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## A THUG AT HOME

**ISN'T IT nice to know Malcolm Fraser is opposed to aggression?**

The man who for the last four years has carried on an unrelenting war against the Australian working class now suddenly declares himself in favour of "peace".

The man who just last month "welcomed" 60,000 school-leavers onto the dole queues with his savage Work Test, an iniquitous six-week wait for benefits, and snide insults about the need for better education, is suddenly talking about "goodwill".

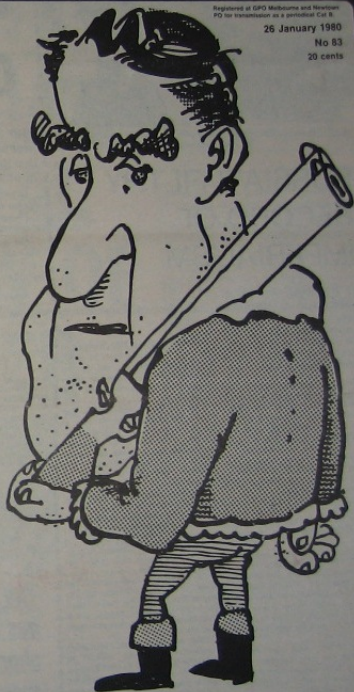
And the man who, as Minister for Defence, clapped and cheered as Australian troops joined in the American invasion of Vietnam — and as Prime Minister, gave a nod and a wink as Indonesia completed its takeover of East Timor — now delivers stern lectures about the "independence of nations".

Yes, the Russian invasion of Afghanistan has opened up untold opportunities for double-talk from Malcolm as he trips off to cosy up to our "great and powerful friends" in Britain and America.

All genuine socialists will unreservedly condemn Russia's Afghan invasion for it is the act not of a workers' state, but of a bureaucratic regime bent on imperialist expansion.

But that in no way means we will go along with Malcolm Fraser as he props and postures overseas.

For Fraser's talk about "peace", "goodwill", and "independence" is not just his usual brand of hypocrisy.



## A THUG ABROAD

It is a cover for the real purpose of his trip — to assure our "great and powerful friends" in America that he'll be "all the way" with them as they use Russia's invasion as an excuse to beef up their own militaristic posture.

In particular, in their campaign right now against Iran — where they fear the Khomeini's ramshackle regime may give way to a working-class revolution. That is the real threat to workers in Australia and the rest of the west. Far more than the danger of any "Russian world take-over" is the danger that Carter, Fraser and the rest of the western alliance will use Afghanistan as the opportunity to throw off the shackles of the Vietnam defeat and embark on a renewed course of imperialist militarism.

A course that we will have to pay for with our money and — ultimately — our blood.

We should by all means oppose the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. As a first step, we should insist that our trade unions impose an immediate boycott on Russian goods.

But that on its own will not be enough. On its own, it will merely fit in with Fraser's militarist campaign.

We have to go beyond that — and also impose union bans against the US until it drops its threats of a blockade against Iran and hands over the Shah and his fortune.

For workers in Australia, struggle against all imperialist militarism is the only possible course.

And here in Australia, Malcolm Fraser and our own ruling class are the main supporters of that trend.

The leopard has not changed its spots. Malcolm Fraser has been a thug at home, he was a thug in Vietnam — and he remains a thug abroad.

He and the class that he represents are still our main enemy. Even over an issue like Afghanistan, they — and not Russia — must remain our first target.



**Full Afghanistan coverage — 2,3**

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# Abortion threat is pills OK'S

QUEENSLAND Health Minister Sir William Knox's anti-abortion legislation is soon to appear before state parliament.

On September 25 last year, Mr Knox (reshadowed legislation to close the loopholes in Queensland's abortion laws. In response to this move the Women's Campaign For Abortion (WCA) organised a picket outside the Health Department on December 11 — the day legislation was rumoured to go before parliament.

The picket was well attended. Trevor and Joanne Watson, and Pamela Storen and Pamela Packes (non-members from Ennis) (Salisbury) were among the forty people who demonstrated.

**By Joanne Watson, Women's Campaign For Abortion**

These workers had decided to test the Trades and Labor Council's resolution to support anti-abortionists who attended the picket, and stopped their job for the afternoon.

## leader

Earlier, on December 17, three people held a picket outside the Health Department in Ipswich where the Liberal Party in Queensland was then managed to march successfully through the main streets of Ipswich with their abortion banners and placards.

The Queensland Trades and Labor

**We need a TLC stoppage to crush it now!**

a plan for concrete action — action that will utilise the support gained to date.

## support

The TLC must be pushed into giving support for such a rally — with a stopwork resolution that frees workers from the fear of victimisation if they

Whether or not Knox's bill enters parliament should not alter this course. Pro-abortion campaigners must not lose sight of our long term goal — the repeal of abortion laws.

What is needed now is

Pro-abortion demonstrators successfully march through Ipswich, near Brisbane, on December 9 after picking the office of Liberal Leader, Lew Edwards. Now we need trade union action to defeat the Right's legislation.

# ACTU goes a-courting

**SURPRISE, surprise. It's not every day you get the 'Melbourne Age' congratulating the ACTU for trying for shorter working hours.**

But that's what happened last week.

**By Ken Stevens**

The "Age" took a look at a position paper the ACTU tried to submit. This paper suggests that the ACTU should apply for longer holidays or optional retirement, or a shorter working week.

The position paper also says that this claim should be an entry of a pay rise — and that's the best way to get it. The paper points out that "last year, worker productivity has risen 10 per cent."

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## for 35 hrs

But that's what happened last week.

So even in terms of Bob Hawke's capitalist trade unionism, we're long overdue for some "rewards". But it's just typical of the ACTU that even when they've got a winning case, they go looking for a trade-off.

This is the reasoning behind the ACTU's productivity pay claim. Give the bosses "task" pay, and they'll give us a "bonus" on work-hours — that's the ACTU's thinking.

**campaign**

For the real problem is not so much the proposal of the 35-hour week.

It's what the dropping of the ACTU has absolutely no strategy of fighting for the 35-hour week or reduced working hours and is forced to revert to trade-offs.

La Trobe University's ACTU Congress specifically rejected a bid to campaign for the 35-hour week. Union leaders were showing the demand for the 35-hour week as a "bonus" to be given to the extra jobs created.

Unfortunately, winning the 40-hour week took steps of strategy — not just a polite legal argument, in a court.

When other workers' unions have fought the rights of their jobs, the ACTU has been reduced to a legal argument in a court.

# Red Alert for Agent Orange

AUSTRALIAN Vietnam veterans want compensation for exposure to the dioxin Agent Orange. They are following the example of organisations like the Vietnam Veterans of America, which have filed claims on behalf of 4.2 million soldiers, following the death last year of a 23-year-old veteran from cancer of the colon.

The veterans certainly have a case. But in the publicity given to their difficulties, it should not be forgotten that they are only the tip of the herbicide iceberg...

AGENT ORANGE is a mixture of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T herbicides. 2,4,5-T is both suspected of causing birth defects and other health problems.

The mixture that was sprayed in Vietnam was also contaminated with dioxin, one of the most toxic poison known. Very small amounts of dioxin can cause serious skin rashes and poisoning.

**Elaine Skehan, of Sale in Victoria, with her three-year-old son Matthew, who was born with spina bifida. Elaine was exposed to 2,4,5-T during pregnancy.**

Of fifty people affected, ten still had skin complaints in 1978. In several cases the family members of workers have also developed symptoms.

The most infamous accident with dioxin occurred in 1976. A plant manufacturing herbicides exploded and scattered a cloud of dioxin over Seveso, a suburb of Milan, Italy.

24,571 is banned in Australia. It is also banned in Sweden, and subject to special restrictions in the rest of Europe, and in Canada, but not in Australia.

A local council and trade union have filed a lawsuit in Australia which has exposed several cases of congenital myelomeningocele.

There are dozens of men of workers suffering 2,4,5-T poisoning. An accident in West Virginia in 1965 killed 28 people and had physical and mental effects on 1000.

# Uranium: AUSSIE NUCLEAR PIPES JUST WEIGH IN

1980 promises to be a year of growth and struggle for the international anti-nuclear movement.

Citizen's groups continue to organise nuclear power sites, present petitions and organize ever larger demonstrations around the world. But more importantly, trade unions are beginning to take industrial action against the industry.

In America, the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers (OCAW) led the trade union opposition. They are supported by the United Auto workers, fishermen, teachers, librarians, artists, and health workers.

They were joined by the socialist union, CFTU. 1500 workers from the OCAW were on strike in May to November 1979.

In France, when it was discovered that well-used cars had been found with traces of "radioactive dust" in the engine.

The world anti-nuclear movement is alive and kicking. In Britain, the largest

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# WORKERS' JOBS at Redfern Mail Exchange in Sydney, are under threat — perhaps more than they realise.

The Mail Network Plan to decentralise sorting and general by-pass. Redfern in particular is a blatant attempt to push our hard won conditions back there.

It's just one step in a broader plan, strategy that threatens all our jobs, and the jobs of everybody remotely connected with the communication systems.

# NETWORK PLAN MUST GO

By a Redfern worker

bringing with it almost instantaneous electronic mail and dramatic changes to the existing telecommunication network, could replace the present system by the early mid-1980s.

# SOMETHING HAPPENING WHERE YOU WORK?

Why not write for the Bulletin? Or phone us with the details.

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# Stop feeding the monster

URANIUM mining is set to go ahead in northern Australia in the next few years. As Fraser makes a desperate bid to sell it overseas.

Fraser is having trouble because of increasing opposition to the building of nuclear reactors in Europe, America and the Philippines.

IT is not every day that a hundred determined workers humble a multinational giant. But that's just what happened at Philip Morris in Melbourne in the dying moments of 1979.

The metal and electrical tradesmen at the plant defended two victimised workmates and their trade union rights, despite violence and intimidation from police and company thugs. The story of how they did it is full of lessons for the labour movement.

The tradesmen at Philip Morris have long enjoyed good wages and conditions, because they were a strong union shop. One of the reasons is the leadership of steward John Karadzas and the Closed Shop Committee.

In the latter months of 1979, an industrial dispute developed which the company stonewalled, hoping to break the union organisation on the job. It was a simple pay issue.

### apparent

Philip Morris offered a series of pay rises from mid-year. But most of them were more apparent than real, because the company wanted them subject to absorption into whatever rise came out of the Metal Trades Award.

Aborption means that if the company offers ten dollars one day, and the metal trades award provides a ten dollar raise the next, you only get a total of ten dollars. This proposal was repeatedly rejected by the unions, who began to bring pressure to bear for wage rises without strings.

First they placed bans on repair of new machinery. Then in early November they escalated it to the tradesmen have every second Friday off work. On the Friday before Cup Day they informed management that any machines which broke down that day would not be repaired.

This is a traditional union tactic at Philip Morris, and usually leads to discussions within a short time. But this time the company decided to use the situation to launch a major provocation.

The next week, fitter John Anderson removed a shaft from one of the machines for repairs. John Karadzas discovered that this machine had broken down on Friday, and immediately placed a ban on the shaft. The shaft sat in the foreman's office until 13 November. Then the company struck.

### refused

Anderson was instructed to work on the machine. He refused and was sacked. The chief engineer now attacked Karadzas, hoping to repeat the process. But Karadzas had heard of the firm sacking Karadzas, hoping to repeat the process. But Karadzas had heard of the firm sacking Karadzas, hoping to repeat the process. But Karadzas had heard of the firm sacking Karadzas, hoping to repeat the process.

# How 100 workers smoked out Philip Morris

A stopwork meeting was called, and organiser Max Larkin of the AMMSU was called on. On his arrival he discovered just how anxious Philip Morris were for trouble. The company had already called the police. The cops

questioned Larkin, then followed him into the meeting and began questioning the workers. At this time the tradesmen walked out of the plant, and by the 19th there were pickets at the gates.



LEFT: The notorious masked thug hired by the company — this photo raised a storm in state parliament. RIGHT: A cop drags a picketer away from the factory gate.

By Tom O'Lincoln

### The strikers faced serious problems from the start.

Unskilled tobacco workers remained at work, as did carpenters, storemen, drivers and firemen. The strikers were not so hard on the tobacco workers. After all, their union is so proud of being that with an office on the premises. The workers themselves cannot be blamed if that sort of union refused to lead them out on strike.

But seeing other unions, some with strong unions, sabbing on them was a bitter pill. And with storemen loading trucks and transport workers prepared to drive them, their picket line was not so airtight.

The company also got an enormous amount of police support to try to smash the picket. Police drove past regularly and rolled up in massive numbers to bring trucks through. Here is how a local paper described the events.

"In a machine line operation, four blocking cars, parked by picketers were removed from Gate 2 by Cochrane, Mc, Moorabbin, and the revving arms rolled. Twenty pickets placed themselves almost under the front wheels.

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### necessary

Superintendent John Ibbotson, of U District police headquarters in Highbury, later said it had been necessary to "flood" 15 people from the entrance. The trucks went through, bringing a month's supply of raw tobacco to picket Philip Morris management in the box seat.

The picketers, who have lost \$1000 back pay manning the four gates for a month, scoured and half-sabbed as they ran half a kilometre to the back gate to meet stage 2 of an operation. The two steel gates were a sidewalk of contending hands. A striker shaking the gates, noise-steady them — as company men levered them open.

And Chambers, in tartan peaked cap, retted away with a vertical gash down the nose from a clash during the gate shake. You're exploding tools,

Chambers yelled at the police lines. You've got your own union yet they order you to break ours, and you blindly obey."

Inside the fence, the company mobilised large numbers of thugs. Some were karate experts. Some were armed. Still others had dogs. The strikers secured a remarkable photo of one of the thugs in a hallway. They also managed to take a leather sheathed wooden baton away from one of them.

### worse

The cops and thugs were frightening, but what made it all worse was the blatant refusal of the mass media to report the dispute. The picketers rang them continually, growing more and more infuriated, yet nothing appeared on TV or in the press.

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### AT about this time, too, strike organisation began to get into high gear.

A letter from the strikers was circulated to tobacco workers who were not inside to counter company propaganda. A duplicated leaflet produced by The Banner was circulated at Williamsstown dockyards. A few days later, an official union leaflet was available in distribution by the thousands. Youngsters, other players and union branches began to plant. At the first Arbitration Tribunal, Commissioner

# Hawke sippily in the company box

places that were never even visited. Hammerling from workers at Mt Tom Prison sent a cool \$7000. Pickets began to receive \$100 a week. The front gate in Cochrane Road. Mass meetings were held across the road, to keep everyone informed and to store those cold cans of beer that kept spirits up in the December.

### launch

In the final weeks the workers were able to launch a few expeditions away from the plant. At the first Arbitration Tribunal, Commissioner

regular event. Borrowing a leaf from the Union Caride experience, the unions made the barbecue into small rallies, with entertainment, short speeches, and a series of visitors from the community and other workplaces.

### CLEARLY, public opinion was swinging solidly in favour of the strike. So was the trade union movement.

Shrew after Christmas, the Metal Workers and Electrical Trades Union threatened a 48-hour stoppage. An ETU announced that there would be no stoppages granted during the strike, and no emergency services. This uncompromising statement

was shown to Philip Morris and Commissioner Turbett. The dispute was about to end, but not before a strange final incident highlighted just how ugly the company's tactics could become. Philip Morris had secured legal writs restraining the picketers.

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Anderson were retained, and a three month cooling off period was set, during which all issues were to be resolved. The \$4 food allowance granted as the metal industry was made retrospective to July.

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On the 13th of November in the year of 79 The Company sacked our brothers So we formed a picket line. And while we stood defenceless Against their fierce attacks Defiant was our answer Our brothers must go back.

This multinational company Which did not look for peace They hammered at our picket line With thugs, dogs and police. They thought that we would crumble. They thought that we would crack. But always came the rallying call Our brothers must go back.

Outnumbered by the uniforms And faces filled with hate Our men were hushed and bullied As the scabs drive through the gate.

This only served to temper us, And gates we do not lack. The only way they'll settle this is take our brothers back.

With lawyers and injunctions And threats of jail and fine. The company they tried to win To smash our picket line. They even hired a gunman As the law line advanced. But guns or clubs we still maintain Our brothers must go back.

And now the battle's over And victory's ours at last. The picket line disbanded After our mammoth task. In through the gates we're walking tall. The scabs will face some back. Upon our shoulders riding high. Our brothers going back.

# The lighter moments . . .

In the recent Philip Morris strike, picketers were convinced that the company was using off duty policemen as security guards. But how to prove it?

At the main gate one evening, a certain union official decided to force the issue. He picked up the nearest solid object, and sent it flying through the window of the guard box.

A beely individual promptly emerged, flourished a badge, and started to arrest him. The union official displayed a remarkable interest in the details of the man's identity.

Realising what was afoot, the man fled into the plant and was seen no more. Too late. The truth was out.

### ★★★

At another time, the strikers wanted a photo of one of the guards. But the guards were naturally reluctant. The impressive Ian Chambers solved the problem at a stroke.

He knew the company had been spreading wild stories about the violent intentions of the workers. So he lined up a mate with a video camera, seized an empty beer bottle, and booted in through the gate fourishing it like a club.

Out came the horrified guard like a jack in the box.

### ★★★

The company spokesman was emphatic. Stories about intimidation by Philip Morris were wrong. The notorious photo of the masked thug 'could have been taken anywhere'.

And there were most certainly no dogs on the premises, he said. Then, dogs on the premises, he said. Then, dogs on the premises, he said. Then, dogs on the premises, he said. Then, dogs on the premises, he said.

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All the apprentices were on strike with the tradesmen. Most were pleased to be there, but one was not. He went to management and asked to work.



Sprung! The armed process server has his gun grabbed by a picketer, after pointing it at a union organiser's wife.



Strap! Company guards with his gun grabbed by a picketer, after pointing it at a union organiser's wife.

# LAST, THE 33 A.D. SHOW

WHEN the British comedy team of Monty Python announced that they were working on their third film, the news was greeted with the sounds of the ringing of cash registers and the low chanting of pro-fil, pro-fil, pro-fil.

But when their backers read the script, they panicked. It will never recover its cost, they said, because no-one will want to see a film that makes fun of Jesus-Christ.

The ex-beatle, George Harrison thought differently. He put up the millions needed to get the Python's idea onto celluloid and the result, "Life of Brian" is screening around Australia at the moment.

When the film started screening in the United States, the righteous right winged fanatics were outraged. Blahgers, they cried, how dare you make fun of our saviour, the Holy Spook, religious fanaticism.

But George Harrison got his money back and a few more besides. Both Dylan, who was the first to discover that there's money in religion.

And of course, the God Squad have every reason to be angry with him because his pulp with laughter every sly thing that they cherish.

### concerned

For example, one thing that the cultural dorks of the right dream on about is the need to return to "the good old days" when schools and teachers were concerned with making the kids learn the three R's - reading, writing and arithmetic.

Leaving aside the fact that the initials of those three skills do not spell out "war", Monty Python does a beautiful job demolishing that argument.

John Cleese (a Roman officer/polemian) gives us here a lesson in Latin which made me cry with laughter because he does it with all the wit, wit and humour that I wish with which I was taught Latin at school.

If anyone wants to know how schools would be run if the three R's were forgotten (rightwing rabble) took over, they can take a look at the film. The only difference is that the kids would be in the uniforms and not the teachers.

But the right wingers were not the only ones to be upset with the film. It seems that a number of righteous ladies from the film outrage - because it makes fun of reactionary stereotypes.

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Brian (Graham Chapman) socks it to the Judsons in the Monty Python heam's latest cap at all things pompous.

George Stylianou reviews Monty Python's 'The Life of Brian' and finds it crucifyingly funny.

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SURELY YOU can't be seriously about abolishing the police force? There's the chaos. You must have somebody to enforce the rules.

The idea that human beings need to be repressed is deeply ingrained. And no wonder. It's at the very heart of all religion and all the arguments of the law and order brigade have developed over the years.

Yet just cast your eyes around your workmates and you'll see what a ludicrous notion that is. You'll notice that the fundamental thing about working people is their basic decency, a decency which incidentally the bosses exploit to the full.

But our masters don't just rely on our own decency and restraint to keep us in line. They also have highly organised bodies of armed men like soldiers and policemen to keep us in line.

There can be no doubt that socialism will involve the abolition of the standing army and the police force. What's more, such a change should frighten no-one.

Consider what the real, as opposed to the supposed, purpose of the police is. It's not to help old ladies across the street. It's not to sort out traffic chaos or what have you. You don't need a professional non-munitioned police force to do these things. Any worker could do them.

The main function of the police force is to look after property, not money. Its business is to combat that elementary form of wealth redistribution - stealing.

In a socialist society, want, the fundamental cause of crime, will disappear. One person will not be permitted to own three houses while others are homeless. People would no longer have to struggle and twail to get a house or to furnish it with decent equipment like studio couches, stereo systems and washing machines.

They'd have these things as of right and in abundance. So there would be no need to steal. This would enable us to abolish the police force and to put the massive resources presently wasted on maintaining and equipping this organisation to some useful purpose.

But, say the critics of socialism. What about murders and sexcrimes - socialism won't do away with them. So you'd still need a police force or something very like it to deal

with these things. The answer is that the abolition of the army, the police, education and peace, what have the Romans done for us there, hence.

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The Philip Morris picketers are just the latest group of workers to see the real face of the bosses' police. Now LAURIE FLYNN looks forward to the day when we abolish cops once and for all

with these problems! In fact, socialism would fairly swiftly result in a fairly significant reduction in the crime rate.

Thousands of workers would not longer be murdered at work because of the flouting of safety standards in the pursuit of profit.

All the tensions associated with poverty would disappear. There'd be no worrying about money, there would be more human solidarity.

There'd be less overworking and therefore less conflict in people's living units. The result is obvious - unquestionably fewer murders, suicides, and person to person violence.

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# NEEDS COPS?



They'll go under socialism

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We've loved them, yeah, yeah, yeah

I WAS JUST a kid in Coventry, England, when the Beatles exploded, but I can remember the excitement.

Beatlemania was so rampant that every kid from just out of their nappies up knew songs like 'She Loves You' and recognised who John, Paul, George and Ringo were. Now 18 years later, 'Birth of the Beatles' is a movie tracing the story of their development up until their visit to the US - has been released.

The movie will be a success because of the music, the Beatles name and because of the nostalgic escapism in it. But it will also be a success because of the story line, rap, it riches theme.

The movie is set mainly in working class Liverpool, and in the A&E and out clubs in Hamburg where the Beatles first became famous.

It's against this background that the musical and personal development takes place, mainly centred around John. Paul exchanges it for a life of excitement and personal fulfillment.

The message that's constantly referred to is that if you've got the ability and try hard enough, then you will make the grade (and incidentally, make the transition from Liverpool to a luxury Manhattan apartment).

Individual escape and we're all screening in the suburbs at our clubs on the stage, the episode only lasts as long as a Saturday night.

But only a few ever make it. For most of us, there is no road.

leather jackets and are wearing monkey suits. Of course they changed. They wanted to be stars, they wanted to escape their working class culture and buy the records, go to the cinema and see the films. But we don't see any of this in 'Birth of the Beatles'.

The music and the musicians are working class. But the executives and the owners who own the industry are definitely not. Some day, the industry will be sold.

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Life wasn't meant to be easy...

Only patients will suffer from hospital closures and of course health workers' jobs. Dr. Adler said "It's been made clear that these things aren't enough, beds now, let alone after the cuts. And it's also clear that the authorities will only move to action. Nurses have been passive long enough."

**NURSES are angry and they're doing something about it.**

Over a thousand members of the Nurses' Association from the eastern suburbs group of hospitals in Sydney went on a 24 hour strike from 7am on Friday, January 18.

These hospitals include the Prince of Wales, Prince Henry and the Eastern Suburbs Hospital.

They are striking over the Labor government's plan to close down the Eastern Suburbs Hospital, which is the centre for cancer patients and rehabilitation for the industrial area.

About 230 nurses, including support staff from other situated hospitals like Parramatta and Balmain, attended a sign at the state office block holding pole of Newsworld.

**officials**

Nurses walked in the hot sun while a delegation of top officials of the Association and the NSW Government tried to persuade them to drop their strike.

They were offered to go back to work from 10am to 11am. Union officials and the capitalist press have threatened the nurses' industrial action in tragic terms.

To ensure patient safety and to recuperate the usual stacks of responsibility handed out at striking nurses, the following steps were taken:

1. Action committees have been set up at the three hospitals to ensure smooth

**relevant**

The delegate for Prince of Wales commented, "We are making a relevant statement. We are saying that we are to be counted. We are no longer the handmaids of doctors and governments. We must have a say in patient care... we already play the central role."

The strike is only the beginning of our fight for our right to be heard."

When made no concrete proposals after meeting with the union, the main problem was one of communication and conciliation — a typical why-whay whay stance.

But he did say for all to hear, that there would be absolutely no loss of jobs or salaries. We'll see you."

The point is, says the delegate, that the main problem was one of communication and conciliation — a typical why-whay whay stance.

**order**

The Nurses' Association was summoned to the Industrial Commission again. This time before Mr Justice Laidy — No order or recommendation against the proposed actions was made.

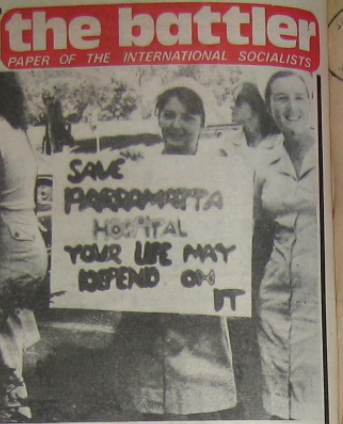
Nurses have won widespread support in their struggle. Even a doctor from Prince of Wales was there to give support.

The next bed reduction from the group is 50. 50 nursing staff and over 100 other staff positions will go. Beds and consultants have been applied since January 18.

Wales refused to hold daily stop hours in their attempt to get to the truth of the matter, or at least get definite statements of planned changes.

In January 9, the Eastern Suburbs branch placed a freeze for one month on the transfer of any nursing staff from their hospital.

On the day following the decision to strike, the Nurses' Association was summoned to the Industrial Commission for a compulsory conference.



**ACO — the bans should have stayed**

**BY A VOTE OF 284 to 66, Australian Clerical Officers' Association (ACO) members in Social Security in Melbourne have lifted their ban on the new six week dole postponement provisions, one in several ban**

The vote was in line with a recommendation by the union's Section Committee and followed a management attack on the ban.

Lifting the ban will mean postponing Work Test and guaranteeing support for actions taken against it by workers in Social Security and the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES).

In response to this feeling, the ACO's Section Committee in CES and Social Security launched a joint publicity campaign against the new measures.

**Victory at Philip Morris p.6,7**

**Issue**

Problems began for the campaign in December, just before the newly elected Section Committee took office. Management issued a leaflet attacking the ban as illegal.

The outgoing Government (National Civic Council) — ACO member, Social Security



**Brisbane metal shops black Ranger**

**THIS IS HOW TO STOP URANIUM**

**P6-7 Full Afghanistan coverage**

- ★ Why it all happened — the tragedy of the Afghan left
- ★ Olympic runner speaks: I won't compete in a 'Free World' Games
- ★ Fraser's trip — the global policeman is back on the beat.

**A GREAT example has been set in the fight to stop uranium mining in Australia.**

About one hundred metal workers at two shops in Brisbane have placed bans on steel fabricating equipment for the Ranger uranium mine.

Sargeants ANI in Brisbane won a contract for 4,000 tons of steel for Ranger. In line with Amalgamated Metal Workers and Shipwrights Union (AMWSU) policy, Sargeants metal workers met and refused to have anything to do with it.

**Sack Threat**

Management then tried subcontracting the work out to smaller engineering shops, Evans Deakin at Geelong, after a two hour meeting, decided to hold the line.

Since that meeting, several Deakin workers have already been laid off.

The action by the Sargeants ANI and Evans Deakin is a courageous blow — the first time that unions have imposed uranium bans since last ACTU Congress. They must not be left to fight alone.

The ACTU has just printed a booklet urging unions to black the Ranger. The Sargeants ANI and Evans Deakin workers have done just that — now the ACTU must support them, if its Queensland Trades and Labor Council to enforce ACTU policy against uranium mining, and to call a job delegates meeting to plan a full campaign of industrial bans to stop mining.

Many delegates have already signed and two unions, the Marine Stewards and the United Firefighters Union, have called for the delegates meeting.

Only union ban will stop uranium mining. And Sargeants ANI and Evans Deakin at Geelong have shown rank and file action is the way to get them.

**More ban moves - 2**



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**CERR—What Next?**

**COMMONWEALTH public service union officials in NSW are trying to bury the almost dead campaign against the Commonwealth Employees (Redeployment and Retirement) Act.**

At a meeting on Friday, January 18, that most members didn't even know about, Graham Meyson of APSS and Barry Cotter of ACO reported on the result of the arbitration case over the government's right to sack public servants.

**included**

Given that the unions (after an industrial campaign that included the unions' first national stop-work) didn't even contest the government's right to sack us when they like, it's not surprising that they didn't have much good news for the meeting. And they didn't have

any proposals for continuing the campaign.

A number of speakers raised the question of keeping the fight for jobs alive in preparation for the time when the government starts sacking people.

In line with this, the meeting overheard (but not supported) a motion moved by an International Socialist member of the Government Employees Action Group that there should be a joint ACO/APSS stop-work meeting within a week of anyone being sacked.

The passing of that motion at a "mass" meeting of 50 or 60 members of two unions should be used as a start to call meetings of section committees, reps and members to prepare ourselves to take the direct action that will be necessary to defend the government if it tries to take away our jobs.

by Diane Fieldes, ACO, Sydney





# SEEK THE FREE WOMEN!

WHEN the British steel strike began six weeks ago, Iron Maiden Margaret Thatcher and her government thought they'd have a easy victory.

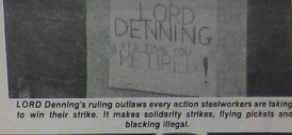
By David Lockwood

They were devastatingly wrong. After six weeks, the production and transportation of steel has virtually stopped thanks to vigorous picketing by rank and file steel workers.

When the Tories came to power, one of their major tasks was to cripple working class organisations in Britain. First, they began a campaign of massive 'cut against the workers' which has yet to go through Parliament — outlawing, above all else, the picketing of a workplace other than one's own.

to fight for jobs in the coal and steel industries. As we had to expect, the bosses went to court. They managed to get a judgment from the House of Lords which ruled that the ITC executives voted to accept the Downing House.

But legal games may have come to an end for British Steel and the ITC. Thatcher government. Ban or no ban, the subcontractors pickets are spreading. At the conclusion, then British workers have the opportunity to refer the issue to the courts. The House of Lords has ruled that the ITC executives voted to accept the Downing House.



LORD Denning's ruling outlaws every action steelworkers are taking to win their strike. It makes solidary strikes, flying pickets and blocking illegal.

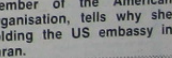
Almost immediately the strike began, the ITC leaders and the representatives of the Trades Union Congress have rushed in to try to sell out the strike.

The Tories and the bosses have tried to keep the Tories from making ready for an appeal against the picketing of a workplace other than one's own. They packed a large but unrepresentative union — the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (ISTC) — into the industry which is already being threatened to provide a strike.

## A U.S. Socialist says: Stuff patriotism . . .

## SUPPORT THE IRA STRIKERS!

GIBSON greets Cards put on a new line of Christmas cards this year based on patriotic themes. One card shows a snowman holding an American flag. The message reads, 'May the Faith of our Fathers be our Hope for the Future.'



The crazy face of patriotism — a US marine played to be used as a cartoon foil for his own ruling class.

Like all other opportunists, Gibson is cashing in on the recent resurgence of patriotic ideas — "America First", "God Bless America" and "America is the greatest country on the Face of the Earth." Other manifestations of Americanism are more ominous.

They include increased sales spreading the Buy American campaign, attacks on the unions, revival of the large scale working class resistance to the "filed government."

But rank and file workers have taken the organisation of the strike into their own hands. They have spread the strike, both by organising strike, both by organising strike, both by organising strike.

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And the proper response to progress on an American embassy is military intervention: we'll show them who's boss.

Many young men and women, including those who reluctantly fought the war in Vietnam, and those who gladly fought against it, now influenced by this revival of national chauvinism.

We need to think more about ways of clarifying what we mean by imperialism. About the difference between the nationalism of oppressor nations, like the US and that of oppressed nations and peoples.

Most of all, we need to think about what Karl Marx

about the relationship between the American working people who are exploited in this nation, and the US government, which has to be overthrown.

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for example, those who



NO TO Sadat's treason, Yes to the Palestinian Revolution" — part of the half-million strong march in Damascus against Sadat (inset) and his Camp David betrayal.

## A million march against "Camp David"

CAMP DAVID or not, the Middle East will never be normal until the Palestinian people receive justice.

THIS was the message to Jimmy Carter, Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat as a General Strike shut down most of Lebanon on January 26 in protest at the normalisation of relations between Egypt and Israel.

The latest stage of the normalisation was the opening of the Egyptian-Liberal hotel to civilian tourists. Palestinian Arabs also struck and closed their shops in the Israeli occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

There were massive demonstrations against the Egyptian government in the West Bank, the area dominated by the Palestinian Arabs who have been expelled from their homes in the West Bank, the area dominated by the Palestinian Arabs who have been expelled from their homes in the West Bank.

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WINDEX the Auburn (Sydney) plastic container makers, use PVC plastic with quite a high specification for vinyl chloride (VC). When the workers, used PVC plastic of fumes from the heated plastic, Winindex brought in the PVC sheet chemist from ICI. He reassured them that PVC does not get off VC when heated.

But Eddy Public has a direct line into the laboratory at ICI. There we are told the standard method for measuring VC content of PVC is by analysing the fumes given off when it is heated.

Somebody forgot to tell the lab workers it doesn't give off VC.

By Janey Stone

Department of Energy for funds to help with the clean up from a research project. They claim the work will be a convenient way of learning more about reactor safety.

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### refusal

As a result of British workers' refusal to accept the Government's offer of a 5% pay rise, initially only in the nationalised industries.

From the start, the strike was far more than just a pay rise. It has been about the workers' determination to break the power of working class organisations.

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### Workers' control for workers' health!

No real change at all. That's the expected result of Neville Wren's inquiry into occupational health and safety to be held in NSW.

About 30 trade unions attended a seminar on January 19 to discuss the inquiry.

We felt that could be the beginning of legislation coming out of the inquiry was extremely limited.

Without workers' control of the administrative work of the legislation, there could be no guarantee of health and safety

the right to report copies of all reports and other documents relating to workplace health and safety.

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Does the end justify the means?

# APOLYCALYPSE AND REALITY

TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM  
Duncan Hallas



THE SIGNING of the 1933 Concordat, the Catholic Church's deal with the Nazis, by Nazi Foreign Secretary Von Papen (1) and Cardinal Pacelli (2), later to be Pope Pius XII.

THERE are two ways, and two ways only, in which rules of behaviour — ethics, morality or whatever — can be justified.

They can be justified as coming from some super-human being, outside and beyond society, from a god. Or they can be justified in terms of their consequences.

The first position is that of the Aristotelian of Canterbury and of course, of bishops, rabbis, monks, shamans and witch-doctors throughout the ages. It is so because the god says so. Different gods, have, different systems.

Indeed the same god requires different rules at different times, if he (or she) is fortunate enough to live long enough, that is to say to retain worshippers long enough.

The legendary Jabneh of the Old Testament once struck a pious Hebrew deal because the wretched man laid a hand, with his own hands, which Jabneh tried — or so the ancient books tell us.

This bloodthirsty old ruffian, who once delighted to see the prince of Babel hewed in pieces or hanged on iron, has modified his morality considerably in modern Judaism.

The Christian god, too, has changed his notions of right and wrong as time has passed. He once, as Marx said, justified slavery with antiquity and glorified the serfdom of the middle ages.

Nonetheless, to judge from the statements of his professional interpreters, he holds forced labour to be a bad abomination.

image

But enough of this. Men make gods in their own image, not the other way round, and so they necessarily also make the allegedly "eternal" moral codes that they preach in the mouths of their deities. There is no serious alternative to judging behaviour in terms of its social consequences.

Which, of course, the notorious doctrine that "the end justifies the means" which is such a sacred to all champions of "eternal" moral truths. Yet how do they themselves proceed in practice? Consider the questions of violence in its most extreme form, the question of war.

There was a popular American song, in the early war years, that went: "Treat the Lord and your fellow animal!"

It was, fairly enough, about the attitude of the Americans deity of the war, wholehearted support for the US military effort.

The US catholic bishops, for example, blessed American arms. The German catholic bishops, on the other hand, blessed German arms. "Get Him first" was inscribed on the belt buckles of Hitler's soldiers.

Japanese Catholics, a smallish minority of Japanese, as happens, prayed for the soldiers of Emperor Hirohito.

I suspect the catholics, not others, but because as a "universal" church and one of its sacred founders, they were to illustrate the essence of the matter in its purest form.

What then, as to deat what means. War meant fighting and fighting means killing. Under modern conditions it means killing on the most concentrated scale possible and women and children as well as men, civilians as well as soldiers.

What then, becomes of the "creativity of human life" about which "eternal" moral principle says competent priests are *divine* to handly at the drop of a hat? It would be a mammoth task to explain all this as mere hypocrisy. Catholic theologians long ago discovered the doctrine of the "just war". What is

justified, either by conscientious Catholics or by marions. The means must be compatible with the end, must genuinely serve it.

For marxists, systematic description of the working class is never justified, is always immoral, because it is incompatible with the end — the emancipation of the working class.

The basis of socialist morality can now be summarised, and it can hardly be better put than in these words of Trotsky:

"A means can only be justified if it leads to increasing the power of man over nature and to the abolition of the power of man over man."

From the Marxist point of view, which expresses the historic interests of the working class, the end is justified if it leads to increasing the power of man over nature and to the abolition of the power of man over man."

## The nightmare that was the rape of Vietnam

**WAR** OF conquest are probably the most degrading and disgusting of all human activities.

As with most other things, capitalism has raised the conduct of war to new "heights", with the hydrogen bomb, chemical warfare and the American invasion of Vietnam.

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Some of the scars are very visible. Tens of thousands of crippled, maimed and insane young men, their lives destroyed by the deaf of destruction. An entire fringe society of ex-Vietnam heroin addicts.

And the American military, welcomed as "saviours" during the

two world wars, becoming the object of mass loathing in Britain, Australia, Germany and most of America's allies.

The real brutality of the Vietnam War is something we will never know. But Francis Coppola's movie, *Apocalypse Now*, shows us a little of what it was like.

The most horrifying scene in the movie is not some graphic disembowelling (or other equally horrible piece) but one involving the routine inspection of a Vietnamese boat travelling downriver.

A soldier is ordered on board to check the weapons. He is very sulky about it. When he gets back on the patrol boat, his captain orders him to go back and check a large basket he missed.

The young woman on board becomes very agitated and runs up the boat to the basket to stop him. The soldier goes berserk and shoots up everyone on the boat. When he calms down, he looks inside the basket.

And a small puppy. The soldier is so devastated by what he

has done that he takes the puppy and makes it the centre of his affection, in a pathetic attempt to atone.

