiling from sagging.

We stayed out for three and a half days before the results from the tests were available to us. The results from the tests were available to us the following Monday.

We demanded that tests be done, and that we be paid for the lost time. For the rest of the week we were available to us the following Monday.

## Debating with Labor

BRISBANE IS debated ALP state election candidate Nigel Pennington recently.

The one thing we both agreed on was the need to kick out the Nationalist and Liberals. No questions about it.

Nigel and I had very different views. For us the central question is getting rid of the Labor government. A system of continuing and starvation of the great majority of the working class.

The only class that has the power to do that is standing clearly on the side of the workers, liberating those of us today like the Pressers for higher wages.

These changes would be a step forward, but sadly Labor's campaign gives them much less

EVERY Friday night at 8:30 pm in the Brisbane City Hall, the International Socialist League (ISL) meets to discuss our current situation.

The ISL meets to discuss our current situation. We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers.

We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers. We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers.

We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers. We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers.

We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers. We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers.

We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers. We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers.

We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers. We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers.

We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers. We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers.

We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers. We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers.

We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers. We talk about things that are never presented on TV or in the newspapers.

## SAY "HI" TO HENRY

HENRY KISSINGER has just done a quick spin through Central Australia, where he assured ISL members that he was counting on him to stop 'subversion' in the region.

Workers need their own rank and file organisations, to fight the bosses when the paid union officials are unwilling. We fight to bring the unions under rank and file control.

We need to build a revolutionary party out of the struggles workers are waging that can strengthen the self-confidence, organisation and consciousness of the working class.

Workers need their own rank and file organisations, to fight the bosses when the paid union officials are unwilling. We fight to bring the unions under rank and file control.

We need to build a revolutionary party out of the struggles workers are waging that can strengthen the self-confidence, organisation and consciousness of the working class.

Workers need their own rank and file organisations, to fight the bosses when the paid union officials are unwilling. We fight to bring the unions under rank and file control.

We need to build a revolutionary party out of the struggles workers are waging that can strengthen the self-confidence, organisation and consciousness of the working class.

Workers need their own rank and file organisations, to fight the bosses when the paid union officials are unwilling. We fight to bring the unions under rank and file control.

We need to build a revolutionary party out of the struggles workers are waging that can strengthen the self-confidence, organisation and consciousness of the working class.

Workers need their own rank and file organisations, to fight the bosses when the paid union officials are unwilling. We fight to bring the unions under rank and file control.

We need to build a revolutionary party out of the struggles workers are waging that can strengthen the self-confidence, organisation and consciousness of the working class.

Workers need their own rank and file organisations, to fight the bosses when the paid union officials are unwilling. We fight to bring the unions under rank and file control.

We need to build a revolutionary party out of the struggles workers are waging that can strengthen the self-confidence, organisation and consciousness of the working class.

Workers need their own rank and file organisations, to fight the bosses when the paid union officials are unwilling. We fight to bring the unions under rank and file control.

We need to build a revolutionary party out of the struggles workers are waging that can strengthen the self-confidence, organisation and consciousness of the working class.

## International Socialists

WHAT WE STAND FOR

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

Workers' control over the whole of society, based on workers' control of the factories and workplaces. Only the organised working class has the power to overthrow society free of exploitation, oppression and war.

# the battler

## In Queensland . . .

QUEENSLAND'S PUBLIC hospitals won't be the same again, not after 19 October when 2,000 members of the Queensland Nurses Union (QNU) rallied at Brisbane Town Hall to demand more nurses.

They stamped, clapped, chanted and waved banners high as the speakers from the major political parties listened. Their demands for more nurses and improved patient care were heard loud and clear as they chanted: **WHAT DO WE WANT—MORE NURSES and CHANGE WHAT? FOR YOUR HEALTH, FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS!**

They called for negotiations with the Health Department over their demands, and voted to begin non-payment over their demands, and voted to begin non-payment over their demands, and voted to begin non-payment over their demands.

Nurses who unanimously on the resolutions. One demanded that an additional 1500 nurses and 300 enrolled nurses be employed within Queensland hospitals no later than March 1984. Even these numbers would simply maintain existing services.

Another demanded that the State government remove the restrictions that prevent nurses gaining information and speaking out over their own staffing concerns. Labor, Liberal and National parties attended the rally. Their speeches were full of broad promises with no specific objectives.

As one member put it to the Labor spokesperson Mr Dave Underwood: "In other states where there is a Labor government, there are still staffing shortages in hospitals. Why should we believe your promises will be any different?"

Slow food clapping broke out when Rev. Allan Male, spokesperson for the National Party, stated that his government really was committed to the Nurses course of "rationalisation" has taken its toll in every hospital in the state.

This was in stark contrast to the words of a nursing sister, who told the rally that for the first time ever 600 nurses were registered as unemployed in the Brisbane district.

The old notions of the supposed conservatism of the nurses and their profession was shattered once and for all. The meeting ended as determinedly as it started with all nurses chanting **MORE NURSES NOW!** We're likely to hear a lot more from these nurses.

by Marianne Michael



## In New South Wales . . .

# NURSES WANT TO TAKE CARE OF WAR

**FIFTY NEWS** has 'cutting costs' again. The costs? . . . nurses' jobs and hospital services. Striking nurses marched through Sydney on October 19 to protest.

For many of them, it was the first time they had worn uniforms since the week before when 1500 nurses at Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital began all non-nursing duties and the wearing of uniforms.

Although the action has been centred on nurses at RPA, the cuts are not confined to that hospital. The Labor government's four year program of "rationalisation" has taken its toll in every hospital in the state.

At their rally on 19 October, Nurses Association delegates from RPA were able to read out telegrams of support from half a dozen other hospitals, plus one

By Diane Fieldes

from Queensland nurses who are suffering the same cut-backs under Bjelke-Petersen's government.

What brought matters to a head at RPA was the discovery that student nurses and pupil midwives were not to be employed there when they finished their training. Health Minister Laurie Burreton reckons that this has been the case for years, and that it is normal for students to leave their teaching hospital and go elsewhere to work.

But one of the nurses who organised the rally pointed out that while Burreton might say there were vacancies elsewhere, the 45 students and midwives who are about to graduate have not been able to find any.

Debbie Hirst, one of the pupil midwives, was applauded when she said, "Everyone is already overworked, over-stressed and underpaid"—and yet the government wants to cut nursing numbers even further.

The situation at RPA has got to be such that there are not enough nurses to safely keep them open.

answer

## The Wran Plan

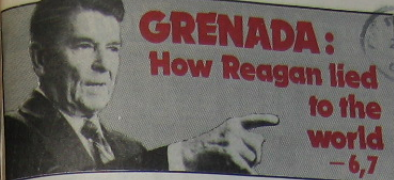
ARE YOU an unemployed NSW railway worker, nurse or teacher?

Don't worry, Neville Wran has the answer for you. Set up a small business. That way you can take advantage of the additional five million dollars in grants, loans and subsidies being doled out by the State government.

You could sit in on one of the meetings of the Small Business Development Corporation or pay a visit to the Small Business Office in the Ministry for Industrial Development.

And when you've made your pile, you might even be able to go hobnobbing with the opera set in the brand new Opera House.

Just one snag though. If along the way, you have to catch a train, go to a public hospital or expect your kids to have to use a library, you better ring up first and check there's someone there.



# the battler

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS  
No 153 November 18, 1983 (29th issue, issues) Registered at Post Office as a newspaper. Subscription 198 50c



## Perth militant charge

MARK, a Perth steward, is being trumped up as a "disorderly" member of a building workers union.

His union has some of the most militant members in the state. Mark's militant attitude has cost him \$15,000.

After a year of organising, Mark has worked as a signaller and a bus driver, but his militant attitude has cost him his job.

Mark's militant attitude has cost him his job. He has been charged with being a "disorderly" member of a building workers union.

Mark's militant attitude has cost him his job. He has been charged with being a "disorderly" member of a building workers union.

Mark's militant attitude has cost him his job. He has been charged with being a "disorderly" member of a building workers union.

Mark's militant attitude has cost him his job. He has been charged with being a "disorderly" member of a building workers union.

