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## Socialist Party's First Congress

The first Congress of the Socialist Party of Australia (SPA) will be held from Friday, September 29 to Monday, October 2, 1972, in Sydney.

This was decided by a meeting of the Provisional Central Committee which met in Sydney recently.

This issue of "SPA" has a lift out supplement containing the Draft Programme and Draft Constitution of the Socialist Party prepared by the Provisional Central Committee.

Leading up to the Congress, Party members will be examining these documents critically. Congress has the task of finalising them as a guide to the future.

This work will be assisted if people not in the ranks of the Party offer their suggestions for improvement of the draft material. They are warmly invited to do so.

The Socialist Party was formed in December last year to restore and develop Marxist-Leninist theory and practice in Australia, following the abandonment of such principles by the Communist Party of Australia.

Already the SPA has given useful service to the working people and gained much experience which will be examined at Congress.

The Party has expressed its support for working class internationalism and Congress will consider endorsing the documents of the 1969 Conference of Communist and Workers' Parties held in Moscow.

Congress will also consider special resolutions submitted by the Provisional Central Committee on peace, international working class unity, the defeat of the McMahon Government in 1972, the building of the Socialist Party, immediate issues for working class unity in action, young people, immediate tasks in the struggle for women's equality and rights, education and Aborigines.

Resolutions from Branches will also be considered by Congress.

Finally, Congress will elect a Central Committee to lead the Party until the Second Congress.

The 1972 First National Congress of the Socialist Party will be an important event in the working class movement of Australia.



The cartoon which appears on this page is from a leaflet produced by students, stewards and seamen from the "Maroon" and "Kawarra". See election story on bottom.

## GOVT'S OIL CONSPIRACY

Oil companies in collusion with the Federal Government rejected the oil workers' justified claims for a wage increase of \$12 a week as part of a comprehensive log of claims, and adopted extremely provocative tactics.

They refused to hold negotiations with the ACTU, used staff men to do the work of striking maintenance men, proposed to introduce scab labour and rushed to Arbitration for penalties against the Unions.

The Federal Government again intervened in an industrial dispute to impose its policies which hold wages down, allow prices to rise and companies to make huge profits.

The government and oil companies clearly wanted to provoke a situation where thousands of workers were stood down and the motorist pool turned against the trade union movement.

This would be used for political purposes in the Federal elections, blaming the trade union movement for "industrial anarchy" and diverting attention from the real issues of unemployment, galloping inflation, high taxation, neglect of social services, health and education.

The ACTU Interstate Executive, in calling for direct negotiations with oil company managers, pointed to the provocation of the companies when it said in its resolution that previous negotiations with company industrial officers had shown "a consistent obstinacy on the part of the companies calculated to frustrate meaningful negotiations".

ACTU officers made other constructive proposals to get negotiations going and prevent a shortage of petrol with a possible shutdown of industry.

The oil companies responded to these reasonable proposals by invoking the penal clauses.

## Rich can pay

The oil companies are some of the most profitable and the claims of the 1500 maintenance men are small in comparison.

\* Eams Exploration and Production (Australia) increased net profit from \$10 million to \$27 million in the year ended December 31, 1971 and paid a dividend of \$21 million to its US parent. The largest of any American Company. Eams has assets of \$19.2 billion.

\* The Shell Group of companies in Australia made a net profit of \$25 million. They have Australian assets of \$381 million fully owned by Shell in London.

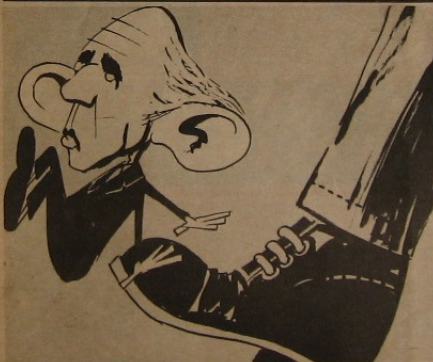
\* Mobil Oil Corporation, world-wide, made a net profit of \$482.7 million in 1970.