It's the story of Colonel Kurtz (Martin Brandt), a brilliant captain, a soldier headed straight for the top in the US Army — until his posting in Vietnam.

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# YOUNG SURE BUT THE SAME OLD BAND-AID

A CAPTION under the photograph of the federal Labor spokesman on employment and industrial relations on the back cover of his book *I Want To Work* tells us:

"Mick Young's political instincts developed when he was a shearer."

By John McLean

We are told immediately "where these instincts came from" according to his publisher.

"He moved rapidly through the industrial and political labour movement to become a spokesman for the *mainstream* federal government in Labor's history."

And from that his instincts took him into federal parliament, where he admits,

"To go in the House of Representatives over the past few years and listen

to such a sinister hatred of employment and the social virtues of that stimulation, as Bill Hawke has outlined.

"In that he, not only highly accurate political spectrum, from small Liberals to extreme socialists, many people have had first-hand experience of the way the vote and trade them."

"So that the outcome of the struggle for the 15-hour week in 1951, would have been a little reluctant to remain based on a Labor minister to supporting the 15-hour week."

"The Labor Government could take to ensure that workers rather than their masters get the benefit of the new technology. They put a more clearly — a fair share of the situation right."

## 'I Want to Work' just doesn't have the answers

This self-styled ambassador for the unemployed also seems to be sure that the 15-hour week in 1951, would have been a little reluctant to remain based on a Labor minister to supporting the 15-hour week.

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## Phil Griffiths looks at a war movie with a difference

But surely of feeling for the plight of those without jobs, like the political instincts of Mick Young, are not enough to change things in a country with 600,000 out of work.

The first half of Young's book brings together how the employment statistics are inflated, decisions the state delivers to the private sector, the vetoes and looks at the way Communists have taken over the Employment Service.

It is all of this information in a well-written and readable book, far the best of the first few chapters are the continuation from the unemployed themselves.

A good example comes from a young woman from Melbourne, Victoria. She answered the call to the unemployment office for a job. She was told to go to the Aldinga area to pick up a parcel.

She describes her experience in detail, including some chilling statistics which show how much the government spends in two weeks.

The final three chapters of Young's book are depressing reading, but his political instincts have carried him as far as they can.

You can judge for yourself whether they are worth looking for in the chapter lists.

They are called "Education", "Job Training", "Industrial Training and Social Services", "The Government's Solution to the Unemployment Problem" and "What can we do about it?"

Phil Griffiths looks at a war movie with a difference. He is a former member of the Labor Party. He is also a member of the Labor Party. He is also a member of the Labor Party.

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## Excuse me, but I want to work

Now Mick Young is not a stupid man, so why is it that he has written this book? Why does he do this? The answer is that he is a man who has had an effective weapon in the hands of the Labor Party for 15 years.

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# Wran's 'meat' SESS

## OSSES

**NEVILLE Wran has done it again.**

His government has closed Sydney's Eastern Suburbs Hospital, despite the recent strike by nurses at the three hospitals in the area.

By Diane Fieldes

As expected, the Nurses Association was sold down the drain by the Labor Party.

Who was it that said on TV that nurses and staff would not lose jobs or wages? Wran.

How long after this grand promise was the Eastern Suburbs Hospital closed down? About one week.

Although strike action over funding cuts to psychiatric hospitals and community health centres forced the Wran government to give in, some of the health care staff were still in a battle over health-care funding. The NSW Health Department has announced that they will be going to the Labor government to fight through a joint-union action campaign.

But to be effective, strikes need to be part of a wider political campaign against government spending cuts.

For example, workers at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital in London, where the British government tried to close down four years ago, could not simply strike to keep their jobs.

The Wran government wanted them to do this, so they had to have a defence. At the time they thought there was no defence, they picketed the hospital to stop it from being working in the hospital was closed through a joint-union action campaign.

**overseas**

Although Neville Wran's strike action alone hasn't been enough to save the Eastern Suburbs Hospital, it will be going to the Labor government to fight through a joint-union action campaign.

stop within the hospital. Publicity through public meetings, demonstrations, and the NSW Health Department was organised.

Workers also got support from unions and unions in the area in the first of the general demand stopping the cuts.

And stop it they did. The HCA is still open today, despite four years of government attempts to close it down.

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## SMASH THE STAFF CEILING

**SEASONAL labourers in Canberra have joined the battle to have Commonwealth public service staff ceilings lifted.**

About 240 labourers are put on by the City Parks Administration every summer. The City Parks Staff Union worth of work to private contractors through the year.

By Michael Thompson

The workers say that there is enough work to keep them on during winter, and that the contractors don't do a good job.

When they don't abide by the award for their workers, they are forced to attend meetings.

The first day before the award they attend meetings to discuss the award. They are forced to attend meetings to discuss the award.

## Dockers in danger

**IT STILL amazes me to see the slack attitude employers have towards workers' health and safety.**

This was highlighted for me at work at the Williamson Naval Dockyard in Melbourne the other day, when I was confronted with two separate instances of total disregard for our safety.

The first was when I was working on the HMAS *Teramita* in the dock. All the top section of the ship had been set off getting into the water but to be off, the water had to be pumped out of the ship. To get on board to work, we were asked to go down as well as getting covered in fire shrapnel and gas.

wonders pulled their men off the job.

management, realising that they would have hundreds of men standing the dockside doing nothing, and getting paid for it had the job halting stopped.

To top off the day, I saw that a bath used in the swimming beach had been used in a critical temperature and was leaking out candle gas. And because the bath had no direct exhaust system, the gas had drifted into other shops as well. These areas had to be evacuated.

Workers must protect their lives and health by refusing to work under such conditions.

Only under socialism will we ever be able to remove our safety concerns, and stop production for the good of the workers.

By Jeff Wallmann, AMWSU

getting a lump of it, you have to cover your eyes in it. But this was only the start of the danger. On board, the ship was being ventilated by large fans drawing air from the upper decks and falling over the head-painting point that was being heated off.

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There was also the fire danger. There were two to three hundred men working. The only exit was the rear and the gangway was inadequate.

Not surprisingly, many shop stewards and safety

## Postal workers demand childcare

**LAST year a meeting of mail officers at the Clayton Mail Centre in Melbourne saw the need for childcare facilities at work.**

Interest was high, and when a questionnaire was sent out by Australia Post, forty, fifty workers responded.

The month the Australia Post and Telecommunications Union (APTLU) is engaged in a fight over technological change.

Most creches today are privately run or partially subsidised, and are often located away from public transport.

And even if you do have a car, the extra effort in organising the daily grind of dropping off your child, rushing to work and collecting him/her afterwards, must also help make a worker to an early grave.

Finding that 35 to 45 dollars per week extra is not helping matters either.

A creche at the workplace means that the parents can drop in for a quick lunch on some trolley.

Shiftwork problems would be lessened also. The demand for childcare is, therefore, and industrial demand.

Postal workers want the management to foot the bill. And they're dead right.

**transport**

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**Piggy wallows**

**Dear Battler,**

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**Pinball Wizard**

**Dear Battler,**

Quite often, the ruling class betrays themselves in their own words and actions.

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## Email strikers thrash the boss

# THE STATE STRIKE WON

**IF WE stick together, we can win!**

Combined rank-and-file action by members of the Storemen and Packers (SPU) and the Transport Workers Union (TWU) at Email's Salisbury warehouse in Brisbane resulted in a major victory after a one and a half day strike last week.

The dispute began after police visited the home of a TWU member and questioned him about a dishwasher that had been missing from the warehouse for more than five months.

Members demanded that the State Administration Manager of Email come face to face with them, not just the job delegates.

Our demands were that Email withdraw the police complaint, and in any future incidents refrain from giving home addresses of employees.

Workers were incensed at the discriminatory nature of the police complaint, particularly as a previous theft of more than \$40,000 worth of appliances — white-collar crime — was hushed up.

### answers

We went back to work on the basis that Email bosses give us answers the following morning. More than an hour later, we were told that the State Manager had issued instructions to dock us four hours pay. SPU and TWU members immediately walked off the job, leaving loaded trucks at the dock after declaring them black.

### Cops given worker's address



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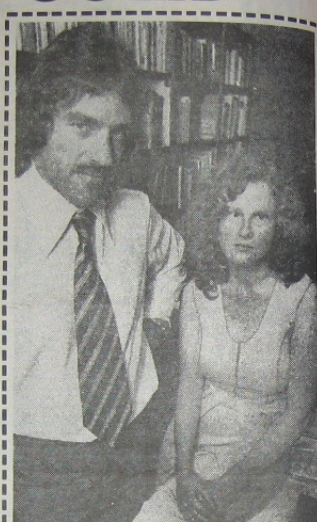
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ANDREW BOYD and LYNELL BRASLER, two of the Sydney teachers refusing to be transferred. They are continuing to report for work at Kilgus High School, while their fellow teachers put in a levy of \$5 a week each to support them. Four other teachers at Dover Heights, Enmore and Pennant Hills are taking a similar stand against forced transfers.

## Teachers say "we're not going"

SIX teachers in five metropolitan Sydney schools are refusing to accept forced transfers.

The six have widespread support from other NSW teachers, as solidarity and militancy are growing behind the 1980 "Quality of Education" campaign.

We are fighting against Federal Government cuts to spending on government schools.

These cuts are undermining the quality of education by understaffing schools while employed teachers are overworked and 8,000 trained teachers are out of work in NSW alone.

We are refusing to disadvantage students by being forced to teach subject areas outside our training.

**disadvantaged**

We won't be teaching classes over 30 pupils in junior secondary, or over 25 in senior secondary. In disadvantaged schools, we are taking the same action to reduce class sizes to 25 in junior and 20 in senior.

This means more jobs for teachers, less strain for teachers and a better deal for the kids.

by Sandra Bloodworth

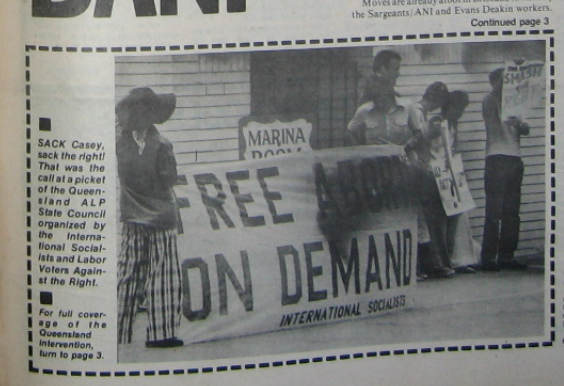
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## Brisbane Delegate's call

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# GET BEHIND THE RANGER BAN!

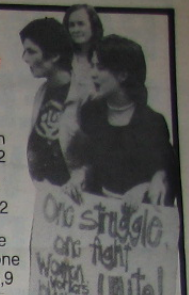


**SACK Casey, sack the right!**  
That was the call at a picket of the Queensland ALP State Council organized by the International Socialists and Labor Voters Against the Right.

For full coverage of the Queensland intervention, turn to page 3.

## International Women's Day coverage

- ★ Legal march in Brisbane — p2
- ★ Tragic split in Adelaide — p2
- ★ Where has the movement gone wrong? — p8.9



Report from JOHN QUINN in Brisbane

## GET BEHIND our Ranger bans!

That's the message from Bernie Mendis, AMWSU shop steward at Sargeants' ANI in Brisbane, to every other shop steward and union member around the country.

Last month, Bernie's shop became the first workplace in Australia to take a stand against the Ranger uranium mining development.

As reported in Battler, ANI workers discovered that their company had a contract for 4,000 tons

of fabricated steel for Ranger. They slapped on a ban — and were quickly joined by fellow unionists at Evans Deakin in Geelong when Sargeants' ANI tried to pull the work out there.

"If other stewards and unions start pulling their weight, we won't be isolated and uranium mining will be stopped", Bernie said last week.

Moves are already afoot in Brisbane to back up the Sargeants' ANI and Evans Deakin workers.

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## "Nothing for Ranger is being built here"

BERNIE MENDIS is AMWSU shop steward at Sargeants' ANI in Brisbane — a metal shop that has banned 4,000 tons of steel for the Ranger uranium site.

Last week, Bernie told The Battler how it all happened.

"Last September or early October last year, the shop committee had a routine meeting with management.

"They casually said that among other work lined up for the shop, they had some steel fabricating work for Ranger Uranium Mine.

"I didn't dare ask who they said it, but as I was

More on page 3





# Remember Sharpeville



THE MASSACRE begins. As shots ring out, the unarmed crowds — children amongst them — flee the bullets.

ON MARCH 21, 1960, in a black township called Sharpeville on the fringe of the industrial city of Vereeniging, South African police shot indiscriminately with automatic weapons into an unarmed African crowd of demonstrators. They killed 69 people and wounded 186.

Sharpeville, and since then Soweto, have become symbols of the repressive regime and the African right to overcome it.

The shootings at Sharpeville came about because of a non-violent campaign against the pass laws, called by Robert Sobukwe of the Pan African Congress, that began on March 21.

The pass laws enable black workers that are not needed by the white bosses to be either removed to the homeland, or "endorsed" out of urban areas. Tens of thousands of Africans have been displaced in this way every year since pass laws were introduced.

Every African must apply for a pass when he or she turns 16 years of age. It is an offense for an African 16 years and over not to be in possession of a pass book, which should contain particulars of name, identity number, ethnic group, marital status, employment, payment of tax, etc.

Naturally, no such laws exist for whites. Sharpeville was the climax of an anti-pass laws campaign launched by the African National Congress, but put into practice by the Pan African Congress (PAC) breakaway group.

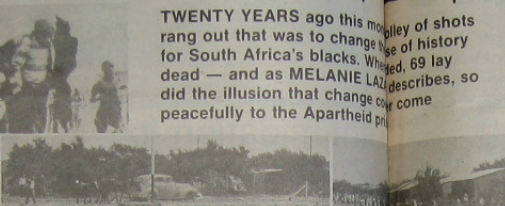
Two leaders of the Pan African Congress (PAC) were arrested. A sober man offered money for arrest. All 40, the police began firing into the crowd.

"No ball, no defiance, no fire," it is to be the slogan, and when you come out of prison you must offer yourselves for arrest once again.

"I thought I was only black cartridges that they were firing."

"I felt a bullet grazing my trousers, like this... then I got a fright. I thought to myself 'Hah! Are they shooting at me!'"

"Just after they ceased firing, a European came from a European camp."



TWENTY YEARS ago this mob of shots rang out that was to change the history for South Africa's blacks. Whipped, 69 lay dead — and as MELANIE LAZAR describes, so did the illusion that change could come peacefully to the Apartheid prison.



THE VIEW from inside the police station fence, immediately after the shooting. Note that the police have not yet come out — i.e., no weapons have been removed.



PART OF the police station, which the police claimed had been pushed over.

## The massacre that gave birth to South Africa's black resistance

And of the 69 Africans dead, and 178 wounded, pathologists found that only police bullets had entered the bodies of the dead and wounded from the front. The 155 had done so from the back.

It will come as no surprise to anyone familiar with South African justice that a court of enquiry subsequently found the police blameless, and no action was taken against them.

SHARPEVILLE was simply the most prominent of several events in which the South African white ruling class proved that

it would respond to any rebellion with its customary brutality.

Guns, nightsticks, armored cars, helicopters, tear gas, akalations, detention orders and mass arrests were all employed against black protest.

The shootings at Sharpeville were in response to a non-violent struggle, in which the African National Congress (ANC) organized stay-at-homes and passive resistance.

Sharpeville did more than just prove to the world the vicious of the South African regime. It also showed the ultimate

well as numerous laws that broke the back of the defiance campaign.

There was much for South Africa's blacks to learn from these disasters. Preparation for the holding of a mass revolutionary organization was needed.

By the time of the last stay-at-home in 1961, the black working class was exhausted and demoralized. Democratic protest after democratic protest had been called and had failed.

Each protest was crushed more brutally than the last.



TWO POLICE have now come out to inspect their handwork. Note that the heads of the dead point away from the police station. In this direction they were running.

could only have succeeded if the masses had been mobilized and drawn into the armed struggle.

In the town the strategy would have required the use of every economic struggle by black workers in order to build up their confidence and organization.

The end of the sabotage strategy came in June 1963, South African police broke up a meeting in Koyana and arrested the entire leadership of the liberation movements.

Soweto — where riots by black school children against the enforced teaching of Afrikaans touched off a wider revolt — was by contrast, the highest point reached so far in a long line of struggle.

Inspired by the defeat of South African forces in Angola, and with South Africa itself in an economic slump, it was black workers and school children in Soweto and Cape Town who acted the offensive — not the white police as at Sharpeville.

And the only force capable of removing it as the black working class. That is the black force that the black working movement must back up with. Despite the small gains of 1971, black workers in South Africa lost under some of the most repressive industrial youth into a revolutionary leadership in the workplace.

A leadership that can go beyond the strike-at-home tactics of the Sharpeville era and turn the revolution into a mass revolutionary movement.

What can be done then the martyrs of Sharpeville will have died in vain.

As they were discussing plans for an armed struggle, a New Africanist followed Nelson Mandela, leader of the ANC, and Brian Fisher, leader of the South African Communist Party, were jailed for life.

For the moment, the resistance was all but crushed.

THE massacre at Sharpeville and the defeat of the peaceful protest campaign forced the black resistance to take a new turn.

The ANC and the PAC in the early 1960s launched campaigns of sabotage. The armed wing was called the Umkhonto we Sizwe — Spear of the Nation.

The PAC, for its part, was heavily involved in Poqo, a terrorist organization.

The problem with these two organizations was that while sabotage provided the substance, government with every chance for unleashing a brutal wave of force, it was the mass of the people who were left outside the action.

The failure was not one of courage (courage in torching the South African resistance has never lacked), but one of politics.

Sabotage, being a weapon isolated the activists from the masses of black workers, who naturally tended to join in this non-comprohensive phase, or even defied the activists when they were seized. A strategy of mass action was needed. But it

South Africa's blacks had thrown off the domination of Sharpeville in the early 1960s, and were moving back to the streets.

In fact, the explosion had been building since the early sixties.

New black organizations had sprung up, part of a new wave from the disintegration of the South African Education System. The 1971 Black People's Convention followed by the formation of groups such as the Black Allied Workers Union, helped spread the concept of black consciousness.

And in 1973, a boom in South Africa's economy gave black workers the chance to meet onto the offensive. Widespread strikes ripped Natal and limited gains in wages and workers' rights followed.

The result at Soweto shook the South African regime to its foundations. But it had an important limitation.

Despite young unemployed blacks and school children, the South African military simply did not have the power to suppress it.

Apartheid is the correct name for the system in which South African capitalism rules. It will not disappear until capitalism itself disappears in South Africa.

As a result, South Africa has been able to impose a settlement on the Patriotic Front in Zimbabwe through the Frontline states.

The aim of this settlement was not coming apart. ZANU has won the election — and South Africa threatened to invade if this happened. Should South Africa invade, it can stop them.

That makes the struggle against South Africa of paramount importance. For not only does the black working class hold the key to its own liberation — but the liberation of the whole southern half of the continent as well.

The task in South Africa today is to translate the political militancy of the black youth into a revolutionary leadership in the workplace.

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WHAT OF THE future? Exactly, the South African regime is in the strongest position it has been for a while.

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Pickers at the Farmers and Graziers' gate last week — the VMA had better come to the party

# Officials derail track strike

**SYDNEY** track maintenance workers reluctantly accepted a flat \$135 payment after a three-day strike in the Sydney area.

But the long standing battle between NSW railway workers and the Public Transport Commission (PTC) is certainly not over.

By Diane Fieldes

In December the track maintenance workers were awarded the metal industry work-value increases of \$7.30 or \$9.30 a week, backdated to November 6. This despite a promise from Cox and the PTC that the award would be backdated to April 1 as well.



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# LET'S GET THEM TO FEEL LIKE US

**VICTORIAN** bosses have locked out 4000 meatworkers. They're members of the Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union.

By Chris Rose

The meaties want a 4.5% flow-on that every other meatworker in Australia has. They've been working a four-day week in support of a log of claims. This included a demand that no new production workers be allowed on the farm and graziers' shed who work only three months a year.

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There were 500 workers at Farmers and Graziers' when the bans were put on but a couple of weeks they're only need 200. There were five sheds originally locked out. The bosses in the Victorian Meatworks Association (VMA) suddenly decided they could not negotiate while the bans were 'either in existence or implied'.

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# Let 'em whinge about strikes

**STRIKES.** The headlines have been full of them.

Oil transport workers took on and defeated Frasers's 45D legislation and millionaire sub-contractor Leon Laidley. Wool handlers held out for eleven weeks in the face of violent threats from wealthy farmers and sackings by Fraser.

In Victoria, strikes in industry after industry have forced the state Liberal Government to compromise over its attacks on Workers' Compensation.

Record

These have been the big stories. But on different jobs right across the country over the last few months, workers have had to fight to defend their wages and conditions.

In fact since August last year, strike figures have been at record levels, surpassed only by the wage explosion in 1974. The first three years of Fraser's rule saw a downturn in industrial struggle. Many of our fellow unionists were shattered by the case with which Fraser got rid of Whillam. Then Hayden the Medbank fiasco. The Labor Party under Fraser hardly provided an inspiring alternative. And union leaders were loathe to take on Fraser.

So Fraser got away with cutting our wages via partial indexation, wrecking Medbank and throwing hundreds of thousands into the dock queues.

But by the middle of last year, some of us had had enough. The fight back began. A series of unions gained eight dollar increases from "Work Value" cases, as the Arbitration Commission was forced to bend the guidelines.

This year the fight has stepped up further. The bosses are getting a taste of their own medicine. And they don't like it one little bit. But there have been weaknesses in our struggle.

Individual jobs have been left to battle it out on their own. And even if you are a strong job with plenty of industrial muscle, that can mean a long drawn out struggle. Look at the wool storemen — out for eleven weeks.

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# ACT Parks: We need a delegates' meeting

**JOBS WITH THE City Parks Administration in Canberra** have been "disappearing" steadily over the past few years. The Liberal's 'saunders' and squandering of funds have meant that hundreds more workers have to join the dole machine.

They are the permanent — no job security and worse conditions. Many of them are seasonal and permanent, turned up. But nothing came of the meeting — partly because no clear strategy was worked out. And also because the AWU official unit of ad and talked to all its sleep.

The City Parks have seen the effect of their cutsback, and the standards of work dropping with the introduction of contractors and new machines that also take away jobs. They know that in many depots there are five as many workers as full years. And contract labourers know how much worse off

# The compo war goes on

**THE CAMPAIGN** against the Workers' Compensation Act in Victoria is still going strong.

Talks between the Trades Hall Council and the government broke down on February 26 when the council rejected the government's offer to replace the word 'substantial' with 'material'.

One of the compensation issues ignored by the officials is the length of time workers have to wait that is to bring the dispute under rank and file control. The struggle so far has been totally run by management rallies. There has been a delegates' meeting, with an ongoing delegates' committee formed, so that the workers who are affected can have their say.

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**Q: What 2 things do these men have in common?**

A: 1. Parents... and 2. None of them has a subscription to the Battler!

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# IWD courtesy of the YWCA

AFTER this year's International Women's Day march in Melbourne, a lot of women must be wondering about the future of IWD.

About 400 people attended this year's demonstration in Melbourne. They marched to the Carlton Gardens where an open speakers platform was held.

Following this, a group of about 40 marched down a picket called by the International Socialist at the "Progras" Centre, led by the Right to Life staff. A well known abortion clinic, IWD has historically been for commemorating the struggle of working women. It was established by the German revolutionary Clara

Not surprisingly, they had very conservative ideas of what IWD, including Day of Prayer. They also invited right wing anti-women's liberation groups such as Women's Action Alliance and Right to Life to participate.

The possibility that Right to Life might attempt to join in a demonstration caused discussion. Some women rightly prepared to defend the principles of the march were reluctant to remove them. In the end, only ten Right to Life women accompanied. They left after their material was confiscated. By the general decline

was evident throughout. Before the march, a "vote" was taken on a motion to exclude women from the march. No debate was allowed, nor was there a call for those against.

At the gardens, in spite of frequent calls from the chairperson, very few women had anything to say. It was in the context of this inaction and political ineffectiveness that the International Socialist had proposed a positive measure—the picket of Right to Life.

There is an issue the Right has concentrated on in the past year—Even in liberal Victoria, a government committee is considered how to legislate which allows legal abortions here.

No it is crucial that women's liberationists not be complacent. Vigorous action will be necessary to prevent the destruction of the few gains that have been made.

What is striking about the attacks in the strong participation by women—right wing women. Any fightback will have to be led by women who are prepared to support their demonstrations, women's liberationists should turn their anger and their energy against the Right.

By Christine Rose

# GRACE-B-FAS

THE CAMPAIGN for a full trade union ban on uranium mining first taken a giant step forward in Brisbane.

A petition circulated by the Workers Against Uranium Mining (WAUM) group, signed by 130 delegates and endorsed by several unions, has resulted in a mass job delegates' meeting held at the Battler goods on Thursday March 27.

**Brisbane delegates to meet**

**BERNIE WARDEN — a call to do in Queensland**

By Bernie Warden — the AMUWU shift away from uranium and unions start pulling their weight, we must be outside."

It's time that we stopped talking about the dangers of uranium and started taking action against it.

The proposal for an alternative "Free World Games" to replace Moscow has fallen into a heap.

But what we're against is the "Free World Games" which would allow the USSR to participate in the Olympics.

There is just as much to be gained from the boycott as there is to be lost.

By Tim Anderson, WAUM

# Fraser's Olympic boycott falters

MALCOLM Fraser's campaign for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics has become a fiasco.

The ALP is cashing in on the wave of sympathy for the "poor athletes" who have been training for years to go to Moscow.

Worldwide, the Olympic boycott campaign is floundering, despite the vote of support from the British House of Commons.

... but let's not put the Games on a pedestal

By Tom Burns

It is the first time since the 1950s that a British Prime Minister has been in a position to make a decision on the Olympic Games.

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# Old ALP rats join a new ship

"MUCH ado about nothing" pretty well sums up the impact of federal intervention in the Queensland State election.

By Tom Burns

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# Don't get Stapled

JIM STAPLES was savagely attacked by employers, the media and the Fraser government over his handling of the ALP pre- and post-election.

By Tom Burns

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# A step back for MAUM

By Tom Burns

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# Don Lane P sanctifies foetuses

ONCE again, the Queensland Government has put the squeeze on Abortion.

By Tom Burns

By Tom Burns

# GENERAL MEETING OF UNION OF INURED WORKERS

Marrickville Town Hall 7.30 pm, Wednesday, April 2. Video.

Come if you want to change the Compo System.

# 1000 march for gay rights

A THOUSAND gays and their supporters took to the streets of Sydney on March 23 demanding the Summer Offensive for Gay Rights.

By Ian Jordan

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# Steelworkers show their mettle



**BRITAIN'S nine week steel strike is going. It is being maintained through a high level of rank and file militancy and organisation.**

The strike began in the national plants and broadened after four weeks to the private firms.

Solidarity and morale have been maintained during the strike by the support action by the transport workers who have refused to handle finished products, and by the miners, who remembered since 1972 strike, have also built the struggle.

The steel workers' original demand for a 20% — no inflation — increase has now broadened into demands for the defence of jobs also.

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**STEELWORKERS on the march last week. What really heightens the Tories as no mass pickets that may have been building solidarity in the steel strike.**

## Upsurge in Greece

**A MAJOR upsurge of militant activity is threatening the right wing government of Karamanlis.**

It is reported last year with a wave of student occupations and Government attempts to renege the universities.

Since then, there has been a wave of strikes by bank workers, school teachers, railway employees and bus drivers.

At the same time, the government has been accused of breaking laws to attack the revolutionary left.

## ACOAs Bans

**ACOAs members in Victoria have stepped up the fight against staff cuttings.**

The announcement of two heads of the hotel price offer this year, the interest group, "The November" led to a wave of arrests in the group.

One of the bans, on the new six weeks' work arrangements, was further in January.

Workers in NSW can expect little hope for an improvement in the situation from the Wran Labor Government.

The plaintiffs and police of the ALP do not have a single statement in the fight of inspired workers. Until we have a union social security side take trade union control that guarantees a review of wages, unemployed, widows and orphans — a recent living wage.

**ROBERT MUGBE** and his ZANU party have won a magnificent electoral victory in Zimbabwe.

And already the white racist propaganda press has been exposed for what it is — the irrational fear by the oppressors of the oppressed.

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By Nicola Kassa (Photographer - Andrew Ward Report)

# THE COLE

**THEY BELT you down, you're going broke, you're going crazy — they offer you hardly nothing and you take it.**

Injured worker Cecil Lloyd describes his situation this way and it sounds awfully familiar if you are unlucky enough to be on Workers' Compensation.

But Cecil Lloyd is worse off than most injured workers who get through the maze that surrounds Workers' Compensation benefits.

The insurance company handling his payments, Associated General Contractors Insurance (AGCI), went into liquidation on 1 January this year. Cecil's fortnightly unemployment payments suddenly stopped.

Cecil Lloyd's nightmare began in April 1977. "I was installing fire protection equipment at the million-dollar High Court building in Canberra."

Right through the public hospital system, private enterprise takes its cut. Think of the enormous profits that medical equipment and drug companies make. Even for such things as scanning and food, many hospitals are switching over to contractors.

And the top administration of Australia's public hospital is, closely interwoven with leading politicians, captains of industry and high society.

ALTHOUGH public hospital doctors are stated they can generally also have private patients in the hospital, this is a purely advisory advantage because they get access to special equipment and the services of staff.

Many hospital workers think they should not be forced to help doctors make even larger profits. Look to the case of the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne.

It told the deputy medical director that doctors enjoy a lot of privileges that others don't and felt it had to take a stand on it. He was less than thrilled.

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**It's wrecking this man's life**

**CEC Lloyd at home. He can't go anywhere else — and he's being waited months for compensation.**

When Walker was asked what was happening, he would not give a direct answer. Instead, he blamed the Federal government for not acting sooner.

As the battle is going to press, we have discovered that the NSW Cabinet has just decided on action. It is recommending the establishment of a special fund to meet compensation and other claims owed by Palmdale.

The fund will be paid for by the insurance company carrying out Workers' Compensation Insurance.

**Injured**

Not realising had badly injured his neck, he was taken to hospital two days before he saw a doctor in Sydney, who put him on crutches.

"I was working for Hayden Enterprises, a member of the Workers' Compensation Insurance (AGCI) paid me two thirds of my wages and the other third was the rest."

**neck**

"I can't play with my grandkids. I can't swim anymore. I can't even go to the Premier shop because of my neck."

When it was filed through by the Federal Treasurer on January 4, 1980, Palmdale had lost ten thousand claims outstanding. About twenty thousand were pending.

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# Battle: The PLO fights on

**PALESTINIANS** have a history of struggle going back to before their expulsion from Palestine in 1948.

In 1936, there was a powerful general strike. For six months Palestinians struck in opposition to British support for Zionism. During the war, there were a number of strikes, including workers employed by the British Army and a successful occupation at a match factory.

Today, as refugees, Palestinian workers continue to fight. They have their own union organization, the Palestinian Trade Union Federation.

In Lebanon, unions are very poorly organized and many are government set up. This means that leadership of struggles often falls to the Palestinians.

Palestinian agricultural workers have improved conditions for the Lebanese. As well since 1972, the working day has been reduced from ten to seven hours, and pay increased 600%.

A major strike occurred in 1972 at Grandeur biscuit factory, which employed five thousand Palestinians and Lebanese, including two hundred Palestinian women.

## shot

Although the owner tried to buy off the Palestinians, they stood firm with the Lebanese. At a mass demonstration, the police shot and killed two workers and arrested fifteen Palestinian women.

Two years ago, Palestinian day laborers held an eleven day strike in front of the company's offices. They were demanding severance pay.

They could no longer work in Beirut which is now under Israeli control. Censored by the newspapers, they distributed leaflets door to door and eventually won.

Under Lebanese law, Palestinian "visitors" who require work permits. They are restricted to certain specified occupations. And most of the large factories are

## "The Israelis have attacked the hospitals"

By **Janey Stone**



IN THE middle of the General Strike demonstration in Beirut, an old woman dances with a Palestinian flag above her head.

in fascist controlled East Beirut — so unemployment is a serious problem.

At the same time, the refugees lack basic clothing and household goods. The PLO, therefore, has set up a number of work shops under a special department, SAMED.

They employ 3,300 workers, two thirds of them women. And as part of their policy of emphasis on unity, nearly a third of the workers are non-Palestinian.

Each factory elects a revolutionary committee which can reject management decisions. Given the war situation, and SAMED's fighting role, the committee cannot strike.

SAMED considers its workers "social and political militants" not just workers avoiding their salaries. Pay is more egalitarian than in ordinary Lebanese factories.

Another problem for the Palestinian "visitors" in Lebanon is that they are not entitled to any social security. The civil war created massive social chaos. Ten of thousands of Lebanese were forced out of their homes by the south by Israeli raids and shelling.

The Palestinian Red Crescent provides both medical care and social welfare. They help all who come, whatever their nationality.

"They run mother and child clinics, the camps, orphanages, rehabilitation centres for the blind and war-wounded, and child-care centres for working mothers.

In spite of the enormous problems in left-controlled West Beirut, we saw only one or two big gangs during our stay. This showed us more clearly than any statistics the success of the Palestinian institutions."

On arriving in West Beirut, you are struck by the rained business, garbage dumps and shabby towns. Water and electricity supplies continually

break down. Many of the refugee camps are over thirty years old.

Even harder because our lives are unstable. We wait for an raid, we wait to see if we will be expelled.

Medicine is necessary political for the Palestinian in Lebanon. At the director of the Nursing School, Mistafa Juma said,

"We can count the number of times the Israelis have attacked the hospitals. They do it deliberately. That is why our operating theaters are underground."

"I like to live, but I like to live with pride. We have our rights. They want us to kneel. But we will never kneel!"

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Hospitals are, of course, sanctified given the military situation. Dr. Faiz Andari from the Red Crescent explained,

"Our problem is how to develop a medical plan for such a scattered people. It is not possible to make substantial changes in the Red Crescent is restricted to educating families in household cleanliness and limited preventive measures."

Every contingent is led by someone with a loud-hailer, perched on the shoulders of comrades. The chanting is deafening.

An old woman is dancing to the rhythm of the chants. Someone hands her a machine gun, and she flourishes it above her head as the dances.

# "WE WILL NEVER..."

**THREE** of the Battler's regular writers — Janey Stone, Mick Armstrong and Tom O'Lincoln — have just returned from a tour of Lebanon. There they witnessed the struggle of two peoples, the Palestinians and the Lebanese, against the twin forces of Israeli Zionism and Lebanese Fascism. They talked with the leaders, the fighters and the refugees; and they brought back this exclusive report for Battler readers.



NINE-year-old Samira — "I'll become a fighter, to fight Zionism!"

**machine**

## machine

Since its establishment in 1948, the Israeli state and its military machine has been the major guarantor of US domination of the Middle East. The prime interest of imperialism in the region is oil. For the Middle East also commands major waterways like the Suez Canal and the Persian Gulf, and is a southern border of America's great rival, Russia.

With the fall of their faith, the Shah of Iran, Israel has become more important to the US. Of course, the US does not just rely on Israel.

It is in vying with all the reactionary forces in the region, such as the Saudi and Yemeni Arab kingdoms. However, it is the Israeli which can withstand any of the Arab groups in power.

The Palestinian people of Lebanon have made their base following the Black September massacres of Jordan, a microcosm of the Middle East.

All the forces: US imperialism, the Israeli Arab reaction, the Palestinians and the Left are represented. On the right, masquerading under a Christian mask, are Choumrouh, Nasrallah, and Gemayel's fascist Phalange. Lined up and armed by the US and Israeli, they launched a murderous civil war in 1975 to wipe out the PLO and all Lebanese forces.

However, they were defeated. Only a Syrian invasion prevented the left, which controlled 80% of Lebanon, from achieving a total victory.

After the defeat of their fascist allies, Israel smacked Lebanese Lebanon in March 1978 to wipe out the PLO base.

But they failed to inflict any real damage on the PLO. It is a fact of basic world opinion, they were forced to retreat after eight days.

The Zionists and the US were again forced to change strategy. The Americans are rebuilding the Lebanese Army, which destroyed during the Civil War, in the hope that it can be used against the Palestinians.

# The people behind thirty year struggle

By Tom O'Lincoln

We have been in Beirut for only three days when there is a general strike. Israel and Egypt are normalising relations, and the PLO officials promise us the masses will "show their fury".

We are on the spot early to see the first contingents arrive for the mass rally.

There are plenty of guns. In a city full of armed militants, this is the biggest show of force we've seen. Behind the armed fighters come the masses: contingents of workers, men and women, groups of children holding banners.

As I Zaatari live here.

Emi Moussa, mother of seven, invites us into her home. On the wall is a photo of her son, who died at Tel Al Zaatari. Three other children were injured.

Emi Moussa has seen tragedy enough, but she says "We will keep fighting to the last. Even if our last child is killed, we will sacrifice for our struggle. I tell my daughters, 'You are becoming fighters to liberate our people'."

We ask her daughter, Samira, aged nine, what she wants to grow up to be. "I'll become a fighter, to fight Zionism and return to Palestine," she replies. "I might only be childish enthusiasm. But Samira reveals she has been training with guns since she was six. From now on, we take the children seriously when they come up to us in the street and declare, 'We will destroy Israel!'"

through the most painful refugee camps have been by Israeli hands.

They were quartered in the "ghetttos" of the Lebanon.

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three-fold burden — national, class and sex oppression.

"We have to overcome backward attitudes and raise consciousness. We teach women their potential is unlimited. You can be a fantastic mother and a fantastic freedom fighter at the same time."

Jehan is ready with the proof. "I have seen with my own eyes how in 1982 the Lebanese army tried to enter our camps. The women stood in front of the tanks and said 'you will never enter our camps'."

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**Jehan Helou — "The Palestinian woman has always been part of the struggle!"**

fighters are not allowed to drink alcohol. These men radiate the quiet confidence of combat veterans. The Israelis have tried and failed eight times to take this hill.

Back in Beirut, we end our visit by interviewing Jehan Helou, a leader of the Union of Palestinian Women. "The Palestinian woman has always been part of the struggle," she says, though she faces a

**ABANDONED** refugee settlement in South Lebanon, Israel's latest bombing has blown off the roof of one of the surrounding white cretters pickmark the surrounding hills.

PALESTINIAN workers in this SAMED clothing factory in Beirut produce shirts, jackets, pants and uniforms. Called the "Three Martyrs Workshop," it is named after three Palestinian leaders killed by Israelis in Beirut in 1973.

It is only a short distance to the

# We're not as serious as about Manhattan

MANHATTAN is Woody Allen's latest film. Like most of the others it is meant to be a comedy, but with its "serious" side.

Like Annie Hall, it's funny mainly when Woody Allen is sending himself up.

The "serious" bits involve some heavy-handed comments on life — people, sexuality, relationships, etc. — that are at best meaningless and at worst sexist and reactionary. The film is set in New York and is supposed to be a portrait of that city. But it is also about a largely irrelevant and often obnoxious group of people — the world of successful artists, writers, lawyers, business executives, the cocktail set. A nebulous mixture of the ruling class and their high society "cultural" hangers on.