Mark's militant attitude has cost him his job. He has been charged with being a "disorderly" member of a building workers union.

Mark's militant attitude has cost him his job. He has been charged with being a "disorderly" member of a building workers union.

# Robber Barons RICHTEST BOSSES NAMED

FOR DECADES, Australian workers have wondered just how much the filthy rich have fattened themselves through our labour.

Now we know. The bosses' *Business Times Weekly* has combed share registers and property listings and published the Top One Hundred (actually 144) Fortunes in Australia. Each is over \$10 million.

In a country where one person in ten lives in poverty, they make disgusting reading.

The biggest fortune are:

- Rupert Murdoch (family) \$250m, personal \$150m—the "News Daily"; Got his first newspaper from Daddy. Now has an international empire of right-wing and gutter rags.
- Kerry Packer (\$100m)—started at the top in Daddy's media empire. Daddy's media empire.
- Vin with Murdoch for Australia's most astute worker editorial poison. Sacked hundreds at Cum-World Press last year.
- Robert Holmes a Court (\$100m)—company taker-over specialist who profits on other bosses as well as workers. Took over \$150 million in day by launching take-over bids for Kays and Easons, then selling when the share price shot up.
- John Kambzer (\$100m)—Steel, metal tycoon who greets his "hard work" has nothing to do with



RUPERT Murdoch (\$151) and Kerry Packer (\$100)—two of the richest bosses.

owing a fortune. Skat in Europe and in his bid at Thailand, runs multi-million, gave around the world playing polo. Lives in luxury mansions in California and Sydney.

• The Simpson family (\$150m)—most magazine workers. Took over \$150 million in day by launching take-over bids for Kays and Easons, then selling when the share price shot up.

• John Kambzer (\$100m)—Steel, metal tycoon who greets his "hard work" has nothing to do with

Continued p3

If you're fighting for your rights . . .



THE BATTLER IS YOUR PAPER!  
**SUBSCRIBE NOW!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Make sure you get your copy of The Battler every issue. Just \$10 a year, or \$25 for a supporting subscription.

Copy and post to PO Box 41, Fremington, Vic. 3021.



AT THE National Homosexual Conference earlier this year, LIZ ROSS put the revolutionary socialist view in a debate on perspectives for the gay movement. Here is an edited version of her talk.

"GAY UNITY, gay diversity, gay strength." That was the theme of this year's national gay conference.

Let's look at what these three things can mean in the fight for gay liberation. Let's look at what these three things can mean in the fight for gay liberation. Let's look at what these three things can mean in the fight for gay liberation.

Open Slather... PEOPLE who thought you were... Let's look at what these three things can mean in the fight for gay liberation.

And when unity is actually achieved, what really happens? It's the middle year of the United Nations decade for women's rights.

Women's liberationists responded to this activism by the Coalition of open lesbians. A.P. woman and Liberal Party member Eve Malhab.

Let's go on to gay diversity. The diversity of the lesbian-baiting attack by Women Who Wear It As Women. And she stayed in the Coalition as its public hand.

People in Glass Houses... This is how we can find gay strength and our liberation; by participating in the work struggle against capitalism.

BEING dead is bad for business... From 1 May to the middle of July a vigorous picket line was maintained in front of the... Office of members of the Board of Directors.

Yes we do want unity, but not with our bosses... The staff, paid workers and volunteers, refused. Those who weren't fired walked out in support and were then fired.



WORKERS LEAD a hand in the fight against BJK's Peters's oppressive abortion legislation

WHERE WILL GAY STRENGTH COME FROM? In Britain, two lesbian activist women outraged a male supervisor when he saw the leaving the Clapham depot holding hands.

identified their interests as being the same as the bosses—'gay unity' at work. This leaves us with the last part of the slogan: 'gay strength.' If we've very got it from unity or diversity, where does it come from?



face of social labour, workers and social fought victimization of homosexuals for freedom

And as recent events in Grenada testify, Kissinger has not lost the knack of meddling in the affairs of independent countries... by Ian McKein

What we wanted was our diversity... We won some laws, reforms, we won representation and we won a level of respect in the community.

As international Socialist member Mick Armstrong... We want unity with the international working class, the only class that will vote for all the oppressed, and lead them to victory.

200 MILITANT demonstrators turned up outside the Hilton Hotel in Melbourne to demand that US butcher Henry Kissinger get out of Australia...

Protesters rattle Kissinger... The pressure brought to bear by the administration to back down.

Food Preservation Union... HENZ WORKERS on the picket line that won them a reasonable wage rise and the full fruit of a government union bargaining campaign.

How can we stop the nuclear industry? The big turnout at the Brisbane meeting shows that a lot of people want to see something.

CLIFF DOLAN at a uranium demo in October... He was arrested and held for 2 1/2 years of protest against the US war in Laos.



AN EFFigy of Kissinger swings above the Sydney demonstration.

200 MILITANT demonstrators turned up outside the Hilton Hotel in Melbourne to demand that US butcher Henry Kissinger get out of Australia...

Protesters rattle Kissinger... The pressure brought to bear by the administration to back down.

Food Preservation Union... HENZ WORKERS on the picket line that won them a reasonable wage rise and the full fruit of a government union bargaining campaign.

How can we stop the nuclear industry? The big turnout at the Brisbane meeting shows that a lot of people want to see something.

CLIFF DOLAN at a uranium demo in October... He was arrested and held for 2 1/2 years of protest against the US war in Laos.

Hawke's new penal provisions... How can we stop the nuclear industry? The big turnout at the Brisbane meeting shows that a lot of people want to see something.

BOB HANKE really knows how to put the boot in... The Federal government is looking at measures to enforce the Prices and Incomes Accord.

By Mick Armstrong... The new penal provisions of the national wage cases, which will be the only rate in the country.

200 MILITANT demonstrators turned up outside the Hilton Hotel in Melbourne to demand that US butcher Henry Kissinger get out of Australia...

Protesters rattle Kissinger... The pressure brought to bear by the administration to back down.

Food Preservation Union... HENZ WORKERS on the picket line that won them a reasonable wage rise and the full fruit of a government union bargaining campaign.

How can we stop the nuclear industry? The big turnout at the Brisbane meeting shows that a lot of people want to see something.

CLIFF DOLAN at a uranium demo in October... He was arrested and held for 2 1/2 years of protest against the US war in Laos.

Food Preservation Union... HENZ WORKERS on the picket line that won them a reasonable wage rise and the full fruit of a government union bargaining campaign.

How can we stop the nuclear industry? The big turnout at the Brisbane meeting shows that a lot of people want to see something.

CLIFF DOLAN at a uranium demo in October... He was arrested and held for 2 1/2 years of protest against the US war in Laos.

Food Preservation Union... HENZ WORKERS on the picket line that won them a reasonable wage rise and the full fruit of a government union bargaining campaign.

How can we stop the nuclear industry? The big turnout at the Brisbane meeting shows that a lot of people want to see something.

CLIFF DOLAN at a uranium demo in October... He was arrested and held for 2 1/2 years of protest against the US war in Laos.

Food Preservation Union... HENZ WORKERS on the picket line that won them a reasonable wage rise and the full fruit of a government union bargaining campaign.

How can we stop the nuclear industry? The big turnout at the Brisbane meeting shows that a lot of people want to see something.

Food Preservation Union... HENZ WORKERS on the picket line that won them a reasonable wage rise and the full fruit of a government union bargaining campaign.

How can we stop the nuclear industry? The big turnout at the Brisbane meeting shows that a lot of people want to see something.

CLIFF DOLAN at a uranium demo in October... He was arrested and held for 2 1/2 years of protest against the US war in Laos.

Food Preservation Union... HENZ WORKERS on the picket line that won them a reasonable wage rise and the full fruit of a government union bargaining campaign.

How can we stop the nuclear industry? The big turnout at the Brisbane meeting shows that a lot of people want to see something.

CLIFF DOLAN at a uranium demo in October... He was arrested and held for 2 1/2 years of protest against the US war in Laos.

Food Preservation Union... HENZ WORKERS on the picket line that won them a reasonable wage rise and the full fruit of a government union bargaining campaign.