\* Texaco and Standard Oil, joint owners of Caltex Petroleum Corporation, made net incomes of \$822 million and \$454.8 million respectively in 1970.

\* The BHP made a record net profit of \$76 million of which \$36 million came from the sale of oil.

With few exceptions the big names in petrol and oil represent overseas capital and are some of the most arrogant and reactionary of employers wielding immense power over the political and economic life of many countries. Amoco, Eams, Caltex and Mobil are all US, Shell, BHP and Burnham are British, while Total Bural is 50% French.

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## OUT WITH McMAHON

"SPA" this month focuses on the oil dispute, unemployment, wages, prices, Vietnam, Australian independence and other matters. The reactionary influence of the McMahon Government is as big as them.

Latest figures show that unemployment, in seasonally adjusted terms, is the highest for more than one year.

Meanwhile BHP makes a record profit of \$76 million.

For the rich - huge profits. For the worker - unemployment and a struggle for a living.

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The Socialist Party will send a team of candidates to present working class policies.

The SP is one vote for the election of a Labor Government.

Features of SPA include will be peace and independence for Vietnam, workers price control, lower taxation for the working people, urgent measures to end unemployment arising from maintenance and industrial change.

Thus, it's all set now to defeat McMahon. The books, stewards and seamen of the "Maroon" and "Kawarra" have set a good example. They have produced an attractive election leaflet which includes the two scenarios featured on this page.



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**Travel to USSR**

People wishing to travel to the Soviet Union, New Haven, April 1973. Travel agent Agency New Haven, 2025 Avenue, New Haven, CT 06502.

The USSR is specializing in visits to the United States. The USSR is specializing in visits to the United States. The USSR is specializing in visits to the United States.

**RETRAINING?**

Most of the men are underpaid workers with specialized skill. What about their retraining? In addition, what about money to buy home appliances? What about transport to work?

**Bangla Desh peace leader's Aust. visit**

**ALI AKKAD**  
 Secretary of the Bangla Desh Peace Council and member of the Bangladesh Council, Mr. Ali Akkad, was scheduled for an extensive tour of Australia at the time of writing (July 24).

Mr. Akkad, age 40, is also news editor of the Daily Sangbad, Dhaka, and Executive member of the Bangla Desh Council for Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization.

Mr. Akkad is former president of the East Pakistan Union of Journalists and former secretary of the East Pakistan Union of Journalists and former secretary of the East Pakistan Union of Journalists.

He joined the Indian national liberation movement before partition and participated in the democratic activities, youth and peace movements in India from 1940.

Pakistan regime gained from several times, amounting to eight visits. He has been working as a journalist since 1951. He is a well known author on international relations and an author of a book on the world peace movement.

Mr. Akkad attended the World Peace Council Bureau meeting in Berlin in 1957, the first world conference in support of India's independence in 1970 and the Presidential Commission of the WPC in New Haven in 1971.

He has visited the USSR, Finland, Sweden, the UK, German Democratic Republic, Austria, Poland, Federal Republic of Germany and Guyana.

He is now a Master of Arts degree in political science from the University of Guyana.

**Broken Hill miners deserve better deal**

By a correspondent

The Broken Hill miners who produced the wealth for the Broken Hill South Company are entitled to a better deal than they are getting.

The company announces the mine doesn't pay and 570 miners are sacked.

A press report indicates that output value from 1960 to the end of last year was \$70,000,000 with the shareholders receiving 370,000,000 in dividends. It is obvious, the company, can well afford to pay a "bonus".

What is the deal (of these workers) the company which spent the output and dividend, says the mine will get a "bonus" of \$200 million each year with a maximum of \$300 million. This is an excessive money.

Shouldn't the men have been employed until their other work was done?

The answer, according to the report, "planned" will be the company to "planned" operations over two years. The company admitted there was no other work available until 1974.