There isn't much to the story. It revolves around the ego of the central male character (Woody Allen) and the personal crises of his relationship with Diane Keaton. A long way he also involves another love, some "happily married" friends, and his ex-wife, a neurotic writer. There is much agonising about love and sex and marriage, and at the "poor guy" ends up alone and solitary. It's the sort of stuff that film genre columnists, makes psychoanalysis rich and leaves film audiences thinking "so what?" A light, mildly amusing, but entirely forgettable movie.

But these light and harmless movies tend to show them in *Manhattan*. In my opinion, walking with the "central" through Central Park at night is very romantic, whereas in reality that would mean nothing.

Some awful rubbish has been written about how brilliant and significant *Manhattan* is. In fact it's a platitude, a liberal walk in high society black and white cocktail party to support the Equal Rights Amendment, and life in New York is arty black and white photography of parks and skyscrapers at sunrise.

### hugue

Manhattan is part of the tradition of mainstream American cinema and TV. Everybody has a huge apartment, a huge comfortable house or comfortable house or apartment. They spend their time worrying about impractical things, personalising any problems they have.

Typically, everybody is comfortably well-off. Everybody is "middle class". They have problems but they're psychological. Nothing wrong with the system. The whole of America for Australia is "middle class". No day-after-day work drudgery. No real class up the woman is earlier than about money, no unemployment problems. No houses, no politics, no conflict, no classes. A clear message come back to film.

When the release of the film finishes with a shot of the poor miserable Allen's descent face. What sums up the whole movie is the fact that the scene wasn't meant to be funny.

It's a liberal wank



OUT of one storm — into another. The storylines of *'Manhattan'* revolve around the ego of the central male character (Woody Allen) and the personal crises of his relationship with Diane Keaton.

David Main reviews Woody Allen's latest film

# GREY, GREY, GREY

ONE WAY the ruling classes always try to discredit socialism is by claiming it would destroy individuality and reduce everything to a dull conformity. By contrast they give the impression that capitalism provides people with varied exciting lives.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Capitalism proclaims individuality as the highest virtue. But the individuality it speaks of is reserved for the very few — the minority who own the massive firms which dominate our economy.

The rest are expected to work for these firms, doing humdrum jobs on assembly lines or in offices, from which as much individuality as possible has been removed. Indeed, capitalism could only develop in the first place by deliberately setting out to destroy the individuality of its workers.

When the first factories developed in Britain, the capitalist class deliberately set about trying to make its workers as much like one another as possible.



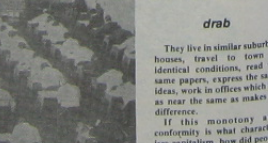
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# That's capitalism, not socialism

By Chris Hamman

forced, whether they liked it or not, to keep set hours, to regard work as their only aim in life, to sacrifice their small personal pleasures to endless toil. Under modern capitalism this process has been carried through with ever higher intensity.

In schools, for instance, what matters most is not how the child learns to express his own ideas or develop his own individual abilities. Instead, children are measured against one another.



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### drab

They live in similar suburban houses, travel to town in identical conditions, read the same papers, express the same ideas, work in offices which are as near the same as makes no difference.

If this monotony and conformity is what characterises capitalism, how did people get hold of the idea that it is a feature of socialism?

One important reason is that the most drab and uniform things to be seen in our society are often those built up within capitalism, by reforming

# TROTSKY: The limits to the legend

EVERYONE on the left has an opinion about Leon Trotsky.

For decades, official Communists vilified him and his followers as fascist agents. Under the impact of such persecution, the more dogmatic of his supporters turned him into a demigod.



TROTSKY — a fascist agent to his enemies, demigod to his followers.

And today, while Stalin's writings gather dust in attics and closets, Trotsky's theoretical work is enjoying a tremendous revival. So it should be, for Trotsky was one of the great Marxists.

But like all of the great Marxists, he is difficult for the inexperienced reader of today — now have all his ideas stood the test of time.

So it is a delight to pick up Duncan Hallas' new book, *Trotsky's Marxism*.

Hallas is sympathetic to the substance of Trotsky's thought, and he explains it concisely and clearly, and he takes up the mistakes and limitations as well.

delight

The book is in five chapters — dealing with the permanent revolution, Stalinist strategy and tactics, military and class, plus a final chapter entitled "The Heritage".

In his famous theory of permanent revolution, Trotsky predicted before anyone else the possibility that a revolution in backward Russia could take on a socialist direction.

The failure of the Communist International to apply the theory of China in the twenties led to bloody disaster for the Communists.

capitulation, often in an even more intense form than in the west. Real individualism, the full and complete development of each individual, will only be possible under a completely different sort of society has been built.

It would be a society in which the individual and his society would no longer be opposed to one another. People would no longer continually compete with each other, and would no longer be under relentless pressure to work ever harder. Massive wealth is created in the modern world, but it is wasted by the blind competition waged by the rival firms and rival states.

In their attempt to outcompete one another, these competitors demand ever tighter control over ever greater efforts from their workers.

Real human individuality will only be possible when workers internationally have combined together, using their collective power to destroy the existing ruling classes.

And to reorganise society, so that it is based upon satisfying the human need and not the demands of competition.

The results are societies marked by many of the most characteristic features of

Trotsky's Marxism by Duncan Hallas, here reviewed by Richard Emerson, is available from IS branches, \$5.00.

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dubious

Trotsky was the greatest exponent of Stalinism, and he provided a pioneering

analysis of its roots. Yet the belief that the Soviet regime remained "workers' state" despite its bureaucratic and exploitative behaviour is confounding and confused.

With the emergence of a doom or so other "workers' states" without any working class participation in their formation, the whole theory became unworkable.

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VICTORIAN workers used to celebrate the eight-hour day with a Labour Day holiday in March.

Then in the fifties, the Melbourne City Council turned it into the crass commercial festival known as Moomba.

In the last two years, the Labour Day spirit has breathed again — with a Festival of Labour in the working class suburb of Pascoe Vale.

Pictured clockwise from top are some of this year's highlights: Bust of a pioneer of the eight-hour day struggle, one of the folk rock and ethnic music bands that entertained the crowd; a sample of the historic trade union banners on display; and acrobatics from the Pram Factory Women's Circus.



Down with Moomba!

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The ACOA wage fiasco

PUBLIC Service clerks around Australia face a debacle with their 200 wages claim.

Recent meetings were poorly attended, with 200 people in Canberra, 400 in Melbourne and 700 in Sydney.

The poor attendance is not surprising. Union officials are publishing the way. Publicly the way. Publicly the way. Publicly the way.

Our claim is for 20% and we have lost at least 10% through partial indexation.

In Canberra, an official meeting of the Public Services Action Group will be held.

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In NSW, managers in the public sector have heard the results of the meeting.

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HOW LOW can they get? That's the question that Queensland Storemen and Packers must be asking themselves now.

On Thursday March 20th, John Boyd, a co-delegate at Email Salisbury, was expelled from the Storemen and Packers Union (SPU).

In recent months, John a member of the International Socialist... has played an active role in the campaign by storemen at the Email warehouse to keep their jobs.

On at least one occasion, Email storemen and packers have been ordered back to work by Neil Marshall.

These articles are considered by Nicol and his friends in the Queensland Branch Committee.

JOHN BOYD - his crime was to tell the truth

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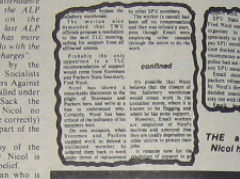
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Wool Hall members met at Sydney's Yennora wool stores.

The poor attendance is not surprising. Union officials are publishing the way. Publicly the way.

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**SPU militant expelled - 10**

# COMPO

**WE'VE cracked Dick Hamer!** The Victorian union movement has forced the Hamer Government into a major compromise on its attacks on Workers' Compensation.

As the Battler goes to print, the Liberals have offered to replace their requirement that compo injuries be "substantially" caused by work. Instead, the phrase will be "contributes to a recognizable degree".

And in return for restrictions on "split actions" (where orphans and widows claim separate payments), the Libs have been forced to top the benefits to dependants.

*By Phil Griffiths*

Just how big a backdown all this is, remains to be seen. Full details are yet to be released. However, it seems we're still some way off from the under the old scheme. But even if Hamer's backed down entirely, that's no reason for the Victorian Trades Hall to drop the campaign. The greatest weakness of the union campaign is that it has never gone beyond being a defensive struggle. It took an outrageous attack by Hamer to prod Trades Hall into firing real industrial campaign in donkey's years.

Now that we've got Hamer on the run, now that we've got the union movement actually moving in its time we went on the offensive. Because Workers' Compensation has been a wound for years.

Workers' Compensation insurance is not taken out to protect the worker, but the employer. It corrects the Liability Insurance. The insurance companies only pay out to the employer if the worker is successful in court. This means that in every legal case, the combined resources of the employer and the insurance company are fighting against the workers' claim.

**We need a govt compo scheme**

But now that we've got the government running for cover, our union takes up the fight for a union-controlled government compensation scheme. That way, we might actually give something!

## It's time to step up the struggle



AND never the twain shall meet — as VPSA secretary Ray Parker leaves the microphone, Reform Group activist Jeff Soar moves in to put the compo motion. Parker's cronies quickly turned off the sound and closed the rally.

## VPSA officials quash strike call

*By a VPSA member*

**ON MARCH 19** the Victorian Public Service Association (VPSA) held a two hour stop work rally at the Treasury Gardens.

A couple of thousand public servants concerned about the compo issue turned out.

The officials called a rally rather than a meeting, so that they would not have other (possibly oppositionist) speakers on the platform. It was just as well for them that they did!

The General Secretary and president of the Union spoke first, followed by Trades Hall Council Secretary Ken Stone, who commented that the officials could not compromise on this issue. He was asked for reforms.

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## Parting Shots

**with Bill Posters**

donate \$250 to charity. These suits are filthy. They're used to have imported French restaurant. With its plum, felt wall, a lined glass window, exotic gardens enclosed by glass and its antique, it is usually serving a meal at Henry Avers House costs about \$40 provided you steer clear of the imported wine and the 'beve Clignon'.

★ **SCABS** from Melbourne's law completed Newport work station are to be in of the book, say some officers. If two people who had been arrested for the post months.

★ **SPARE** a thought for poor Alan Bond. The West Australian who kid who spends his time playing with money and cooking bankruptcy, is becoming a pariah. The Financial Review writes:

"Every time he appears on the register of a company, or rumours circulate that it is going to be taken over, his name appears in the newspapers. He is called in, merchant bankers briefed and brokers put on stand-by for a market battle. Of course if you make a million by ripping off workers' instead of fellow captains of industry you are welcome in the best clubs."

★ **EVERYONE'S** had a good laugh at that TV ad where a black woman had a flash of sheepskin hair to join the Army Reserve. But what is the Army Reserve?

★ **Explosion** months back a model aeroplane from the West Australian Research Establishment crashed in paddock. The model plane was carrying radio equipment. The Army launched a full scale search during several days. But the officer in charge thought the plane was in the mind, and the officer in charge. The search was a waste of time.

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**Bremer bosses get the message**

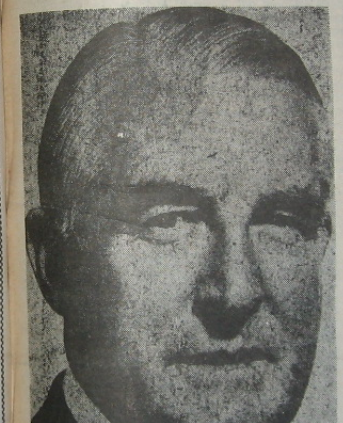
**LIFE ISN'T** easy if you're a past few weeks at Bremer. Working women know it's a meowworkers law at common occurrence in other workplaces too. At Bremer it was discovered that management only morally and not legally bound to pass on such emergency calls. Just to ensure that this sort of thing doesn't happen again, all workers at Bremer River banded together to stop the next day in protest.

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**The compo shambles — 6**



# Charles Court — RACIST AT RAG!



**WESTERN** Australian Premier Sir Charles Court is preparing for a major attack on blacks and their trade union supporters.

Court has served notice on the blacks on Noonkanbah station, that they are "wrongfully and unlawfully taking a pastoral lease exploration and drilling on the Noonkanbah land."

He has also threatened to never "give a pastoral lease in the name of aborigines again."

Court is out to smash any attempts by blacks to gain their land rights. Over the last four years he has sabotaged all Federal Government funded attempts to obtain pastoral leases for blacks in Western Australia.

To prevent blacks getting pastoral leases, the Western Australian cabinet last August required them to show that they would work the land "according to the most sound and approved methods of pastoral husbandry so that the land is utilised to the best advantage."

Such conditions have never been imposed on white leasing pastoral land. Some of the properties run by the white absentee landlords in the Kimberleys are in a shocking condition.

Court also suppressed a report by the Western Australian Museum which supported the claim by Noonkanbah blacks that the whole area of the deal was a traditional and sacred site.

And it is not just blacks that Court wants to suppress. He wants blacks in Western Australia to have no rights at all.

Witness his campaign against blacks having the right to vote in present Kimberley by-election which was won for the ALP by Ernie Bridge. A black



**ABOVE:** Racist rabdog Charles Court — out to smash black resistance to rampaging mining companies. **BELOW:** The confrontation at Noonkanbah, as black men and women surround Amax representatives. Court's police stayed out of it — for the moment.

## Back the blacks at Noonkanbah

harrassed after the election by ordering police to arrest ALP supporters for "electoral malpractice".

Court has now granted Amax Petroleum, the oil explorer, whom the Noonkanbah blacks recently forced off their land, an extension of the drilling permit.

Amax will search site. Eighty blacks gathered around the Amax representative a man named Tom Lyon, and their community spokespersons. Amax staff declared: "We don't want any more talking. We want you to leave now."

Lyon did not want to go. But when several aborigines made clear that they were going to sign down the contractor's tent, he got the message. The police present were frightened to take on the blacks and did not intervene.

Blacks at Noonkanbah have established a community school, significantly improved the station, and banned alcohol. Previously, they had lived in miserable hampers on the contracts from the mining companies.

They are worried that the coming of the mining companies will mean a return to those atrocious conditions, with the exception of Kimberley region. One project which could be countered by increasing black militancy over land rights. Amax is a subsidiary of the world's most profitable diamond miner. In the last month, 120 aborigines at Noonkanbah confronted water drilling and earth-moving contractors on

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# SMASH THE D P POLICE ACT AMENDMENTS

LATELY we have heard a lot about the "new, an all-out, more conciliatory" Ripke Petersen.

His emergence was much heralded by, and visible only to, the capitalist press. But with his recent appointment to the Police Act, he is acting like the old reactionary John we've all come to hate.

Under the new amendments, police will officially be allowed to couple dozens on anyone who "comes under suspicion". They may then release the information to government departments, employers, insurance and finance companies without the victim knowing anything of it.

The purpose of this latest bit of ruling

class bastardry is clearly the intimidation of political activists and trade union militants.

Now anyone who raises a mention from Special Branch or any other police branch can forget about getting a government job. If you are already employed by the government, you can drop any long-term plans that require job stability.

It is clear, though, that the intent of the amendment is to "legitimate" and encourage something that happens informally already.

Another amendment allows police servants to be appointed as special constables with wide-ranging police powers.

Anyone who expects the Queensland ALP to be able, or even willing, to do anything against the amendments will be severely disappointed. The right-wing leadership probably thinks it is a damn good idea.

Remember the protest in the proposed amendments to the Justice Act which empowered the police to make it impossible to prosecute members of Parliament.

And while the bill has raised a storm of protest in the press, ALP leader Ed Casey has been shepherded, perhaps he is too busy reading the files on his left-wing opponents!

Opposition spokesman Peter Hooper, originally spoke in favour of

the bill when it was first put before Parliament.

As the Butler goes to press a picket is being held outside police headquarters in Brisbane where the dossiers are kept. The police are about to install a computer so that the 50,000 files they have systemically organised.

The focus of the picket will be a public meeting to start a campaign against the amendment.

The campaign should go further than this. The files should be handed over to their victims and the Police Special Branch — under Bjelke, the largest and most powerful in Australia — disbanded.

By Chris Parslow



## Militancy is not a crime

# EXPULSION

NATIONAL campaign has been launched to fight for the reinstatement of expelled Storemen Union member, John Boyd.

The decision was taken at the national conference of the International Socialists held in Sydney last weekend.

John, a member of the International Socialist League, was expelled from the Storemen's Union by the SPU Queensland Secretary, Fred Nicol. He was subsequently sacked from his job at Email.

John was a co-ordinator of a militant campaign against the SPU Queensland branch which was instrumental in organising a militant strike against the SPU Queensland branch and pickets and transport workers to keep their jobs.

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Committee of Management meeting to discuss cause why he should not be dealt with by his progressive union members bringing the union administration into disrepute.

The Branch Committee of Management meeting, Nicol was asked to represent the union in a discussion with the TIC officials.

Nicol knew all right. The SPU was recruited to attend meetings of the TIC to discuss the union's future.

On the second occasion, Nicol went to a meeting but made sure the final delegation wasn't informed.

Email strikers had to be kept in the dark about the fact that he is a union bureaucrat who still stands to have his self-interest exposed, he is not an elected officer.

John was involved in establishing a rank and file group, the Storemen and Packers' General Meeting. Despite the fact that he is not an elected officer, he is not an elected officer.

The main aim of the group is to bring elected officials under rank-and-file control. What Nicol is scared of.

John Boyd — he dared to expose Nicol's self-out of Email workers.

Sign the protest letter

AN OPEN letter to the Storemen and Packers' Union is being circulated calling for the Queensland branch to drop the charges against John Boyd.

The letter says that the charges are clearly a case of victimisation of a union militant by SPU Queensland Secretary Fred Nicol.

The letter also calls for an open, independent trade union inquiry into the charges if John Boyd is not reinstated at the next Branch General Meeting.

It is vital that as many unionists as possible endorse this letter. If you get away with this victimisation, it will strengthen the resolve of any

rank-and-file militant who wants to see the reinstatement of John Boyd. If you wish further information about the expulsion of John Boyd, write to the Butler and we will send you a copy of the charges, a detailed reply to them and other relevant documents.

We'll also send you copies of the letter. Don't let Nicol get away with it. Sign now.

## What really happened at ...

# THE BATTLE OF FITZROY

A THOUSAND people turned out to "greet" Malcolm Fraser when he opened the Harold McCracken nursing home in the Melbourne working-class suburb of Fitzroy on Sunday March 30.

And greet him we did — with eggs, tomatoes, and bags of manure that police horses had thoughtlessly deposited in the crowd.

Fraser — the murderer of Medbank — was trying to win votes by appearing to be concerned about health services.

But he fooled nobody. The only reason the home was built was due to funding from the Whitlam Government.

Right from the beginning, the police took a provocative role. Plainclothes photographers made themselves obvious, while the police helicopter — partly financed by that bastion of "liberalism", the Age newspaper — buzzed overhead for

the full 3 hours of the demo.

Even before Fraser arrived, the police started firing the crowd beyond it. It was an early sign of the anger and militancy of the people there — workers, unemployed, leftists and local residents — that when the police pushed us, we pushed right back.

Malcolm Fraser was meant to spike outside. But when the size and militancy of the demonstration became clear, the police hurriedly summoned the official guests into the church next door.

As Fraser entered the church, he was met by a volley of missiles and loud threats. Both he and Iain appeared to incur direct fire. Fortunately at least one cop got up and denouncing the hypocritical charge that it was his plane.

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An eye witness account of the police riot

NSW HOSPITALS WRANSACKED

MILITANT hospital workers in Sydney have formed the NSW Health Care Action Group.

The group plans to do what the Nurses' Association hasn't done — be in a fighting camp against the NSW Government's cuts in NSW hospitals.

The Health Care Action Group has called a rally for Sunday, May 29 in Sydney Square at 4.45. From there, there will be a march to the State government office here.

The group was formed by militant groups which had been organising at different hospitals.

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## Scaling Olympian heights of hypocrisy

THE GREAT Olympic Boycott Saga is being to look like a Fun Run marathon.

At first, Carter and Fraser were making all the running. Then the pro-Olympic forces rallied.

Now the vote by America's Olympic Committee to boycott the Games has given the Australian Federation of Laborers and the Jimmy Carter a new boost, just when he was puffing and wheezing and about to be lapped.

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The strike was initiated and organised entirely by the inmates.

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Prisoners strike against verbalbs

Prisoners who spoke at the demonstration outside the Sydney Magistrates Court yesterday.

WE HAVE TO WATCH THEM ALL THE TIME

## Police monitor extremist groups

A REPORT of a Sydney police branch which monitors extremist groups.

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WHO SAYS big business is amoral? "Honesty is the best policy" has especially concerned some of America and Canadian department stores. They have installed an "electronic conscience". One chain claims to have cut theft by more than a third and to save \$600,000 in 9 months.

The possibilities are endless. One real estate agent in Toronto uses it to inspire the sales workers. "I love real estate, I will prospect for new listings for clients each and every day."

With  
Janey Stone

Similar to a DJ's sound mixer, the equipment broadcasts bland music mixed with such moral messages as, "I am honest. I will not steal." Repeated 9800 times an hour and at a very low volume, it is barely audible and registers subconsciously.

LAST YEAR ABC staff in Sydney walked out over having to work in offices and studios while construction work brought asbestos down around their ears.

Management fixed up the affected areas and agreed to inform the union (the ABC Staff Association) before any more work of this kind was done. Some people could be moved out.

Infamously, the Agreement about this agreement pretty quickly. When work was to be done on the air-conditioning last month, they simply went ahead with it without telling the union of it.

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Some farmers to put royalties to them and develop uses that need their fertilizers, to grow and their chemicals to survive.

The Art, and similar ones passed in the UK, US and Europe will give agricultural and pharmaceutical trans-nationals like Shell, Ciba, ICI, Unice Carbide and IIT (the old firms merged) even more control over the food we eat. They will add to their Third World countries the right to grow certain crops.

Some women had headaches, dizziness and memory blackouts. The doctors convinced them they were suffering nervous breakdowns or even had a brain tumor. It turned out they had got middle aged men from the air-conditioning.

The Food Justice Centre at Frisco is starting to publicise the effect of this Art, and is calling on the Federal government to act.

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Old delegates to ban uranium?

They're getting WAUM!

By Tim Anderson of WAUM

THE QUEENSLAND power workers' strike last month prevented the Trades and Labour Council (TLC) sponsored delegates meeting on uranium from going ahead on March 27.

The meeting was rescheduled for April 17 and, as the Batter goes to press, Workers Against Uranium Mining (WAUM) have been circulating a letter among delegates about the meeting. The letter outlines three motions they think are essential if the trade unions are to take effective action to stop uranium mining.

1. Calls on the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) to take action to implement its official policy of opposition to mining.

2. Calls on the TLC to co-ordinate meetings of unions involved in the mining, handling and transport of uranium to discuss the implementation of industrial bans.

3. Calls on the TLC to support workers who put bans on striking a one to one majority option of the ACTU and its affiliated unions if workers are victimized because of the ban.

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Energy walkers stand their ground

By Tim Anderson of WAUM

THE NEW Melbourne anti-uranium prog. Workers Against Nuclear Energy (WANE), staged several militant actions during the recent Energy Week, staged by an environment groups.

Supporters of WANE defied arrest by holding a public "pass-out" of pain in the city area during the week.

The cops decided to use a possibly embarrassing confrontation by trying to arrest them.

The posters advertised a picket called by WANE against the mining company Conzinc Riozinto of Australia (CRU).

Speakers at the picket mentioned the need for an action not only in the future but also in the workplace against any part of its nuclear energy.

On the Sunday, members of WANE joined in the Energy Walk organized by the Maxwell Road Uranium Mining (MUR) group.

There were some tense moments when the cops tried to push on up the street into the footpath.

Members of WANE, who were the front line, also refused to be moved.

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You peanut, Carter ...

lands off the revolution!

In the week following the Harburg accident, French 'D'Estalians demonstrated his concern for public opinion and safety by announcing a speed up programme.

In order to reduce dependence on oil imports, more than half of France's energy needs will be met with nuclear power stations, before the end of the decade.

The site chosen for the new station is at Plogoff, at the seaward point of Brest.

France has had an ambitious nuclear energy programme since the early 1960s. Nearly all the stations were built along the Loire at a time when there was little opposition.

Today however, there is a rising tide of anti-nuclear, anti-uranium sentiment.

With the exception of the French Communist Party (PCF) and the Socialist Front (COF) controls, the left in Brittany is unanimously opposed to Plogoff.

The socialist-dominated local government of Brest had to have an enormous anti-nuclear banner across the main street. Only the PCF voted against it.

WANE has also refused to support the local government's decision to allow a multi-union anti-nuclear demonstration in Brest.

At the beginning of February, the government set up its public safety enquiry in Plogoff. Nuclear safety has been considered the only thing that the government has done to allay public fears.

The strength of the opposition provoked the public enquiry. The first leaders of the movement to be interviewed daily in the town.

Normally, such an enquiry would be held in the town hall. But the mayor and council of Plogoff, who are the nuclear power plant's main supporters, have been encouraged by the way that the local union leadership has been broken up by the French Government in Brittany.

So the government had to

CASTING all diplomatic niceties aside, the United States is finally preparing to intervene economically — and perhaps militarily — in Iran.

That's the meaning of Jimmy Carter's announcement on April 7 breaking diplomatic relations with Iran.

As well as expelling all Iranian diplomats, Carter also imposed an embargo on US exports and a ban on Iranians entering America.

By David Lockwood

These measure are the public culmination of a much longer campaign against Iran.

Ever since the Shah's announcement in November, it was reported that Washington was planning a plan involving the use of military action and CIA subversion to remove the Iranian government.

The US has already arranged for all Iranian assets in western banks to be frozen. This means that Iran cannot make any payments on its loans.

It is also unable to negotiate any new loan or convert its US dollars (issued under the freeze) into other currencies.

Other news is that the United States has been trying to get the US against Iran for some time. The US has been added to its aid military war may be the result.

It would be utterly mistaken to think that the US government has taken these measures out of concern for the hostages.

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A MILITANT student display weapons captured when the US Embassy was occupied. Even the director of the American Centre in the US Consulate in Melbourne, Peter Walcott, has admitted that the embassy in Teheran was a centre for CIA subversion.

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## Lorna — ten weeks with no money

**LORNA WHYTE** spoke to the **Battler** in hospital, just a few hours before she had yet another operation on her spine.

Lorna, an AWU member, was the bookstall attendant at Burwood railway station. Part of her job was lifting heavy bundles of books and newspapers.

The sale lifting weight for women under government standards in NSW is 30 pounds. Lorna was often lifting anything from 35 to 40 pounds, usually the

heavy bundles on Thursday afternoons from Parramatta.

One day, Lorna bent down to lift a bundle and then couldn't straighten up.

"I was in hospital for nine weeks of one stage. I couldn't do any stooping. I couldn't even vacuum my own home.

"I put my claim in straight after the accident, but heard nothing for ten weeks. Finally, I managed to get \$500 out of them in back payments.

"They're the biggest mongrels out there. They are always delaying the payments. When I rang their office to complain once, one of the clerks there told me that my

claim was that it was what medical science had said that was wrong. After being told the claim was an unimpaired time, they "brought me home" money in the end. Lorna rang Australia Mutual.

"They said they always have problems about the insurance companies, especially in one.

"This time that I caught out. The clerk who said the check was the post, I stamped, postmarked the day back, Australia Post rang back and made them apologise to me."

**Fred — his lungs are wrecked, but he got nothing**

**FRED BENNET** worked on the garbage runs for **Marrickville Council** from 1948 to 1972.

In those 25 years he had only 80 days off sick.

Now Fred is dying, and can't look after himself or his wife, Dorrie.

In 1971, Fred landed work on a compactor garbage wagon. He had to operate the compressor manually, from the side right behind the driver's cab.

"For five days more for over a year, Fred was forced to breathe the diesel fumes from the engine as he operated the compressor.

He developed "chronic

obstructive airways disease" — Fred, at the age of 58, has 15 1/2 years to the ironed end of the lungs of a 90 year old man, the compo run around since 1973. But they will never see one end until the compo payments, simply because Dorrie, despite the fact that he had to handle sawdust, ash and chrome plating residues in Marrickville Street specialist district, would not do his work any longer.

And that was that. After 25 years, Fred got his gold watch and an early pension. And no compo.

## WORKERS' compensation — compo — has got more attention in the past 12 months than it has ever had since its introduction into Australia at the beginning of this century.

When the South Australian government became the first to introduce the legislation, it was regarded as a milestone in social reform.

But today, compensation is a hopelessly outdated system. It exists to give injured workers the run-around and to give the insurance companies super-profits. Doctors, lawyers and the insurance companies are the only ones who can win in the Great Compo Stomp.

Feature by IAN JORDAN

On these pages, the **Battler** looks at some of the ways that the compo system is rigged in NSW. In each state, the compo system is different. But the story is always the same. It's the injured worker who loses out.

Migrant workers are more often diddled out of their compo by bosses and insurance companies. The companies play on the isolation of the migrant worker, giving them the super run-around.

But the story is the same for all workers. Take the case of **Manufacturers' Mutual**

Commonwealth Sickness Benefits, which pays little more than the dole.

For those who stick it out, there is the paper shuffle.

Before you claim, you have to fill out a form. Often, you are told that there are no forms available and to come back later!

When you get the form, you have to fill it out 100% correctly. If you don't, the insurance company sends you a letter asking for "more details".

Then they ask you to make a Statutory Declaration. When they compare this to your form, they delay you again if there is the smallest difference in the

information.

And so it goes on. The usual ruck for insurance companies is to try to get injured workers to show that they are "frank".

A worker at the Metropolitan Colliery at Helensburg on the NSW South Coast realised that his car tyres were let down three times by an insurance company firm crew, so they could film him changing the wheel.

One company produced a film on court of an injured woman doing housework, and threatened to prosecute her as a fraud.

The film turned out to be her sister who had come in to help her after her injury, so the company had to cough up!

But even if you become someone to manage to beat the system and get your payment, it doesn't end there.

The Federal Government Taxation Office steps in and

demands that you pay tax on the lump sum of compo arrears payments. Not only has initiation costs eaten away at it, but you are taxed at the higher rate!

For those injured workers who are off work for more than six months, there's a special penalty.

After this time, you lose your wages and get a set amount — \$97.70 a week, \$240 for a spouse and \$11.20 for each child.

In other words, you are reduced to the poverty line for the crime of being injured at work.

The compo take-off has got to go. If the huge insurance companies were nationalised, their massive reserves could be used to finance a national scheme which guaranteed a decent living wage for all who could not work — injured workers included.

But as the recent fight in Victoria showed, only workers' action will bring about any changes for the better for injured workers.

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May last year, when he was working for **Thorn Loading**. Like many small companies, profits came way ahead of safety. For example, the spot-welding machines had no curtains. A tape dispenser went out of order for 8 months before it was repaired to safe working order.

When he had to make up his mind about many small companies, this one was insured by **Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance**.

This didn't mean much to Tom until his accident. Four steel lockers fell off a trolley and he was hit by 220 pounds of iron.

Tom suffered recurring dizzy spells. He had to make frequent trips to hospital.

"I was in and out of work for a year. The boss claims that I had a personality change

most people know how dangerous the construction industry is.

Every day, building workers are injured, crippled and maimed, sometimes killed.

But two examples from the building industry during the past year in NSW show that there is a way off the compo run-around.

Industrial action does speed up the compo payment, as both **Frank Teague** and **Dimito Mili** know.

**Frank Teague**, a builder's labourer working for the formwork company **Fyna Constructions**, was injured at work in the middle of last year.

"Not only did my back hurt after my injury — the **Manufacturers' Mutual** insurance company let him go for 13 weeks without wages or compo.

But Frank was lucky that most construction workers, on the compo run-around, are in. The Builders' Labourers' Federation (BLF), denied that.

"Over that builder's labourers at the Sydney Entertainment Centre,

working for **John Holland Constructions**, held a stoppage and decided on 14 October for 9 October 9 at the Concrete Construction's job at Mc Donnell Technical College, Queanberry, on November 11 last year.

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**If you hurt on the job, the insurance moguls just triple all over you.**

**Tom — forced to live on tea and toast while he waited**

Tom refused to see the MMI doctor again. "Do" asked me to see another one of their doctors, which I did. By now Tom was running out of cash. He had got all his holiday pay and remaining sick pay. After nine weeks, he gave them the money and when he got home and found out, he was in for a real one.

"I thought that I had troubles before, then that was nothing compared to what happened with **Manufacturers' Mutual**." They asked me to see the doctor, which I did. I had to go back to work — without even examining me! At this time Tom was having three or four giddy falls a day. He had stopped coaching soccer team because of them. He even had trouble leading the paper. — The paragraphs would just become a black void.

"I got nine weeks compo, but Tom Tierney is lucky — he never gave that his accident was his boss' fault."

After the royal run-around by the company and the insurer, after the just and hunger of having to wait ten weeks, Tom to himself decided to get a lawyer. He had decided to take a private action in court against his former boss. But Tom Tierney is lucky — he never gave that his accident was his boss' fault."



**KE THE WAY! DON'T FOLLOW!**

**Nationalise compo!**

The way to stop the compo run-around — builders' labourers march in Sydney in defence of injured comrade Dimito Mili. That strike action and occupation of the insurance company's office forced a dramatic speed-up in Dimo's compo.



he him, the doctor sent Tom to his own specialist. "I had used up all my savings and mainly lived on toast and tea." Ten weeks after he should have got his first payment, after the latest Christmas of 1975, Tom got his first compo. Tom's nine weeks compo, but Tom Tierney is lucky — he never gave that his accident was his boss' fault."

**FOOD: why the third World gets a raw deal**

IT'S NOT every day that a person who gets a record turnout at a press club luncheon is ignored by the major dailies.

By Maria Giolitti

But that was the response to Susan George, who has recently been doing a lecture tour in Australia.



Susan George

**supported**

In the late sixties, the US Baker Revolution in South America. According to Helings, "Our most compelling need is to change people's attitudes." What they neglected to tell consumers was that a change from a corn meal to a core flake diet represents a decrease from 900 calories to 460 per meal. Great news for the weight watchers in poverty stricken South America!

**solutions**

It's on the question of solutions that Susan George is unfortunately somewhat confused. She didn't intend to talk I attended, but she seemed intent on looking at the industry in isolation. No, it wasn't. What Mike Wilesee was upset about was the fact that demonstrators had resorted to the "violent" act of throwing eggs and tomatoes at the Prime Minister's back — a fact that had dominated Wilesee's preceding ten minute interview with Malcolm Fraser, not to mention a parliamentary proceeding and the news papers for several days after.

**OUR POLICE**

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THE VIOLENCE the ruling class hates — Malcolm Fraser's role violated by soup from the unemployed in Hobart last year.

**"I THINK it's a tragedy this sort of thing has come to Australia."**

With these words, and almost choking back as a sob, Mike Wilesee closed his segment on Channel 7 covering the wild demonstration against Malcolm Fraser in Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy the other week.

**One rotten egg deserves another . . .**

Healy who had helped organise the Fitzroy demo, and ALP deputy leader Lionel Bowen — found it necessary to apologise for the egging-through by claiming that it was all a "divisive" provocation" by Fraser to win votes. The logic of that position is simple — don't do anything militarily against Fraser, because he is only trying to provoke it. And if you do — cover up after by pretending you were provoked to the point of irrationality. Now, International Socialist members, along with several hundred other people, took part in the egg-throwing at Fitzroy and Monah. We weren't irrational about it. And we feel no need whatsoever to apologise for our actions — particularly not Mike Wilesee — or the national parliament.

**sense**

Now, it must take a pretty warped sense of values to get upset about egg-throwing, but to find acceptable the accompanying police attack on the demonstrators — an attack which involved arrested protesters being dragged off by the hair, police horses being ridden straight into people, and one protestor incuring brain injury being dragged along the road.

**Capitalist 'democracy' is based on brutality at every level.**

Here in Australia, our history has been riddled with ruling class violence, from the very start when men and women were transported out here for the crime of stealing bread to feed their children.

**agreed**

But Harold Holt won't be because people won't be because they were all budding anti-Vietnam war protesters who showed off by the knocking and abuse.

"The highbrows" have been the poisoning and slaughter of the Aborigines, the Eureka Stockade,

**The film they banned**

DURING the recent referendum on nuclear reactors in Sweden, the Swedish Television Authority banned a film from being aired on the grounds that it was such a powerful argument against nuclear energy that the pro-nuclear camp could not answer it.



THE VIOLENCE the ruling class hates — an artist's impression of the Robbery massacre in 1929, where police fired on striking miners in NSW; and beneath, cops maul a picketer during the Fairfax strike in Sydney in 1975.

But Paul Jacobs was a journalist who started to investigate the effects of the fallout from atom bombs in the height of the Cold War, the American Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) conducted tests with such secrecy that not but people couldn't tell, but notice the increasing deaths from cancer as the tests went on.

**THE BATTLES**

By Alec Kahn

And we are in favour of the working class preparing itself for the day when it can go on the attack — and rise up in revolution to smash the capitalist system with whatever violence it takes.

**clear**

All this was sound like we're in favour of people using violence at demonstrations wherever they feel it.

**armed**

And we know that anything less than an armed working-class will be smashed, even if it was in Chile and other places. Now that's far cry from the New Right at Malcolm Fraser.

**The film they banned in 'liberal' Sweden**

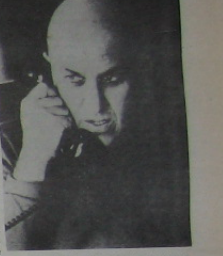
The film was "Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear Gang."

By Ian Jordan

This time his verbatim was cracked. He found by accident that the inhabitants of St. George were being used as guinea pigs, without their knowledge or consent, to test the effects of fallout.

**bomb**

On January 3, 1978, he died aged 53. This film, made by him but completed by friends after his death, deals with his life and work. But more than that, the Swedish censor was right. There is no answer to the charges made in this film about the so called "responsible authorities" except saying, "Well, it is a powerful and drearily absorbing film and also compelling. It is a film that you must see, if you want to know the truth about nuclear energy. It is a film that you must see, if you want to know the truth about the public health service."



PAUL JACOBS — the man who discovered America's nuclear guinea pigs and paid for it with his life.

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**ALIEN — just another company monster**

By Steve Drakeley

IN SPACE nobody can hear you scream is the popular theme for advertisements for "Alien" the science fiction thriller.

**sixism**

Each as a hero and as a woman, she is completely different from the kind usually portrayed by Hollywood.

# Arbitration must go

## ON 31 MARCH Hospital Employees Federation members started an indefinite strike at the Watson Psychiatric Home in Canberra.

They are out over staff ceilings, fighting Fraser's cutbacks in the most effective way.

The Hospital opened about three years ago, as half-way house and to do rehabilitation work. Its economic management has been able to do precious little rehabilitation because of low staff numbers. Fifteen workers to care for 20 residents — 24 hours a day.

The Watson workers are visiting other HEF work places to spread support for the strike and raise money for strike pay.

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sector unions followed their lead at the Australian National University.

The Canberra members of International Socialists have supported the HEF workers' struggle by joining in pickets of the Capital Territory Health Commission, raising the issue in other unions and at the Australian National University.