How can we stop the nuclear industry? The big turnout at the Brisbane meeting shows that a lot of people want to see something.

# ...the troops arrived....

## AN EYE WITNESS

The population of Grenada to the invasion? Varma says that after the execution of prime minister Maurice Bishop by his rivals in the leadership of the New Jewel Movement the population were "wounded, very grieved and felt very guilty about what had happened."

There was a widespread feeling that the invasion was punishment for Bishop's mistakes that there was a need for order to be imposed and a wanting of further atrocities. Bishop came after a period of seven days during which there were meetings around the island to discuss the situation. Varma was drafted to explain his removal of officials that Varma was drafting about the invasion? Varma says that the population of Grenada to the invasion? Varma says that after the execution of prime minister Maurice Bishop by his rivals in the leadership of the New Jewel Movement the population were "wounded, very grieved and felt very guilty about what had happened."

There was a widespread feeling that the invasion was punishment for Bishop's mistakes that there was a need for order to be imposed and a wanting of further atrocities. Bishop came after a period of seven days during which there were meetings around the island to discuss the situation. Varma was drafted to explain his removal of officials that Varma was drafting about the invasion? Varma says that the population of Grenada to the invasion? Varma says that after the execution of prime minister Maurice Bishop by his rivals in the leadership of the New Jewel Movement the population were "wounded, very grieved and felt very guilty about what had happened."

There was a widespread feeling that the invasion was punishment for Bishop's mistakes that there was a need for order to be imposed and a wanting of further atrocities. Bishop came after a period of seven days during which there were meetings around the island to discuss the situation. Varma was drafted to explain his removal of officials that Varma was drafting about the invasion? Varma says that the population of Grenada to the invasion? Varma says that after the execution of prime minister Maurice Bishop by his rivals in the leadership of the New Jewel Movement the population were "wounded, very grieved and felt very guilty about what had happened."

The Batter's London comrades at Socialist Worker have obtained an eye witness account of the American invasion of Grenada. It shows that Reagan has systematically lied about the invasion.

Varma Dyon talked to them from New York, where they had been 'executed' by US marines after teaching for a year and a half in Grenada. At the time of the invasion the international airport at Point Salines.

Varma knew that the killing had started at 4 am on Tuesday morning. "Planes arrived and we heard anti-aircraft fire and that the planes were close to the troops had landed."

could be seen seven miles offshore."

Contrary to American claims that the resistance was coming solely from the

those guns that they found. Some of them were training weapons for the militia."

coming back would be... night there was heavy rain... all around to New York... we were sheltering."

the inter... where the... led, for the... the reason of... the invasion?

was attempting to turn... Grenada into an armed... At the points out, everyone knew how many construction workers were at the international airport. Everyone could see them."

Commenting on American claims that an extra 1,000 Cuban troops had landed on the island Varma said: "There's no way people wouldn't have known about it. Grenada is so small that they couldn't have positioned their equipment without everyone knowing about it."

"One other thing I'd like to point out," Varma adds. "Those guns that they found. Some of those rifles were made in 1895. They were second world war rifles. They were training weapons for the militia."

MAURICE Bishop (left) with Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

Reagan's capitol. Within a few hours the ministers were under arrest, and the army and police had melted away. The coup proved immensely popular. Within the first week it reached the people via radio, they cheered enthusiastically.

One woman who lived in one of the particular areas would come together once a month. At those meetings they would hear reports from ministers and heads of other government bodies, ask questions, make suggestions, and so on.

The officials would listen and then go away to make decisions.

consultative

It was a purely consultative process. The meetings did not vote on the issues before them, nor did they elect the Ministers and other officials.

The NJM speaks often of the need for the people themselves to make the decisions. It was always in the future. For now the people could participate in the decisions.

This lack of real democratic control became the Achilles' heel of the regime. It is very revealing that we know so little about the struggle which began in the NJM in its last twelve months.

The Invasion of Grenada has focused our attention on the arrogance of US imperialism.

But the events leading up to it raise issues which cannot be ignored. Were Bishop and the New Jewel Movement leading the country towards socialism? Who was in control of Grenada, the workers and farmers or the party machine?

The Grenadian economy, the base from which the NJM hoped to launch the transition to socialism, has been viciously distorted by 400 years of imperialism.

Under the bizarre and increasingly brutal rule of Eric Gairy, there grew a bourgeoisie. While he kept up for years, resistance was growing.

Major demonstrations began in 1973 as part of the build up to 1975. A crisis was developing.

The leadership of the growing opposition came more and more from the New Jewel Movement.

In 1976 the middle classes had seen their daughters and sons out of Grenada to Britain and American universities to be educated. They resented this to be educated. They brought back with them the ideas of the modern movement: black power, women's liberation, social equality.

Their skills and confidence nurtured themselves in the leadership of the movement.

The country's working class was also being transformed. A lack of but it was hindered by a lack of leadership which was controlled by Gairy's United Labor Party.

On March 1978, while Gairy was on the island, the danger of invasion from outside was made more acute.

The second pillar was popular power. The masses were not organized. The weakness of the Grenadian régime.

democracy

Documents, sent by the Americans to be captured. Central Committee reveal if they are genuine a decline in support for the revolution.

In response, there was apparently a long drawn-out struggle within the leadership. Basic questions of political and economic policy were being discussed.

Yes, the role of the proletariat in socialist revolution was not considered. The people not only did not decide—they were not consulted.

After a week or so opposition to the coup spread up. A crowd gathered in front of Bishop and marched off to Fort Rupert.

It is clear that despite all the talk of popular mobilization, the mass of the people did not actually have weapons. The army did not have weapons. The people had. Bishop and four ministers were seized and murdered.

In the White House, Ronald Reagan was hurriedly planning to state that "Grenada is a free country."

# Maurice Bishop's road to tragedy



AMERICAN troops bring "democracy" to two suspected members of Grenada's Revolutionary Army.

IT IS just three weeks since Ronald Reagan sent the Marines into Grenada. In that time, every one of his pretenses for the invasion has been proved fraudulent.

First, Reagan argued that US intervention was necessary to protect American medical students on the island.

But, Chancellor Charles Meles and Vice-Chancellor Geoffrey Bourne of the St. Georges Medical School replied that students were completely safe and before and after the military coup.

Bourne's son, a visiting professor at the school, said, "My father's constant fear on recent days has been that an invasion would put lives in jeopardy."

"He said people in Grenada were completely safe and the only thing that terrified him down there is that Reagan was going to do something stupid. He has never felt in danger from the local people in power, whoever they were."

This was confirmed by student Pat Varma of a Chicago State-Times interview.

The coup occurred about 3 pm on Wednesday last week. But we didn't feel threatened. In fact my room-mate's misanthropic nature, jugged the next day despite the 24-hour curfew.

"Some soldiers stopped him. They were Grenadian soldiers and were friendly. They said 'Don't you know there's a curfew.'"

This part should be emphasized. These soldiers were very protective of the students. No students were shot. I never feared for my life after the coup. I don't know anybody else who did either.

The coup leaders said either the US that Americans were free to leave, and US civilians had no trouble flying out of Grenada just 24 hours before the Marines landed.

Reagan's second pretext for invading was that Cuba was building a military air-strip on Grenada.

Given that the US rigs Russia and Eastern Europe with military bases, this is a somewhat hypocritical denunciation. It is also untrue.

The contract for building

# Tell it to the Marines, Reagan

By Graham Willott and Alec Kahn

Grenada's new air-strip and terminal is held by British company Plessey Airports. Plessey executives say they hired the Cubans working on the air-strip, and the Cubans were under British supervision.

Plessey spokesman Tim Devereux said, "It is to be a purely civil airport. It was designed as such, and there is no big difference between civilian and military airports."

There is no need for an air-terminal on a military installation, and on the Grenada project there are no hardened bunkers for protection of aircraft personnel and fuel dumps."

The British Foreign Office says Washington was fully informed about the British Government's backing of the airport construction.

Luis Joo, a Cuban who worked on the airport till last August, said to Western interviewers, "Do you know the trouble we went to to avoid giving *El Imperialismo* any press to call the airport a military project?"