It is not clear how long the "planned" operations will last. It is not clear how long the "planned" operations will last.

**ABORIGINAL WAY WAS OBSERVED**

**National Aboriginal Day**, July 14, was observed with massive activity in support of Aboriginal rights.

Aboriginal demands include land rights, the right to control their own affairs, the right to a defined national territory, full citizenship rights, equal rights in relation to wages and conditions, improved health, housing, and education.

Earlier in the week the Socialist Party, through its Provincial Council, had carried a special resolution on the occasion of July 14 declaring its full support for Aboriginal demands and making particular reference to land rights.

Two recent developments in relation to land rights were noted.

Mr. Bryan, secretary of the Victorian Land Abandonment Company (Vitalco), said the Abandonment Company had been established to support the Federal Council of the Aborigines' Land Rights and Terms. Some 1000 people have been contacted from about 1000 Aboriginal families.

The journal was in Australia as part of the campaign for the opening of the Australian continent to the people of the world.

Mr. Bryant said the council wanted to inform the public.

**SOVIET - CUBAN SOLIDARITY**

The Soviet Union and Cuba have declared that the solidarity of all revolutionary democratic forces in the socialist countries is a revolutionary principle which will be a decisive struggle against imperialism.

TASS, news agency reports, that when the Soviet-Cuban friendship solidifies in connection with the visit of a Cuban delegation to the USSR.

Other points from the TASS report follow.

The communique stated that talks between Cuban and Soviet leaders passed in the spirit of profound mutual understanding and fraternity and will be an unforgettable friendship and loyalty to Marxism-Leninism and the principles of socialist internationalism.

The talks led to a new important stage in the further development of the friendly relations between the Soviet Union and the Communist Party of Cuba, between the USSR and the People of Cuba, between the USSR and the People of Cuba.

The Soviet Union showed readiness "to go to the aid of Cuba in the construction of a socialist society, in consolidating the country's defence capability and in developing its revolutionary program."

The CPSU and the Soviet people highly assessed the achievement of the Communist Party and the people of Cuba in building the foundation of a socialist society and supported Cuba's demand for the unconditional removal of the American troops from the Cuban territory, in the interests of the cohesion of the socialist bloc.

The communique noted the rising liberation struggle in Latin America, the ascent of socialist states, the need to strengthen profound social and economic ties and of foreign dependence and the great role in developing the liberation process in Latin America played by the Cuban revolution.

Solidarity was expressed with the Government and people of Chile and Mexico in the country's national liberation struggle by the Peoples' Governments were supported.

The USSR and Cuba identified themselves with the heroic struggle of the people of Asia and Africa in China, Korea and Indo-China.

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The Australian Government of Charles made similar claim to Mr. Bryant, Secretary of the National Aboriginal Day.

The second development on land rights was the report by a special committee established to inform Federal Government of Aboriginal Affairs.

The committee's findings, reported in the press, indicated the government that land should be forthcoming for the Aboriginal people and the removal of the "Land Rights Bill" to the House of Representatives.

Since this claim was written the Yankile Ambassador's Embassy has been contacted by authorized.

The Aboriginal people, the committee found, have been treated as "second class citizens" in Australia.

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**US bombing Vietnam condemned**

President Nixon's plan "to intensify the bombing of Vietnam deliberately to provide a background for the Communist Party to the proposed resumption of peace talks between American and Vietnamese representatives in Hanoi."

At the beginning of July, the Provincial Council of the Communist Party protested at the US bombing of the cities in Vietnam which is intended to wreak new mass death and destruction on the Vietnamese people and called for the "widest public protest".

The committee called for "an end to all bombing, immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from Indochina and full recognition of the Indochinese people to national independence" and declared "full support" for the National Liberation Front peace proposal.

It was demanded to inform the Communist Parties in North and South Vietnam of the SPA's decision.

**MEINA FIGHTS TO WIN JOBS**

As a result of this summer, unemployed rural and building workers are being laid off.