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## Telecom bans are back

AFTER LIFTING their bans for four weeks (so that arbitration branches in their wage increase could go ahead, Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association (ACOA) members in Telecom have rejected a 4% offer made by Telecom, and decided to reimpose the bans.

Seeing that the original offer was 3%, a 4% offer was no real gain, and the ACOA officials decided to go strongly against it. The ban made the offer deliberately unacceptable, so that they could go straight back to arbitration when it was rejected.

The ban has now gone into its first phase — the arbitral (that is, the arbitration) phase. This would be no hearing unless the ban was lifted.

After a four week dispute, management at Melbourne's Government Aircraft Factory finally caved in to the demands of their striking workers.

GAF workers went out after the sacking of their convener Neil Marshall, nine workers being sacked, and lost their PPA (Production Performance Allowance). As reported in the last *Battler*, they voted to stay out indefinitely unless Neil Marshall was reinstated.

## ANTI-URANIUM MINING

Rank and file metal workers in South Australia are setting up an anti-uranium group.

The first meeting is on 30 April.

For details contact Ernie Broadwood on 255 8908 or the AMSSU office.

## WORK VALUE — NO VALUE

THE DECISION will be handed down tomorrow. Australian Postal and Telecommunications Union (AFTU) officials assure members in the postal industry.

"So's Christmas," says Eric Holt, a mail officer from the State Mail Centre in Victoria. "We've been waiting for fifteen months now."

Fifteen months of being told: Now don't fight staff ceilings. Don't fight the introduction of new technology. Don't fight against the Mail Network Plan.

Don't fight any thing because it will suspend our wage case. To top it all off it is highly likely that we will receive only crumbs from the Arbitration Commission.

The Victoria AFTU members have started to take the fight back to their work place. The day shift at the GPO, 120 positions and mail officers, recently walked out and marched up Bourke Street.

## GAF workers fly home

And reinstated he was!

The stand down on the nine men were lifted with pay for time up to the beginning of the strike. There was further strain in which workers were offered the allowance as a taking place.

## conditions

The agreement was without conditions of course. One of the conditions states that if management is concerned about the action on shop stewards, then the state secretary of the union concerned will be contacted (presumably, the dispute will not exist while this is going on).

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## RAILWAYERS steamed up

STATION masters at Melbourne and New South Wales have begun a campaign against the public Transport Commission's (PTC) proposal to introduce local banking.

The PTC wants station masters to bank station tracks.

But the PTC doesn't want to pay for any transport on the nearest bank (in some cases two miles away).

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## fraud

The pay offer is a fraud. Bank staff assistants will be getting an 11% rise on an 8% rise from 80c.

A stopwork meeting called by the National Union of Railworkers unanimously condemned the PTC proposal.

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

## VPSA officials to be expelled? critic?

ONCE again the rights of members of the Victorian Public Service Association (VPSA) are being threatened — not by their employers but by their own union leadership.

For daring to raise the question of action by the union, the convener of the VPSA Reform Group, Jeff Soar, is being threatened with expulsion.

In March this year, the VPSA leadership called a fully funded support of the Trade Union Campaign Against the Hysterical Government's proposed amendments to workers' compensation.

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Instead they were treated to pessimistic lectures. When some of them complained to the VPSA Executive about the union's voice leading the Executive public place on the public address system.

However, Jeff Soar still managed to mount the platform and have mistaken the right of workers to work hour strike and expressing no support to the Executive.

## No job insurance at Mercantile

MERCANTILE Mutual insurance, a firm with over \$200 million in assets, has sacked 145 IT workers. The sacking took place in an effort to boost profits during the 56% inflation in late 1979.

Seven workers were laid off in Sydney and seventeen in Melbourne. More sacking are expected in the not too distant future.

The reason for the sacking was that the company had decided to close all its other branches to centralise its operations. So laid off more than 1000 employees.

Expatriation — setting up suburban branches — was vetoed by management. Extra staff were hired so that operations could be decentralised.

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## IS MEMBERS give a spirited rendition of "The Red Flag" in Italian at the conclusion of our conference for 1980.

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## IS members plan 1980

THE FIFTH NATIONAL Conference of the International Socialists took place in Sydney on Easter.

This was the first IS Conference held outside Melbourne. It reflects the growth of the organisation, which started out in Melbourne, over the last few years in Brisbane and Sydney.

The I.S. National Women's Caucus set up a women's movement, the growth of PHS, which women's groups and the need for assistance in the women's movement.

The Conference links into small groups to discuss the paper in detail. It is hoped to appear in the *Battler* and publish it as a pamphlet in the near future.

The organisational report to the National Executive analysed in a critical fashion some of the strengths and weaknesses of the I.S.

What we have gone over in the last year has taken on a new dimension, the role of building a general workers' movement and building a general workers' movement and building a general workers' movement.

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## FORUM

"Taking on Thatcher" — the British Socialist Workers' Party.

Speaker: Mick Crewcock recently returned from Britain.

7.30 pm April 22, 1111 Esmore Road, Newtown.

Friends of us welcome.

## General Meeting of UNION OF UNEMPLOYED WORKERS

Newcastle

30 Hunter St, Newcastle

7.30 pm, April 23.

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Clip and post to: I.S. National Secretary, P.O. Box 46, Flemington, Vic 3031



**POWER workers march against John's Essential Services Act II in Ipswich (Queensland) last November. Now their "wildcat" struggle has turned the Act into a dead letter — and on at least a 21 hour cut in the work week.**

# WHY WE HATE

**THE THREE day strike called by Queensland power workers three weeks ago, has brought the whole issue of the 35 hour week to a head.**

After declaring a state of emergency under the Essential Services Act, the Bjelke-Petersen government met union officials and secretly offered them a deal.

Although the officials refused to reveal any of the government's proposals at mass meetings at which they encouraged its acceptance, we now know what it was.

The Queensland government is offering a 3 1/2 hour week to all workers employed in both the generation and distribution sides of the industry.

The power workers also won concessions for the removal of over 800 anomalies that exist in working conditions between power stations covered by different

**By Ian Rintoul**

generating boards, even though all are now under the Queensland Electricity Generating Board.

They have also made the point that appear "small" deals to attempt to weaken their organisation, but not as important as their gain of the 3 1/2 hour work, has

been the severe blow that power workers have dealt to the Essential Services Act. Bjelke-Petersen's monstrous legislation has been reduced to a mere scrap of paper, and in the light of this experience. Kettle again opened up in the confusion as Bjelke tried to fight off suggestions that they should be negotiations. He stated that power

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**ACT hostel strike — 10**

**AMAZING** alacrity to the stigmatisation of John Bayly. Seems the manager at Email, where John worked, started out as a vicious union-basher. But he was soon tamed. To the point where one day he got up to the TWU delegate and asked permission to take the next day off work.

"I don't mind," said the unionist, "but I'll have to ask the other delegates."

★★★

**PENNY-pitching** Liberal politician recently announced themselves to Burwood (Sydney). Last year an ALP administered Burwood council to donate a large library due to the St. Joseph's Home for Children. Rukus Liberal aldermen rejected the request at two councils.

They soon had to change their tune. It emerged they had given \$500 to the Croodon public school IAC.

★★★

**PARTING SHOTS**  
 with Bill Posters

which Liberal alderman Robert Walker is a member. It further came to light that the council had run up \$4000 in legal bills for such "progressive" purposes as opposing the expansion of a war widow's home, and existing aboriginal youth's hostel.

Backtracking frantically, the Libs have agreed to give \$5000.

★★★

**DARTH Vader** lived "The Planet Corporation has issued a report, titled 'The Economics of Strikes and Revolutions During Early Space Colonization'.

The study deals with "how such occurrences as strikes and revolts might arise, the likely direction they will take, and what steps might be taken in space industrialization to minimize the danger of catastrophic economic and social disruption."

Who says socialist will arrive sooner than the Libs?

The Battler "Paper of the International Socialists" will carry the banner headline: CIVIL WAR NOT STAR WARS!

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## Carter's war on Iran

**JIMMY CARTER'S** attempted raid on Teheran to free the motley collection of CIA agents, marine bully boys and imperialist diplomats had all the makings of an adventure thriller.

It involved helicopters smuggled in under the cover of night, secret agents waiting for a signal in Tehran, and a projected gas attack on the area surrounding the US embassy.

The only thing it lacked was John Wayne at its head to make it work.

But no-one could be deluded that the fiasco of Carter's first military push against Iran signals an end to the crisis.

The US government had been planning military action against Iran for nearly nine months. On 17 April, Carter warned of some sort of military action, which is the right and prerogative of the US in these circumstances.

But it failed — miserably. And it features made a mockery of US imperialism.

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proceedings since the last workers had been sold been lit the officials, the campaign would have still been in court.

The 35 hour week claim was first submitted two years ago. Since then, instead of a campaign of action, workers have watched the claim delayed and delayed by shilly-shallying in courts and in wage negotiations.

This time, even after the strike was on, there was not an official to be seen until Petersen offered them a deal. Then they appeared at mass meetings urging acceptance.

of the deal about which workers had been sold nothing.

The power workers did not take it lightly. "It has been over a year and a half, I was told."

More than a bit suspicious, the workers got the officials dressed and undressed by shilly-shallying in courts and in wage negotiations.

The power workers have won this much of the game by themselves. They know the rest is up for grabs.

**SECRET DEAL offers 37 1/2 hrs**

**KENTUCKY Fried Chicken** has sacked fifteen Australian Workers' Union (AWU) members for going on strike and picketing.

**'We're union lickin' good'**

The workers went on strike at the Miranda store in Sydney's outer suburbs on March 20. Miranda was one of the four unannounced Fryd Chicken outlets amongst the forty-seven shops in Sydney.

Judy Shapiro, the AWU delegate at Miranda, said that the dispute began over the cleanliness, and safety of the store and rest rooms.

In the two months before the strike there had been twenty-one workers in rest rooms which were designed to disadvantage the union activists, including the delegate.

Two hours after they went on strike, the workers were sacked. They had set up a picket line.

Then Kentucky Fried Chicken employed several 15-year-olds in their office as casuals. They have no sick pay, no public holidays and no holiday pay. And no union membership.

With the picket continuing, the company went to court to get a company law injunction to stop the pickets.

The Supreme Court ordered the workers to call off their pickets. Now

works local institution. Surely, really, he got it wrong, for the birds get squeezed for one!

**JUST WHO'S RUNNING THIS THING?**

**LABOUR ON THE MARCH**

**POLITE** terms for the sick number 212.

When the secret of Melbourne's Moscow Valley Hotel leaked one of its full-time bar staff was sacked.

"Some pubes would never even have a week's notice on a day. But not our great host."

It is announced that the bar staff will be retained for another year.

**BRISBANE** militants will be pleased to hear that a German socialist party has reported the Rumpelstiltskin and Evil Gnomes.

The Socialist Workers' Party carried full details on the 1979-80 EVIL Gnomes. They had been found in a place called "Geography".

Some of the German comrades just "believe that anybody could actually be called Geoburg."

**AFTER an extended cat-and-mouse game, the Queensland coalition government has now introduced its infamous Pregnancy Termination Control Bill.**

This bill, which passed its first reading last Tuesday, will give thousands of Queensland women into the hands of backstreet abortionists.

The provisions of the bill (see below) are so savage that even the conservative Australian Medical Association has opposed it.

All the parliamentary parties initially denied responsibility for the legislation. National Party mogul, Robert Sparkes rushed to claim that it wasn't National Party policy.

The Liberals were highly embarrassed as the bill was initiated by one of their members, Right-to-Lifer Don Lane.

The Labor Party was unable to mount a coherent opposition because ALP leader Ed Casey is a prominent Right-to-Lifer. Even Labor front bench Ken Hooper, who opposed the bill, referred to picketing women as "backstreet leeches."

The attempt at justifying the bill has been almost sickening in their self-righteousness.

Ed Casey is claiming that abortion is "murder". But at least one woman in six has had an abortion. Casey presumably thinks that over 700,000 Australian women should be locked away.

The Right-to-Lifer backers of the bill are saying women should go through with unwanted pregnancies to satisfy the waiting lists for adoptions.

Apparently, women are now meant to disrupt their lives to become breeding machines for total strangers — while thousands of orphans in the Third World are kept out by Asian immigration laws.

Bjelke-Petersen has even had the gall to claim that the bill "looks like justice" for children.

Meanwhile, thousands of Queensland children suffer because of his education cuts. He still allows uncontrolled use of pesticides to cause hundreds of infant deformities.

And Bjelke-Petersen cuts so much about orphanal children that he cancelled the children's program, ensuring that hundreds more black kids will go blind.

The Queensland bill can only have one real effect. It can only force thousands of women into the hands of backstreet buyers.

This bill must be STOPPED!



**FIFTEN hundred angry demonstrators rally in Brisbane against the Government anti-abortion bill. Addressing the crowd is International Socialists union activist Judy McKay, who branded the legislation as an attack on the Queensland labour movement's working-class women, and called for mass trade union action to carry out the Queensland labour movement's official pro-abortion policy.**

## Here's what the Qld legislation means

1. A woman who attempts to procure her own abortion faces 3 months jail.

2. A doctor or a nurse who performs an abortion, or who is as much as advises a pregnancy outside the stipulations of the bill faces up to a year in jail.

3. A woman who has been raped can only obtain an abortion if she reports the rape within seven days and shows evidence of physical violence. She must also have written evidence from a doctor of rape. If the court subsequently decides that it was not rape, the woman and her doctor can be charged.

4. A woman who becomes pregnant through incest has to make a formal charge against her kin. She also has to have a doctor and two

specialists to prove it.

5. A woman can only claim a midwife if she can prove that she is about to kill herself specifically or her pregnancy.

6. A doctor is not permitted to specialise in abortions. It is not permitted to obtain any expertise in performing abortions safely.

7. A doctor "considered" to be referring an excessive number of women for termination can be sacked and degraded.

8. Anyone making false statements to obtain an abortion faces three years jail.

9. A doctor who specialises in abortions is not permitted to obtain any expertise in performing abortions safely.

# Smash Joh's Abortion Bill





# CONTRADICTORY

## Are they building socialism . . . or what?

ON JULY 19 last year, the Sandinistas returned triumphantly to Managua after overthrowing the dictatorial regime of Anastasio Somoza.

Supported militarily by the U.S. for the last 47 years, this was one of the most brutal dictatorships in Latin America.

The Sandinista victory came after a long, brave, bitter, necessary struggle that cost many lives.

Today nearly eight months later, the class coalition of bourgeois professionals and intellectuals together with workers and campesinos, through the revolution dominated by the social democratic faction of the FSLN (Front Sandinista de Liberacion Nacional), is dedicated to "National Reconstruction".

The Government of Reconstruction is a broad class coalition of bourgeois professionals and intellectuals together with workers and campesinos. Although the government has made fundamental changes to specific parts of the Nicaraguan state apparatus, it has not fundamentally challenged the class basis of that state. Indeed, it is encouraging the private capitalist sector to a leading role in the reconstruction.

Les Files of the American International Socialist Organisation, just back from three weeks in Nicaragua, reports.

SANDINISTAS rejoice at the liberation of a Somoza farm.

control their factories and to decentralise the broader direction of the revolution. Accordingly, they say, there must be a firm trajectory with workers' education before the Sandinista revolution can become a social one.

But although social democratic politics direct the Nicaraguan government today, it is by no means the accepted line among Nicaraguan workers.

Many workers understand the meaning of setting up independent working class organisations to defend and fight for their rights. No government, even one that calls itself revolutionary, is not a government if it does not defend the interests of the working class.

It is possible to argue that the Sandinista government has not reconquered the country and the capitalist class within at the same time as the class compromise for reconstruction.

Today these organisations are to carry on government policies on the local level, but are not strengthened in reconstruction, the working class has no independent voice.

The Nicaraguan government has already separated itself from the source of political power.

On April 18, the government announced a "cultural reorganisation" in which some personnel of the Sandinista government have been given until April 21 to go to work.

The campaign had in fact been going to last for a long time. The government and the American International Socialist Organisation (AISO) support large sections of the population to expand the programme of the Sandinista government and even to maintain themselves.

"SOCIALIST reconstruction" in practice? Managua residents line up for McDonalds Hamburgers.

ASPRO is produced by Nicholas International, an Australian multinational. Nicholas is based in Melbourne, but four-fifths of its income comes from outside Australia. Sales turnover runs at \$85 million.

All the information below comes from a book produced for their diamond jubilee.

Aspro was first produced in a little suburban pharmacy in Melbourne in 1915. The Nicholas brothers built it up through hard self advertising, international manoeuvres and typical business methods. They added many other now well known products, such as Rennie's and Redox, and built up a mass market in Britain.

**With Janey Stone**

IN THE 1930's, Nicholas set out with "almost missionary zeal" to take Aspro into the under-developed countries, "the unknown world of the wild tribes."

"Almost unbelievable situations developed, real Sunders of the River and the livingstone adventures. Aspro representatives backed their way into the interior of strange lands. They carried their Aspro in samples of Aspro in airtight tins as precious stores.

**MULTINATIONALS always play on local chauvinism.** In France, Aspro-Nicholas were as enthusiastically French as possible.

During World War 2 production was maintained with loyalty and real courage of the staff.

The Paris factory when put under a German control was maintained as a business in Lyons. In Wexy France, Aspro men crossed back and forth, went to Belgium and North Africa.

The Aspro staff put up a market, spread stickers and other material widely round the region, playing music, showing films through microphones, flashing bay lights and all the things they could think of whipping up excitement.

For three days they travelled with their weight-lifting, and large quantities of Aspro were seen leaving the factory for distant villages, moving the mass of Aspro through the stage they even returned in accidental \$500 profit!

So like all multinationals they were THERE IS NO doubt that aspirin is useful drug. But there is no difference between brands, except for price. When the chairman, Maurice Nicholas, says that Aspro is unique might be overlooked. But when he says that it is safe, he is lying dangerously.

Analgesic (painkiller) abuse has been called the Australian disease. Thousands of people are on kidney machines because companies like Aspro exploit the anxiety and confusion which results from life in capitalist society.

"Can be paid for many things to get about - the home, the children - making demands - getting on in your job. Pay for money - money - the price we pay for our lives."

"But how to relax? The safe way is with Aspro. How often do you need the helping hand of Aspro? More often than you think."

PART of the three thousand strong march in Sydney to commemorate the anniversary of the near disaster at Harrisburg. At the rally organised by Labor Against Uranium, the main trade union speaker was Cliff Down from the ACTU executive. Unfortunately, Down's only critic was to vote Labor at the next election rather than fight now for the implementation of the ACTU's anti-uranium policy.

## Uranium bans start rolling

BRISBANE job delegates have voted for action to stop uranium mining in Queensland.

The delegates to Labor Council sponsored meeting on 17 April resolutions were carried calling for positive action from the ACTU on its anti-uranium policy.

**By Tim Anderson for Brisbane WAUM**

The assembled delegates passed a resolution calling on the TLC to convene the delegates meeting in May and to do a lot more work to get delegates along.

Despite the small turnout, the meeting did have some effect. Electrical Trades Union officials announced shortly after that they were instructed during the meeting to withdraw from Mary Kathleen and other mines sites. There was some suggestion that this might be extended to other sites.

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**UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE ACTION**

IN THE face of an obstinate Public Service Board the three clerical unions in the public service called stop work meetings nationally for April 28.

It is the first time stop work action has been called by federal public servants over a wage issue. They want a 20 per cent increase.

The Australian Public Service Association (forth division officers) and the Federation Clerks Union have also said they will honour bans imposed by ACOA members already in motion outside NSW. Bams are stopping money coming in and statistics are not being recorded on work performance.

As well as stopping on the basis, most meetings should be held, all stop-work. Although the meeting they voted to stay out for the rest of the day. The officials called for motions from the floor only after a third of the meeting had left the room.

**Anzac arrests**

TO GET on the roadway. The women were marching on the median strip. The woman got off the road and went onto the footpath, and kept marching toward the War Memorial. The police told her to get off the footpath.

FOURTEEN women in Canberra were arrested during the Anzac Day march.

## Iran's war against Carter

THE REACTION of the Iranians has been remarkably restrained. So far, they have taken no measures except to move the hostages from the embassy area.

But there was talk this time — which will be translated into action next time — of cutting off oil supplies, pouring the oil into the Persian gulf and setting light to it.

We would support any such measures taken by Iran in defence of its national interests.

America's increasing war preparedness is a sign for the hostages. They could have been released months ago simply by returning the Shah, but Carter's action placed the hostages in jeopardy.

**KHOMENI: out to crush the 'satanic' left.**

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**Unholy alliance against Iran's war**

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# Capitalism

Is the economic crisis simply a result of the oil shortage?

No. The crisis began in 1973, triggered off by the oil price increases which resulted from the Arab-Israeli war. But the first signs of the crisis were visible even before the war. And the crisis continued along after the immediate effects of that oil shortage had passed.

By 1977-78, the price of oil in real terms had fallen again — by 40 per cent. But, after a brief recovery, the major economies went back into recession.

The fall in the real cost of oil didn't stop other prices throughout the world increasing on average twice as fast as they had five years before.

But surely there is a natural shortage of oil?

No. Untapped reserves of oil exist several times greater than the total amount of oil used up in the whole history of humanity until now.

A recent report by the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) pointed out that current worldwide consumption of energy is equivalent to 6 billion tonnes of oil a year.

Against this, there are reserves of oil equivalent to 250-300 billion tonnes; of oil sands, shale, etc. equivalent to 300 billion tonnes; of natural gas equivalent to between 200 and 500 billion tonnes; and of coal equivalent to 6,700 billion tonnes. The US alone has enough coal to keep the world going for 200 years.

So it's the oil companies that are to blame for the crisis?

Not quite. They're exploiting the crisis and making it worse. But the cause is the capitalist system itself.

Isn't that just sloganeering?

Not at all. At present the production of wealth throughout the world is controlled by small groups of highly privileged people who are in continual life and death competition with each other and who measure their success or failure by their ability to make profits.

Whenever profits aren't high enough, there are great slumps in which millions of people are thrown out of work.

This happens basically because the system is unplanned, because it's based only on the drive of different owners of industry for profits. There is no mechanism to

OK, so there could be a lot more energy in an ideal world. But don't the Arabs have a stranglehold on supplies now, and don't we have to pay up or suffer?

The Arab RULERS (not the ordinary Arab people) are making as much profit as possible out of the shortage. But they're not the major villains.

They may control about half of the West's crude oil reserves, but the seven major oil companies control the refining and selling of most of that, and more besides.

The Economist Magazine recently estimated that, whereas OPEC had added about 15 cents a gallon to the price of petrol, the oil companies had added a further 35 cents off their own bat.

Remember that less than a quarter of Australia's oil comes from the Middle East. Yet the other oil has gone up in price just as much.

Esso and BHP, who own the Bass Strait oil, have with Fraser government approval raised their prices just as much as any Arab sheikh.

# Capitalism

THE WORLD economy is again plunging into individual Governments are panicking in the face of renewed economic turmoil.

- In the US, Carter gutted his whole cabinet recently in an attempt to give the impression that he personally is master of the situation.
- In BRITAIN, Thatcher's cabinet announced a budget worth of cuts in last year's budget — then multiplied them.
- Here in AUSTRALIA, after five years of wage restraint, double-digit inflation and half-a-million jobless, we still have to accept the fall in living standards caused by the fuel prices.
- And EVERYWHERE, wealthy politicians preach that they should accept the fall in living standards caused by the fuel prices.

But what are the real causes of the crisis? What is the way out? CHRIS HARMAN tackles some questions.

ensure that the efforts of different capitalists are coordinated.

Above all, there is no way in which it can be planned in advance that the necessary supplies of raw materials, skilled labour and finance exist to keep up with the mad scramble for profits which happens whenever a boom gets going.

Manufacturing capitalists try to keep up their profits by pushing up prices. Workers then try to protect their living standards by pushing for wage increases.

A point is always reached at which some capitalists decide that inflation is a threat to their future profits.

They stop expanding their output and instead start closing down factories and laying off workers.

This has a domino effect on other industries. Car production stops rising — and so the

demanded input of the steel works.

Steel we laid off — as they had to buy cars or trucks. And so it goes on.

You've probably called a "crisis" a depression. Too many goods produced at not with what we had to pay.

The 1970s were a boom for the world. But worldwide planning to make sure billions of oil and minerals expansion stopped.

By the end of 1973 prices were up 100 per cent. Certain raw materials followed.

The crisis, and falling gas prices, right across the world.

Hold it a minute. Capitalism has got out of the crisis in the past and had fresh booms. Can't it do so again? Won't things get better if we just show a little patience?

There can be little booms. But long years of prosperity as we knew them in the 1950s are ruled out.

One way capitalism escaped from slumps in the past was through some capitalists going bust and others thriving at their expense. But today the giant firms are so colossal that if any one of them goes bust it threatens to pull the others down with it.

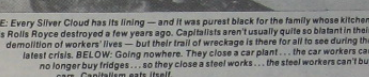
For example, in terms of the absurd logic of international capitalism, there should only be one car firm in Australia, probably GMH.

But if Ford went right out of business that would damage many other firms, including such very profitable and very powerful firms as Repco and Chloride Batteries.

In many other cases it is even more difficult — single firms now dominate whole national

So could we prevent some of the crisis by cutting out of date ideas and government spending?

The answer is no. The economy will be for production.



ABOVE: Every Silver Cloud has its lining — and it was purest black for the family whose kitchen this Rolls Royce destroyed a few years ago. Capitalists aren't usually quite so bent in their demolition of workers' lives — but their trail of wreckage is there for all to see during the latest crisis. BELOW: Going nowhere. They close a car plant... the car workers can no longer buy fridges... so they close a steel works... the steel workers can't buy cars. Capitalism eats itself.

industries. To drive them out of business is to destroy a huge chunk of the national economy.

Very few governments are prepared to contemplate that. Italian capitalism is not prepared to close up shop just so that the Japanese and the Americans can benefit. And so capitalism is denied one of its traditional ways of getting out of crisis.

The course of its profits is the labour of the workers it employs, but each individual capitalist is continually trying to get one up on his or her rival by buying machines to replace labour.

This means that the amount of investment throughout the economy grows much more quickly than the source of profits — labour.

But capitalism measures how successful it is by comparing total profits with total investment. It calls this measurement the rate of profit.

But there is another side to things. The crisis that began in 1973 tore apart a number of reactionary regimes — the

dictatorship in Greece, the slave-owning empire in Ethiopia.

After a brief period of recovery, we are now faced with another crisis. This present crisis will also provoke a series of violent upheavals.

If socialists are organised and active in the midst of the anger aroused by the crisis, then we can begin to lay the basis for a movement that will finally get rid of the capitalist system.

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WAITING TIME. Every worldwide crisis throws millions out of work — and the "booms" are getting distinctly fainter.



DYING TIME. In Latin America, poverty and crisis mean the death of children. This shop in Bogota, Colombia, specialises in the sale of babies' coffins.



CRISIS? WHAT CRISIS? For the ruling classes of the world, life continues with all the old style and extravagance. Some bosses will lose in the race — they retire to the Riviera to lick their wounds, while we get thrown on the scrapheap.

# Crash

# JESSE OWENS: the Nazis couldn't use him but America could - and did

**By Walter Belper**

JESSE OWENS, who died a month ago, was arguably the greatest athlete ever born.

He was never beaten in a major athletics competition and of course the climax of his career was to win four Gold Medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

His greatest athletic achievements at Ann Arbor in Michigan, Owens broke SIX world records in 100 and 200 yards at the Berlin Olympics.



THE MEN who humiliated Hitler, Jesse Owens (left) with Ralph Metcalfe who came second to Jesse in the 100 and 200 yards at the Berlin Olympics.

competition and winning all four events he entered. The ultimate humiliation for the Nazis came in the Long Jump. The German champion, Lutz Long held the lead into the final jump. Jesse Owens was lying in last.

Then with his final jump Owens smashed the Gold. Hitler stalked out of the stadium. What made matters worse for the Nazis was that Long joined Owens on a lap of honour round the track.

But Jesse Owens was more than just a great athlete, he was an American who discovered that world records and gold medals don't mean a thing to racism. He was born into the terrible poverty of the Deep South.

He was a sharecropper: four of the 12 children died in childhood. Owens said of his time as a sharecropper, "it was not so much as I have heard that you can't do anything but work." He left his segregated school at 12 to become first a shoeshiner, then a ball-boy. That was the summit of black achievement in America of 1930's.

It was more fortunate. He had an escape from the South. But there was no escape from American racism.

When the African Olympic team travelled to Berlin the black athletes went in a separate compartment. Jesse Owens ridiculed the Nazis by destroying the

in separate beds from the white team mate.

After the 1936 Olympics, Jensen had professional money. He had an interview in 1944.

Long and I went to the first modern sports figures who were making a fortune from national advertising. He was the South's leading black athlete, he was the social hero, he was the... He couldn't overcome racism, so Jesse Owens had to leave America.

He was employed by Henry Ford as the first permanent plant to be built in Detroit. He was fired because he was a black figurehead in the black struggle among the black delegates.

After the war, Owens was available when only white Americans politicians would hire him.

He was successfully sued by Truman and Richard Nixon. Jesse could be sued.

As an athlete he was virtually unbeatable. He was always a free victory against the Stars and Stripes medals was a great American honor when he stepped down in a separate compartment.

That is the greatest shame of America, that to invade by Jesse Owens.

# the 'democracy' that is class

WHEN he was asked in a radio interview whether he favoured bourgeois or socialist democracy, Mario Soares, leader of the Socialist Party, replied: "There is democracy, period. It is of the people, and it is not the dictatorship of the proletariat."



I take this from an American 'social-democratic' publication which, not surprisingly, is highly enthusiastic about it. But what in fact is wrong with the statement? Are not revolutionary socialists the most consistent and thorough-going democracy? Don't we denounce the Stalinist states because they are completely undemocratic?

Yes, we are for embracing democracy, for the workers in the army, in the union, in the every area of society but the 'people', that is, the 'people' soon lose effective power. You cannot rule by decree through party bosses, by elected legislators or professional soldiers is allowed to be separated from the 'people', that is, the 'people' soon lose effective power. You cannot rule by decree through party bosses, by elected legislators or professional soldiers is allowed to be separated from the 'people', that is, the 'people' soon lose effective power.

It is simply not possible to have a democracy which is not a class rule. Governments come and go, but the state machine continues regardless. The happens, the activities of the elected legislator or worker are not held power government appear to be based on the basis of ruling class to threaten its vital interest then the network of workers' organisations, an array of overthrown them by the state machine as in Chile in 1973, as in Brazil and Greece in 1964.

And this, an un-cannable, becomendated officials of all kinds, except on the basis of the common ownership of the means of production and a planned economy. That is proletarian democracy, working-class democracy.

That is not to say that such attempts will always succeed. Not at all, it depends on the struggle and militancy and political weight of the working-class reaction.

## Partisan hasn't escaped old traps

"REPRESSION, isolation and competition, and alienation. These are the words that describe the silent situation today. So what's new?"

So says one of the major articles in the first issue of Partisan - "The radical left student paper".

Well what's this for? We believe that the primary agent for revolutionary social transformation is the student. We seek to maximise students' political and material support for working class struggle.

That's from Partisan's "Statement" remaining on a twenty-four page, you'll find precious little real evidence of the student's or commitment to working class struggle. True, there is a report on the work of the Student Assistance Association in January 1976 where we see the political and material support for working class struggle.

And you could see indeed you could see with the impression that what Partisan is saying is that the student movement is not a movement to students. But the viability of such an organisation depends on the numbers of students engaged in the struggle - not on machinations of the mind.

AUS bureaucracy engaged in the student left with it - did not exist. The student movement was always a decline in mass struggles in the name of 'self-interest' from what if you're not a student.

The state machine must be destroyed



TROOPS outside the bombed ruins of the Presidential Palace where Allende (above) died. The parliamentary road to workers' power was a tragic failure.

### THE PASSING OF A GREAT PESSIMIST

AND SO, the inevitable has happened. The most famous contemporary French philosopher, Jean-Paul Sartre is dead. A massive crowd of fifty thousand people marched to his funeral in Paris.

Here is not the time nor the place to assess his philosophy. His life has been too long and active that there is not even space to sketch his life.

But it is worthwhile to make a few remarks about him on his death.

When he was alive, many left-wingers mainly radicalised students and intellectual law in a heretic figure. With his death, he has the ironic role of being made into some kind of left-wing saint.

From the very start, we must be clear that he was not a Marxist. But Sartre was always something of a radical, perhaps even a revolutionary.

**JEAN-PAUL SARTRE IN 1946. He was a philosopher, a politician, a radical, even a revolutionary - but no Marxist.**

In the last thirty or so years of his life, Sartre tried to come to terms with Marxism. But his failure to understand the importance of the existence of the working class and its struggle for a better world meant that he never really understood Marxism.

Even his political activity was naive from beginning to end. In 1952, he gave an interview in the Soviet newspaper Pravda. He was then in Paris, after returning his judgement of the French CP. He was involved with one of the many tiny Marxist groups in Paris.

For him, freedom was like a sentence. Life was a monstrous task, and we were the absurd slaves. In the last thirty or so years of his life, Sartre tried to come to terms with Marxism.

He centred his novels around dejected individuals who largely indulged in massive introspection. During the 50's they expressed something akin to alienation, a manifestation of Sartre's disgust with the rigidity of the capitalist system and a growing distastefulness with Stalinism.

But he was ever prepared to condemn all bourgeois. Sartre was a truly independent intellectual who aligned himself with the left because his individual life was largely removed from the mass of French workers.

# A battle the war for permamentency

SMORGANS had set aside \$6 million to build a new side boning room and expanded processing at their Dinmore works. But it's going to cost them a bit more than they expected.

# the war for permamentency

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By Mike Grewwock

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It is worth noting, particularly prominent during the strike and have shown a willingness to fight which has surprised many of the meat.

As the Battle goes on, the case is about there. Nothing is being done to favour the fifty dollars they are entitled to.

If you want to give your support, messages and donations can be sent to: ROUGHAN, P.O. BOX 5824, Newcastle West, 2302.

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with Bill Posters

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Ira David Howell, British secretary of State for Energy, and the words are from a speech given in the House of Commons on 25 October 79 when he was talking in the hands of The Battler.

Obviously, neither the unions is as important in Thatcher's support for nuclear energy programs as pretending they are.

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A recent wages survey published in the National Times reveals that since the end of 1974 the wage of the average fitter has fallen in real terms 37 percent, clerks in the Commonwealth public service have lost 16 percent, process workers 7.6 percent and plumbers 8.3 percent.

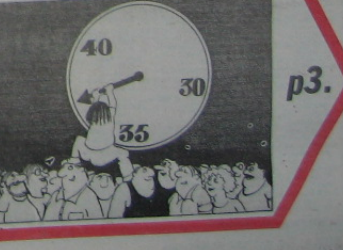
And in times of high unemployment the government has gone out of its way to make sure that the unemployed suffer as much as possible.

The greatest reduction in real income has been for single unemployed under 18 — a massive 31.2 percent cut since 1974.

Of course, a few already highly paid people have gained. Senior computer programmers up 14.4 percent, sales managers up 5.9 percent and you've guessed it, Federal politicians up a handy 12.5 percent.

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Last year however, the NSW government introduced provisions to provide compensation coverage given the difficult nature of the diseases.

In Queensland the Labour Minister and the compensation board have refused to meet the union to discuss changing the Act to provide adequate coverage.

The Labor Party in Queensland has promised that an ALP government would introduce legislation to cover compensation for infectious diseases but a lot of meatworkers will be back to wait that.

As a first step, a petition is being circulated amongst unionists concerned, to be presented to the Queensland Government demanding that meatworkers receive compensation on a par with other workers.

If, however, considering the record of the Queensland government we will have to organize action along the lines of the compo struggle in Victoria — we will have to be successful.

By Ian Rintoul, AMIEU

## VSTA signs strikes away

THE VICTORIAN Secondary Teachers' Association (VSTA) has signed a no strike agreement with the Minister of Education. It prevents teachers taking action over working conditions for the next two months.

In return, the Minister has made substantial concessions: charges against fifty one teachers at Sturford Carrum and Maragal High Schools have been dropped; inspections will stop; the controversial School Reviews will not be ahead.

In addition we have an undertaking that our members' conditions will not be worsened; any transfers or disciplinary actions must be agreed by the VSTA; and negotiations over conditions and state taxes will take place.

In a sense these concessions are a victory for the VSTA, but not a total victory. Much of the recent disputes centred around the right of teachers to take strike action to defend their working conditions.

The teachers at Sturford Carrum and Maragal faced the possibility of losing their jobs because they had gone on strike.

"Now the VSTA leadership without consulting the membership in any way, has signed away our right to strike, certainly the Minister has retreated a long way from his previous position — but it was our threatened strike action that forced him to do so."

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**sacked**  
Over Xmas, the company turned round and sacked 52 workers demanding that the extra work be done by those still there.

This led to an immediate walk-out. A week later, the company rejected the offer of claims and again, the boning room stopped. This time the company demanded assurance that there would be no further stoppages. As the lead had first been raised in 1977, the workers refused and were locked out.

They immediately set up picket lines. After two weeks, Communist Bureau issued a return to work order and wanted no further stoppages. He was told where to go.

The company then asked the courts for a second boning reveal. This was the final straw. The workers voted not to return to work until the claims were met and instructed officials to approach the slaughterhouse who work under a state award for support.

A delegation was also sent to Queensland to speak to meatworkers already under the new award. They got a great response but despite collecting the extra pay it is still only about thirty dollars a week.

On March 19, the company was awarded a secret ballot. The fifty-two men who had been sacked were given a vote to join the company that contacted Margaret Gray for help personally so that their security benefits would be cut off.

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By Mike Brewcock  
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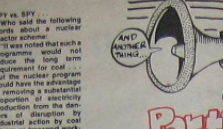
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THOUGH Bob Hawke likes to quote them, the International Labour Organisation are not exactly a mighty force for favouring a "low profile" approach to the role of the British public in a safe sense of security.

THAT being a public spirited citizen, we have some questions for the management of ACTU.

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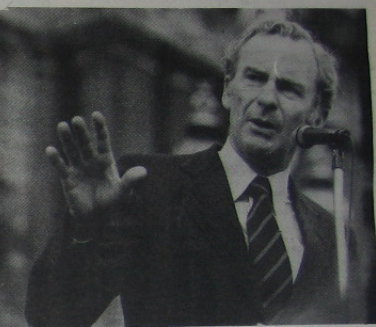
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# RIGHT-TO-LIFE BATTLE

## 35-Hr week: ACTU vs. ACOA

### IT'LL BE a long time before the Right-to-Life dares to march in Melbourne on May Day again!

A thousand pro-abortion demonstrators crowded two thousand Right-to-Lifers outside Parliament House on Sunday 4.

Most of the pro-abortionists had been part of the anti-Mary Day marches and rally. A call was put out by the International Socialist Unionists and the VPSA reform group for people to march from the Yarra Park to Parliament House to show the Right-to-Life what we think of them. A thousand people responded. The size and militancy of the crowd showed that there is a large number of activists in Melbourne willing to take action against the right and on May Day, traditionally a day of peace process.

### charged

Then the cops arrived. In an amazingly stupid move, a dozen boys in blue charged into the middle crowd. They picked out a woman, presumably the anti-abortionist, and arrested her. Despite the efforts of the police to prevent a direct confrontation...