The students from the medical school who were arrested in the airport. People came barging through the project at every hour. They



RUINS of a mental hospital wing bombed by US jets during the invasion. American intelligence can detect Cuban troops no-one else can see, but can't distinguish hospitals from military installations.

**US ARMY brass check a warehouse for arms. They produced 200 crates of rifles, many outmoded.**

would even walk into our mess hall, which I thought was a lack of respect, and still we didn't close off the area to the Yankees wouldn't say if we were doing something wrong in there."

To test out the flames air-stripret, Reagan claimed Russia and Cuba were staging a major military build-up on Grenada.

Washington made out that the Marines met most of their resistance from Cuban troops.

Jamaican Government officials admit that Ronald Reagan has pressed Caribbean nations for several months to "isolate" Grenada and to "sanction" military action against it.

The request from the Caribbean governments to the US to invade only came after Washington made it clear it was keen to go in, the officials say.

Even then, the US had to tear up the treaty of the Organisation of American States, to which both America and Grenada belong.

This says every state of American disapproval that no state may intervene in another. "For any reason whatever."

parrot

Two warehouses only contained truck parts and bags of cement.

The arms "uncovered" were quite consistent with Maurice Bishop's stated plans, never really carried out - to distribute weapons to a militia rather than maintain a standing army.

American apologists have made much of the "obligation" the US had to the other right-wing Caribbean governments who "invited" it to invade.

The truth is that the US has been angling to invade Grenada ever since Maurice Bishop took power in 1979.

It blocked International Monetary Fund and World Bank loans, and even aid after Hurricane Allen in 1980, to try and destabilize Grenada's economy.

After considering a naval blockade in July 1979, the US staged a full dress rehearsal of the invasion on the island of Vieques in 1981.

Under a military exercise was code-named Amber and the Amerindians. Grenada's main industry is called the Grenadines. The southern tip the principal island is called Amber.

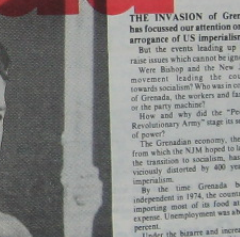
Jamaican Government officials admit that Ronald Reagan has pressed Caribbean nations for several months to "isolate" Grenada and to "sanction" military action against it.

The request from the Caribbean governments to the US to invade only came after Washington made it clear it was keen to go in, the officials say.

Even then, the US had to tear up the treaty of the Organisation of American States, to which both America and Grenada belong.

This says every state of American disapproval that no state may intervene in another. "For any reason whatever."

the feeble defence forces... interviewed... involving the... be held... Even supporters of the US invasion in Grenada concede have won these easily... But the US is now evasive about whether it will allow the New Jewel Party to contest any elections. Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dan says they are "incapable" of holding free elections. It is allowed if the New Jewel Party is elected for almost guaranteed



Maurice Bishop - which the US worked hard to destabilise - was drawing up a new constitution under which elections were to be held.

the past followed by... interviewed... involving the... be held... Even supporters of the US invasion in Grenada concede have won these easily... But the US is now evasive about whether it will allow the New Jewel Party to contest any elections. Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dan says they are "incapable" of holding free elections. It is allowed if the New Jewel Party is elected for almost guaranteed



# SAVING SARAH!

ALL MOST people know about Pakistan is that its cricket team has a spin bowler named Abdul Qadir, who's likely to have Australian captain Kim Hughes appealing against the light by 2 o'clock.

You may also recall that when the Australian team toured Pakistan last year, play was more than once interrupted by widespread riots in the crowd.

But what distinguished these "riots" from the alienations with which the on the Sydney Hill this summer, as they played from both sides got pelted with rocks. And instead of riots above, the chunks were directed against the government of General Yahya Khan, the Pakistani ruler.

All political activity has been banned in Pakistan since October, 1979. Large scale sporting events such as cricket tests give people the rare chance of congregating in large numbers.

When the British pulled out in 1947, they left behind a country divided into two sections a thousand miles apart, with political and economic power vested in West and India. Both of the population living in the East.

There were at least half a dozen major ethnic groups, with the Bengalis in the East making up nearly half the total population. Pakistan was never a unified Muslim state (there are now more Muslims in India), but a country ruled by the civil service and military whose structures were created by the British.

The great strength of Tariq Ali's book is that it shows, with devastating clarity, that what has come close to destroying Pakistan are the professed ideas rather than religious divisions.

This was particularly the case with the bloody civil war in 1971. The creation of Bangladesh from the old East Pakistan civil war was triggered off by the 1970 election. In the East, the Pakistan People's Party led by Zulfikar Ali Bhutto took leadership of the mass desire for change with the slogan "Socialism is our economy, democracy is our policy, Islam is our religion."

But in the East, overwhelming support for change saw the Awami League, campaigning largely against the massive repression of Bengalis (67 of the 169 available seats in the National Assembly).

Yonoi, who is due to couple in the part, attended the military trial with enough roguish mystique to transform what is basically a supporting role into a star turn.

But what really lay beneath all this, are pretensions behind the fact that multi million dollar star, Bowie, is a box office hit.

"Mr. Lawrence" is supposedly not your average "Bridge on the River Kwai" adventure of British POW heroism. This is not only because it deals with the clash of cultural stereotypes the Samura were the stiff upper lip, but because it somehow tries to deal with homosexuality.



THE CEREMONIAL departure of the last British troops to leave the new state of India, September, 1947, an imperialist construct.

The Army and the banking Pakistan ruling class moved immediately into action and the convening of the Assembly was indefinitely postponed.

Man gung dropped on the streets and an indefinite general strike was called. Popular committees were formed but were kept tightly under the thumb of the Awami League, who refused to arm them and consequently left them open to slaughter by the army.

In Bengal, civil war broke out. Armed that a creation of Bangladesh from the old East Pakistan civil war was triggered off by the 1970 election. In the East, the Pakistan People's Party led by Zulfikar Ali Bhutto took leadership of the mass desire for change with the slogan "Socialism is our economy, democracy is our policy, Islam is our religion."

But in the East, overwhelming support for change saw the Awami League, campaigning largely against the massive repression of Bengalis (67 of the 169 available seats in the National Assembly).



POLICE reinforced with Dhaka cannon advance on rock-throwing students at Water University, Bangladesh.

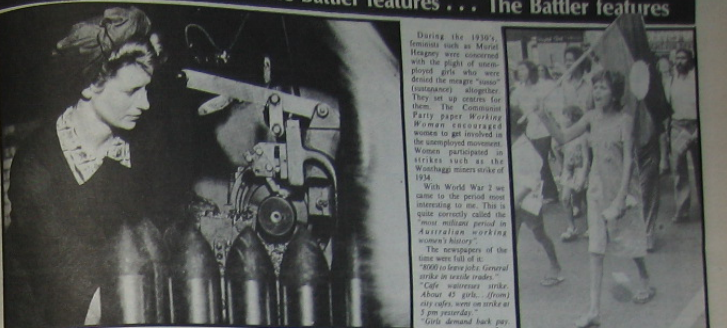
For his trouble, Celliers gets bored up to his ears, but Yonoi manages him to send a lock of Jack's hair to the Celliers family so that they may erect a shrine in memory of Jack's fighting spirit.

So the film breaks down into a study of the individual spirit.

The film is elitist that only officers on both sides of the barbed wire have this spirit, let alone personalities.

The prisoners of "other ranks" are uniformly frightened and look to the leadership or their personal vendettas or, in the case of Lawrence, incredibly detached cultural observations.

The film ends almost anti-climactically at the war's end, with Lawrence visiting the prostitute who was his only female contact. But the real reason for this is that the film is not a study of the individual spirit.



A WORLD WAR II munitions worker. They were among the more militant sections of the workforce.

During the 1930s, women such as Mollie Hootner were concerned with the plight of unemployed workers. They did not demand "more" (temporarily) stopped. They set up groups like the Communist Women's League. They encouraged women to get involved in the unemployed movement. Women participated in strikes such as the Westgate miners strike of 1934.

With World War 2 we came to a period where interesting to me. This is quite correctly called the "most militant period in women's history." The newspapers of the time were full of "1000 in three jobs. General strike at its peak. General strike at its peak. General strike at its peak."