Meina, however, has set up a committee to help unemployed rural and building workers to fight for jobs, and a committee to help unemployed rural and building workers to fight for jobs, and a committee to help unemployed rural and building workers to fight for jobs.

Already there has been some success. Applications for the ACTU agreement with many large employers have been made in 80 cases. Some 1000 unemployed rural and building workers have been employed and the unemployed, a very good way to the unemployed, a very good way to the unemployed, a very good way to the unemployed.

**French Govt. is denounced**

Example, Renault bus recently let by 16 percent.

Severance pay and bonus system. Mr. Mark Dignam, Secretary of the ACTU, said that the French Government is denouncing the French workers' struggle for jobs, and a committee to help unemployed rural and building workers to fight for jobs, and a committee to help unemployed rural and building workers to fight for jobs.

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**SPA CALL YOUTH EVENTS**

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Australian youth activists hold a meeting in Vietnam, Vietnam. From left to right: Chris Chappell, Frank Henry, David Harty, and other youth activists. In the background, a banner for the Communist Party of Australia is visible.

**oil conspiracy For North Vietnam**

to introduce any substances in order to reduce the cost of the program.

Oil reserves look industrial activity. It became known the companies were up to some oil price of 100 dollars per barrel. For example, when the oil agreement was signed in June, a requirement for a new oil had no been.

The Federal Reserve July 24, made the oil industry has decided to cut the oil price to 100 dollars per barrel. It will save a billion dollars a year.

It is important that the trade union movement was in the hands with the oil companies. The oil companies are in the hands of the Communist Government - headed by Mr. Ho Chi Minh.

At the time of writing the departure of the oil was not finished.

Support for the opening of the vote at 18 years was contained in a statement by Mr. Peter Ryan, a Progressive Labor Party member of the Socialist Party of Australia.

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From the labor movement, youth and student groups to protest the bombing.

The delegation visited the work of the Youth Organisation of the Communist Party of Australia in Hanoi.

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# SEAMEN UNION FIGHTS

# Seamen's Union changes

Ron Gifford has resigned from SA membership of the Seamen's Union on grounds of health. He had been secretary for 12 years.

Barley has been appointed secretary and Ron Gifford has been appointed treasurer. The Union's national committee will meet on September 10. The "New Horizons" magazine and the magazine "The Seaman" will be published by Ron Gifford.

Other local incidents have been made in the area. The Seaman's Union has been active in the work of the Seaman's Union in the area.

# Vietnam is one nation

The United States continues to deny the existence of North and South Vietnam by asserting that one nation is being created. The United States is also denying the existence of North and South Vietnam by asserting that one nation is being created.

# Letters to Editor

1972 is Federal elections year for the writing population of Australia. It is a year of change and opportunity.

# END THE V.C. THE COMPASSATE

By J. Sparks President, AMIEU

As a former delegate to the Victorian Trades Hall Forum for many years, I am proud of the initiative that was taken to set up the V.C. The V.C. is a very important organization.

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# KEY ARBITRATION GAINS STRENGTH

Two significant successes have been scored by Australian maritime unions in applying International Federation standards of wages and conditions for seamen.

Through direct action which involved the port of Melbourne and Adelaide, the rate of the "Maritime Award" has been brought under ITF agreement.

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# ANTI-FASCIST UNITY IN ITALY

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# HELP FOR KEY PAPER

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# Workers' action against monopoly

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# From the Socialist Word

USMR: Moscow public transport system suffers a daily loss of about 14 million rubles.

# NEW HORIZONS TOURS

We are your travel agents. Book now for exciting summer holidays on board the great ship, "The Scotia".

# BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS SERIOUS

Britain's economic problems as indicated by her decision to lift the pound sterling float freely on world markets, prompted this article by Jim Cooper.

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# DOGGED ECONOMY

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# MONOPOLY CAPITALISM

From "New Times"

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