THE POLICE moved in as soon as the Right-to-Life dares to march in Melbourne on May Day again!

### ASIO: THE BUG YOU DON'T WANT TO BUG THEM

THE 1978 ASIO act has been passed by Federal Parliament. It will be proclaimed at the beginning of June.

After that, anyone who publishes ASIO names, or shows the list to others, will be liable for prosecution. They may then get a savage jail sentence and a hefty fine.

If you discover an ASIO snop in your union, you will not be able to publish the fact.

The Campaign for the Abolition of Political Bureaus has prepared and circulated a list of ASIO staff members, past and present. We report it here, MELBOURNE BRANCH

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### By Rae Norris

demand his resignation. The military officers were shocked the cops off. As our comrades were allowed. No charges were laid although the cops are threatening to summon him later.

It is to be expected that the Right-to-Life campaign against abortion will be continued in a disruptive fashion. Reading that we'd defiled them, we were disgusted. The Right-Lifers gave up and went home.

**PROTEST** against the Queensland abortion legislation is gaining momentum as 20 Mary Day demonstrations are being held in Ipswich area, where the bill in Parliament, approaches. In NSW and Victoria, anti-abortionists are looking to the power of the union movement. In Queensland, the demonstration is on May Day in Brisbane.

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### We weren't moved, Mary

THERE has been plenty of fry flying in the Arbitration Commission over the last few weeks, and it has all been good, clean, rousing talk. It is difficult to find much sympathy for Judges like Mary Gordon who resign over "matters of principle" from \$50,000 a year job. But I suppose when you earn that much you can afford to have "principles".

### judges

But Fraser feels that it is not being tough enough. He wants increased government control so that the Court carries out his exact wishes. But a lot of judges like Gaudron and Staples think that Fraser's approach is too crude. That he will undermine the whole consensus on which Arbitration is based.

### A.C.O.A. Sand downs over jobs ...

**IN VICTORIA and Queensland there's been a pitched battle over staff ceilings in the public service.** Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association (ACO) members in the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) have been fighting for more staff.

On March 3 in Melbourne a mass meeting voted overwhelmingly to go to picket outside Parliament House. The picket action was successful in forcing the Government to agree to a 35-hour week and a 2% wage increase.

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- From 10.30am on 17 May to 20 May - vigil in Martin Place

### IN MELBOURNE

- On 30 May - all day vigil outside Parliament House from 6.00am to 6.00pm. Rally at 5.00pm

massive increases of 40 percent in productivity. And Staples' \$120 to \$150 increase was 'closed' - the union could not get other rates to rise too.

Staples and Gaudron represent the most 'enlightened', liberal wing of the ruling class. They were in on us into accepting lousy wages and conditions.

### Why we need it

Between 1974 and 1979, the number of full-time jobs in Australia fell by 119,000. At the same time, unemployment rose from 114,000 to 440,000, even as according to the grossly understated government figures.

If working hours were reduced, there will be 659,200 unemployed by 1981 and 900,000 by 1983. Since 1974, productivity has risen by 10% every year. At the same time, wages have stood still.

The 35-hour week will create more than half a million new jobs at the present level of technology. Of course, bosses will try to use new technology to replace as many of those jobs as they can. But even so, there would still be an increase of at least 200,000 jobs.



**QUEENSLAND public workers march** in support of their strike for a 35 hour week and in defiance of John's Essential Services Act. They forced him to compromise through militancy.

### over wages ...

ACO members in NSW, too, are being locked out of their offices and stood down over bans enforced in support of a 20% wage claim.

The claim has been before the Public Service Board since July 1979, and we are getting a little sick of not getting any response. The ban is on in most departments of the Government.

The best way of spreading the message is to get the workers to take action in the campaign can be successful if the workers are well organized and are well informed of the need for a 35-hour week and a 2% wage increase.

# Israeli banish arab mayor

# Break the bass

**FaHD KAWASMA, the mayor of the arab town of Hebron, was kidnapped by Israeli officers and dumped in South Lebanon last week.**

The 60,000 arabs of Hebron, the second largest city on the West Bank, have been placed under curfew.

The curfew and the paratroops, Arabhah's arabs who had lived there for over a thousand years.

There has been a wave of strikes on the West Bank recently in opposition to Israeli settlement on the occupied PLO and territories in Hebron which killed 8 in 17 Israeli soldiers reflects this growing militancy.

**by Mick Armstrong**

Hebron, an eleven day curfew had just been lifted. Forgive of these eleven days curfew lasted 22 hours.

No one could leave the town, for 16,000 Israeli troops were on duty.

This was in response to the curfew which was imposed on Saturday so that Jews could go to the mosque and pray there.

**strikes**

In the news of the bashahs, strike broke out and there were clashes with the fanatical, "Nabhis, Kakhin and Takarim, level, security forces ordered the shops to open or be forced to force.

What I was in Hebron in the morning.

The brads yelled at them. You're doing what you're doing. They forced them to say so or be taken.

Israeli soldiers entered houses and unshook up the furniture. Old people were

boas up in their houses. One 70 year old man from the PLO.

May 1979. Kawa explained how he was a resident in an extreme movement which overtook Ibrahim mosque in Hebron.

He was arrested and taken to the West Bank, and then put into a synagogue.

The curfew was maintained on Saturdays so that Jews could go to the mosque and pray there.

Prior to 1979 some Jews had lived in Hebron but Mayor Kawasma said he had no Jewish residents.

Young men were forced to stand out all night in the freezing cold.

The brads yelled at them. You're doing what you're doing. They forced them to say so or be taken.

**XHOMINI's revolutionary guards execute Kurdish militants. Kurdistan is in full scale revolt. It's a symbol of everything Xhomi detests — letists and women have been elected in democratic elections there.**

**SINCE the fiasco of the US raid, the Iranian 'hostage crisis' has entered a cold lull.**

America's rulers bluster but do nothing. The Iranians have dispersed the hostages and appear to be digging for the long haul. But the toll may not last long. There are plenty of forces at work which promise new explosions.

**By Richard Emerson**

One is US politics. When Ronald Reagan thumped up at Carter's main opponent, the assurance will be on the White House to act again. Already there is a renewed pressure for Carter to act.

Another is Iran's economic and industrial unemployment, food shortages and inflation. The average worker will be the first to suffer.

Plans for elected councils to be formed at all levels of society have been dropped for the time being.

**organisation**

Araks in Khuzestan and in southern Iran as a continual source of unrest. The people in all these regions are presently working and waiting to see what happens in Kurdistan.

Kurdistan is in full scale revolt. And it is a symbol of everything Xhomi detests.

There has been democratic elections there. Women have been elected to the National Consultative Assembly.

## Uranium bans

**TIC NEEDS TO BE FUSED**

**THE QUEENSLAND Trades and Labour Council sponsored a job delegates meeting on uranium in Brisbane on 14 April.**

The meeting called for positive action from the ACTU on its anti-uranium policy. The delegates also called on the Queensland TIC to call mass meetings of unionists working in the nuclear industry to discuss placing bans on all phases of uranium mining and exportation.

## Minister hissed

Alison claimed there would be no increase in staff size after the budget. But as 90% of education fees go to teachers salaries there is a 2% cut in man power.

The vote for them was overwhelming. But Harry said he had proposed that the TIC work on a campaign to get a great victory to let the rank and file say how they felt.

## parcasm

Alison was unable to handle parents' enquiries effectively so he declined to attend for more than 10 minutes. He could go to the toilet since he had his hand up.

## ANR's low tricks

The job committee at the Liverpool Railway works in Australia have taken up a few tricks with management.

Meanwhile, under ANR's management, the public order is maintained.

**supply**

The job could be done in 10 days. But the supply carries at the rate of 1000 units per day.

## Cage the bashers

**SINCE escaping from Grafton Jail on April 2, Ray Denning has managed to evade the NSW prison system.**

Denning has released a series of papers which give a detailed account of his time in jail. He says he was held in a cell for 10 days.

## Blair Peach — murdered by police thugs last year

Blair Peach was a member of the Socialist Workers Party, a British section of the International Socialist, Along with several thousand of his comrades, he attended an Anti-Nazi League demonstration in Scotland in April last year.

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**THE MAYOR of Hebron, Fahd Kawasma (on right) speaking out about the Israeli curfew last February. Now he has been banished.**

**Bair Peach — sti — no justice**

ON 23 APRIL, more than 5000 people were out in the streets of England. They were picketing over 80 police stations throughout the country on the first anniversary of the murder of Blair Peach.

Blair Peach was a member of the Socialist Workers Party, a British section of the International Socialist, Along with several thousand of his comrades, he attended an Anti-Nazi League demonstration in Scotland in April last year.

As he was leaving the crowd, police have charged. No-one was killed by police thugs. He died by a bullet which was fired by a police officer. He died by a bullet which was fired by a police officer.

They have all the evidence they need from eyewitness reports and their own enquiries, and the report points to the opinion of a police officer who saw the murder weapon.

They do not officially supply police officers with such material. Not to declare the mother of a cop. Her son and other policemen were equipped with weapons last year during the Liverpool strike.

There are little doubts that the police are guilty. But they continue to do nothing to let their hundreds of officers face the full public eye.

The British SWP has made a national campaign to let the public cover up, and the publishing of the Socialist

**THE PARCELS Section at Redfern Mail Exchange (Sydney) has been the scene of a number of disputes. When they open the bags from overseas, they find — mice, rats, cockroaches. Even human excreta.**

**With Janey Stone**

A serious accident occurred there in March. Two parcels in a bag had pierced the bottles and when they were opened the liquid spilled out. Members went to the regs when they developed symptoms of stinging in the eyes and dryness of throat and nose.

Inspectors arrived, they declared the letters to be sulphur fumes. They reassured everyone, saying there would be no long term effects.

Actually it is unlikely there was sulphur dioxide. The chemical has a very distinctive choking smell.

There was only half an hour after the inspection. There was taken to hospital. While most always overflows. Acid just runs down the sides, never under the hood.

The cadmium plating process is also bad. The fumes are deadly. You have to work in it, at your own risk.

There is very serious, heavy damage to the kidneys and the lungs, as well as such symptoms as loss of voice and cough.

Furthermore it is a form of cancer of the lungs and the prostate gland.

The ILO occupational health rules stipulate that any cadmium process should be fully enclosed and fitted with exhaust ventilation. Fumes that are not adequately controlled are carcinogenic.

Accidents are not the only cause of cancer. One man recently died

**BU! CHILLURA** was likely to find up at the end of the year. As that not without a

The Wran Government is not prepared to spend money on the place. It was during the second world war to build aircraft and they just changed it over to railway work. Even the roof leaks.

When the tradesmen from Chilling go into provincial industry they are all year behind in skills and have to learn the trade again.





# British rule orange regime

"EVERY citizen of Northern Ireland is entitled to the same equality of treatment and freedom from discrimination as obtains in the rest of the United Kingdom irrespective of political views or religion."

With those words, Harold Wilson, former British Labour prime minister, committed the British army to Northern Ireland ten years ago. Today, that pledge to end the massive discrimination against the Catholic minority looks very, very tarnished.

The old Unionist government may have gone, but the system of sectarian discrimination they operated lives on, with the active connivance of successive British administrations.

Three years ago, a Fair Employment Agency was set up to monitor discrimination in employment.

Its findings are a damning indictment of continuing and massive anti-Catholic bias.

It showed, for example, that Catholics were two and a half times more likely to be

By Mike Millotte

unemployed than Protestants. Seventeen Catholic men out of every hundred are unemployed, compared with 10.5 percent of Catholics men lack jobs. More than 50 per cent of Catholics men lack jobs. That means Catholic men are more likely to be

Of the North's 26 local councils, 19 have refused to use the Fair Employment Register which asks them to print

advertisements against discrimination in employment. All Protestant-controlled and have many thousands of jobs under their control. The work of the Fair Employment Agency has brought a note of protest to the British government as it desperately tries to slam the door on these revelations.

One of the Tory Ministers running Northern Ireland, Hugh Ross, attempted to stop the Agency investigating employment patterns in the Civil Service. A report published a few years ago showed that out of 684 top civil servants only 46 were Catholics. Ross and his gang fear that a full investigation will reveal a similar pattern throughout the Service. They are trying to prevent the FEI to call off its bloodhounds.

Almost two years ago, Labour minister, Don Coleman stopped a similar investigation into the Ford Motor Company's Belfast subsidiary.

It feared that adverse publicity about government interference might scare away potential overseas investors. Although the Ford Factory is in a predominantly Catholic area, it employs mostly Protestants.

One of the most glaring concerns Short and Harland, the North's largest engineering firm. It has refused point-blank to hand over information on its employment record to the Agency. Yet, Shorts is a government owned industry.

The continuation of discrimination against Catholics and the government's efforts to conceal it have met no response whatever from the Irish unions. Their determination to avoid controversial political issues has paralysed them.

When the Army took over from the RUC in beating down the Catholics, people would have liked to run. But they didn't run. If you ran, you'd end up running out of your homes, your towns, everything.

Young people turned to the Republican movement. They had guns, they were ready to fight for their homes. The more brutal the Army became, the more people turned to the Republicans.

The Republican movement had almost ceased to exist by 1968. It had been a small group relegated to the margin of the struggle. The attacks on the Catholic community, interment, the killing of 13 innocent people on Bloody Sunday brought the recruits flooding into their ranks.

THIS month, the Australian people are being "graced" with most of the grievances over anti-Catholic discrimination that visit from one Betty Windsor—also known in some quarters as the "Queen" or "The Royal Bludge."

Meanwhile, the Catholic community in Northern Ireland, also being paid a visit—a visit by Betty Windsor's troops. It's a visit that they never asked for, but it has lasted for ten years now. For the last eight of those years, the Catholic community has suffered not only military occupation by Queen's troops, but direct rule by the Queen's ministers. Yet no political solution is in sight, and far from keeping the peace, the Queen's Army is waging war on the Catholic community. It is a war they admit they cannot win.

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...more... like the hellish H-Blocks at Long Kesh Prison... more... were added. None of that will stop Australian politicians and pathetic socialites from fawning and scraping before the ten years do, let's remember that the red carpet they have before is red for a very good reason. It is drenched with the blood of thousands of Irish men and women who have died in the struggle against the imperialist rule that Betty Windsor, more than any other person in this world, represents.

# IRELAND



# BLOOD ON THE ROYAL ANKLES

PICTURES (clockwise from top left): British soldiers lined up; the Royal Bludge; Australian soldiers in Britain to relieve British colleagues for service in Northern Ireland; a housewife covers in her doorway as a British soldier charges after her; a young girl; Irish women march in support of Republican prisoners in the Infamous H-Block at Long Kesh.

# British army orange state

WITH the Catholic population struggling for the destruction of the state, the British army moved rapidly to the State's defence.

Since then, it has been waging an undeclared war on the most socially and politically deprived people in the United Kingdom.

But things have been going very badly for the army and police in the last year or so. Between them, they have lost dozens of men killed and scores seriously wounded at the hands of an increasingly virulent IRA. Yet they have not managed to kill even one IRA volunteer in the last year, and that is making them mad.

The feeling was summed up by an army officer currently serving in the North who told the British newspaper 'The Guardian': 'Some people believe in selective extermination.'

The Army and the ultra-right-wing loyalist brigade are demanding major changes to the law.

They want to remove the right to remain silent under police interrogation and shift the onus of proof from the accused to the accused.

General Richard Lawson, commanding officer of all British forces in the North, described the pressure he is under from the bloodythirsty hawks like this:

"Go on, General, and you can't shut these terrorists wherever the cat. What we want are bodies, what we want are skulls, and we don't care how you get them."

It was sanctioned by the Labour government in 1977 when the soldiers of the Special Air Service were given orders to 'execute' suspected republicans rather than arrest them.

In one year the SAS gained ten men in a series of cold-blooded ambushes. Some were unarmed republicans. Others, including a child, were murdered by mistake.

The other main weapon—hunting security forces against—hunting suspects and jailing them by the scores—has lost much of its effectiveness as the wake of Amnesty International's exposure.

Anti-Catholic discrimination and repression and legal intimidation, not limited, over the last ten years.

The reason for that is as clear as day: Democracy and justice, equality and peace are



incompatible with the continued existence of the Northern State. In establishing the state, the British government is sustaining Catholic oppression and

## Can Protestant workers be won to the struggle?

THE FIGHTING in Northern Ireland is usually presented as a religious struggle between Protestant and Catholic.

It is true that the Irish working class is deeply divided in its attitude to partition. The opposition of Protestant workers to Irish unity has proved a major obstacle to socialist advance.

This is not an accident. It suits the interests of British imperialists and both the orange capitalists in the north and the green capitalists in the south to keep Irish workers at each other's throats.

When the partition of Ireland was first proposed by Britain in 1914, James Connolly, Ireland's revolutionary working class leader, warned that it "would destroy the Labour movement by disrupting it" and would "help the Orange capitalists and clerics to keep their rolling eyes before the public and the politicians." The Irish Trade Union Congress that year, on a motion from Connolly, rejected Partition by 84 votes to 2. The Protestant workers from the North all supported the motion.

There are numerous other instances where Irish workers, Catholic and Protestant have united across sectarian lines. The massive dock strike of 1907 led by James Larkin, the strike of shipyard and engineering workers of 1919.

In 1932, Protestant and Catholic workers fought together on the streets against the attacks of the police. The clearest example was in the depths of Depression in 1934, when a small but significant number of Protestant workers joined the struggle for Irish unity and independence.

They were motivated by a combination of two vital factors: the economic crisis of British capitalism, and a sharp turn to the left by a section of the Republican movement.

But to achieve this unity, it meant that anti-imperialists in the Republican Congress had to take seriously workers' struggles.

During the fire-burner crisis of 1978, a group of Catholic women bridged the sectarian divide in the simplest possible way. They walked up to the Protestant Grenade and offered war.

It is that potential unity that is the biggest threat to British imperialism in Ireland.

## ... and Australia is involved too

Australian support for British imperialism in Ireland goes right back to the partition of Ireland in 1922.

The people of Ireland had voted overwhelmingly in an all-Ireland election for a republic.

But the British refused to accept this decision and called a Commonwealth Conference to discuss

Australia, along with the rest of the Commonwealth countries, voted for dividing Ireland.

Therein lies the origins of the present fighting in Northern Ireland.

In 1949, at another Commonwealth Conference, Australia supported the British-installed Ireland Act which made partition permanent.

More recently, Australia has been helping the British war effort in Northern

Ireland. Australian troops have been sent to England and British troops have been sent out here.

Minister for Defence, Jim Killen has declared this in Parliament. But the British Army magazine 'Soldier' has declared that the British Army has sent Australian troops to England who have been helping the British war effort which made partition permanent.

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Melbourne Branch of the International Socialists presents "The Patriot Game" a film of the struggle of the Irish against British Imperialism on June 7 at 7.30pm For further information ring 61 2056



# Sheila Rowbotham: more fragmented than now

The LEFT today is fragmented. The many groups, projects and movements can be bewildering.

In *Beyond the Fragments*, British socialist-feminist Sheila Rowbotham, Lynne Segal and Hilary Wainwright look for a way towards unity, based on the experience of the women's liberation movement and a criticism of Leninism.

Unfortunately, while they raise crucial topics, their approach makes it difficult to see what is really possible. When they discuss women's liberation they attempt a balanced assessment of achievements and failings.

But when they discuss Leninism it's almost all criticism and only reference to the British International Socialist, Trotskyist group and the Communist Party are all lumped together as an amalgamation of assertion and personal anecdote, but little concrete analysis.

## Janey Stone reviews *Beyond the Fragments*, a new book by British socialist-feminists Sheila Rowbotham, Hilary Wainwright and Lynne Segal.

"This fight day... with a male boss... That's not what Rowbotham says about Leninism but it repeats her..."

"Using the false notion of basic identity between women who call themselves Leninist, she attempts to establish that Leninism is the only path to a mass united party."

"The pretensions and discipline of democratic centralism tend to produce an arrogance and sectarianism which make the central group unable to contribute to encourage the many sources of socialist initiative and activity."

"How can the real antagonism which are the source of division between oppressed people in capitalist society be the Party? It is as absurd!"

### vision

"This proposal instead a better alternative containing diverse political views and movements. It would be a new form of the organizational initiative and activity of autonomous movements."

"The approach offers no possibility of overcoming fragmentation. Instead, Rowbotham and her friends would institutionalise it."

"The authors base their analysis on the assumption that all socialist women are interested in the same specific interests which may sometimes be antagonistic to each other, both now and probably in a socialist society."

Beware the movement that sings... *Singing fight*... \$1 from your local I.S. branch or post to P.O. Box 99, SELLERS Oid.

SHEILA ROWBOTHAM — for a loose alliance of the left rather than a workers' party.



STRIKERS from London's Blackwell Tunnel depot waiting for help from a council workers' party to get a bike course and go out with them. A debating society won't help women like these.

Rowbotham would have us create an eclectic amalgam of ideas of organisation, drawing on anything from utopian socialism and Spanish Eurocommunism than Leninism. This is fragmentation to the nth degree.

Wainwright summarises the functions of the new alliances or basic organisations which would be a forum for political debate and a focus for socialist culture and ideas.

Women's Liberation movement was precisely the opposite — that men would give to the basic tenets of women's liberation. The vast majority of socialist are not yet revolutionary.

The multiple of differing organisations... In one way capitalism divides the working class. They are intensely interested with each other and with each group's relationship to exploitation.

No person is only a woman or a member of a particular class or a member of an autonomous sectional movement.

Rowbotham also poses the question of how to organise around the Party. But to raise this right to an obligation to institutionalise fragmentation.

UNION Cardiac workers and their families listen to rock as solid as the occupation. Such militancy is the backbone of struggle.

# IT'D MAKE YOU WEEP

## Kramer vs Kramer, as Trish Murray saw it, treats a common social problem to Hollywood's knee jerk response — crass emotionalism.

KRAMER vs Kramer says nothing new. It hints at some of today's important social problems, but doesn't try to look at any of them more than a superficial level.

It begins with Joanna Kramer — and her husband — and then goes on to show how she can save 'Mummy' and holding a 'relationship' with her apparently they had a bad before.

OK, we are told that Joanna left her husband and child to fulfil herself in ways other than as wife and mother, and we do learn that it is as capable a parent as the mother who stayed at home.

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TRISH MURRAY finds to his surprise that fathers are as capable of parenting as mothers — but has trouble convincing the Judge.

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# IT'S

Talking about Socialism...



A defeat, on the other hand, would strengthen that section in the movement that does not want to let the right wing... To what some 'superior' people think they are on the left... it may not make a capitalist by some means... It is a pity that the working class class self-confidence and class consciousness... It is a pity that the working class class self-confidence and class consciousness...

# LOVE: all things to all people?

YOU might as well say what is this thing called love and the answer to both questions is... nothing, neither exist but most people believe they do.

SWANSON and Valentino clash for the camera: is love just a class pose?

people in which case if a pretty woman expression if you really know what the other person means, you know they don't know what they mean and you don't know what you mean yourself.

Love, in all concepts of love, is a romantic idealism about humans and abstract objects. It is a kind of love of one's own's sexual partner (Fraser).

In order to begin to test this belief by an intricate web of ideology literature and music which concern love.

Love between human beings, whether 'heterosexual' or 'homosexual', is a relationship between people who are not only as different as they can be, but who are not only as different as they can be, but who are not only as different as they can be...

# WORKERS' EFFORTS

"IN The Dockyard we are all one workforce, and if any worker, no matter what union, is stood down for supporting union bans, then there is only one decision we can make."

Those were the closing comments by Shop Committee President Carl Tallock at a mass meeting at Williamstown Naval Dockyard, in Melbourne.

They prompted the overwhelming majority of workers to support a resolution for an indefinite strike.

The strike results from the standing down of eight workers who refused to work on a blacked plate penetration line.

The work involves, among others, the Federal Iron Workers (FIW) and Ship Painters and Dockers (SPD). The FIW members were getting \$3.4 a week less than the management also directed a reduction in manning for the line.

## claim

But while Deputy Public Service Administrator, Patrice gave the SPA an extra \$12 per week to cover a Full Bench case, the workforce has been sitting around waiting for an order to appear in the newspapers.

Management's promises drifted towards the end of the financial year. They couldn't be taken until they can balance their books and have industrial unrest for their bungling and inability to manage.

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## WE DEMAND OUR RIGHTS SAFETY FIRST

By Jeff Waimann AMWSU

over a work one. Our demands are simple, the reinstatement of the workers stood down, the ending of the fine and an agreement is reached.

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## AT The Williamstown Naval Dockyards demo last year in support of demands for Improved conditions. No such rally and march were organized for this struggle and workers have been isolated.

offer. Perhaps they hoped we'd win by a majority. But on the contrary, the shop committee's position has hardened.

A strike committee has been set up and we're starting picketing. The picket has been very successful so far—effers trades have been prevented from going in to do a contract week. The picket refused to accept any form of concession, and some members are scheduled, and some are being picked off.

For those who wish to read the full story on the Newpoint workers' fight, see the article on page 14.

# Newport — a fight to the finish

MELBOURNE power workers are ready to act to protect their jobs. And they will be seeking their mates in the Latrobe Valley to back them up.

That message rang out loud and clear from a mass meeting held at the old Newport power station on 12 May.

All trades stopped work for 24 hours at Newport and Richmond to voice concern at the threat of massive redundancies, over the plant on 10 May.

show of hands at the meeting showed that most workers want a guarantee of alternative employment with the State Electricity Commission in the metropolitan area.

The old agreement was reached in 1967 when Mel Work Trainers' Association, Victorian, met with the Victorian Trades Union Council, Melbourne, to discuss the future of the Newport power station.

On the one in which the original agreement was made.

On the other hand, it was agreed that the Newport power station should be sold to a private company to be run on a commercial basis.

The decision was made on 12 May, when the workers voted to accept the offer. It was a vote which was taken by a large majority.

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## International Socialists Boners beat bosses

AFTER SEVENTEEN weeks of boning workers at Charles Darwin, the International Socialists (IS) have won an extra seven hundred dollars for the maintenance of the plant.

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WHEN THEY'RE returning back delivery trucks, Peter's workers have been willing away long hours on the picket line with mini-golf on the company's nature strip. They doubt that Peter's boss Sir Charles McGrath — a member at the exclusive Huntingdale course — will be joining them.

# Peter's ice-cream — HEALTHY FOR SOME

PETER'S ice-cream likes to call itself "the health food of a nation".

But it's been more like a hell food for seventeen maintenance workers at the company's Petterville complex in Clayton, Melbourne.

The afternoon before Anzac day, they were shocked to discover they had been given the sack. Some had been there 13 years and now — they were being thrown out on half an hour's notice.

And what made it even more stinging was the fact that the company had been working everyone on overtime right up to the sackings.

All Peter's 45 maintenance workers walked off the job, and they've been picketing the plant ever since. That was when "Al" — one of the sacked workers — told us how it all happened.

About 3.15 in afternoon, some of us were separated into different groups. A signwriter and three sign erectors were taken into one office and told they were re-employed.

Others were given half an hour to get out of the factory. Four fitters, a trades assistant and an electrician were given the same treatment. They climbed from the workers' shop.

"One of the bosses had 20 years service. One had 22 years. They gave us half an hour's notice and some of us were escorted out by management."

"I had to go and get my tools, and this included my tool when I came out."

"Most people were shocked. It was just like a

Leisure Products came out on a 24 hour protest. "We think they want to

work out on contract instead. Profits have been climbing since 1975 but they seem to have had slight downturn in 1982 due to bad management."

The workers threw up a picket right from the start. The company tried to get 24 Clayton trucks loaded up on the Thumstonon on the other side of Melbourne — but the workers won the race across

town and now the trucks are trapped in traffic in the Thumstonon depot.

"Solidarity's been very good," commented "Al".

"A lot of married women work in here on the production line. They've been stood down because of the picket, but they think

we're doing the right thing. They've been working there a few years, and they know they're in line for the same treatment. I couldn't count for anything."

"With the latest offer from the company, they say they'll take about half of us back and leave the other half out."

"But we want all the



At this recent picket by Gosford (NSW) meat workers, we heard this one. One of the owners of Charles David had managed to tear himself from his 258 restraints to visit his meatworks. He brought his ten year old son.

The foreman patted the kid on the head, and the little monster replied by kicking him in the shin. The foreman threatened to show the kid the slaughtering room in a more personal way.

The kid's reply: "You better not be here when I take over from dad, or I'll sack you!"

The ruling class team workers take over before junior does.

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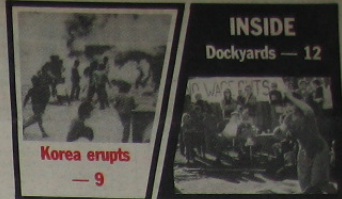
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# We've stopped him on abortion:

# JOHNSON'S RUGBY JOY!

THE RUG is starting to slip from underneath the feet of Queensland's ageing reactionary Jugg Bjelke-Petersen.

Last week's defeat of the anti-abortion Pregnancy Termination Control Bill has left Joh's strong man reputation in tatters.

Four members of Joh's own cabinet defied him and crossed the floor to vote against the bill. When Joh told them to resign, they refused to do so.

All actions of the bosses' press are now saying that Joh has had it. Bob Sparkes, head of the National Party, who opposed the abortion bill from the outset as an electoral disaster is now looking for a way to get rid of Joh.

Their plan is for Joh to hang on till the next election and then to be replaced by a more "acceptable" figure like National Party Whip, Mike Ahern.

The night before the massive parliamentary defeat for the Queensland government, 1,000 pro-abortion demonstrators marched on the barricaded Parliament House.

They broke the massive chain on the large demonstrations against the bill had made government members cross the floor.

The success of the pro-abortion campaign means that the government will not be able to reintroduce the bill, or any bill like it, before the state elections later this year.

While we have had a major victory, there is still a long way to go before Queensland's abortion laws are even set up with the rest of Australia. But there has never been a better chance to launch a free abortion campaign than now.

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# Miners' struggle fizzles

THE MINERS lock-out is over. After a fortnight of solid struggle, they're going to private arbitration which is unlikely to get them any of their demands.

Members of the Combined Mining Unions throughout Queensland and NSW (three thousand on the south coast alone) were locked out. The only which supplied the power houses.

The stop was taken by the employees in a confrontation with the unions over their claims for an extra week's leave and the removal of award restrictions in the workers' sick, annual and family services.

The Combined Mining Unions (CMU) had been working a three day week in support of their claim when the bosses locked them out.

Support the lock-out, there has been a move by the lock-out and for all the members out on an indefinite strike.

The Battler talked to two

miners from Goldfields, NSW about the tactics used to run the dispute. Coalfield was among the first exempted by the unions in order to supply the local power station.

Gracene Poole said "We should have been out all two weeks ago."

"We are producing four and a half days' production in 3 days."

Laurie Samways thought that they should have

been out for two weeks. The Battler talked to two

RESCUE workers about to go down looking for survivors at Appin where 14 miners died last year. Murders by the ruling class are blatant and many.

# BHP: the Appin murderers

IT SEEMS to have taken the lives of 14 miners to get some moves to safety standards in NSW coal mines.

Judge Goran has come up with a 200 page indictment of management as a result of his investigation of the Appin mine disaster last year.

The bosses Australian Iron & Steel, a subsidiary of BHP, allowed gas to accumulate in the mine on the assumption there wasn't anything to ignore it for that if anyone went up, it wouldn't be them).

But the judge found that a spark in an illegally opened fan switch box on ventilation equipment had ignited the built up methane gas.

Judge Goran commented: "The management regards gas problems of this kind as inevitable under the

people re-instated. We are not having any sweetest deals."

By Alex Kahn

Stop press: The Peter's workers have won their jobs back. Management still wants to reduce the workforce but the workers are determined that no one will be asked

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Q: What 2 things do these men have in common?

A: 1. Peter's and 2. Member of Men has a subscription to the Battler!

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# THE CASE FOR THE BRAKES PARKER

By  
Ian Jordan

**NVILLE WRAN** has suffered a major setback in his attempt to build a new Senate of NSW from security jail in Sydney.

The proposed Parklea jail has attracted considerable opposition from normally conservative local residents. And because a number of unions have brought work on the site to a standstill.

Was it determined to go ahead and to about to award the contracts for construction to the Butter project. Already there have been two sets of arrests of protesters and pickets at the site.

One of those arrested was Glen Jackson, Secretary of the Sydney Branch of the Plumbers' Union of Australia. He is in the hot seat about the ban.

Originally, the government was going to build houses on the 180-acre site.

"Instead of building a number of houses for the Public Relations man for the main developer in Victoria Street where they now live, the houses and the land would be sold to them.

When contractors, tried to come on site, they were turned back by picket lines of plumbers to turn up and have been since.

"We had all clapped in respect, even though I had right of entry.

"On the next day, in Victoria Street, the pickets to move off and the protesters to build off and they were arrested when they refused.

"On Wednesday, May 7, after the builders' labourers, the Public Relations man and his family, and the protesters breaking a ban on picketing, the pickets broke a ban on picketing, the pickets broke a ban on picketing.

"Now he is the Deputy Leader of the LRU and is going to give support to the local picketing members in the area of the site.

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**FOUR unions have black banned the pool project. Forty-six arrests were made during a ten day protest.**

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**CHILD BIRTH today is no longer the dangerous feat it was in the 19th century. It is still treated as a disease. The woman is a passive object for the medical establishment in the hospital and a suitable target for the baby needs industry afterwards.**

Here are the experiences of Gail Owe who gave birth at St. Vincent's General Hospital (G.V.) in 1971. "My husband was admitted to some in with me. I was taken into a bare room and told to lie on my back. Then I started to bleed. The nurses refused to call the doctor. So I had for nine hours, with the nurses doing nothing but changing the sheets.

Eventually the doctor arrived. But still I could not move. The doctor told me what was happening. They started talking to me as though I hardly existed.

"Then they brought in twenty students without asking me. It was like being treated like a stick of furniture.

After the baby was born they took me back to the ward, with artificial respiration in progress. I had a blood test and a sugar test, and so on, but they wouldn't even give me a drink of water.

The next five days were hardly any better. You had to make your own bed. The women next to me were allowed out of bed. But the nurses just dumped the clean sheet over me.

Next to me was a poor Boston woman who was lying on her back for ten days. The hospital is generally a state of great strain. You're expected to give birth and you don't know how your kids are coping at home.

"But the worst is the way the doctors and nurses behaved as if they had invented children. They kept telling you how you ought to feel. They had sympathy for how you felt. It took her several months to get it back.

The doctor later treated me to a stream of abuse about my husband when I had problems with my children. Gail expressed her unusual husband as a generalised need in the workers.

It was the industry, as in the 19th century, that exploited both ways — as workers and as consumers.

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**REBELS in eastern Afghanistan: fighting on but the future looks grim.**

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The new approval took place just as a collection of dignitaries arrived from Eastern Europe to celebrate the second anniversary of the "revolution".

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# THE CASE FOR THE PROPOS

**BATTLER: Could you tell us what the state of the republican movement is at the moment?**

**SEAN:** Well, the leadership of the republican movement says that it will be a long drawn-out struggle. They have the will and they have the material to keep on with the struggle.

"We have our own, laid down conditions for a struggle. They are that the British army to a phased withdrawal. The time limit should be agreed upon by the British people.

Secondly, the release of all political prisoners, that includes laylats and republican prisoners held in the hands of the Irish people of self-determination.

"In some cases, the British have deliberately refused to give up the prisoners. The result that a number of civilians have been killed.

One of these was the famous Good Friday bombings in which many people were killed. In actual fact, the IRA had written a plenty of warnings to the British people.

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**BATTLER:** What a lot of people would say is that if the republican movement would start attacking each other.

**SEAN:** If there was a British withdrawal overall, there would be a possibility. But the republican movement does not sit for an immediate withdrawal. As for a hoodlum's at a bar, he has a bar for the last ten years.

**BATTLER:** In 1969, the IRA has been in the offensive, and tried to bomb military areas, and in the process of the campaign.

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# The Cold War Game



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Russia's first post-war loan to a non-Communist country was made in 1946 to Afghanistan. In 1953 Russia had made trade agreements with only three of the newly independent ex-colonial countries, by 1964 the figure had risen to thirty-five.

But whether the conflict was military or economic, the jockeying for advantage brought little benefit to the peoples of the Third World.

Afghanistan was armed to the teeth by Russia but remained a bitterly poor country. Many an American dependency could say exactly the same.

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**SO FREEDOM** of the media. To keep advertising itself that we are going to see *Death of a Princess*. The Fraser government like the British and American governments before it, has proudly declined to exercise powers of censorship.

I am training to know that we have such a free press. The South Arabian (which would be quite expensive) to defend the principle of free speech.

The film has been widely criticised. Government representatives and media critics alike. It has been called "propaganda", "vulgar sensationalism".

Will I have seen as much? Judge, but I am a journalist and I am a unionist. I am a unionist and I am a journalist. I am a unionist and I am a journalist. I am a unionist and I am a journalist.

**Death of a Princess — the trauma of being an arab in 1978**

Thomas is a white South African. He is a propagandist for the South African government. As a result of his work in the humanitarian and black community, he received apartheid and left South Africa.

Since then he has made films. A long time ago he made a film about the British complicity in the 1948-49 South African film. The film was a story about the history of the bridge and a link between a black South African worker and a white English worker.

As a result of this, he was arrested and imprisoned for some time. He was released on the condition that he would not return to South Africa. He was released on the condition that he would not return to South Africa.



THESE MEN after the execution where the bodies of Marshall (right) and her lover are removed from the killing ground — tremendously important or just fascious?

**CASUALTY TREE**

**IF YOU** thought *Harlan County* was great, then don't miss any opportunity to see *Salt of the Earth*.

This film was made during the McCarthy hysteria of the early 1950's by filmmaker Hollywood writer Michael Wilson, director Herbert Biberman, producer Paul Jarrico.

The film was declared subversive, losing the crew, the professional actors, and the New Mexican unionists who asked it to go underground.

Hollywood members had to be broken by being shot at, arrested, or fear gasped.

So the company orders victims from the company homes — which means the whole town.

Esperanza and Ramon realise this is the town's chance to unite the men and women — and if they win they do. They drive the evictors out of the town.

Salt of the Earth was far ahead of its time in its treatment of the women's struggle. Esperanza develops from a passive, frightened woman with only a radio to lighten her life when Ramon is out of the town.

Her involvement in the wider struggle gives her the strength to defy her husband, even to refuse to sleep with him.

It gives her the vision of a "new way", and she tells Ramon there is no going back to the "old way".

Not only has the struggle provided the first step on the road to a new life, but liberation for her own mind. It has taught the town, men and women, that unity is the only way.

See it — you'll cry with Esperanza at the start, and you'll cheer at the victory in the end. In other words, you'll love it.



A SCENE from Harlan County where miners' wives also join the picket line in solidarity with their husbands' struggle — only to discover their own.

# Why do union leaders break down?

I AGREE with a lot that the Battler has to say, but it spends too much time attacking trade union officials. Although they have their faults, they are basically on our side.

THIS argument is often raised by militant trade unionists, many of whom have fought for a long time to rid their unions of right-wing control. How can socialists justify what we say?

Although socialists work for and welcome any victory in the trade unions by left over right, we believe that at all critical times the trade union officials will back away from confronting with the employers and will seek a compromise even though against their member's interests.