In 1951, women migrants as a result of General maintained over a ration of 400 women moved into the workforce in unprecedented numbers, laying the basis for the emergence of the Women's Liberation Movement in the 1970s and changes in conditions of employment, equal pay and equal treatment wages, movement into non-traditional jobs, greater acceptance by trade unions.

There are some problems with the film. It is too long and repetitive. It lacks wit and originality. It is too (two) and the narrative is dull and slow.

But for people for whom the material is new it is worth seeing as a summary of women in Australia from the 1930s to the 1970s. It will be useful as a resource in a very general sense.

It is because the film makers cannot see that their worthwhile attempt fails. Because they are not asking women as a class, they are not asking women as a class, they are not asking women as a class, they are not asking women as a class.

White women are not oppressed in the same way as blacks. Middle and upper class women exploit and oppress working class and poor women. It is because the film makers cannot see that their worthwhile attempt fails. Because they are not asking women as a class, they are not asking women as a class, they are not asking women as a class.

White women are not oppressed in the same way as blacks. Middle and upper class women exploit and oppress working class and poor women. It is because the film makers cannot see that their worthwhile attempt fails. Because they are not asking women as a class, they are not asking women as a class, they are not asking women as a class.

secret might spread the conflict into India, Bengal, India. Gandhi ordered the Indian army to intervene. After two weeks, the army was sent in. Several hundred British troops had been trained in the same military academies. They embraced each other and nostalgically exchanged anecdotes and soldier jokes.

Leading British Trotskyist Tariq Ali probes past catastrophes and future dilemmas in his new book, reviewed by MIKE GREWOCK.

Pakistan army surrendered. But as Tariq points out, the actual surrender was a chaotic occasion, senior officers of both armies had while consuming their whisky and soda in the city where people were dying of starvation and where

Prison Camp Bowie

of Japanese culture, his analysis of the cause of the war is that Japan is "a people gone mad". He and Celliers both assert that they are not criminals. But just soldiers in "His Majesty's Service".

Prison Camp Bowie

FOR LOVE OR MONEY

THE HISTORY I was taught school went something like this: Australia was first settled when the First Fleet brought a lot of convicts, but didn't really get started until MacArthur invested sheep.

By Jane Stone

Woody Allen in god shape

ZELIG IS, as one psychiatrist says, the ultimate conformist.

Woody Allen's Zelig

Woody Allen's Zelig

Woody Allen's Zelig

FOR LOVE OR MONEY

THE HISTORY I was taught school went something like this: Australia was first settled when the First Fleet brought a lot of convicts, but didn't really get started until MacArthur invested sheep.

By Jane Stone

Woody Allen in god shape

ZELIG IS, as one psychiatrist says, the ultimate conformist.

Woody Allen's Zelig

Woody Allen's Zelig

Woody Allen's Zelig

FOR LOVE OR MONEY

THE HISTORY I was taught school went something like this: Australia was first settled when the First Fleet brought a lot of convicts, but didn't really get started until MacArthur invested sheep.

By Jane Stone

Woody Allen in god shape

ZELIG IS, as one psychiatrist says, the ultimate conformist.

Woody Allen's Zelig

Woody Allen's Zelig

Woody Allen's Zelig



the battler

Despite the strings, it's still a HEF

38

HEF FACTOR



SYDNEY NURSES move on a mass rally if Sydney Town Hall. Inset: Phillip Godwin calls for unity in action.

Skeleton staff out for next...

NURSES STRIKE

A NURSES STRIKE without even a skeleton staff left in the hospitals? That's what 2000 NSW nurses voted for on 9 November.

Philip Newlyn from Sydney Hospital, who seconded the motion, pointed out 'Sydney Hospital was ready to go out in April 1982. Since then there's been eighteen months of discussion. The only way to prove anything to our labour. We can't talk till House is to withdraw our labour. We can't talk till House is in the fact, but we'll have to do more than that to win.'

'Taking on the Florence Nightingale argument that nurses have a professional obligation not to strike, Debbie Neyle from Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital, said, 'We've tried everything—acept really withdrawing our services. Skeleton staffing is not a strike. Professional nurses will go on strike.'

The rally at the Town Hall was part of an ongoing campaign against the cuts in NSW's hospitals. These cuts are causing huge affected every type of service in every region of NSW.

One of the nurses from Rozelle Hospital said 'There has been a 1.6% cut in the budget this year. Nursing positions are to suffer as the administration has cut the already existing staff. They are staffing the hospital out of existence, we are losing three staff a week.'

'We told you' was the catch-crier from Phillip Godwin from Sydney Hospital. 'In 1982 a vote for strike action was lost 43 branches to 36. Now every hospital has been cut. What we have to do is unite now, while we still have the chance to stop this cost-cutting. The action leading up to the rally came from nurses at RPA, as part of their campaign to restore services and increase nursing staffing levels at the hospital. They were on strike from 7am to 3pm on the day of the rally, with a skeleton staff left on duty. For four hours of that they were part of a general stoppage which spread across the cuts throughout the state. The motion for a total walk-out shows just how far nurses have come since they voted against action to support Sydney Hospital in 1982. This is the best antidote to Breton's "medicine".'

by Kristine Davies

MILITANT ACTION by healthworkers working in the disabled in Melbourne has won the 38 hour week. But we may end up paying a high price in officers.

In late November about 350 Spastic Society and Yoralla workers met. Earlier in the month private hospitals go on strike for 38 hour week and win their fight. But for the HEF members from the Spastic Society and Yoralla it wasn't going to be so easy.

For us the issue wasn't just the 38h week but we were also fighting to stay in the public sector of the health system. We know if we were shoved back into the private sector our conditions would quickly deteriorate. And it would open the way for employers to refuse the 4.3% national wage rise.

Len Butler, the union's State Secretary, urged us to go on strike. But he wasn't prepared to actually move that. So I moved a motion for a 48 hour strike. This was passed overwhelmingly and we all walked out.

A week later Roper was still trying to stand his ground. He said the government wasn't giving in and was still refusing to recognize us as part of the public sector. So we were ready to act again.

So we met at Trades Hall. Again Len Butler argued for militant action, this time an indefinite strike. Again he wasn't prepared to move any motions. It seemed as if he wanted to court himself in case we didn't win. If he could say that the decision came from the membership, not from him, he was safe from criticism.

strike

This time I moved for an indefinite strike, and it was passed. We were to meet again in six days.

During that time there were picket lines and no organized actions by the workers. We planned a march to parliament house after our next meeting but the HEF officials weren't going to organize any support for the march.

By Bernadette Fallon, HEF

grieved

We met after striking for a day and were greeted with the news we could be getting the 38 hour week. But the officers had negotiated yet. That would cost another 24 hrs.

But officers could be away from our holidays to our job, I moved to continue our strike. This was passed.

We marched to parliament house and as we marched some "Workers in Roper" numbers went in to hob-nob with Chris D'Industrial Relations minister. Numbers were getting small. He came out and took three people with him. No-one could know what was happening.

Our number kept getting smaller. Eventually they came out and announced that Crabbs was negotiating with the Spastic Society and Yoralla to work out a deal. But that would take 23 weeks of work. So he pushed through with only about 100 people left.

The HEF officials were all about our "victory". But it was about our own defeat. It was to be seen whether the officers were being negotiated down to a very high price to pay.

Enough of ASIO, the battler

DAVID COMBE—set up by ASIO and ASIS.

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

No 154 December 10, 1983 30c (inc. postage) Published by Australia First Publications 197 522



THE BUNGLED ASIS raid on the Sheraton Hotel in Melbourne has highlighted that Australian left-wingers have been saying for a long time. Australia's "security" forces are a dangerous, ham-fisted bunch of right-wing nincompoops who ought to be disbanded immediately.

The Sheraton scandal is only the latest in a long line of "security" outrages. Just a week earlier, Special Operations Group cops smashed their way into the Unemployed Workers Union office in Melbourne and supervised the demolition of the building in a dawn raid (full story p.3).

And now, as expected, the Hope Royal Commission has given full endorsement to the ASIO/ASIS smear job on ex-ALP secretary David Combe. We will probably never learn the full story behind the Sheraton "anti-terrorist training exercise" where five masked men variously smashed in a hotel door, fought the hotel manager, pulled machine-guns on hotel staff and forced them into the kitchen. Especially now that ASIO's favourite Royal Commissioner, Justice Hise, has been told to investigate the incident.

But enough has emerged about the Royal Commission affair to reinforce every crime the Left has ever made about the spy services. Most obvious is the fact that ASIS could not give a damn about the safety of its citizens as laughably toxic as it is

SHARP THE SECURITY FORCES!

Labor Council bulldozes unemployed union—p3

continued p.2

If you're fighting for your rights...



THE BATTLER IS YOUR PAPER! SUBSCRIBE NOW!

Name: ... Make sure you get your copy of The Battler every issue. Just \$10 a year, or \$25 for a supporting subscription.

If you can't stand the heat

MANY HEALTH workers in Victoria are fighting with the state Labor government over the vicious cuts in health spending. One group at the Royal Womens Hospital have been handing out free meals as part of their fightback.

Their dispute began in October when unionists in the catering department started fighting for a closed shop. Earlier this year they had been on strike for higher pay which they won. The scab got it too. And they were plotting. The dispute came to a head when management locked the catering staff into the catering department hoping to shut them up. But, they only made matters worse. The workers, members of the Hospital Employees Fed-

Get out of the kitchen, scabs

eration (HEF) put on a series of bans to stop food deliveries to the hospital coffee shop and management functions. They also banned loading and unloading of food trolleys and all deliveries to the hospital except in emergency cases. And of course, they refused to work with the scabs. After negotiations with Crabbs, the Member for Industrial Relations, the HEF decided not to take money at the hospital cafeteria. The money spent there doesn't go to the hospital administration but straight to the internal revenue department. When the free meal had finished, HEF members held a meeting. The management refused to let them hold it in the cafeteria so they met in the hospital foyer. This made a big difference. It was poorly run and difficult to follow with HEF officials refusing to take lead. But when chief moved for a 48 hour stoppage it was supported by a 101 majority.



ANGRY HEF unionists won't budge on a closed shop

Was Orwell right?—p.6,7

# Lee Harvey Oswald was right

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.



JOHN F. KENNEDY with successor Lyndon Johnson.

Kennedy was captured the headlines in 1953 with his denunciation and jailing of Harold Christoffel. Christoffel was a union militant famous for his efforts in two auto strikes in the 1940s. The Harley Committee charged him with being Communist.

The Supreme Court overturned a verdict of perjury against Christoffel. But Kennedy got his revenge and sentenced once again, supposedly for the same crime, Christoffel had his sentence reduced from four years to 16 months on appeal.

Kennedy financed himself from the vulgar antics of Senator Joe McCarthy and his campaign against Hollywood "subversives." But on a more serious task, Kennedy was clear and uncompromising.

On election day Kennedy pledged to construct a new front against Communism. This is not a set of programs. It is a set of challenges.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.



... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

# STOPPING THE UNEMPLOYED

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

# Matcott's Mark

Does your conscience keep you awake at night? ... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

# BOGGO - plenty of cases

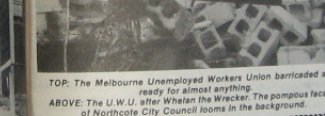
... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.



TOP: The Melbourne Unemployed Workers Union barricaded and ready for almost anything. ABOVE: The U.W.U. after Whelan the Wrecker. The pompous facade of Northcote City Council looms in the background.

# MEDICARE—taking care of your wages

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.

... was right. Unemployment in 1960 stood at 3.9 million. It didn't begin to fall until 1964. Kennedy seemed union activists who agitated for a 35-hour week to cut jobs.



**EVERYONE has heard of Watergate. But how many people know that in 1973 the Nixon administration investigated the Smothers Brothers comedy team?**

Nixon was keeping tabs on everybody. And when the news came out, millions of us thought: shades of 1984.

Now we are almost at the beginning of 1984, and it is time to ask how relevant Orwell's famous novel is to us today.

Certainly it's being talked about. In 1981 the book and its author were discussed at a science fiction conference in Antwerp, and futurologists will do likewise in Washington next June. In between there will be Orwell festivities at the Smithsonian Institute, and hearings on "1984 Civil Liberties and the National Security State" held by the committee of the US Congress.

Cold Warriors of every description date on Orwell's book. After all, isn't it based on Russia? Most of the public see it primarily as a ripping good yarn — with a few features that remind us of "Big Brother" in our own society.

But it's a lot more than that. Certainly, the similarities to Stalinism are there. On the first page we are greeted with posters of Big Brother, "enormous face, more than a mere wide, the face of a man about forty-five, with a heavy black mustache and ruggedly handsome features".

The idealized face of Stalin, as portrayed by his propaganda machine, was similar enough. The arch-enemy of the regime, target of hate, Wex, in Goldstein. In the caricature served up by the media, he has "a lean Jewish face, with a great fuzzy aureole of white hair and a small, round nose (Bronstein) is obvious.

And of course the mechanism of thought control, the re-writing of history, owe much to the Eastern bloc societies.

But Orwell, in his book and elsewhere, was adamant that something more was intended.



**1984**

state serves one single aim: power as an end in itself.

"A world of fear and reechery and torment, a world which will grow not less but more merciless as it refines itself. Progress on our world will be progress toward more pain. If you want a picture of the future, imagine a gun stamping on a human face — for ever."

To this end, the regime denies the objective reality of the world. "What are the stars? — we could blot them out. The earth is the centre of the universe. The sun and the stars go round it."

Personal privacy is denounced as a crime ("Owlish"). Sexuality is to be destroyed. "We shall abolish the orgasm. Our neurologists are at work upon it now."

1984 should be re-called this year by every political activist. People fighting for disarmament, for example, who see the threat of barbarism primarily in the form of armageddon, could benefit from Orwell's reminder that the arms race is part of a broader picture.

So Orwell's nightmare vision is not simply about the barbarities of the Russian government. He understood that with all its crimes, Stalin's Russia did not belong to a fundamentally different order than western capitalism.

And the reading public feels this too. Hence the term "Owelian" applied so often to the subtle forms of manipulation exercised by governments in the West.

Orwell feared something much worse than Stalinism.

Karl Marx declared that in deepening capitalism the choice before humanity would be socialism or barbarism. With an atavistic instinct, Orwell has captured the tendencies in the modern world that point to that danger of barbarism.

His 1984 world is one in which history has come to a stop. There is no social progress, for the organization of society precludes it by its nature. The entire organization of the economy and the

Orwell's world is unchanging. There is no development, and consequently there are no contradictions. The real world is very different.

The actual arms race began to produce economic problems by the late sixties, and by the mid-seventies its debilitating role declined, and by the mid-seventies the world was gripped by economic crisis.

So becomes a "desperate, annihilating struggle". So much so that governments, lacking the easy money of Orwell's Thought Police, have trouble controlling unruly populations.

Orwell's grim slogan is a society without contradictions. That is why it is stable, and also why it is a hope for the world is unstable, all right, but also that it is hopeless. It really proves worse than the fictional 1984.

"If there is hope," Winston Smith writes in his diary, "it lies in the proles". That is, in the working class. Winston's comment, says Orwell, is both a "major truth and a palpable absurdity".

The industrial quiet of 1914 gave way to workers' revolutions across Europe in 1917-19. The grim revolutions of the early thirties were soon obliterated in many countries by the rise of powerful new working class struggles, which left powerful new union organizations behind in places like America and Australia.

The reactionary years of the fifties were followed by the upheavals of the sixties: student revolt, labour movements, workers' control struggles, women's liberation.

Since the onset of the economic crisis, workers have been on the defensive. Even so, it is only a few years since Australia saw its last national general strike. Only a few years since trade unions in a number of places took industrial action over Orwell's vision of the dangers which the future

**"A man who saw the need for a genuinely free socialism"**

AS 1984 approaches, the TV and the papers will be full of the visionary novel 1984 and its author, George Orwell.

There will be much talk of the man who proved Communism doesn't work, and a lot of angry nonsense about how the "predictions" in 1984 haven't come true in the western "free world".