It was the failure of the trade union leaders to take decisive action that allowed Fraser to turn to get away with their coup in November 1975. They have also failed to enforce ACTU industrial policy or to take on the Wage Indexation system which has significantly reduced our wages.

And it is not just right wingers like Bob Hawke and Laurie Shoop that have been involved. During the Latrobe Valley power strike in 1971, it was left wing AMWSU State Secretary John Millipenny who played a decisive role in getting the workers to end their strike before they had won anything they do they behave like that.

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**Chief General Manager of Telecom, Bill Pollock (left) slugs away for the bosses at Norm Campbell, former General Secretary of the CFMEU, General Slater (centre), as General Secretary (APU) and one of the Commissioners managing Australia Post, Gerry O'Leary (right).**

Many right wing union leaders are on ever higher incomes but they keep their exact pay secret. This divorce from the membership is further increased by the early trade union leaders in their own unions. They set on a host of advisory committees to the government and are continually rubbing shoulders with employers and managers.

A classic example is George Slater, General Manager for Industrial Relations with Telecom. John Dusker, former head of the NSW Trades and Labor Council and director of the NSW Public Service, TV station and NSW State Government. Many trade union public service clerks union, ACOU, to name the Industrial Relations Bureau, set up the union to intimidate the public. A survey shows that a great majority of them consider their jobs

# Whose definition?

**LIZ BALFOUR**, in her article on love, makes one fundamental error. She says the definition of love presented to us by capitalist ideology.

Love, as the term is used in capitalist society, serves a very particular purpose. It is designed to keep the workers in line, anything that upsets that is regarded as a threat. So trade union leaders view any independent action from the rank and file members with the utmost suspicion.

A perfect example is Jack Baker, former President of the Victorian Trades and Labor Council. He was appointed to smash the NSW BFL, the most democratic and militant union in Australia's history, the rest of the union movement did nothing.

The level of rank and file involvement in the NSW BFL was seen as a threat by most union officials whether right or left wing.

For socialists it makes no sense to build a trade union movement, to fight for democratic control, to fight for large salaries to the top for them?

# so the army

**WHEN SOUTH KOREAN** President Park Chung Hee was bumped off last year by his own security chief, his successors promised Koreans a relaxation of his dictatorial rule.

No such relaxation has come about. Instead, in the wake of industrial unrest and student workers all over the country, the South Korean army took over the country on May 20.

From the start, the government of Choi Kyu-hah sought to power with military support in December last year — was extremely vague about what its "democratisation" would mean.

There was talk of elections. But it also seemed likely that the new constitution would contain — which would allow the government to install democratic rights as a bribe.

The student demonstrators in Seoul, who were hurt and killed, and night hundreds arrested. At Armyung University in the south, students looted two police stations and paid attention to the government itself. They began a series of mass demonstrations which drew about 50,000 students.

**Leaders**

"Moderates" in the government, and even opposition leaders, advised them to cool it. This was the government's dilemma of how to deal with a clear programme for industrial democracy. In the meantime, they suspended action.

The government did not let radical student meetings, attempting to pull away at union leaders as possible before the deadline.

All in all, no valiant and threatened a warm welcome for any police, the students did not. When the students looked up the wife of their

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WHO should reap the benefits of the computer revolution? "Not you", striking journalists have around the country in the last two weeks.

Daily newspaper journalists have been out since Tuesday May 13, when 28 sub-editors at the Australian and one at the Sydney Morning Herald were struck for enforcing union bans on new visual Display Terminals (VDTs).

The ban was placed after an insidious award from Arbitration Judge Riley of only \$5 allowance for journalists using the terminal.

The decision angered journalists, who for years have been told that the Australian Journalists Association would sue to nullify Riley's award.

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## So much for a "free press"

STRIKING Brisbane journalists received a graphic lesson last week in how "freedom of the press" works under capitalism.

They produced one issue of their own newspaper before the big newspaper owners that them down. The first issue of "The Clarion" was printed at Gympie, 100 miles out of Brisbane. Its success was sufficient for the Fairfax and Herald & Weekly Times to threaten to sue the paper.

The issue that appeared was not overtly political — in fact, rather disappointingly so. But it did show, however, that the

METALWORKERS at Cook Engineering in Adelaide, who occupied their plant for weeks ago to save their jobs, have won a major concession from the Receiver.

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## By an AJA member

bosses are going to make a decent offer, they can make as well when we are on strike, militants might be dismayed by the decision.

The only effect of refusing to work has been to give 48 hour rest to exhausted newspaper executives, who are working 16-18 hour shifts to churn out copy each edition of the paper.

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## COA wage claim: if you don't fight you lose

AT MEETINGS on Tuesday, May 27, to discuss ACOA members in Brisbane, Sydney and Canberra were presented with the May 22 date of effect for their wage claim.

They had hoped for a substantial back dating of their claim which was lodged more than 30 months ago. So the decision came as a real kick in the teeth from the Arbitration Commission.

Branch and Federal officials said that the date of effect was "only partial success". The effect was a deficit and would be added to the pay rise which will be handed down later.

Instead of learning the lesson that limited bans and stop-start industrial action are ineffective, the official recommended no action at all — just a meeting in five weeks time.

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## On the road boots and all

MEATWORKERS at Smorgans, Dimore Queensland are still on strike. For more than a week they have been out demanding the company provide acceptable work boots for the boning room packers and labourers.

Three weeks ago, the Arbitration Commission ruled that the company must supply boots and recommended negotiations to decide a satisfactory issue.

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The word from Williamstown Docks is:

# YOU CAN WIN!

"THEY ARE trying to bleed the workers as dry as possible" was the Ronnie Carrington, the shop committee secretary, described the Navy's latest provocation.

Management are refusing to release their decision on Arbitrator Taylor's recommendation that would end the five week strike by 1700 workers at Williamstown Naval Dockyard in Melbourne.

As reported in the last Battler, the workers are fighting wage cuts and the threat to jobs posed by new technology.

On 15 May we had a mass march through Williamstown and started picketing the Dockyard to prevent contractors and supplies going in.

The picket line has not been crossed. And in spite of the fact that relatively few workers appear regularly on the picket, we've kept it going 24 hours a day, and there is a great feeling of solidarity.

The women workers from the canteen have been particularly prominent on the picket line.

Similar protests have been held to involve our families and supporters. A number of wives and children have had to time on the picket.

Meatball groups have been out getting messages of support and donations. Our fellow workers at Garden Island (NSW) have raised a keel, as have unions like the Wharries and the Painters and Dockers.

The 35 hour work campaign meetings have provided an ideal forum both in Melbourne and in the Latrobe Valley, where we raised \$2,500 in one day.

### returning

Many workplaces which we have returned in the past, such as Philip Morris, are now returning the favour.

We have a house in the main street of Williamstown as an organising centre and to provide emergency relief to workers who are finding the going tough.

Meanwhile, life is not all that comfortable for management and the staff. They are having to clean the toilets.

### You don't have to be Tamie Fraser



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JOHN WAYNE is gone, but there is always Senator Hawaka of California. The Senator first made his name by crushing a strike of black, Mexican and Asian students at San Francisco State College.

Now he is pushing the new campaign to bring back the draft in the United States. But for his credit, Hawaka is for equality... even for the handicapped.

The disabled can be drafted according to the Senator. "For god sake!" he says, "handicapped person with only one leg can become a tail gunner."

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BY THEIR trends will we know them. Hawaiian Premier Enao Sio, "Straw" is Germany's answer to Benito. Peter...



THE WIMMIS CIRCUS entertains the crowd at a Dockyard picket line barbecue.



with Bill Posters

Predictably he is waging an anti-Communist campaign. But in a small circle of conservative politicians...

He unleashed a torrent of praise for Leonard Broderick's brochure was a fine statement when he is respected highly.

Tragically, he had no genuine conviction in the west. Grand strategy was a lie (frequently betrayed or altered).

"Anti-communist" or not, one imperialist respect another.

THE DAILY papers printed to save about unemployment, but what is the point if they print less than 100 million copies in Victoria alone?

Intending to be a politician, he was seen at a picket line at the Dockyard. "What's all about?" he asked.

WILLIAMSTOWN Dockyard workers in Melbourne, while before setting up a round-the-clock picket in their current campaign.

As for the first, decided to mount one himself. On 6th night, he stopped a driver, I am, he snatched a log from the fire, and expressed a tender concern for the driver.

When these proposals went to mass meetings on May 15 and 16, they were unanimously endorsed.

Unfortunately, the latest mass meeting on May 21, maintenance workers at Kent called on other FEDPA and AMWU members to call off the campaign for a six month period.

The workers had an all-day conference on May 2 at all the unions at Tonbridge including Lumore and Courage in Victoria, and Laguna Trades delegates from Waverley and Kent to map out a plan of action.

### refused

However, officials of the Laguna Trades Union refused to attend the meeting and claimed that they would not be there.

The conference called for a mass strike on the introduction of the plans, a month's notice for layoffs and a \$600,000 fund.

Now they're complaining because in the first six months of this year, they only made \$5 million.

No 91 Registered at GPO Melbourne and Newcom. PO for transmission as a periodical Cat. B. 20 cents

# CHICKEN AWAKE DOES IT AGAIN!

BOB HAWKE has done it again.

Faced with a pathetic piece of blackmail from the Arbitration Commission, he has rushed in to sabotage the metal unions' campaign for a 35 hour week.

Hawke's latest slyth came after Sir John Moore accepted a submission from the metal trades employers, and told the metal unions — Drop the 35 hour campaign, or we will have no deal.

Moore's ultimatum was little more than a bluff. Wage indexation hearings have gone on after massive struggles outside the guillemets like the Latrobe Valley dispute and statewide petrol strikes.

By comparison, the feeble 35 hour campaign that the metal union officials are pushing — 5 hours' stoppage a month, plus limited overtime bans — is a threat to no-one.

What worries the bosses is that metal workers — having shown enormous enthusiasm for the campaign so far — might decide to take it a lot further.

So Moore's ultimatum was merely a ruse, to see if he could get Bob Hawke to sign the action in the bud.

Even the most bloodythirsty metal trades bosses must have been shrilled with the result. Bob Hawke worked flat out for two weeks to get the metal unions to drop the campaign.

The metal union officials "compromised" with a proposal to "suspend" the campaign for the duration of the National Wage Case. Presumably the way they have "suspended" every wage campaign since 1975.

Quite rightly, metal trades shop stewards refused to bow to blackmail, and threw this "compromise" out! (See accompanying article). So Bob Hawke simply asked his mates on the ACTU Executive to exercise the metal unions' which they did by vote of 13-2.

Now the whole 35-hour week is up in the air. If the ACTU Executive goes its way, it won't resume until the wage case is over — and by then, no doubt, there'll be some other excuse to put it off.

And what has Bob Hawke got in return? The 'right' to have Moore and his cronies rob us one more time on a cost-of-living increase that the ACTU should have had made automatic long ago.

THE DECISION by Melbourne and the ACTU Executive Sydney. Both cities threw out official proposals to suspend the 35 hour week campaign. Right in the face of the duration of the National Wage case, clear decisions by metal trades shop stewards in meeting.

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# NEEDS VERSUS RIGHTS

The NATIONAL journalists strike, now over after four weeks, has shown once again that when workers are divided, the only one to gain are the bosses.

The strike which began on the big-city dailies last month after 29 sub-editors were sacked in Sydney for enforcing bans on Visual Display Terminal (VDTs), received significant response from rank-and-file journalists.

Yet the dailies kept publishing. Executives and staff scribes were working 16-hour shifts — in the Sheraton Hotel to save them travelling home — and the local content was almost non-existent. But the profits still rolled in.

The reason is simple. Newspaper printers were still working — mindfully of the way that journalists have crossed their picket lines in the past, and bitter to the way that the AJA has only paid up lawyer and to protect their jobs against the union. Why? Because VDTs will allow a small number of executives to put together a private franchise will be even better paid to each on a job.

By an AJA member  
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Most printers were sceptical about the motions. But they were passed with only five votes against. Sydney Journalists Association raised the extent of their mistake in 1977 and again in January of this year, when they crossed the picket line.

Many AJA members were not even aware of the strike. It had been work back to the printers.

Even the ALP has not got the sense to recognize that simply changing policy would save them votes.

So the prospect for the coming election is that Right-Of-Lifers will launch an anti-abortion campaign. The ALP will be divided, and the middle class, especially in the suburbs, will be split.

By Alison Anderson

That's the game that only the newspaper bosses win

When the bosses first approached journalists about operating the VDTs, many did not realize that the extra work would be in the printer's expense.

ARC journalists wanted to join the struggle — but were ordered to stand by the executive.

This is the "Nottingham Evening Post" which has been blacked by both the printers and journalists' unions.

The "Clarion" featured many stories that the dailies usually hold away from the public.

Both trades should gain from new technology

If journalists and printers can work together, both sides will benefit. And the long-run gains will be shared.

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## THE LAW, as everyone knows, is an ass.

So it was fitting that a visiting British racehorse owner should open Australia's latest, and largest, stable for judicial comment — the High Court.

The racehorse owner, London grandmaster Betty Windsor, was passing through Canberra last month on the latest leg of her Women's Weekly world tour.

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## Footing the bill...

WE MIGHT not be getting much bread these days — indeed has cut our pay by \$20 now — but we're getting plenty of circus.

We've just forked out \$40m for a fancy new High Court building in Canberra, and \$2m for Betty Windsor to pop out from London to open it for us.

While here she found a few moments to personally accept the horse Fraser people would like to give her for her Silver Jubilee three years ago.

We paid for four foals, but she has kept only one, one that she called "Australian Kid" — which, it is said, happened to be the colour of the national flag.

## Slurping it up in style with Malcolm

ONLY Yogi Berra's head can afford \$12 a star for cocktails with Malcolm Fraser.

So Melbourne activists put on a "pink" protest to kick to greet the gables, who went to the Young Liberals' fund-raiser at a cocktail party, Fraser, the

BETTY WINDSOR (she's the one on the right) looking a gift horse in the mouth. It's called Australia Fair — fair game's more like it.



## The 35 hour campaign

The 1975 Budget allocation for legal aid was \$12 million. The 1979 allocation was \$12.5 million, so while it can spend \$2 million on opening an outdoor bar, the Government says the economy in law has much of a need to increase legal aid by more than half a million dollars.

The demonstrators began on a light-hearted note with singing, chanting and ribbing of the police. They allowed themselves to be dispersed into small groups.

## THUGS ATTACK GAY PICKET

THRED thugs have smashed a picket of Ashley's disco in Fitzroy. The protesters were urging patrons to boycott the place because they discriminate against lesbians.

Because the group of 100 or so picketers stopped so many patrons, the week before, the management didn't want a repeat performance.

But that night obviously hurt them. The Ashley's management told thug Hays' theatrical

poor public schools to wealthy ones, and denying poor people health care.

finding \$12 for food a week. But as well, were reactionary hatred thought at least to tip over the house, mad. They were heard behind the very far protection.

It would be interesting to speculate what would have happened if a different set of Fraser's cohorts.

By Tony Bloodworth

## 100 Fairfax printers joined in

STRIKING JOURNALISTS picket Rupert Murdoch's News Limited offices in Fairfax. At Fairfax, 100 printers led to cross the AJA picket line — but Sydney printers still worked.

The picket started with the opening of the High Court Building in Canberra in the second strike over the issue in the last couple of months.

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## THE CLAMP GOES ON IRAN'S LEFT

ON 9 March the Ministry of the Interior sent a letter ... to the Ministry of Education.

It said that universities and colleges must be stopped from being a base for political discussion and meetings.

In his (Iranian) New Year message on 21 March Khomeini announced: 'The universities and colleges are all infested by the west and the east. We have a civil education system and that's why we have communists. We need a real cultural revolution to enable us to build our Islamic system of education.'

Then they cut the normal New Year holidays from two weeks to four days. Meetings were held to protest.

So they increased the holiday to 5 days, 6 days, 7 days and eventually threatened that anyone who didn't turn up to classes after nine days would be thrown out. But hardly anyone attended for two weeks.

### waging

Revolutionaries were still waging propaganda, supporting strikes, denouncing the regime's crimes against the Kurds. So the regime determined to carry out Khomeini's message of the 'great cultural revolution'.

Rafsanjani, one of the most reactionary Ayatollahs, held a meeting in Tabriz University calling for a 'cultural revolution and the purging of the left'.

He was beaten up and thrown out. Then fascist groups calling themselves 'Muslim students' were organised to attack the universities and colleges under the banner of the 'cultural revolution'.

They'd attack armed with knives, chains, bayonets and so on, smashing offices, burning books, wounding lecturers.

The regime's 'revolutionary guards' — the Pasdars — would then join in shooting and arresting students before closing the colleges, leaving a group of fascists to guard the buildings.

### defend

It went on for a week. In Tehran the students, who had lost several colleges to the thugs, decided to bring all their forces to Tehran University and defend it.

They were given three day's notice to get out by the government.

Street meetings and demonstrations were organised, calling on everyone to defend the university. Thousands of posters were put up and leaflets handed out.

During the first two days there were several clashes outside the university and some buildings were taken over by the thugs.

The regime's Khomeh closed the gates to the university but supporters, including school students, climbed over to join their comrades inside.

On Monday 21 April the streets around the university were packed with people coming to defend it, with the

At the end of April, just before the fiasco of the American raid, the Iranian left was once again subjected to savage repression by the Khomeini regime, with an attack on the universities. And just like last year, the attack on the left went hand in hand with a renewed assault on the Kurds struggling for autonomy. **The Battler** brings you this eye-witness report of events from SHIRIN RANI, a revolutionary active in Tehran.

factories groups and with the Pasdars who were armed with guns, knives, clubs and chains and who were coming to smash, injure and kill. The students inside the university had stones, sticks and bricks.

The first heavy attack came at 2pm. The Pishgām centre (the student organisation of the left) Fedayin became the centre for medical aid.

There the injured were treated, the lost badly hurt to return to the barricades, the more serious before being taken off to hospital.

Girls and boys of ten or twelve years of age were carrying placards with revolutionary slogans, asking people for blood, bandages and antiseptics and singing the *International*.

### workers

There were 300,000 people around the university, with supporters of all left organisations there apart from the Islamic-leftist Mojahedin and the Tudeh (Communist) Party. These two had obeyed Khomeini's order to leave the university.

In the evening more and more people joined the crowd. They included small numbers of workers from Iran National (Chrysler), Tehran Oil refiners and workers from other factories returning from the evening shift.

By 2am, 20 people had been killed and more than 1,000 injured.

Pasdars guarded the hospitals, refusing to let anyone visit the injured or find their dead.

More and more people gathered outside the hospitals, chanting: *Death to Bani Sadr, Death to reactionaries.*

### rumours

By this time there were rumours that the Fedayin had negotiated with the government and had decided to leave the battle.

They argued that none of us wanted any more killing, that the fight would draw attention away from Kurdistan and, anyway, that the real enemy was imperialism.

They left. But the fight went on until 5.30am leaving another seven dead.

In the morning Bani Sadr and the Revolutionary Council held a meeting in the University.

Bani Sadr had wanted to move more slowly against

the left, but the reactionary clergy-led Islamic Republican Party proved stronger.

So they appeared together, with Bani Sadr congratulating the defeat of the 'counter-revolutionary communists and demanding a bigger cultural revolution'.

While Bani Sadr was doing this, Foreign Minister Ghozabadeh appeared at the hospital where most of the injured had been taken to supervise the secret removal and burial of bodies.

At 10am, the crowd outside became more furious. They stopped an ambulance leaving the hospital and found three bodies.

### funeral

They followed the ambulance and the funeral turned into a mass demonstration of 50,000 people.

Similar events occurred elsewhere. 11 dead in Rahn, 13 in Ahvaz. And these are only the official figures. The real ones are probably much higher.



THE MASSACRE of September 8, 1978, as the Shah's troops mow down hundreds of people in the street. Now Khomeini's thugs are waging the repression in a bloody 'Cultural Revolution' — but they cannot put out all the stars in the sky.

## CARTER'S RAD PROVIDES A PRETEXT

AMERICA'S attempt to rescue the hostages has given the regime a better opportunity to attack the left.

These days, the regime's propaganda links the Kurds, the left, the Iraqis and the Americans all together as enemies of the 'Islamic Revolution'.

The policies of the Mojahedin and the Fedayin have also played into the hands of the regime.

The Mojahedin have gone so far as to place their militia under the control of the Pasdars.

The Fedayin have been quiet, as if nothing has happened.

Both, praised Khomeini and the 'Islamic Revolution' at their May Day rallies. If Bani Sadr and the left camps have different attitudes on how to smash the left, they all agree on one thing ... and that is to

smash the Kurds at any time.

In Kurdistan between 100 and 200 people are killed and thousands are injured. There is no medicine and no food.

Those reformists who believe that there are anti-imperialist elements in the government should come and see what they are doing in Kurdistan. Even the Shah did not dare to commit such crimes.

### bombing

The Phantoms have been bombing and shooting Samandaj and villages around for days.

But still the people and the Peshmergas (Kurdish guerrilla fighters) are defending the area. So far they have managed to destroy several helicopters, damage several Phantoms and take guns from the

Pasdars and the army.

The Pasdars and the army even shot at the mass hospital sent from Tehran to help the injured.

They killed the driver, the driver's helper and a health authority worker. They don't even allow medicine to enter the area.

In Marivan, the workers are putting on Peshmerga's clothes and fighting alongside the workers.

### disease

In Bukan and many other places, the regime sends bombing planes everywhere and the bombing fighting does not allow for a moment's rest.

There are very few deaths from disease. I wrote this on 4 May. Today the government's radio called for a six-hour ceasefire to allow the regime to clear off the dead and injured bodies.

Despite everything the spirit of the Kurdish brothers and sisters is growing.

They are very organised, there are fighting on the barricades in Marivan. Every day they manage to kill a significant number of the Pasdars and soldiers.

## BU SHAHIN A WORKER COMMUNIST FALLS

The bloody fight in Marivan, one of the revolutionary bombings who were everywhere. His name is comrade Abu Bani.

When a Kurd, he was a migrant worker.

He was thought to be a worker.

He was an important figure in the Kurdish movement there. He was a leader of the revolutionary movement in Kurdistan. He was a member of the Revolutionary Unity



### fall

They say here. Every night a star falls down, but the sky is still full of stars.

Let the reactionaries be happy at the killing of an old enemy, but his death does not stop the revolution in Iran.

DISCOVERY — Leftists stop an ambulance and find that the regime is smuggling bodies out of the hospital. The funeral procession that followed became a 50,000-strong demonstration.

KURDISH fighters snapped before heading for the hills in north-west Iran.

# A system of justice

TRUTH and justice are qualities that are severely modified by the American way with which they hang in hand.

That at least is the view put forward in "And Justice For All" which has been doing the rounds of our cinemas. It is a great film, with moments ranging from wild hilarity to the most desperate pathos.

The point of "And Justice For All" is the hypocrisy of a system, which while claiming to be impartial, democratic and so on, is actually a weapon of class rule.

Which of the film's success due to the performance of Al Pacino as lawyer Arthur Kirkland. It is a brilliant lawyer, defiant and uncompromising.

His law is professed, but he is under the illusion that if you are innocent, or in some way a victim, then you shouldn't have to go to jail.

lashes One of his clients has spent a year and a half in jail because he was picked up for a faulty tail light and mixed up with an armed robber.

It'S VERY refreshing to read good non-sexist articles, especially one like Kate Reed's "Songs of War" which trails a topical issue with humour and imagination.

Set some time in the future, "Songs of War" deals with a woman's revolution which inevitably fails. Incidentally, because the women who were seeking to rectify their differences, particularly those related to their attitudes to men and to violence.

They could, however, agree on the fact that, no matter how much women legal condition had changed, their real positions hadn't.

dishes Life was much the same, with dishes to wash, medals to deposit, etc.

# contempt

Maria Giolitti reviews "And Justice For All" and finds...



As he glibly handles the contempt of court. The fact that the contempt is wholly justified is irrelevant.

AL PACINO as lawyer Kirkland in contempt of court. In itself this is irrelevant.

Can he? Go and see the film and find out. For us though, the problem is that we can depend on the Kirklands of the world who are far too few of them but even there we wouldn't be enough.

"STOP the Mad Axe-Woman" is a slogan often seen around Britain these days. The Tories have been in a year now, and in this time the rich have got significantly richer, and the poor poorer.

From then on, the revolution became bitter. The woman was hated above all else. The fear of rape became a major concern.

the man effort that. This was easy, as the women were flocking in and logistics became more pressing.

unarmed But at no time were the women united in the purpose. The steel militant would ally itself with men to be outlawed and were feared scorned earth pony.

# Burning a white champ

RICK LAMOTT throws a left jab at South Africa's latest play for respectability



THE NEWS that Mike Weaver's first defence was World Boxing Council... RICK LAMOTT throws a left jab at South Africa's latest play for respectability.

pedigree An Arum as no pedigree as a boxing promoter. Until you can get your hands on the grapevine of the world as the manager of one of the best African boxer, who is behind Arum and his tribe?

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Advertisement for 'A Year of Gentle Man' by Carole Ferrier. Features the title 'A YEAR OF GENTLE MAN' in large letters and the author 'By Carole Ferrier' in a box. The text describes a collection of stories for women.

Advertisement for 'Tune out' by the BBC. Features a radio icon and the text 'Well packaged Pride and Prejudice'. The text describes the BBC's production of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice.











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Medical studies have found that PCB increases susceptibility to infectious diseases, and lowers fertility. It causes cancer in animals. And one study found that exposed workers had liver disease impairment as severe as asbestos workers.

DISPOSAL of waste is a problem, not just with PCB but many industrial chemicals. Eight million litres of poisonous liquid waste is produced in industrial complexes around Melbourne every year.

Often the technology for safe disposal is available. But neither the government nor the companies want the expense. So they use dumps.

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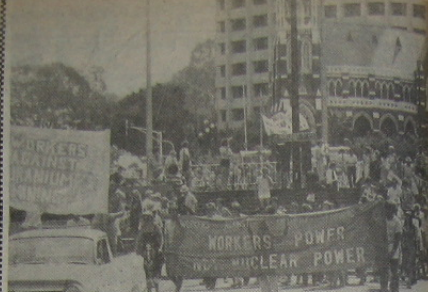
A great deal is at stake. Residents near many old dumps often are today victims of anything from birth defects to cancer and paralysis.

RESIDENTS of Live Casual, near Nagasaki Falls, New York, have found that exposing pollution isn't enough — only action gets results.

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WORKERS against Uranium Mining contingent on the march in Brisbane earlier this year. Unionists against uranium are taking off in Queensland — and WAUM is growing as more workers join the campaign to stop nuclear development.

# End of the line for yellowcake

TRADE UNION opposition to uranium mining and export is hotting up in Queensland.

The Queensland Railway Station Officers Association has announced that their members will be voting in October to decide whether they will impose a complete ban on the transport of yellowcake throughout the state.

This closely follows the Federal Conference decision the Australian Railway Workers Union (ARU) to refuse to handle uranium shipments after January 1 next.

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CUBAN EXILES jammed aboard a shrimp boat arrive in Key West, Florida.

# PROTESTS LEAVE PRO-FLORIDA

By JON BEARMAN in Key West and Miami

IN APRIL, a motley fleet gathered at Key West, in Florida.

Blue-chinned fishing boats, wooden-bulldozed shrimpers, lobster boats and pleasure craft jammed the harbour, prepared to make the 60 mile run to Port Mabel, Cuba.

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# Striking against the "workers' state"

WORKERS FIGHTING the so-called "workers' state" — that's the situation in Russia today.

In early May, over 200,000 car factory workers struck over pay and conditions in Russia's largest car plants.

The Tagliati plant (10 kilometres east of Moscow) at least 70,000 assembly line workers went out in solidarity with the strikers. They were fighting against being forced to do more work, with no extra pay. The strike lasted for one day.

Meanwhile, 450 kilometres to the north, at the huge Gorki car and truck plant, workers walked out over food shortages in the city. The strike lasted two days, during which at least four workers seem to have arrested.

The Soviet rulers managed to end the unrest by smoothing over the problems (for the moment) at the Tagliati plant, and by rushing extra food supplies to both cities.

There have been severe food shortages in European Russia and Siberia for some months. Partly this is due to the fact that the authorities have been stock-piling the stuff so as to make a good impression on the visiting tourists at the Olympics.

But it also reflects the fact that there is an economic crisis in Russia — and the rest of Eastern Europe for that matter — and it is a crisis that the working class is being made to pay for. That's why workers in Eastern European governments have to introduce dramatic price rises in essential commodities. The workers' respective working classes.

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SEVEN giant companies control the world's oil industry. They do not compete with each other.

They are known as the Seven Sisters, because they work hand in glove.

Five of the Sisters — Esso, Gulf, Mobil, Texaco and Shell — are American. One — British Petroleum — is British-owned. Shell is half

British, half Dutch. All of the Seven are amongst the 15 biggest multinational companies in the world.

Between them they arrange the world oil trade. They fix the price. They control the supply. They create 'shortages' to drive up the price.

JOANNA ROLLO reports.

## THERE IS NO SHORTAGE

The press headlines, the oil company statements and the warnings from OPEC are just not true.

The idea that the world's main source of energy is about to run out, or even become scarce, is ridiculous.

The OPEC countries could raise their oil production overnight just by turning on the taps. They're keeping their oil in the ground.

Mexico has enough oil to put it into the same class as Saudi Arabia. It's being left in the ground.

Large reserves of oil have been discovered in Guatemala, Venezuela and Iraq. It too, is staying underground.

In the North Sea alone thirty giant new fields and well over 100 other fields have been discovered. Most of them are not being developed.

All round the coast of Europe there are large regions probably containing oil which are not being explored.

Why? The last thing the oil companies want is too much oil on the market.

If the drilling rigs and the refineries across the world were working at full capacity, pumping out the massive amounts of oil that really are available, there would be a flood.

Plentiful supplies of oil would mean cheap oil. Prices would drop and so would profits.

So the oil companies leave the oil in the ground and spread the panic shortage stories.

The oil men talk about 'conserving' their supplies. The result is a mad scramble as speculators, governments and industry try to get their hands on supplies of oil. So prices soar.

But oil is only half the story. There are other plentiful sources of energy. These are also controlled by the oil companies.

Large reserves of natural gas have already been discovered by the oil companies in the Middle East and Africa. It was burned off because it was not profitable to process it.

The major oil companies have huge interests in the production, processing and transport of natural gas. In America they control 72 per cent of all production.

In Australia, Esso/BHP consortium controls the massively profitable Bass Strait gas fields.

Seven billion cubic feet of the world's most profitable natural gas were discovered in Europe. The oil companies — Shell and Esso in particular — already controlled most gas production. In both Asia and the Netherlands production of gas was

deliberately held back not to damage industry.

There is enough United States gas for another 40 years per cent of total gas in the US comes from oil companies.

In 1974 Esso/BHP seven billion cubic feet of the world's most profitable energy — 30 per cent of natural gas — could have been sold without the oil capacity in America.

The oil companies 'kept their hands off' back production of those other formations. The victim had because oil is a common by-product — produce, and sell at a profit.

But in the last 1974 the US prices paid for oil rose. The price when it was sold at the net assets price of around \$10 a barrel. The last was \$15.

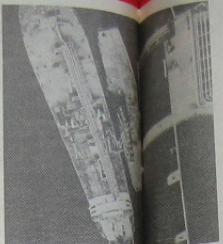
So a little bit of profit for the oil companies and a RETURN ON INVESTMENT of 70 they are good to most energy companies.

Energy is the most vital resource. The depletion of it would be a disaster. Shipping conditions, public opinion was formed in a lively debate. In the winter, food lines by the thousands and thousands.

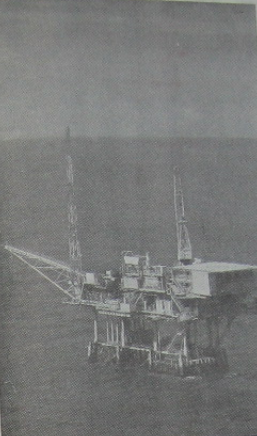
There is enough oil in the world to meet the needs of the world for the next half the world's population. It is not that all turn poorer. It is not that all turn poorer. It is not that all turn poorer.

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A LIQUEFIED petroleum gas (LPG) tank. In the Sahara, water can be used by the oil companies to be more inaccessible.



Esso's Kingfisher A oil production platform in Bass Strait.

Each of them soon developed into an integrated oil company controlling not only its own production, but also transportation, distribution and marketing. With their own fleets of tankers, they could soon operate across the world in every sector of the industry, from the 'upstream' business of drilling and producing at the oilfields, to the 'downstream' activity of distributing and selling at the pumps or the factories.

And each company strove, with varying success, to be self-sufficient at both ends, so that THEIR oil could flow into their tankers, through THEIR refineries to THEIR filling stations.

It was the world-wide integration, together with their size, which was the common characteristic of these seven.

ANTHONY SAMPSON, *The Seven Sisters*



ROUGHNECKS at work on a Bass Strait rig.

oldest oil company, collapsed. Even then the price didn't drop. The biggest oil producer — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libya — just kept their oil in the ground and waited.

The Seven Sisters simply allocated the supplies to those sections of industry willing to pay the price. They abolish the oil companies.

Amourag, Iran's Oil Minister, when they can find the market for oil. We can just oil back and let them do it for us.

For Esso that period was an all-time record for any company — two and half billion dollars in profits. Gulf's profits went up by \$1 per cent in 1973. All the companies respired fabulous profits out of the crisis they had created.

more closures and more unemployment. It's the same scenario cycle we've suffered in the last five years. Now it is going to get even worse. The crisis will deepen the crisis.

We are not the only ones who are suffering. American workers have been hit by rising unemployment and the profits made by the American oil companies.

The workers in the oil states — the world's richest countries — are even poorer. They too pay the price of those profits; they're only so that a handful of others whose wealth is being matched by their greed, can continue to control the world's most vital resources.

In some factories production will be cut. Others will be closed down altogether. More jobs will be lost.

There will be even less wages to buy the goods —



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# THE PRICE OF OIL

## WHY HAVE PRICES GONE UP?

THE huge price rises result from the Seven Sisters' battle to control Middle East oil.

The same amount of OPEC oil is flowing through the world system. But the governments of the Middle East oil states have all cut the amount

they supply to the Seven. They are selling more oil themselves directly to other governments or to oil traders.

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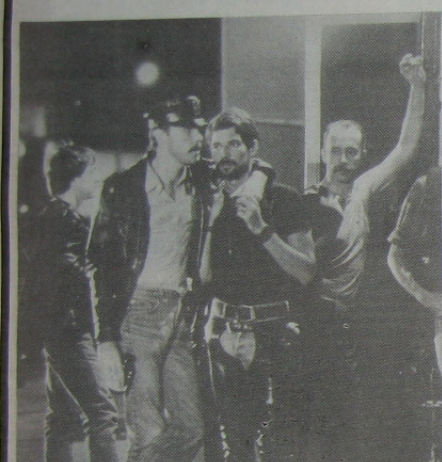


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# CRUISING



**'I'M GLAD I'm normal'** were the words of one woman interviewed after seeing 'Cruising'.

And it is that sort of reaction that William Friedkin's latest motion picture is designed to inspire. The notion that homosexuals are freaks and perverses — (the sort of people you wouldn't want your son or daughter mixed up with. Friedkin — the man who inflicted *'The Exorcist'* on the world — is parading his latest effort as 'controversial' cinema. That's just a pseudo-intellectual way of excusing two hours of unadulterated group libel against gays.

The truth is that *'Cruising'* is cheap, brutal "poofers-bashing" garbage, riddled with distortions. It is so bad, and such a smear, that star Al Pacino had to be conned into taking part. Pacino has denounced himself from the film after seeing Friedkin's final product.

*'Cruising'* presents gay sexuality as nothing more than a constant series of casual fucks, for which gays themselves should be killed. The film is guaranteed to produce outrage and bitterness from homosexuals, and increase hostility from those heterosexuals who see gays as pervers.

*'Cruising'* centres around an undercover cop, played by Pacino, who is assigned to infiltrate the

'heavy leather' waterfront bars and sado-masochistic (S/M) hangouts of New York.

The 'leather scene' is a world within itself, a handkerchief code denoting sexual preferences and a truly amazing enactment of sexual fantasies.

Disguised appropriately in the staid, straight-laced, and leather jackets, Pacino has to track down a homosexual psychopath responsible for a series of bizarrely violent murders of homosexual men from the 'bus'.

Friedkin's movie is devoted to giving people the idea that gays are violent perverts, who go for violent sexual relationships with strangers. And it is that sort of reaction that William Friedkin's latest motion picture is designed to inspire.

Pacino eventually finds the killer — but only after an hour of busy plot, at the end of which his own sexuality is in doubt.

His girl friend (who knows nothing of his assignment) is gay, but a little disconcerted by his change of dress, not to mention the violence introduced into their 'sexlife'.

By the end of the film, the murderer that Pacino has turned gay is reformed after yet another murder, for which he is more than likely responsible.

By leaving the sexual identity of the cop ambiguous, Friedkin has reiterated the myth that not only is homosexuality contagious, but that violence goes hand in hand with gayness. It is the sort of crap that has the potential for inciting even more violence against homosexuals.

It is not surprising that those demonstrators in America by gay activists and supporters. While in Melbourne we are not at the point of erecting barricades under the cinema, we are leading five out of the seven accessible theatres showing *'Cruising'*.

The leader sets out the myths in the film and refutes them.

*'Cruising'* has not as yet been released in Australia. When it does, it will meet with the same hostilities as *'Cruising'*. Lesbians and male homosexuals will not sit idly when such trash is directed against them. Gays are organising against — **we're organising.**

The man who inflicted the excruciating Exorcist on the world has done it again. 'Cruising' William Friedkin's smear job against gays — is torn apart by OSKA PUGLISI.

ogro with a cowboy hat comes in and slaps the accused around. Presumably, the police act as if nothing has happened.

Another of the numerous glaring aspects of the film — during all the gay sex scenes, raucous heavy rock music thumps away. During these scenes, the police act as if nothing has happened.

*'Cruising'* perpetrates the myths about homosexuality that exist in both Australia and around the world, has been fighting to destroy.

Universal Pictures, who made *'Cruising'*, are also responsible for selling new film called *'Cruising 2'*. While *'Cruising 2'* attacks gay men, *'Windows'* blames slanders and debauchery.

In *'Windows'*, a lesbian falls in love with a 'straight' woman. So she struggles to be re-baptised — she will turn against men and become a lesbian herself. In other words, the old line that lesbians are just 'castrated men-haters'.

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**ALD LEFT-WINGERS** George Petersen, George Georges and Tom Uren march in defiance of Bjelke-Petersen's street march law. Revolutionaries gladly unite with the Labor left in action — but freedom to criticise the 'parliamentary road' is a must.

**'WHY IS the Battler always attacking the left wing of the Labor Party? Why can't we have unity on the left?'**

This question came up at a meeting recently — and a very important question it is.

Of course, we need unity against the right in the labour movement. But why stop there?

We need unity of the whole movement against the Liberals. And we need sectional working-class unity against the bosses everywhere.