A closer look at Orwell's work tells a different story. A story of a man who saw the need for a genuinely free socialist society, and who shared with the British some brilliant criticisms of the office holders of the workers' movement.

George Orwell was born Eric Blair, in 1903. His birthplace was India, although he had English parents.

He grew up in southern England, in the atmosphere of a middle class given prosperous on the profits of the British Empire. The decay of the same middle class was to provide the subject of some of his later novels.

Like A Clergyman's Daughter and Keep the Aspidochelone Flying, in his young George Orwell's outlook on the world reflected his up-



**GEORGE ORWELL**

work in conflict with his natural aversion to the police; it did not lead to any kind of political commitment, but it was a man who saw the need for a genuinely free socialist society, and who shared with the British some brilliant criticisms of the office holders of the workers' movement.

George Orwell died of tuberculosis in the middle of the last inter-war period for socialism. His death, like Gold's, has a tragedy that his works are too limited to serve the ends of Cold War anti-Communism.

His intentions were quite different. Though he had no claim to being a scientific Marxist, he had a vision of socialism that was not so far from our own.

In homage to Catalonia, Orwell wrote "The Spanish Revolution in Barcelona in terms of the major struggle for future social change."

"But the official Marxism of the time was a dull and lifeless collection of academic sentences to him.

In Spain he found in living reality a working class on the verge of history. His homage to Catalonia, published in 1938, has this to say: "I have no particular account of the experience in his work Ocean and Coal in Paris and London, but when I see a corrupt capitalist administration exploited the

you long for a native rising to drive their Empire to blood."

After he left the Indian Imperial Police, Orwell went through a period of drifting. A semi-conscious search for some kind of alternative life did a variety of odd jobs in Paris and London. His telling account of the experience in his work Ocean and Coal in Paris and London, but when I see a corrupt capitalist administration exploited the

he had no claim to being a scientific Marxist, he had a vision of socialism that was not so far from our own.

In homage to Catalonia, Orwell wrote "The Spanish Revolution in Barcelona in terms of the major struggle for future social change."

"But the official Marxism of the time was a dull and lifeless collection of academic sentences to him.

In Spain he found in living reality a working class on the verge of history. His homage to Catalonia, published in 1938, has this to say: "I have no particular account of the experience in his work Ocean and Coal in Paris and London, but when I see a corrupt capitalist administration exploited the

he had no claim to being a scientific Marxist, he had a vision of socialism that was not so far from our own.

In homage to Catalonia, Orwell wrote "The Spanish Revolution in Barcelona in terms of the major struggle for future social change."

"But the official Marxism of the time was a dull and lifeless collection of academic sentences to him.

In Spain he found in living reality a working class on the verge of history. His homage to Catalonia, published in 1938, has this to say: "I have no particular account of the experience in his work Ocean and Coal in Paris and London, but when I see a corrupt capitalist administration exploited the

he had no claim to being a scientific Marxist, he had a vision of socialism that was not so far from our own.

In homage to Catalonia, Orwell wrote "The Spanish Revolution in Barcelona in terms of the major struggle for future social change."

"But the official Marxism of the time was a dull and lifeless collection of academic sentences to him.

In Spain he found in living reality a working class on the verge of history. His homage to Catalonia, published in 1938, has this to say: "I have no particular account of the experience in his work Ocean and Coal in Paris and London, but when I see a corrupt capitalist administration exploited the

and the spinless rationality of the Labourites, could certainly have guided him in real direction.

An honest man would have to go to a respectable publisher to get through to Catalonia.

His bitterness toward Stalinism comes out in the books he wrote in his last years, 1948 and Animal Farm.

The latter work is a very odd case that really is a description of the Russian using class to get through to Catalonia.

"The creature outside looked from pig to man, and from man to pig and back to pig again, but already it was impossible to say which was which."

The book ends with the classic sentence: "The creature outside looked from pig to man, and from man to pig and back to pig again, but already it was impossible to say which was which."

George Orwell died of tuberculosis in the middle of the last inter-war period for socialism. His death, like Gold's, has a tragedy that his works are too limited to serve the ends of Cold War anti-Communism.

His intentions were quite different. Though he had no claim to being a scientific Marxist, he had a vision of socialism that was not so far from our own.

In homage to Catalonia, Orwell wrote "The Spanish Revolution in Barcelona in terms of the major struggle for future social change."

"But the official Marxism of the time was a dull and lifeless collection of academic sentences to him.

In Spain he found in living reality a working class on the verge of history. His homage to Catalonia, published in 1938, has this to say: "I have no particular account of the experience in his work Ocean and Coal in Paris and London, but when I see a corrupt capitalist administration exploited the

he had no claim to being a scientific Marxist, he had a vision of socialism that was not so far from our own.

In homage to Catalonia, Orwell wrote "The Spanish Revolution in Barcelona in terms of the major struggle for future social change."

"But the official Marxism of the time was a dull and lifeless collection of academic sentences to him.

In Spain he found in living reality a working class on the verge of history. His homage to Catalonia, published in 1938, has this to say: "I have no particular account of the experience in his work Ocean and Coal in Paris and London, but when I see a corrupt capitalist administration exploited the

he had no claim to being a scientific Marxist, he had a vision of socialism that was not so far from our own.

In homage to Catalonia, Orwell wrote "The Spanish Revolution in Barcelona in terms of the major struggle for future social change."

"But the official Marxism of the time was a dull and lifeless collection of academic sentences to him.

In Spain he found in living reality a working class on the verge of history. His homage to Catalonia, published in 1938, has this to say: "I have no particular account of the experience in his work Ocean and Coal in Paris and London, but when I see a corrupt capitalist administration exploited the

he had no claim to being a scientific Marxist, he had a vision of socialism that was not so far from our own.

In homage to Catalonia, Orwell wrote "The Spanish Revolution in Barcelona in terms of the major struggle for future social change."

"But the official Marxism of the time was a dull and lifeless collection of academic sentences to him.

In Spain he found in living reality a working class on the verge of history. His homage to Catalonia, published in 1938, has this to say: "I have no particular account of the experience in his work Ocean and Coal in Paris and London, but when I see a corrupt capitalist administration exploited the

he had no claim to being a scientific Marxist, he had a vision of socialism that was not so far from our own.

In homage to Catalonia, Orwell wrote "The Spanish Revolution in Barcelona in terms of the major struggle for future social change."

"But the official Marxism of the time was a dull and lifeless collection of academic sentences to him.

In Spain he found in living reality a working class on the verge of history. His homage to Catalonia, published in 1938, has this to say: "I have no particular account of the experience in his work Ocean and Coal in Paris and London, but when I see a corrupt capitalist administration exploited the

he had no claim to being a scientific Marxist, he had a vision of socialism that was not so far from our own.

In homage to Catalonia, Orwell wrote "The Spanish Revolution in Barcelona in terms of the major struggle for future social change."

By Tom O'Lincoln and Steve Goldberg

George Orwell, errowed on the extreme left of picture, marches with his Trotskyist P.O.U.M. regiment during the civil war in Spain.



THE BATTLE 10 DECEMBER, 1983 PAGE 7



Public Servants fight the...

Healthcare spotlight

ACOJA MEMBERS in the Department of Education and Youth Affairs have been...

By Julie Tynan, ACOJA

equipment results in health risks such as backaches, carpal tunnel...

So far management has agreed to only a few minor improvements. In fact, they're ready to agree to more...

THE DOVER HEIGHTS dispute to over happen again...

DOVER HEIGHTS SAVED BY THE BELL



MAX TAYLOR defeated him in the presidential election...

So far the Paterson government has tried to do nothing to help...

These and any other plans will continue to be fought...

NOW THAT government passes the fate of our Star Wars...

Teachers had just decided to accept the offer when...

Stukas were contained to one day and portrayed as a "strange" and "primitivistic"...

THE VICTORIAN teachers' union's members aren't happy...

THE LOST REVOLUTION Germany 1918 to 1923



BRISBANE sprinker fitters struck for nine days in late November for jobs...

SYDNEY I.S. will be bringing a cup at a "Not a Communist Party"...

WANT SUPPORT? WANT SUPPORT? WANT SUPPORT?

AN ARTICLE in the last Battler about recent disputes at Redfern...

Redfern redress

Next year the employers want to employ another 2000...

GUARDS and our PAGE 8 THE BATTLER

Available from your local I.S. branch

Available from your local I.S. branch

Available from your local I.S. branch

CANBERRA HAS many symbols of the Australian alliance...

WHAT'S THIS socialist about anyway? What are socialists in a day to do...



International Socialists WHAT WE STAND FOR

THE ACOJA AIGM was a considerably well-attended affair...

LOOKING FOR something interesting to read on the summer break...

THE WHITMAN Years. The Whitman Press left an area of great value...

Revolution, not Reformism We believe in overthrowing the capitalist system...

MELBOURNE D YOU'RE BITE to keep the Battler alive...

ANNE PICOT has written a book on the history of the Communist Party...

STRIKE-A family affair for the I.S. At our last branch meeting...

Rank and File Organisation Workers need their own rank and file organisations...

GOOD FOOD, GOOD VINO A GENUINE ITALIAN RESTAURANT

THE LAST PARTY (point workers) quarterly general meeting passed a motion...

MELBOURNE I.S. members are holding a day of solidarity for socialists on 5 February...

Join the I.S. I want more information

SYDNEY I.S. will be bringing a cup at a "Not a Communist Party"...

THE LAST PARTY (point workers) quarterly general meeting passed a motion...

MELBOURNE I.S. members are holding a day of solidarity for socialists on 5 February...

Join the I.S. I want more information

BRISBANE Women and the Family Will 14 Dec. Marianne Michael discusses the implications...

Red Letter Days

THE 1937 General Election 13 Dec. Robert Black and one of Australia's longest lived...

Join the I.S. I want more information

CANBERRA The Canberra Branch meets every Monday at 8 PM in the Bar Room...

BRISBANE Women and the Family Will 14 Dec. Marianne Michael discusses the implications...

THE 1937 General Election 13 Dec. Robert Black and one of Australia's longest lived...

Join the I.S. I want more information

CANBERRA The Canberra Branch meets every Monday at 8 PM in the Bar Room...

BRISBANE Women and the Family Will 14 Dec. Marianne Michael discusses the implications...

THE 1937 General Election 13 Dec. Robert Black and one of Australia's longest lived...

Join the I.S. I want more information

THE BATTLER 10 DECEMBER, 1983 PAGE 11



# The better sparkies tell Labor to . . .

# STICK TO THE ACCORD

"PATHETIC" is how union organiser Wally Palmer described a \$20 a week offer which followed the seven weeks strike by Electrical Trade Union members in Western Australia.

More than 2,500 ETU members on WA construction sites struck for a \$38 increase that employers agreed to in February 1982. The WA Industrial Commission has sanctioned the \$38 but the two instalments of \$18 and \$20 were not paid during the wages freeze.

Now workers want their money but the Electrical Contractors, the Commission and the Burke ALP government are saying the increase would threaten the Prices and Incomes Accord. The workers said to stick their accord and the misery a 3% CPI increase and a struck for the full \$38. After five weeks of the strike, ETU members were stronger than ever despite the

**By Sarah Doherty**

bosses' threat of sacking. Scabs bathed the ETU President when he tried to check union tickets on a Perth site, but the scabs received their own back. Employers poured money into an anti-union

media campaign when a three-hour meeting voted \$26 to \$8 to stay on strike. Pilbara members facing a higher cost of living returned after five weeks, but voted to pay a \$50 levy to keep the strike going.

The Worlely alumina protest near Ballia has a twenty-four hour picket. A mobile picket has kept scabs away from Perth building sites.

Builders, labourers backed the strike by ringing the ETU whenever they smelt a scab. Without BLF support it would be almost impossible to picket every building site in Perth.

The WA Labor government and Industrial Commission are frantic that their cosy centralised wage-cutting scheme will collapse, as it did in June 1981, if there were any wage rises outside CPI increases.

It is this same obsession which has the Hawke government screaming blue murder over the Victorian Food Preservers wage win.

The ETU has been suspended and faces deregistration for its militancy. The Industrial Commission tempted the workers with the \$30 settlement, so far members have not weakened knowing that they

don't need a third wage claim.

The workers' unions and determination to break the wages freeze.

**Unity beats bus bosses**

**BUS DRIVERS** are on a Sydney strike since they were told to work last month but to play no part in the pay of individuals with no say in the matter.

The system says it for a week or so the government has announced down their numbers at each depot, the Transport Authority wanted to ensure it was fitting at Katoomba and get out of the road.

When the weekend is over, the UTA look out to see who has been, as both sides to turn them against the strikers.

The state has a UTA Authority. One who has been seen at 11 hours run out, union members in several depots were seen to be working in the streets.

Drivers at Katoomba took things very seriously. They decided to set any fares used on the road.

In the face of this the UTA had to back down. After a long time, the UTA agreed to a 10% increase in pay with no extra work.

Most importantly, they agreed to a 10% increase in pay with no extra work. This means that the UTA will continue to pay the same wages but the UTA will not pay the same wages.

The UTA was looking for a way to "rehabilitate" the UTA in the same way as the UTA Authority in NSW. The UTA was looking for a way to "rehabilitate" the UTA in the same way as the UTA Authority in NSW.

**IN BRISBANE**, the UTA was looking for a way to "rehabilitate" the UTA in the same way as the UTA Authority in NSW. The UTA was looking for a way to "rehabilitate" the UTA in the same way as the UTA Authority in NSW.

## TELECOM COUGHS UP

A MASS picket of about 60 people—that's an unusual sight these days. And even more so in a public service strike. But it happened at Telecom's Melbourne office in mid-November.

The issue was asbestos, the very fine mineral fibre which can cause cancer years after exposure.

When management found some damaged asbestos on an air-conditioning duct, they thought it was just a matter of sealing it. But members of the public service matter of sealing it. But members of the public service matter of sealing it.

From then on it was a question of who was to prevail. The unions were concerned for their health and thought they shouldn't be obliged to work in hazardous working conditions. Management, who had removed the asbestos over the weekend, thought no clean up was necessary. At first they tried to maintain that the technical details were not the workers' business and then tried to argue that the amount of asbestos left in the air was within their "acceptable risk" level.

The high point of the strike was the mass picket. Scabs had to elbow their way through the people chanting slogans and coughed loudly as a warning. The picketers were in a great humour and felt that they had a good chance of winning.

When they heard that employees were accepting their pay in another building, a contingent rushed off there, and blocking off the lift lobby, preventing the payments from going ahead.

After a week, Telecom's health and safety expert got asbestos problems in other Telecom buildings. And there had been a clean up inside.

So after 8 days, the workers went back. But they placed bars in pursuit of their claim that they should be paid for the time lost—there is provision for asking people for time lost due to unsafe working conditions.

Management have related by taking all the strikers off flexitime. And since they've been back, the unions have got the results of the air tests which show that there is still asbestos in the air on some floors.

So the whole thing isn't over yet. So far there has been a partial victory in that no clean-up would have occurred if action hadn't been taken. And more public servants are learning that strike action works.



**FORGET ALL THE BULLSHIT** about consensus. This is how to defend yourselves from a cocky boss. Sydney building workers from both the BLF and BWIU have closed down the Foreign Publications site in Glebe after the owner threatened a union delegate with a shovel. It's not the first time the owner has tried this. In the past, he has thrown a printing union delegate down a staircase and had driven his Mercedes at another.

**Safety on the job** is a joke. Loose bits of timber form part of the scaffolding, there are no rails on the stairwells and there are large pools of water and building debris scattered all over the place. Non-union labour has been used on the site with people working on rosters days off and holidays at normal rates.

The picketers are adamant that all of this is going to change if the site is to re-open. There'll be proper safety, no more scabs, a decent lunch room and full union rights.



**SYDNEY bus drivers** at their stopwork meeting.

**Take the "X" out of Xmas!**

WITH A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION TO **The Battler!!**

Make sure you get your copy of **The Battler** every issue. Just \$10 a year, or \$25 for a supporting subscription. Or take out an introductory sub for just \$4 for 10 issues.

City news post to PO Box 46, Parramatta, N.S.W.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_