The point is — how do we move towards this goal? Certainly not by pretending that the deep splits in the workers' movement that actually exist nationally and internationally, can somehow be overcome by 'getting away from sectarianism', or 'making woolly notes'.

It is not lack of goodwill or sectarian spirit that separates us from Bill Hayden, Bob Hawke, Neville Wren and Ed Casey — and that is part of the labour movement in Australia.

It is our lack of political action in practice for capitalism, privilege and inequality, and we stand for socialism.

It is not amongst those who stand to the left of the right-wing leaders of the Labor Party and the ACTU — the Labor Party left, the Communist Party, the International Socialist and others — there are profound differences which sometimes lead to hard-fought group day-to-day activity.

## Forget about goodwill — it's ACTION that forges unity

people, for example, who regard themselves as revolutionaries but offer nothing about this or that tactic.

On the contrary, it is an 'agreement' for strictly limited and agreed-upon demands — the working-class movement who disagree fundamentally about reform or revolution, parliament or socialism, council, nationalism or internationalism.

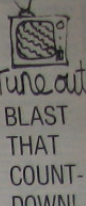
Currently, a good example is the anti-union movement. Socialists and other leftists are active in the anti-union movement, although many Labor Party members are not. In fact, the anti-union movement is a good example of the kind of unity that we need.

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**Tune out BLAST THAT COUNT-DOWN!**

LIKE A lot of other people, I find *'Cruising'* a pretty dire show. And like most of them, I never miss it if it can help it. It's the show you love to hate.

'Countdown' claims the credit for breaking a lot of new acts in Australia and for promoting Australian talent. That's true, but it's hard to forgive them for unlearning Able on an unassuming way.

They have also given down a music peak in the past. The New Wave has taken a long time to permeate through to young people, but it has been there for quite a few days. I don't think it's fair to blame it for this.

**promote**

'Moby' Madson is also decided to promote a certain kind of music. It is a kind of music that is not being offered the record companies, but he has friends in the business who are willing to promote it.

At the moment he's planning a beautiful song called 'All Night Long' for Black and Red — worth a try.

**test**

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**The star dissociated himself from the film**

## BUG GAY AND

**BEING unemployed** is no fun. Depressing, boring, frustrating, yes — but fun, no.

Which is why I found it amusing and interesting to see a new book which deals with trying to 'make do' on low incomes.

Debra Sara's *'How To Make The Most of Living on the Dole'* is — well, quite. I can't think of any other way to describe it. Apart from its price (How many a unemployed can afford \$4 for a slim paperback?) it is a book that will put together good ideas for cheap food, cheap housing and cheap things that bugs good on the surface.

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## Live on the dole — and learn to love it!

**JON O'NEILL reviews a new handbook for the unemployed**

near enough jobs to go unemployed or people are good at it. And there are notes on vegetable farming in your back yard (for people lucky enough to have ones which aren't covered in concrete like mine is), housing problems, and a few personal stories of life on the dole.

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## How to make love to the DOLE

**DEBRA SARA's new book — a message of accepting your situation instead of fighting back.**

**differences**

Differences about the importance or relevance of independence from the ruling class leadership — to name just a few.

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STRIKING journalists learnt a lot in their four week dispute. Now they're learning how much faith to put in the bosses' promises of no victimisation.

Part of the program stated "where shall be the persons returned to work status" with no discrimination on either side as a result of this dispute." But at the Herald and Weekly Times, Southdown Press and Peter Isaacson's in Melbourne, obvious victimisation has taken place.

There are only a few examples.  
Bylines on general news items at The Herald and the Sun were virtually disappeared.  
It appears that two casual staff in the Western Times and one on Abroad magazine have been dismissed.  
TV work (Southdown) for Gurney was cancelled on June 13. The reason given was "no employment available".  
Gurney has worked for Murdoch-owned Spinoff for more than eight years.  
Start Rainsford of the Sun has been invited to resign.  
The Herald and the Sun have been invited to resign by management but they have refused to do so.  
There is a letter on the other side of this page.

**Officials justify scabbing**

AT A WELL attended monthly meeting of the PKU (Printers Union), NSW state secretary Albot Cram justified his failure to support journalists pickets during the dispute.

When asked by Don Page, the father of the Fairfax shock, whether he had agreed to insert printers not to cross the picket line, Cram denied it.

A meeting of the union affected by the dispute four days before the journalists put on their picket. Cram urged the journalists not to picket. But he promised to list the printers not to cross if he did.

Cram and other PKU officials have threatened to cite those printers who refused to scab for a union offence.

The leadership of the PKU is supported by a mass of left wingers — people who support the left of the Labor Party, people who call themselves socialists. They have made scabbing respectable.

If this leadership is so weak-headed now, are they capable of carrying on the fight for jobs against the influx of the new technology?

How would you like to look towards seeing your own rank and file organisation within the union to fight for a policy of no scabbing?

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# LET'S BOSS UP SEEK REVENGE



STRIKING Sydney journalists at a mass meeting. Now they're back the bosses are putting in the boot.

## REFERN STOPS OVER CASUALS

ON MAY 22, the APTU (Australian Postal and Telecommunications Union) was informed by Australia Post that it was planning to employ "casual" workers.

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



Bruce Banner, Adelaide

## IT'S THE BIG PYRAMID PARTY

Dear Battlers, The recent police "raid" on the "pyramid" system in Sydney has a touch of irony about it. A pyramid party is a system where the people start and use the game repeatedly. The distribution of the money is done in a way that a person can get the money they put in. The system is designed to keep the people who put in the money from getting the money they put in.

## Screw Who

Dear Battlers, The Communist Party has been in a position of strength since the 1930s. It has been a major force in the labor movement. It has been a major force in the labor movement. It has been a major force in the labor movement.

## Fraser's health cuts ... VIOLENCE AGAINST THE SICK

NURSES aides at Brisbane's Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital struck for 24 hours against staff ceilings on 21 June.

The low staff ceilings at Fraser government-run repatriation hospitals affects all patients. The establishment health cuts particularly affect nursing aides, orderlies and laundry staff.

The aides were the ones who were finally pushed to strike. They were the ones who were finally pushed to strike. They were the ones who were finally pushed to strike.

Instead, the administration uses the aide in favour of the employer. Instead, the administration uses the aide in favour of the employer. Instead, the administration uses the aide in favour of the employer.

## Dear Battlers

Dear Battlers, I'm writing to you about the health cuts. I'm writing to you about the health cuts. I'm writing to you about the health cuts.

It remains to be seen whether the hospital administration will respond in a proper way. It remains to be seen whether the hospital administration will respond in a proper way. It remains to be seen whether the hospital administration will respond in a proper way.

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By Steve Ralbovick, HLF, Greenhorns.

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| PERTH<br>1111 Perth Ave, Perth, WA                                       | 26 1313  |

## How sweet it is

AT CSR in Melbourne, three-quarters of the firm's production has been taken over by the AWU (Australian Workers Union) and AMSW (Australian Manufacturing Workers Union).

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By Chris Rose

## Boycott C'wealth Games

Dear Battlers, I'm writing to you about the Commonwealth Games. I'm writing to you about the Commonwealth Games. I'm writing to you about the Commonwealth Games.

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L.G. Gill, Colburn.

## Hire more meaties!

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By Darryl Osborne, AMIEU.

## SOMETHING HAPPENING WHERE YOU WORK?

Who will write for The Battler? Who will write for The Battler? Who will write for The Battler?

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Trade Union \_\_\_\_\_

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PO Box 46, Flemington, Vic 3031

**WHY? WHERE?**  
REDUCING SERVICES  
REDUCING MAINTENANCE  
REDUCING EMPLOYMENT  
STOP INCREASING FARES  
WHERE IS RETRO LOGGING?  
READ IT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT



**THE TRAMS** stopped running in Melbourne last week when tramway workers walked off the job for four hours to march on Parliament. The Victorian government intends introducing massive cuts to its public transport system at the same time as raising fares. A tramway worker from the Maitland depot said at the 500-strong

march: "We've got to stop these cuts before they start. That's why we've been trying to tell the public what's going on. The public support for our campaign has been fantastic. It has restored my faith in Australians." She went on: "It's ridiculous that the Hamer government is introducing these cuts at the same time as spending

\$300,000 on an advertising campaign for a public transport system that only exists in their heads." The demonstration was originally going to be called by only two Tramways deposits. But their action forced the rather conservative leadership of the Tramways Union to make it an official union project.



**Parting Shots**  
With Bill Posters

**DURING** the recent journalists' strike, the press were very keen to pretend that they didn't need the journals, and management was competent to do all the work themselves. But we know better. So Warwick Fairfax had to send one of his most loved executives, Graham Wilkinson, to Canberra to provide such coverage of parliament. And this didn't work out too well either. Graham was soon seen weeping at a meeting around Parliament House asking passing journalists they knew where the office was. The Canberra Times were.

The job is that Graham is on the board of Federal Capital Press, the body which owns the Canberra Times. A NUMBER of state governments have been concerned about a market in "parties". And rightly so. Present parties work like chain letters. You put in a certain amount of money, hoping to get back a larger amount from other suckers who do the same. Eventually the bubble bursts and a lot of people get hurt. We think that such things should be suppressed. Especially the biggest and longest running pyramid schemes in existence — the stock exchange.

The "permissive revolution" has corrupted another sector. And this time it's a big one. Anita Bryant, famous crusader against the desintegration of the American family has tried for divorce.

Ironically, the great strength of a great institution is now meaning that he has tried to control her. But had a conception for her in her breakthrough. Among the properties to be sold and divided up is a 25 room mansion.

WE WERE just recovering from the shock of hearing that the Chicago government is subsidizing Genghis Khan (no joke) when we were dealt a new blow by the news from London. It seems that a rare signature of Queen Mother six times the expected price at an auction is \$1800. It is now on a sale with out Lennie Burgin signed when she said "I'm not". We further, if you are a fan of the film "The Last of the Mohicans" you will know that this action is a

THE RICH GET RICHER. What passes for a Labor government is now an

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**Stuff their cars what about our jobs?**

**A SHOWDOWN must come soon at GMH Pagewood.**

As everyone in Australia knows by now, General Motors is about to throw 1500 workers at the Pagewood plant in Sydney on the scrapheap.

And while the 1500 spend their last few weeks of employment contemplating the grim prospects ahead, all the powerful authorities who could save them are instead sitting on their hands.

But the workers still have one chance to save their jobs. That is to adopt the bold tactic that has proved effective overseas, but has only been employed sparingly in Australia — the factory occupation.

By taking over the GMH plant, they would give themselves a powerful bargaining tool — the company's machinery and capital. The biggest and longest running pyramid schemes in existence — the stock exchange.

General Motors, which has only invested 216 million dollars of its own money in over 30 years of Australian operation (and has recouped this amount more than a hundredfold with profits subsidized by our taxes), is closing down Pagewood to concentrate production in Victoria and South Australia.

This is part of their master plan for a "world car", which will mean massive sackings in car plants all over Australia in the next few years.

If the workers are prepared to appropriate their own tools, homes and move 600 miles to Melbourne or 1,000 miles to Adelaide, then GMH will generously give them another job. Otherwise, all they get is a miserable one week's pay for every year they have worked at Pagewood.

GMH's decision is a cold deliberate step to devastate the lives of thousands of workers. As for the Senior Vehicle Builders' Union (SVBU) delegate at Pagewood told the Battler:

**PART OF** the Pagewood stockpile. Don't let a single car out if they guarantee jobs for everyone.

The NSW Labor Government, which greeted the news with anger — but empty — statements about supporting any action that unions take, is now going to water. It has even backed off from its initial threat to ban the purchase of Gemintis, Jetonas and Kingwoods by State Government and instrumentalities. And they have certainly avoided any mention of nationalizing Pagewood. Yet even under existing laws, the NSW

Government has the power to resume the land and plant there. As for the unions — the NSW Trades and Labour Council has called for a national car workers strike, but left it up to the do-nothing ACTU executive to organize.

And on past performance, it's their little chance that either the Labour Council or the ACTU will organize the blockade of GMH in NSW that ranks and file workers have called for.

So as usual, the rank-and-file has to fight on its own. As the Battler goes to press, Vehicle Builders' Union (VBU) members are picketing to enforce their ban on movement of Holden stockpiles.

Daily production at Pagewood has been slashed — by July 4, it was down to 120 vehicles, and by July 7, a mere 16. Complained GMH vehicles from interstate have also been banned by railway workers at Enfield. The sackings by GMH threaten the jobs of thousands of other workers in industries which supply Pagewood. They could

have a devastating effect not just in NSW but Australia wide. Particularly as we are entering into another recession which means jobs will be scarce everywhere. Tony Hammond, another VBU delegate, told us that he was "surprised" at the two month notice from the company. They obviously didn't want the bank. They would have preferred to have done a quiet deal with the government and let us come to work one morning to find the gates locked. Even those who have been local companies, none for over 20 years are displaced.

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**The paper that fights for workers' power**

**Bosses hag a BL and buy trouble ...**



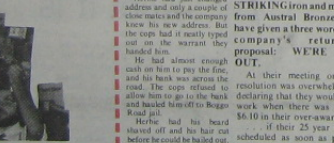
**BUILDERS' labourers from six Walkins sites at Brisbane, Ipswich and the Gold Coast walked off their jobs last week following the sacking of a dogman.**

Andrew "Herbie" McCullagh, a dogman at the Ipswich court house site, was sacked after he refused to work on unsafe scaffolding.

The company's story was that he had only been employed as a temporary but they had overlooked telling him.

The bosses then offered him two weeks full pay to look for a new job — in other words to keep quiet. Herbie refused and demanded his job back. When his dogman's labourers on the site stopped work to discuss the issue, the company told them to start work or face the sack. They tried to fight and

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**SUPPORT THE AUSTRALIAN STRIKE**

**STRIKING** iron and metal workers from Austral Bronze in Sydney have given a three word reply to the company's return-to-work proposal: **WERE STAYING OUT.**

At their meeting on June 17, a resolution was overwhelmingly carried declaring that they would only resume work when there was an increase of \$6.10 in their over-award payment.

As if their 25 year dinner was rescheduled as soon as possible, if the superannuation fund was operative from July 1 and if there was a return to the status quo. Any changes in manning or conditions are to be discussed in the usual way at conferences with various unions involved. As we said in the last Battler, the company's terms for a return are an attack on staffing levels and working conditions. The offer they made on June 17, was to re-schedule the dinner and introduce

the super scheme only if there was no industrial action over the \$6.10 increase. Strike committee secretary, Ray Sullivan, told the meeting, "It's about time we imposed a few conditions of our own on the company. They want to show them that they can't get away with it."

At a meeting on June 23, the workers decided to stay out for another week. The Battler goes to press they're trying to get a compulsory conference with the company.

Actively to drum up support for the strike has been quite impressive. There's a call for distributors at the 35 hour meeting and work places. Financial support for the strikers is pouring now that they have begun visiting work places. A number have made a weekly pledge to the strike fund. If you can arrange a meeting or wish to give a donation, contact Ray Sullivan on 02-27-0241.

by Mike Greenock



**WHAT'S A GOING ON?**

**TWEEDLEDEE, Tweedidum ... and Tweedledum.**  
That's the advice that Queenslanders face, as all the major parties do their best to say nothing about what they'll actually do if elected.  
Instead, they're confining themselves to seeing who can throw the most mud to make the other parties seem even worse than their own.

The Liberals are trying to disassociate themselves from Bill's more extreme policies.  
*By Judy McVey*

**Workers' Control**  
Workers' control over the nature of their work has now become a major election issue. The Labor Party has the most to gain from a society free of class distinctions, open to all professions, open to all classes and open to all nations. China has now secured the right to be a nation, on the expiration of workers by a home-lease ruling class.  
**Revolution, not Reformism**  
We believe in a socialist system, not wanting to see the workers' movement to change it.  
**Smashing the Capitalist State**  
The state apparatus, courts, the police, the army and navy are used to serve the interests of the ruling class, and any real socialism must be achieved through the overthrow of the capitalist state.  
**Internationalism**  
A socialist revolution cannot be confined to one country. It must be a world revolution. The workers must be united in a common front against the capitalist class.  
**Full Equality and Liberation**  
For women, blacks and all other oppressed people, we demand full equality with white men in all spheres of life. We demand the abolition of all forms of racial discrimination and the social possession of the means of production.  
**Revolutionary Party**  
To smash the capitalist state, we need a revolutionary party, organized and based on the workers' class. Without a revolutionary party, a workers' struggle will be confined to a narrow area.  
**Rank and File Organisation**  
Workers must be organized in rank and file organisations to fight the bosses and to win the right to work in a safe and healthy environment.  
**12 weeks to build a party**  
The party of the workers must be built in 12 weeks. It must be a party of the workers, not a party of the bourgeoisie.

**Parliament leaves the real power with the bosses**  
ON FRIDAY June 27 a delegation from People Under Poverty arrived at the Department of Social Services in Brisbane. They were there to demand that the Government stop its policy of "Poverty in Poverty". They were there to demand that the Government stop its policy of "Poverty in Poverty". They were there to demand that the Government stop its policy of "Poverty in Poverty".

**Poverty is no party**  
17,000 people are still on welfare in Queensland, more than three weeks ago, and still waiting for their money. People Under Poverty, a Canberra, are currently conducting a national campaign against unemployment, sickness, pensions, family allowances and TANF to get immediately paid to the poverty line. They are also demanding that all Social Security benefits be indexed, and that all people on benefits be allowed to earn \$20 a week without their benefits being reduced.  
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**Police back demonstrators at the Prime Minister's approach as a nursing home in Fitzroy in March.**  
The nine people arrested then have come in for a hard time in the courts, with sentences of 14 days jail and fines of \$400.  
Several cases aren't finished yet.  
The Coalition's next meeting is on Wednesday, July 23 at 7.30 at Fitzroy Town Hall. Anyone interested in coming along can contact Susan on 3452 (4143) or ring the Butler on 376 3307.

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**Announcing Malcolm Fraser's "foreign policy"**

**B-52 BOMBERS** carrying nuclear weapons may be cooperating out of Australian airfields ... thanks to Malcolm Fraser.  
Last Monday, a team of eight American Air Force officials arrived in Australia to find suitable RAAF airfields to handle the giant bombers.  
Possible sites include Townsville in Queensland, Learmonth in Western Australia, and Darwin and Tindal in the Northern Territory.  
At this stage, Darwin seems the most likely base for a US nuclear airbase.  
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**Nonkanbarb resistance stiffens**  
Charles Court's actions over Newport have escalated in the past few weeks.  
The WA premier who prosecutes union supporters for helping blacks claim their young rights, has had no success in forcing the Yungingora people to permit oil drilling on their land.  
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# "Let's not kid ourselves!"

By Maria Stanion

**THE OUT-POURINGS OF THE nationalist pride over Candice Reed — Australia's first "test-tube baby" and the world's third — have just about died down now.**

Appropriate, wasn't it, that little Candice be born just as the US courts decided that artificially-created life could be patented, bought and sold like any other piece of capitalist merchandise?

Maybe that's why the Australian press was gloating. Perhaps we're glad to have a test-tube baby led recovery to lead us out of our economic woes!

But taking aside, isolation should welcome the advance of science that brings us closer to freeing time "from the shackles" of a busy life. Why? Because it will free women over and over from the unpaid bond of having to ensure the survival of the human species.

## pregnant

As long as women become pregnant and are therefore forced to withdraw from some normal activities for some weeks or months, they will not be truly equal with men.

In a neutral situation, we will have to guard against women's role becoming or remaining secondary merely because of biology.

Under socialism, abortion, contraception and sterilization will be freely available. Child-care will become a communal responsibility. So women's choices will be greater.

Whether to have children, and whether to spend a load of part of one's life raising them, will be much easier decisions to make. But still, problems remain.

## Soapbox



The column that stirs up a froth

Many people probably reed in horror at the sight of a single thousands of identical humans being made by machines in factories. But it won't be like that.

Every child is a *being*, with a unique personality, etc. could be mentioned by selecting the genes which go into the creation of each individual child. This way, hereditary diseases and deformities could be eliminated too.

Of course, say woman who wanted to have a child, but who didn't want to go through nine months of pregnancy, could do so as well. She would only have to go to the central baby registry or whatever, for a baby, Mum, too, would be free to do this.

## discomfort

Then the distinction between mothering and fathering of children would disappear. The doctor would be a woman has an infant on her breast to have a child would be no more.

What's more, gay men and women would have to be accepted as anyone child-rearing as anyone

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CANDICE REED, Australia's first "test-tube" baby, with proud parents. Should we look forward to the day when science can release women of child-bearing altogether?

It depends which class you're in. And under real socialism — controlled reproduction — test-tube babies can only be a boon to all of us.

# "is for heli

**THE AUSTRALIAN Irish Republican Movement held a conference in Sydney over the week-end of June 12 and 13.**

They resolved to encourage the development of the Block committees in all Australian capital cities. The Block committees are the organisational basis of the political status of prisoners of war being held in the most degrading conditions in the north of Ireland.

Two prisoners are currently on hunger strike in the cells of the H-Blocks. The need for active leadership is acute.

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## RETARDED women in Victoria are being used as "guinea pigs" for Ispidin, one of the major multinational drug companies.

And so are hundreds of impoverished women in countries throughout the Third World. They are being injected with Depo-Provera, a high-potency contraceptive drug which has already been banned in America.

Depo-Provera is strongly suspected of causing cancer. It has

## Retarded women used as drug guinea pigs

Depo-Provera is a treatment for cancer of the womb. In the late fifties, a Brazilian doctor accidentally discovered its powerful contraceptive effects.

By 1971, Depo-Provera was being pushed widely in the Third World as a means of birth control.

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## NEW BRIDEAN independence seems to be falling apart before it even comes into existence.

In the lead up to the independence of the Vanuatu party central government on Vila has been continually threatened by secessionist movements on the other islands.

Such a movement has successfully taken over the island of Santo. Last month, there were rumours of similar riots on the islands of Aoba and Malekula. The colonial powers, Britain and France, have engaged in various troop movements around the area — but have so far stopped short of taking any action against the rebels.

The forces lined up behind the 'secessionist' clearly show where their real interests lie. First, there is the Phoenix Foundation, an extreme right wing US group that wants to turn Vanuatu into a tax haven.

Then there are companies like the Australian mining firm Burns Philp & French-Bank CFIH group and the Bank of Indochina and Suez, still operating on Santo despite central government objections.

Finally, there are the two colonial powers, France actually wants to prevent independence — because of its interests in the New Hebrides, and the 'free' that independence would have on its other colonial possessions in the South Pacific.

That's why the Santo rebels are heavily backed by French plantation owners and the UN.

Britain is prepared to see independence go ahead — but only on its own terms.

The problem in the first place — actively interventionist — is that the British have started putting pressure on the central government to delay the independence.

Imperialist troops could turn on the central government

## With a little help from my friends . . . Independence New Hebridean style

By Nicola Cateby

The prime minister, Walter Lini, has announced that independence goes ahead on July 30, with or without the approval of France and Britain.

But it looks as though without concessions on this point from Lini, Britain and France will refuse to take action against the secessionists.

In fact, this shouldn't worry the Vanuatu party. When the Santo independence first broke out, it declared at the demonstration in Port Vila:

"The Vanuatu party declares it will fight for the independence of Vanuatu to organise a peace-keeping force to restore law and order on Santo."

When South African police are in a corner they SHOOT TO KILL

Four years almost to the day of the Soweto uprising, black South Africa exploded. This time it was the coloureds — people of mixed race — who were in the lead. South Africa's white rulers reacted with their usual brutality.

And Prime Minister Botha said in a nationwide broadcast: "If we are forced to do so, people will be hurt very much more."

Wear South African police in the streets. The next day Police Minister E. Geraghty said: "The police will not allow to be withdrawn. It was, he said, a national day of mourning."

Then the heart of the South African industry in the Eastern Cape was





# What happens when music stops?



THE "VILLAGE PEOPLE" strut their stuff in "You Can't Stop the Music" — shaking their boogie thigh on down to Wall Street.

**REGULAR** viewers of "Soap" on TV won't have to be reminded that Jessica Tate's one ambition is to set her life to music.

With "You Can't Stop the Music," Alan Carter's latest effort starring the "Village People," Jessica's dream has come true.

Jessica doesn't actually appear in "You Can't Stop the Music." She could well have been cast as the vicarious member of the tax lawyer who helps to provide a plot which weeps through the disco sound now and then.

Jessica would be thrilled to see the film. For not only does music talk to the picture, but it sings and dances as well. That, if dancing is the word for the simulated sex that happens on the disco floor.

Well, what is the film about? "Music is magic," says the beautiful pop singer and over-Daily life may be boring, but keep a little love on your lips and it will be bearable.

Not that life is really all that unbearable for our central character. The main stars are not the "Village People," but just your average everyday music lover after model in America, whose sharing her home beautiful with an average young guy who has the most salable music in the U.S.

**dropouts**

They meet up with a bunch of village people that is, some dropouts trying to live out some fantasy. In New York's Greenwich Village. These all turn out to have golden voices and the desire to make their fame, fortune and platinum records.

Now that we have the group and the music, all we need is a record company.

Of course, our model turns out to be able to add something to the formula for success: her words. "Mama's got rhythm!" This turns out to mean that her ex-lover in America's most advanced record company manager.

So the plot is as simple as the music. It is interesting, though, that the six people who make up the "Village People" are not allowed to develop characters. **COME TO BRISBANE IS FUNDRAISING DINNER** Dress up as your favourite revolutionary! **Saturday July 26, 7.00pm** 21 Chevrolet St., Brisbane \$5.00 employed, \$3.00 others. Drinks available. As far as you are concerned, let's stop their music and live!

By George Stylianou

for themselves. They are dancing to, dance and to deliver a few lines.

This is no accident. After all, the "Village People" are not people at all. They are sexual stereotypes. They are based on the sexual fantasies of an American society in social confusion.

The leatherman, cowboy, Indian, policeman, soldier and construction worker are the basic images that you will find in gay bars all around the U.S. And because they are fantasies, they are surreal. So if they are unreal, how could they be allowed to develop character?

To give any character to the "Village People" would threaten their commercial success, which is based on sexual ambiguity. Are they gay or aren't they? Is it a stretch to call the one for the YMCA just a place to exercise, or can you really hang out with all the boys?

THEN THE LORD SMOTE GOUGH WHITLAM AND IT WAS GOOD!



**phony**

This film becomes a sort of dancing soft-core pornography. The sex is phony. The characters must remain unreal or the fantasy is shattered.

That's why the film quickly abandons the Village People out of the Village. There they might discuss problems of daily life and so on. There they might up to Wall Street, hear the six people who make up the "Village People" are not allowed to develop characters. **COME TO BRISBANE IS FUNDRAISING DINNER** Dress up as your favourite revolutionary! **Saturday July 26, 7.00pm** 21 Chevrolet St., Brisbane \$5.00 employed, \$3.00 others. Drinks available. As far as you are concerned, let's stop their music and live!

And this eternal truth provides the inspiration (for Peter Sellers) latest movie, "Being There," an aching sweet little send-up of the American ruling class.

By Alec Kahn

"Being There" is the odyssey of a harmless simpleton named Chance, as he bumbles his way through the maze of the cluttered walls of his guardian's mansion (the grand mansion in the class he knows as gardening bushes as his life's work).

But as we meet him all the way out, the layers in his mind are, the layers back the main door, and as Chance is cast out into the big bad world.

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**ANY IDIOT** can get to be President of the United States — as Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan are proving right now.

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**DUNCAN HALLAS** UTTERS A FEW HERESIES ABOUT THE REVIVAL OF BIBLE BASHING

... sometimes liberal and radical wing even catholic arch-bishops in some cases, take their stand against the more extreme forms of reaction.

Not this year. For them the Pope is a pious, if not a lamb of Stalin.

Then the Rev Jerry Falwell, who is by no means as conservative as some of them, calls for the regeneration of marxism. "We should brand it on their foreheads," he says.

In a typical sermon he says, denounce homosexuals, welfare cheaters, sex education, pornography, drugs, peddlers and the equal rights amendment.

**extreme**

The Rev Pat Robertson supports political candidates with extreme right wing opinions. — Congressman Larry McDonald of Georgia, member of the John Birch Society, appears on his programme.

What is interesting about all this is the extent to which "liberal-conservative" establishment forces reject the non-bigot.

Of course, in the States it is now very difficult. Jimmy Carter has been there again. "The economist is probably wrong in thinking that this sort of irrationalism can be exported to Europe or Australia on a grand scale. Though Job Bjelke-Petersen has followed in Carter's footsteps."

Noting with pleasure a vigorous revival of religious belief in the U.S., it hopes that "what happens in the United States tends to happen a little later in Europe. To.

This is to be the new answer to marxism. ...

What sort of thing is this new "Irrationalism is the refuge of people who have no rational hope for the future"

The established churches have

**SUCCESS**

Only the black mad who ranted him has the good sense to know that he is a mad dog.

He puts his hands down to his holocaust — "I'm sorry to go from them on, but ... but's his loss that can't be done."

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A CHORUS TO BORE US — Bob Hawke who says the 35 hour campaign should "wait... Bill Hayden who thinks "the economy" can't afford it... Justice John Moore who "wants to positive metal-workers who fight for it... and chorus-master Malcolm Fraser, who is staying on the Labor leader's statements to attack the left-wing unions.



# LE 'E ME WAIN 35!

ALCOA metal-workers in Western Australia have shown what they think of Bob Hawke, Bill Hayden, Malcolm Fraser and John Moore — the unholy chorus against the national metal trades struggle for the 35 hour week.

They have forced Alcoa to shut down its alumina refinery at Pinjarra, south of Perth. And in doing so, they have given lead to every unionist in Australia fighting for the shorter week.

By Maria Girelli

The 200 Alcoa metal-workers have gone way out ahead of the game, five-hour stoppage-a-month that the metal trades union leaders have been pushing.

When Alcoa refused to negotiate on the 31 hour claim last month, and instead said "Go to arbitration", the metal workers walked out on strike.

And to make sure their strike was effective, they set up pickets that have cut all rail traffic to and from the Pinjarra refinery.

**The 35 hour campaign**

And when the Arbitration Commission told ACFI glass-workers to drop their claims, the ACFI workers' answer was "Go to hell!"

The latest round of national mass meetings shows that, unless the action holds up, the campaign is in danger of flailing out.

The strike is continuing, the fight is still over-blowing. But attendance was down, and opposition was up — a clear sign that some workers are already losing confidence in the campaign, and that the sabotage attempts by Hawke, Moore and friends are having some effect.

**Immediate**

The one encouraging sign was the decision to hold a 24-hour strike at Moura, and has helped Arbitrators try to withhold wage increases from metal workers.

The glass industry has been one exception — workers have been walking off for up to five hours a week in lightning strikes, to disrupt production as much as possible.

turned on and off like taps.

In Adelaide, the turnout was double that of previous meetings. But the vote in favour dropped from 210 to 151 at the first meeting on 10 to 11 because right-wingers' came out in force to try to sabotage the campaign.

To stop the 35 hour campaign getting bogged down, we need more action like the Alcoa picket.

We need other strategically placed workers — like the Llanube Valley power workers, who have already launched their own campaign, taking advantage of their own work places backing them up with lightning stoppages like the glass-workers are using, and even to maintain their strength.

If we can get that going — we might really start to get somewhere.

**Austral tries 'divide and rule'**

At their meeting last Monday, the 700 workers voted to stay out for their \$4.10 claim for at least another week.

The company had threatened that they were prepared to give an offer to the trademen if there was a return to work.

**nothing**

Despite Williams from the Stornes and Packers Union telling the meeting:

"I look up and 1972 is now one level of over-award payment. Now the company means nothing a different ball game. We've got nothing to bring back to you at this time, but we'll try to bring it back to you at the next meeting."

Ironworkers delegate, Al Burt, urged members to stay together.

**WHILE POLITICIANS** are making a political capital out of the issue, the parliament and the old-fashioned metal stars are making their own way.

A look at superstar Bill Posters

By Bill Posters

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**ITS TAXATION** time, and we will all be charged to pay for Ma's VIP plane and such.

But perhaps you were reassured by recent government claims that they would crack down on tax cheating by businessmen.

Fal chance. Listen to Harry Walsh, who rakes a 24-hour tax dodge operation from a motel in North Sydney.

"Last week, after the treasurer made that announcement, the industry had found a way around the new rules within six hours."

**BJORN** and Mariana — just doing a wedding day — are wedded to a million dollars worth of shares.

BJORN is marrying Mariana Simionescu, and the photographic rights have been sold for \$100,000 plus 50 per cent of all sales worldwide.

After for more than the million dollar mark, the happy pair will receive a million dollars.

The price tag around the neck of the couple is \$100,000 plus 50 per cent of all sales worldwide.

Not that they need it. BJORN is reportedly worth \$5 million. Mariana is worth \$2 million.

The brand name of what the best-dressed commissioner will be wearing is "Jesus' Jeans".

**MORE AMAZING** news of Franz-Josef Strauss, West German prime minister, has been announced by Bill Posters.

These days for Queensland surf on TV, that say: "The people are still people up in Queensland."

Don't worry folks. We have our doubts about John and Russ Stronze. But never doubted the rest of you.

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# PROCESSES UP AND WE WANT 35!

**SOME PEOPLE** simply don't know when to keep their mouths shut.

Just as the metal industry employers were preparing last week to tug at our heartstrings with an advertising campaign on how "the economy" couldn't afford a 35 hour week, the Sydney Sun Herald had just to wonder and blow it all.

Under the headline "Australia's super businessmen gain more and more wealth", the Sun Herald set out to find who was the country's richest boss. And the figures were most revealing.

Ian McFarlane, the man who led the headlines recently because he owns 175 million worth of shares in Rundle shale oil deposits, finished well down the list.

So did the Reid family, who made their fortune killing workers with James Hardie's iron mines.

All of which makes the "state of the art" line of the employers sound just a little bit sick.

But if the bosses are crying poor-mouth, there are some other parties also putting in pretty typical performances.

Malcolm Fraser is moving to solid front against the shorter week. He's threatening to use the Prices Justification Tribunal (which he vowed to abolish in 1975) to block price rises by any company which grants shorter discipline employers... and even that.

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**Alcoa strikers** show how to win it

allowing 8 hours overtime a week for employers to catch up production.

If we're to ever get anywhere in the fight for 35 hours — if we've ever to get back any of the wealth that the capitalists and Reid and Stronzone have ripped off us — then it's going to take a lot, lot more.

We're going to have to follow the Alcoa workers' example. Their strike is costing Alcoa \$15 million a day. We have to hit the bosses where it hurts. By stopping production and stopping their profits.

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# March on H-Day



Black-ban uranium... No more Hiroshimas

★ SYDNEY  
★ ADELAIDE  
★ BRISBANE

Rally in Baltimore Park, City, at 10am on Saturday August 9.

Candlelight procession from Rundle Mall fountain, 7 pm, Friday August 8.

Union march from opposite Elder Park 10 am, Saturday August 9.

Rally and march, assembling at King George Square at 5 pm on Wednesday August 6.

**WMC rolled in Adelaide**

In the end, West Torrens Council was forced to reverse the decision to allow WMC to use the site.

Now the Campaign Against Nuclear Energy is trying to get similar WMC site bans from Lorraine.

When Marlene residents found out, they picked in protest. Women with babies in arms where they could breast-feed the babies.

**The paper that fights for workers' power**

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# 1936: NO DOGS, NO JEWS

The 1936 Berlin Olympics were organized as a demonstration of the superiority of the Aryan race, and a monument to the power and glory of the Nazi Reich.

The Reich Stadium was the biggest ever built. The Nazis opened ceremonies at the pomp of a Nordic opening ceremony and the first lighting of the Olympic flame. The stadium was packed to the rafters. Hitler himself opened the Games.

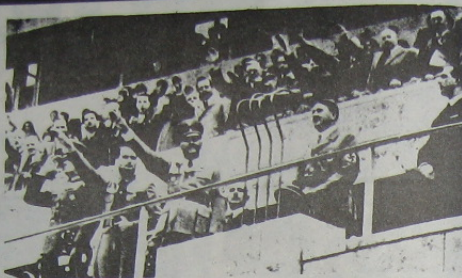
The follow in the stadium were NO DOGS OR JEWS. The Jewish Panathena was underwritten by eight black American athletes. Between them the black Americans won more medals than the entire German squad. Jesse Owens

alone won 4 Gold medals. Hitler stormed out of the Reich Stadium and didn't return.

Just eleven months before the Nazis had passed the Nuremberg Laws as a human rights program for the Final Solution. Law and order groups tried to organize a boycott of the Nazi Games, but Conservative politicians the world over made sure there was no embarrassment to Hitler.

## VOTE

In America, the IOC representative Ernst Lejeune went so far as to push a vote on a boycott on the US Olympic Committee. It was defeated by the black American athletes. Lejeune was expelled from the Olympic movement for introducing politics into sport.



Hitler at the opening of the 1936 Games



Jesse Owens, the man who ran all over Hitler.

# 1896-1914: MONEY IS NO HURDLE

FROM its very beginning the Olympic Games have been dominated by two things: Money and Politics.

The first act of the modern Olympics was to unveil a statue to a businessman, Giorgos Averoff. The Games themselves opened with a demonstration by Armenian nationalists.

In fact the Olympic movement was created by a political and financial intrigue. The Greek government of Trikoupi refused to provide the money for the 1896 Games. Using the patronage of the Greek King, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) persuaded Averoff, a nationalist, to put up money.

Trikoupi government was forced to resign. Even at those times Olympic nationalism was rampant. It became a question of national pride that a Greek should win the Marathon. Feet gifts were offered: jewelry,

confectionery, wine, cattle, free hats, even the hand of the victor's daughter. At the end of 28 miles, Spiridon Louis found himself a wealthy man. A nationalist made a comeback in the 1908 Olympics in London. Britain set every week over half the Gold medals and there was a deluge of complaints of bias. In the 400 metre final disqualifications ended in three. The Americans watching the British runner, Hallerweil, run by himself. He won.

The First World War changed the Olympics.



Officials practice crowd control in 1904 Games, during Marathon run.

The first decision of the International Olympic Committee after the First World War was to ban all the defeated nations - Germany, Austria, Turkey, Albania and Hungary. The first post-war Games were given to gallant little Belgium as the spoils of war.

In Antwerp in 1920 the crowds were so huge the gates were thrown open free. By 1932 there were over a million spectators in Los Angeles. In 1936 Philip Natas-Daaker could still deliberately step aside to allow someone he considered the more deserving athlete to win the Gold. By 1936 it was win at any cost.

In the midst of the Depression, the 1932 Los Angeles Games were the biggest and most lavish ever mounted. The specially-built stadium, the ceremonial of national anthems and medals awards, all added up to one and a quarter million dollars profit. The games were big business.

And even bigger: POLITICS. The fascist and military regimes made a splash at the London Olympics, especially in the many sports like boxing and fencing. Success was now an issue of national dignity.

The first scandal came with the Nazi Olympic of 1936. Hitler spared no expense to make it the biggest, most impressive Olympic Games. And he spared no effort to ensure it was a sporting triumph for German nationalism.

## Barred

The spiral was temporarily broken by the Second World War. Within days of Hiroshima the IOC was in session. Their first decision was to bar Japan and Russia, and again the athletes were voted out as compensation for the damage this time to London.

There was a strong resistance - at least at first - to the London Games. People living in the iron rationing of austerity saw no good reason to pour millions on a sporting

# Bob Light looks at the history of the Olympic Games and proves that politics and sport do mix - and always have done.

Similarly, under American pressure, the IOC took the non-political decision not to recognise the existence of Red China. For the IOC, China was the tiny island of Formosa. Only when it suited US diplomacy did the IOC recognise the existence of 600 million Chinese.

But Israel was different. When Israel seized the land of Palestine they handed the Palestine Olympic Committee, as well as the IOC, passed a deep breath and recognised Israel in 1949.

## Forbids

South Africa was even more different. The Olympic charter forbids any racial discrimination in sport. South Africa forbids anything but racial discrimination. The expulsion of South Africa was first raised in 1960 for 10 years when, as agreed,



# IT'S ALL ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE

until finally it was to Olympic stopped South Africa was a day, it became an act of the Olympians of international voters.

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Entry into the Olympic movement had become a measure of attitude. So recognised by the IOC was of massive importance. The non-political IOC used a very simple rule: they did what America wanted.

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Australians had to face an invasion. In 1956, the Melbourne Olympics were held in the war-torn city of Melbourne. The most violent of the games was held in Melbourne. The games were held in Melbourne. The games were held in Melbourne.

Finally, in 1972, the Munich Olympics were held in Munich. The games were held in Munich. The games were held in Munich.



Black American runners salute their victory in the 1968 Games.



# 1968: WE'RE BLACK, WE'RE PROUD

On the evening of 16 October 1968, the hypocrisy at the heart of the Olympic Games was buried in open in one moment of honesty. Tommy Smith was awarded his Gold medal and John Carlos and

## MEANT

Bronze medal for the Men's 200 metres. As the American anthem draped out they bowed their heads and raised their gloved hand in a clenched fist salute.

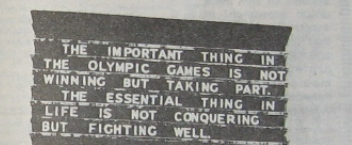
## BRING

For 50 years America had depended upon black athletes to bring home the medals of the honour. But back in their own country the same black athletes were criticised for their second class citizens. Tommy Smith put it this

way: People recognise me as a fast runner, but that still means I'm a Negro.

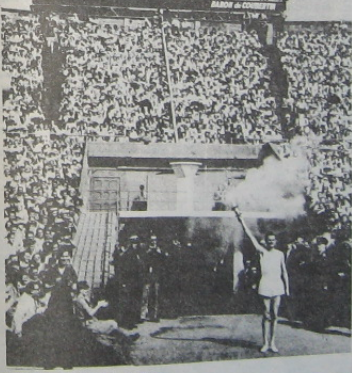
Both men were suspended from the US team, and given 90 days to put the Olympic rings.

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1980: \$3,000 million  
1912: \$160,000

# There's gold in them thar amateurs



London 1948. The first post-war Games.

The 1912 Olympia cost \$160,000. By 1960 it was \$60 million. By 1976 \$1,600 million. Quebec will be paying the bill for 80 years. The Moscow Games are said to run to \$3,000 million. All to mount 10 days of amateur sport.

All that money goes right picking for big business. The TV offers for Moscow were bought by NBC for \$7 million dollars.

And the grey train down't stop with TV. Over 200 American companies had interests in Moscow running to \$60 million. Burger King had a 2 million dollar deal. Coca-Cola 13 million. McDonald's, and Kentucky Fried Chicken 2 million dollars.

From Averoff to Colonel Sanders; from Trikoupi to Black September, the Olympic Games are arranged up in politics and money.

And that isn't all the Olympics are about. The politics of the Olympic Games aren't just the politics of the IOC, of Carter and of Coubertin and of Brezhnev.

The Olympics are also about the politics of Jimmy Smith, the politician who became a politician from the Henley Regatta because he



Mark Spink, golden boy of the arena, then the Olympics could be the marathon runner from the Gold Coast in the 1968 Olympics. He logged into the darkened stadium 90 hours after the Games closing ceremony. But still he held his arms aloft in victory. He thought he'd achieved something - and he had.

There is nothing wrong with the Olympic ideal. The problem is the bastards who control sports, and who control the world have never meant.

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By Mick Armstrong... The US car industry...

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THAI COPS smash a factory occupation by women workers in Bangkok, 1976. Their strategies are directly related to those of Australian workers.

THE SOUTH East Asian Electronic Acket... Complimenting the same freedom is the opportunity to sample a bit of the consumer society...

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A bed and a cupboard - the good life in S.E.A.

Why do the women work in these conditions? For some time to work in the factories because their families need the income their wages will contribute to the household...

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# WORLD TRADE CENTRE BUILDING WORKERS

**BUILDING workers from the World Trade Centre gave the Victorian liberal government a taste of what to expect in return for wage cuts.**

They walked off the site and occupied the Arbitration court when they learnt that the Hamer government was trying to take \$6 a week away from them.

On June 4 the World Trade Centre workers were granted a site allowance of \$14.40. As one worker pointed out, "It was a busy allowance to begin with." But as everyone knows, workers are expected to accept the "ampr's" decisions from the Arbitration court.

Not as the Hamer government — which in this case also the bosses. They filed an appeal in the court to take \$6 off the allowance.

## bars

As soon as the appeal was filed, the workers slipped on overtime bars. But when it came up for hearing on July 9 they stopped work altogether and marched on the court (now conveniently located on the 39th floor of Melbourne's Naam House).

Once there, they held a meeting inside the court. One of their organizers told

them that in the Arbitration system, "It's not purely arguments that win the day. It's the muscle that you bring to show."

Another told them: "They're not taking the site allowance offer — and we're not going to lie down and let them. We build the buildings, not these bloody lads in here."

When the judges arrived (late — although apparently they are not docked for this) the hearing stumbled into gear. Unfortunately for the workers they had to sit and listen to over an hour of court boredom.

The Liberal government is very worried that the eventual cost of the World Trade Centre will vastly exceed the original estimate.

But the Trade Centre workers have shown them that if Hamer wants to cut costs, he is not going to do it at their expense.

By David Lockwood

**BUILDING WORKERS from the World Trade Centre marching on the Arbitration court which they occupied. Hamer wants to cut costs at their expense.**

**If you're doublecrossed — picket**

**FIFTY workers** from the company told the workers to sign an agreement to work 22 hour week and take one week's annual leave or 20-25 people perched on a company doublecross.

At the end of June, the company had named workers (redundant again). The unions involved were the AMPEP, the dismissed and the AMPEP. The picket line was not fully staffed. Both papers issued red herrings to the picketers. The "Gazette" reported that the picket line was only a few men, which is why I am writing the article. The "Daily News" reported that the picket line was a few men, which is why I am writing the article.

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**ACOYA members keep the pickets going outside government office blocks in Melbourne. The Australia-wide pickets were a first for public servants.**

The Australian Public Service Association (APSA) has been a great step forward. The APSA has been a great step forward. The APSA has been a great step forward. The APSA has been a great step forward.

**Beer ban brewing**

**BREWERY workers in Queensland are angry.**

Thousands of beer kegs are leaving the Carlton United brewery in Brisbane each week for Sydney.

Yip. Liquor Trade state secretary, John Murphy, to NSW where 100th Brewery workers are involved in a bitter fight against sackings.

On paper, beer is being consigned to Queensland country areas, but in fact it is being sent to Sydney. Murphy's statement is a blatant lie.

By Kay Clayton, FLU

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

## Dear Battlers,

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**Dear Battlers,**

Perhaps you should stick to your usual policy of not replying to letters. I'm sure you can't come up with anything better than the "Battler" (July 9) article "How on the whole actual cases of the picket line was more than 5000 workers." In both articles, the real point was that the picket line was not fully staffed. Both papers issued red herrings to the picketers. The "Gazette" reported that the picket line was only a few men, which is why I am writing the article. The "Daily News" reported that the picket line was a few men, which is why I am writing the article.

**Dear Battlers,**

Workers have remained solidly behind those who were forced to withdraw from their normal activities for some weeks on months. They will not be truly equal with men.

It is very hard to see how turning off dialysis machines and kidney patients, or having elderly workers snuck on the top floors of high-rise housing. Housing snuck on the top floors of high-rise housing without fits, contraindications and the like.

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**Baby talk**

**Dear Battler,**

I'm glad your new "baby" column in Battler 93 contains the disclaimer that articles in it are published for their own sake. I'd hate to think of some Maria Stanton's sisters advocating mass produced test-tube babies and internationalist policy.

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**FED UP** with 9 months of negotiations, strikers and pickets at Morris Woolen Mills, near Ipswich, walked off the job... AND THEY WON.

# CASH IMPERIAL'S EAST AND WEST!

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**BILL HAYDEN** with deputy Lionel Bowen — Labor 'savours' who abandon reforms when "the economy can't afford it", comments a reader.

holiday, say suddenly lost their "equality", a patently ridiculous position.

Mr Stanton then goes on to stress the horrendous possibility that under socialism, most women might "choose not to go through the pain and discomfort of having babies". To ensure that husbands don't do it, he advocates systematic production of test-tube babies outside the womb.

Now I would have thought that if medicine gets to the point where it can produce babies outside the womb, it can certainly eliminate the discomfort of having children for a couple of months for a sick or a

birth, which would be a "patent" who orders the continued human existence.

But it is Mr Stanton's central proposal for mass-produced test-tube babies that really gets me. "Gravy" Or is it to be worked out by the "patent" who orders the continued human existence.

Even if I thought that way, even when we see the results of "forgetting about the time being".

**DAVE NADEL, MELBOURNE**

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The rally will be held at the Ipswich Town Hall, Ipswich, Queensland.

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Dip card to: I.S. National Secretary, P.O. Box 46, Flemington Vic 3031

**Ken Stevens Melbourne**

**Labour 'saviours'**

**Dear Battlers,**

Elizabeth Cooper left (Battler 93) calling on the left to "analyse our differences" might be far enough if you think that co-opting her as one hundred percent of our cause!

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# IPSWICH BL BEATS VICTIMIZATION

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**SOLID RANK and file action by builder's labourers at Watkin's Ipswich court house site appears to have them set for a major victory.**

Though the matter has still to come before arbitration hearing but then refused to appear until the Ipswich job had started back. But the BL's stuck to their guns and refused to go back without Herbie.

"It took only 15 minutes work to make sure the affidavit was filled out, on but it took a five week strike to begin to resolve the issue." The real issue, as Herbie McGillich and the other builder's labourers know, are that building industry bosses are determined to cut costs wherever they can, regardless of the dangers to workers, and to stamp out militant opposition to their breaches of safety regulations from workers on their sites.

Herbie said that an important factor in the dispute was the solidarity shown by Watkin's employees on other building sites and the strike fund which enabled the Ipswich workers to live while they continued the fight.

Watkins still want the matter to go before arbitration and a date has yet to be set. One thing is certain. As long as the solidarity and fighting spirit shown by the BL at Ipswich continues, they'll never be beaten.

**start**  
Watkins said he could start as a form worker but Herbie's mate said he went back as a dogman or the job didn't start.

They also demanded the re-employment of the dogman sent to Ipswich to replace Herbie. He too had joined the dispute and was sacked along with the others. Herbie told the battler, "It's only a bloody nuisance, it wouldn't matter if it lasted black for ten years but the amazing thing was the attitude of Watkin's bosses."

As one picketer put it: "We don't care how many cops come in or how many works we have to stay out. We deserve the money and we're not going back in there until we get it."

On July 12, the decision was brought down — the full fifty-three dollars for the boners and two fingers for Charlie Davis.

As Mike Grewood said: "The rank and file group occupied a militant event. But a militant occupation by workers of their own union offices almost demands front page treatment."

On July 9, officials of the Municipal Employees Union (MEU) in Melbourne were surprised when twelve hundred angry members stormed into their offices, demanded the right of the rank and file to throw those officials out.

**agreed**  
After a thirty minute stay, a further meeting in the Trades Hall council chamber the MEU executive finally agreed to consider the workers' demands.

The occupation, and preceding rally in the chamber gardens, was organised by the MEU rank and file group. Rhonda Pryor, an MEU organizer and member of the group.

# Parting Shots

By Bill Peters

in that case "the better the reception, the more the police will be at a moment's notice". It was a point out on a general strike. The police were standing in the street. "I don't know what the police are doing with the 'shop owners' and extending the strike." "I don't know what the police are doing with the 'shop owners' and extending the strike."

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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

## After the Myers report ...

# IT'S OPEN SEASON ON JOBS!



THE RECEPTION at Blackwater, central Queensland, was so warm that the Treasurer, Mr. Howard, could hardly drag himself away. Unfortunately some cops managed to do it for him.

**Miners have a fighting chance**

Anthony and Treasurer Howard a crowd's reception in Blackwater when they met with union officials there on Friday August 1.

Huge protest rallies have been held in Blackwater and Gladstone. A comprehensive proposal put forward by State and Federal Governments have been overwhelmingly rejected.

The miners are determined to win. With the strong support and solidarity from other unionists, as shown by the huge strike fund, they are in a powerful position to defeat Fraser.



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**IF YOU think unemployment is bad already in Australia — brace yourself!**

The just-released Myers Report on technological change has made it clear that the next few years are going to be open season on our jobs — unless we do it for ourselves.

The Myers Committee — which has included Telecom Employees Union official Bill Mansfield — has put forward much more than the tidy recommendations the daily press reported.

The Myers Committee wants small businesses to get up to \$2000 in grants to hire consultants about computerizing. It also wants the Government to give financial backing to companies to most devastated.

Printing, rubber, paper and wood products, railways, vehicle building, telecommunications, banking and office typing are all going to be ravaged.

A period of notice (to be determined by Arbitration) before a machine replaces you, and a "pittance" "income-maintenance" scheme afterwards — which would give you nothing if you've been in your last job under three years, and just one month at 50% of your old wage if you've been there 3-5 years, and a month for six months at 75% if you've hung on for ten years or more.

Before anyone gets carried away with "competitive position".

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**PROFESSOR RUPERT MYERS**  
— head of the heathcoters.

bosses to help them computerize, and estimates the minimum concessions that it thinks will persuade us to "top it up" as a jobless underclass.

The Myers Committee wants small businesses to get up to \$2000 in grants to hire consultants about computerizing. It also wants the Government to give financial backing to companies to most devastated.

Printing, rubber, paper and wood products, railways, vehicle building, telecommunications, banking and office typing are all going to be ravaged.

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## Boners make mincemeat of indexation guidelines

**GOSFORD** meatworkers have been consistently hooded by cops. Over 70 arrests were made on the picket lines — but through this struggle came victory.

Four hundred meatworkers, under both state and federal awards, walked off the job. They set up pickets which were constantly harassed by cops. Over seventy arrests were made, but this time Charlie was going to pay.

As one picketer put it: "We don't care how many cops come in or how many works we have to stay out. We deserve the money and we're not going back in there until we get it."

On July 12, the decision was brought down — the full fifty-three dollars for the boners and two fingers for Charlie Davis.

As Mike Grewood said: "The rank and file group occupied a militant event. But a militant occupation by workers of their own union offices almost demands front page treatment."

On July 9, officials of the Municipal Employees Union (MEU) in Melbourne were surprised when twelve hundred angry members stormed into their offices, demanded the right of the rank and file to throw those officials out.

## MEU officials cleaned up

Unionists storm office

The three officials (in the centre) who were most agreed the costed workers was the overest, top created in the Battle of 20 March, that some MEU officials took a "big" year. An MEU shop steward told the battler about it.

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And a Rank and File group leaflet pointed out: "The officials have allowed our union to become the laughing stock of the trade union movement and council house."

On June 11, a petition signed by 290 MEU members (most of the 2000 who were presented to the executive) was presented to discuss the threat of a general strike.

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## Miners have a fighting chance

Anthony and Treasurer Howard a crowd's reception in Blackwater when they met with union officials there on Friday August 1.

Huge protest rallies have been held in Blackwater and Gladstone. A comprehensive proposal put forward by State and Federal Governments have been overwhelmingly rejected.

The miners are determined to win. With the strong support and solidarity from other unionists, as shown by the huge strike fund, they are in a powerful position to defeat Fraser.

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# MORE UROSHI

## The bomb they never should have dropped

**THE DEVELOPMENT of nuclear energy in the bomb and later in power stations involved thousands of scientists, engineers and technicians.**

There was the technician whose job was to push two lumps of plutonium towards each other along a metal slide, which for the first signs of a nuclear chain reaction, then instantly push them apart.

**By Bruce Banner**

Asking the President that he never be used. They believed they had a chance, with Roosevelt, but he died.

Then there were the sailors who patrolled "From the bow of the Fulminator" on the coast of the Hawaiian north.

Two of the scientists involved were Edward Teller and Leo Szilard. Both were fled from Hitler to America.

In 1939, Szilard and Teller signed a letter to the President of the United States, telling him that an atomic bomb was already being prepared for peace.

Teller drove out to Einstein to buy his sign, and then delivered it to Roosevelt. Along with many other scientists, he then worked at Los Alamos to actually build the bomb.

But as the work progressed, all was certain that the Allies would win the war, the attitude of the two scientists developed.

After months to have the bomb used—Siegfried Heisenberg was in the office, new on the island, when he was wanted to join the nuclear research on the Santa Anita Island.

For others, Heisenberg caused them to turn their backs on a science they had created.

One of the most able nuclear scientists in the world, who turned to Heisenberg, was the physicist who had helped

## The bloody battlefield of genetic engineering

...has yet to be paid for. It is a costly, risky, and often dangerous game. It is a game that is being played out in the laboratory, and it is a game that is being played out in the field.

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## A worker's bomb?

**SOCIALISTS are realists. We realise that if workers' power, real socialism, is established in any country the capitalist powers will try their utmost to destroy it, including the use of military force.**

**By Doug McCarty**

That the crucial question for socialists is how to rule this threat.

In Kuo Ming China, the ruling bureaucratic elites have armed themselves with nuclear weapons to match the threat from Western imperialism. They portray these weapons of mass destruction as "workers' bombs".

By characterising the workers in the imperialist countries as "counter-revolutionaries", we only warn them closer to their own ruling classes.

The answer is not, because it is a purely nationalistic policy. It is a policy of international class struggle.

For it is precisely the workers in the bomb-making imperialist countries who are best protected against nuclear blackmail.

It is the weapons of imperialist ruling class that we use against the masses and people of other countries. They make a bomb an "imperialist target".

But in fact, there can be no such thing. Nuclear weapons are first and foremost a terror weapon. They promise indiscriminate slaughter, instantly in the leveling of cities and more slowly in the fatal and non-fatal genetic effects of radiation.

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# WORLD in Struggle

## No electoral adventures

### says Bolivia's latest tyrant



**TIN-MINING women toil in the Andes. If the military junta can't break the miners' resistance, it could be their downfall.**

**THE WESTERN press got a few laughs out of the Bolivian military take-over on July 17.**

Almost every country began by reminding us that this was the 1991 coup in the tyrant's history.

It was nothing to get concerned about — just more of the same old, same old behaviour from those bloodthirsty Latin Americans.

**By David Lockwood**

When the reports died mention of coups, we should be concerned about the situation created by American imperialism, which has pushed us over the edge of the abyss of imperialist global war.

But by Bolivian standards, the recent coup was particularly bloody. On July 17, the military took over the country, and the army began to march on the mining region and heavy fighting broke out. The miners' union stated that they were especially upset because their own candidate in those elections had been elected, and which the army had to overthrow.

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## POLES STRIKE BACK

**POLAND'S Malcolm Fraser has suffered a setback.**

Their plans to drastically raise wages and standards have foundered in the face of massive strike activity.

The centre of the storm has been the eastern town of Katowice.

Railway workers blocked the main lines with wagons specially built to hold their trains.

Other workers stopped deliveries. Bakery, power and chemical workers' plants and building sites closed down.

The police and army were called in to keep up essential deliveries of milk and bread to hospitals and nurseries.

The strikes were the most violent in the country since 1980. They were provoked by increases in the price of meat and other basic foods implemented without any consultation on February 1.

The reaction was especially bitter as the engineering industry, which is an employer of 100,000 workers, had an increase in work orders.

It was the third time in a decade that the Polish government has attempted to impose a wage freeze on its economic programme.

Each time workers have successfully fought back.

### rigged

In the meantime, three governments proposed to sign a new pact. The pact was signed in Geneva on July 27.

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# EMMA GOLDMAN

## From the New York sweatshops to the Spanish Civil War



by NICK HOWARD who is researching material for a film on the life of EMMA GOLDMAN.

**EMMA Goldman lived a life of revolutionary struggle, in the USA, Russia and, in exile, through the Spanish Civil War.**

Born into a Jewish family in Lithuania in 1869 Emma was brought

up in the violence of Tsarist Russia. In 1885 in a climate of increasing hostility to Jews, she emigrated with her sister to Rochester, New York. Within five months of her arrival her life was transformed — from a Jewish garment worker facing a sweatshop marriage into a life long revolutionary. The cause was the May Day events in Haymarket Square, Chicago.

During a strike for the eight-hour day at the McCormick Harvester works, cavalry police charged a May Day procession and killed four people.

Three days later the trade union leaders called a protest rally in the square. As the police charged to disperse the crowd, a bomb, probably designed for the speakers platform, exploded. Several policemen were killed and the eight leaders of Chicago's trade unions were arrested and charged with their murder. Five were hung.

Seven years later the Governor of Illinois declared their trial a miscarriage of justice. It was a shattering experience for Emma Goldman. The victims of judicial conspiracy in Chicago had been socialist anarchists and she too became an anarchist. She joined the Freedom Party.

### murders

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AS THE Haymarket bomb explodes in its ranks, Chicago cops start to break up the anarchist rally starting wildly into the crowd. The ensuing massacre irrevocably changed the course of Emma's life.

**'No revolution can ever succeed as a factor of liberation unless the means used to further it be identical in spirit and tendency with the purposes to be achieved.**

**'Revolution is the negation of the existing, a violent protest against man's inhumanity to man with all the thousand and one slaveries it involves.**

**'It is not a mere reformer,**

**patching up some social evils; not a mere changer of forms and institutions; not only a redistributor of social well-being.**

**'It is all that, yet more, much more. It is the great teacher of the new ethics, inspiring man with a new concept of life and its manifestations in social relationships. It is the mental and spiritual regenerator.'**

**EMMA GOLDMAN**

them in solitary confinement. They were arrested when the war broke out, their citizenship and were deported to Russia after the end of the war. Emma had enthusiastically applauded the Bolshevik Revolution, but she was disillusioned soon after her

return. The working class base for the revolution had disintegrated in the civil war, the famine and the economic collapse, that accompanied the revolution. The uncensored secret police, Lenin's loss of authority and the violent repression of Kronstadt,

coupled with the maltreatment of the revolutionary anarchists and the firing of ex-Tsarist generals, all led the pair into voluntary exile after two years. Emma and Sasha struggled for the next 15 years to earn a living as writers and lecturers.

With a few others, George Orwell included, she saw that the war against fascism in Spain was accompanied by a real revolution.

### republic



SASHA BERKMAN... served 14 years at age 21.

But when the war began to go badly for the republic, Emma Goldman almost alone among European anarchists disastrotously supported the entry of the Spanish anarchists into the Popular Front Government. But, she declared: "Whether to triumph or defeat will depend a great deal on how much we can awaken the international proletariat to come to the rescue of the struggle in Spain; and unless we can create unity among ourselves I do not see how we can call upon the workers of the world to unite in their efforts to conquer Fascism and to rescue the Spanish Revolution."

Emma Goldman died in 1935. She had lived through the problems that for many are still mere exercises in theory.

State power, in the capitalist West and in the state capitalist East had pushed her into the fringe of the working class movement for most of her life. Yet throughout it, she raised the uncomfortable questions about the part to be played by individual men and women in their universal struggles for emancipation and for the

# WHAT IS ANARCHISM?

by Duncan Hallas

and pistol was the Frenchman Ravachol, guillotined in 1892 after a number of sensational killings.

My object was to terrify so as to force society to look alternatively at those who suffer, he said at his trial. Ravachol seems to have made a considerable impression. A street song La Ravachole... carried the refrain:

*It will come, it will come  
Every bourgeois will have his bomb!  
But the failure of these tactics soon became evident to many of the anarchists themselves. Although the assassinations went on till the turn of the century, beyond that anarchist movement began to disintegrate.*

It was not simply a matter of police repression, although there was plenty of that. It was a crisis of politics — or anti-politics.

Many activists dropped out. A few became organisers — justifying themselves by Prudhon's saying: "All property is theft."

### rejection

The most important trend, however, was towards a recognition of the need for working class organisation and a rejection of reliance on the heroic individual.

Some of the most violent proponents of pure anarchism became violent partisans of the party, Kropotkin, the most respected of the left, was a supporter of the Tsar. The anti-party anarchists came close to the socialists and, after 1917, many like Paul Shaver and Volney Davis became communists.

Anarchism as a movement never played a significant role again — with one exception, Spain.



DEFEATED by the strikers, the Pinkerton guards mutilated against their own officers and surrendered. They were marched out of the barges, surrendered their arms, and barely escaped with their lives.

# Anti-war, but just 'our boys' done over?

"BREAKER MORANT" is probably the most serious and well produced film churned out in the new wave of Australian cinema which started in the seventies.

There is fine acting and casting. Edward Woodward (of "Calan") is Morant, and Jack Thompson as Morant's lawyer, are the stars.

They are well supported by Brian Brown as the rocker Australian Peter Handcock, Morant's Australian officer in the Bushveld Caribbees. The closing of the Box was in South Africa at the turn of the century. Morant's actions and the methods that were effective.

### Gold war ends

Now I can get a decent night's sleep again, at least until the Centenary Test next month. For the following sport fan, the Olympics just have to be his ultimate in agony and ecstasy.

Of course, he had, you know the genius of a Nadia Comaneci doing the impossible on a balance beam, or a Mirna Ibragimova hitting home on the last of a 10,000 metres as though it's a 200 metre.

And on the other hand, you see how the human animal can sink under the pressure of international competition. This time, the post-Olympic re-examination in the lead news have centred around two themes.

The first is "Russian cheating," which does seem to go our way as just "back breaks".

The other accusation targets the Russians (and East Germany) is that they are all dopers/professionals. And no doubt they are, but so are most of the leading opponents in the West.

American coach Chuck Huber recently admitted that "one of his country's top athletes were on illegal muscle-building steroids."

By Ken Stevens



THE OFFICERS of the Bushveld Caribbees under Breaker Morant (right) — obviously the victims of the British command — perhaps more importantly willing pawns in an imperialist war.

They had a verbal order from Lord Kitchener, the commander of the British forces in that province. But the political situation is becoming too hot for the British. The imperial war, which they rose to appease, was increasingly unpopular, both at home and in Europe.

The German Kaiser is threatening to intervene more and more on the side of the Boers, and the murder of the German missionary could provide a convenient pretext for that increased German involvement.

So the British High Command are after a scapegoat. They want the murders to appear at aberrations not the inherent policy of the British Army. Who better to take the blame than these colonials?

There is a long standing tradition in Australia of nationalistic opposition to British and American imperialism. Not opposition to imperialism and opposition to the effects of imperialism on the Australian people.

Why? Because of the underlying Australian nationalistic opposition to British and American imperialism is partly, just because of what a did for the Boers, but because of what it did to a few Australian maidens.

By Mick Armstrong

# Class in the

DURING the boom period of the 1960s, it was a popular belief that everyone had (or would soon have) "equal educational opportunity."

Kids from inferior working class families would no longer be handicapped by their origins. Everyone had the keys to the door of success — the chance to stay at school as long as they wanted, and to compete equally with everyone else for the best jobs.

This was, it is always been a myth. Just a brief look at the history of education shows the real purpose of schools.

In reality, a number of important who are selected for the top jobs, mostly the children of those privileged — the ones who had the money to spend on extra tuition and private schools.

The most obvious example is the school, the private school, which is set up specifically to educate the children of the ruling class, to prepare them for their future roles in the system, to insulate them from contamination of lower classes.

The growth of capitalism during the last hundred years has a great need for white-collar workers in offices and shops, meant that more people had to be able to read, write and do arithmetic.

So, gradually educational facilities expanded, and the school became a more equal opportunity.

By Mick Armstrong

# Merv the Metalworker lays an egg

Both column and cartoon address the rise of the amalgamated Metal Workers & Shipwrights Union of being "factless men". Full colour photos of over 20 of the organisers are embossed across the back page of the latest issue (No 2) of the Metal Worker, the AMWSU's flesh and monthly newspaper.

Unfortunately, this month's issue of opinion that's written along with the organisers. The AMWSU has the reputation of being one of the most "factless" unions as well as the most "unfriendly" to its own members.

Its officials pride themselves on identifying with progressive labour. But they derive support rather badly.

The first two issues concentrate heavily on the "factless" nature of the AMWSU, with emphasis on victories by coal miners and other left workers in winning their own laws. But enough — but since you get past these articles, the problems are not as simple as they seem.

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**Tune out**

The fight to be garbage

THE ABC's (The World on Monday), by all accounts, usually an interesting and informative program. I must admit I'm not usually prepared to miss 'Cup Shop', which is on at the same time.

Now I'm a scientist, I can't say whether all the scientific facts that were presented were accurate or not.

object

But I can't be too sure of the implications of a lot that was said.

A good part of the programme was dedicated to proving that there's something in the brain which makes us behave either as a female or a male.

It might help to get some real new spunk in our brains. It's not the same as the old 'spunk' which the girls who were active in the '60s used to use.

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By Mick Armstrong

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

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## POWER STRIKERS ARE RIGHT!

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# TRAVELLERS

**PUBLIC Transport travellers in Melbourne rode free of charge on Friday 1 August, courtesy of the transport unions.**

The unions were protesting about fare increases introduced by the Hauser government.

The Battler asked Shopbots Stamenovic, a train driver, why the union adopted this tactic.

Shopbots pointed out that over the years people have begun using private cars to travel to work. The government has consistently not done the services so that this trend has been accelerated in the last few years.

Members of the union train and bus, priority lanes for public transport on the roads, and more to work.

The tactic of not collecting fares was not a protest. It was a protest. It was a protest. It was a protest.

**A free ride courtesy of the unions**

By Gail Oite

Increased to stand to perform duties as usual. Municipal officers Association said their members would not drive down notices.

Shopbots pointed out that the rank and file of the unions support them and that is the important factor. They have "improved it".

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**NO FARES were collected by public transport workers on Melbourne trams and trains on August 1. Their action received a lot of public support - now it should be extended.**

# SEQEB strikes need support

**NINETY** cable joiners, trades assistants and storemen employed by the South East Queensland Electricity Board (SEQEB) in the underground mains section have been on strike for over two months.

The dispute started when SEQEB offered the payment of \$6,000 money for work on XLPE cables. The allowance had been paid for over a year for this cable.

As part of the members in six sections of SEQEB's Swanbush power station, Box Flat coal mine and Ampol refinery. The Waterside Workers' Federation has also been contributing to the strike fund.

The Board reacted by refusing to fund it. Electrical Trades Union members decided to work overtime. They were asked to sign a petition opposing limited tenure teaching. Thousands of city shoppers receiving letters explaining why they should oppose the limited tenure teaching scheme.

**Food provisions have been organised and work is being done at night. It is a vital type of solidarity.**

**Workers, students unite**

**WORKERS** and students have united to fight layoffs in the Queensland University Refinery following the slashing of five jobs over two weeks ago.

The four women workers were laid off. The fifth being re-employed in another capacity. One worker had been in the job for eleven years and another for six and a half.

**REFLECTORS** in their advance warning of the return to work as usual after the four week strike.

# Teacher trainees rally

**STUDENT** teachers from Melbourne campuses rallied last Friday in the City Square.

The rally was to show their support for the stop work action of the VSTA, TTA and VTU under the limited tenure scheme.

Several speakers addressed the rally and passers-by were asked to sign a petition opposing limited tenure teaching. Thousands of city shoppers receiving letters explaining why they should oppose the limited tenure teaching scheme.

**struggle**

One student told the Battler that it was about time student teachers supported teachers in their struggle against this disastrous scheme. After all, she said, they have permanent jobs - it is our futures that are at stake.

The rally urged students to support the teachers' struggle by attending the stop work action that limited tenure was just the beginning. If limited tenure was effectively introduced, then a great way for the department to weed out militant teachers, if that happens, benefits teachers have achieved in the last decade will quickly be eroded.

by Alton Thorne, VSTA

# Tubes terrific

**Dear Battlers,**

Ken Stevens' report (Battler 9/24) on my article on test tubes about a month ago, was a surprise. I wouldn't have dreamed that people would be so concerned about test tubes.

By Alan Dowling, ETU Shop Steward

The truth, of course, is that working class test tubes are still a disaster that we are determined to overcome.

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# WAUM tours north

**QUEENSLAND RAILWAY** Station Officers Union will soon be beginning a speaking tour of workplaces between Brisbane and Townsville.

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS**

Opening speaker David Lawson predicted the austral crisis for both Russia and America, which drove them west.

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# TOOTH'S STRIKE SOLD OUT

**STRIKING** maintenance and clerical workers at Tooth's brewery have returned to work to face further attacks on staff levels and working conditions.

At the meeting where the vote was taken to return, Labour Council organiser, Les Bain led the charge for the officials' sell-out.

Claiming that "we've now come a long way from the original proposal which gave brewery workers a 15% pay increase."

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# ALCOA'S PLANS FOR A HUGE NEW ALUMINIUM SMELTER IN PORTLAND, VICTORIA HAVE A STUCK A SNAG.

The Portland Council decided to withhold planning permission because of the danger of fluoride wastes from the smelter.

The maximum waste permitted in the U.S. is one kilo per tonne of aluminium. In Australia, it is 1.38 kilos. Aluminium is a major home industry in the world. Australia has the largest reserves of bauxite and is the largest producer of alumina in the world. By 1985, aluminium industry exports will be Australia's second biggest mineral export after coal.

So the industry is generating a lot of wealth. But that wealth is in the hands of a very few multinational companies. The profits are enormous: From 1968 to 1978, Alcoa's net profit was \$276 million.

These profits are boosted by a mind-boggling range of subsidies and tax dodging schemes.

Alcoa paid more than 1964 to 1978. In 1978, after making provision for \$24 million income tax (not actually paying it) Alcoa still made a record profit of \$20 million.

By Lee David

Large quantities of water are needed in the mining and refining of bauxite. In Western Australia in 1978 Alcoa paid \$31 855 for 690 million litres of water—only five of the standard industrial high-pressure water meters.

To add insult to injury, this was high quality water. Nearby residents paid several times the price for standard water.

In 1977, also in WA, Alcoa paid 2.41 cents a cubic metre for natural gas while other industrial and domestic customers paid 19.09 cents. Alcoa pays substantially lower rail freight charges than anyone else.

## cheap

This tradition of public rip-off will continue in Portland. Aluminium smelting requires huge amounts of electricity—and the SEC has banned Alcoa incredibly cheap rates.

Portland Council (once the fluoride objection has been sorted out) has offered Alcoa a 25 percent rate cut for an indefinite period, in return for a lump sum payment for development work. The cut will mean an annual rate less of about \$400,000—and you can bet that Alcoa won't suffer from reduced amounts as a result!

The fight against Alcoa in Portland could be a warm-up to the fight against the establishment of nuclear power in Victoria. The SEC will argue that we need nuclear power to make up for the huge amounts of electricity consumed by the smelter.

Winning now will make it easier later. The South West Alcoa Action Group needs support. It can be contacted at PO Box 394, Portland, Vic. 3208. Or phone (055) 26 7215.



It contains articles on the development of militancy in the Public Service unions, on Australian nationalism and on health care—the issues for today. All for just \$20 from your local branch or send \$250 to cover postage to Redback Press, PO Box 46, Flemington Vic. 3031.

## ZIMBABWE (formerly Rhodesia) is named after a chain of ancient settlements, which are also found in Mozambique.

While settlers in Rhodesia were determined that the 'primitive' Bantu needed the 'white man's' hut, they realised that the stone ruins were not so black but by the Queen of Sheba. The Portuguese in Mozambique suggested a mythical tropic forest.

As early as 1965 it was established that the ruins were about 1000 years old, and therefore must have been built by local black people. Scientific methods such as carbon dating confirmed this in the 1970s.

It was the white king, the Queen of Sheba, who suppressed the information and actually received all the 'royal' findings to display to museum.

In Mozambique the Portuguese didn't suppress it. Now this major discovery has been revealed. There was no information on the existence of a 'lost continent'.

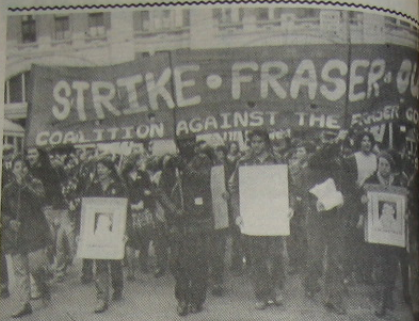
## How science exposed Ian Smith's little white lie

Mozambique has created one of the most important monuments in the world. It is a 1000 year old civilisation which has vindicated black history.

Major discoveries have been made in the area. The ruins are a 1000 year old civilisation which has vindicated black history.

Workers in Poland are the new sign, which had been the main issue. Those who are actually receiving all the 'royal' findings to display to museum.

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500 DEMONSTRATORS in Melbourne stopped peak hour traffic on Friday August 15.

They marched to the Minister for Unemployment and Youth Affairs, Mr. Viner's office chanting "35 hours now", "Strike Fraser Out", and "Sack bosses not workers".

There, while the demonstrators blocked traffic, International Socialists member Susan Skelton from the Coalition Against the Fraser Government and Colleen Hartland from Work for Today spoke.

## Prisoners fight the verbal

FOLLOWING several 24 hour strikes in NSW prisons, Director of Law Reform Woods came with Tony Vinson to Long Bay Jail.

He met prisoner delegates who had been arranging the anti-prisoner protests, and discussed the idea of intervention of the law relating to police violence.

Police verbal is the fabrication of hearsay 'confessions' to crimes. The prisoners also recommended to Woods...

They pointed out that the fight against the bosses needs to take place in the streets and workplaces. Their theme was Fraser's workers. Their theme was Fraser's workers. Their theme was Fraser's workers.

The march attracted a massive contingent of people but their behaviour was orderly. The demonstration was organised by the Coalition Against the Fraser Government which is planning more activities up to the elections. To contact Colleen Hartland from Work for Today...

and for allegedly used in the time of arrest, until a lawyer in present should be made available as evidence in court, and that unguaranteed records of interview also be made available.

The recommendations are that the interrogation of an accused person should take place in the presence of a lawyer nominated by the accused and be recorded on audio or audio-visual equipment.

The prisoners also recommended that anything which is seized from a prisoner should be made available to the prisoner.

## How for President!

The first two acts of America's Great Electoral farce are over.

Carter and Reagan have amassed more votes than their rivals, both in primary elections and on the convention floors.

Yet they are not the ones who are expected to win the White House. It is a farce because the voters have not yet chosen a president.

There is a traditional joke in which a man is asked to choose between two women. He says, 'I'll take the one who is not yet chosen.'

Why is the personality of a candidate so important? It is because the voters have not yet chosen a president.

There was a time when US presidents were elected by the people. It was only after the Civil War that the electoral college was introduced.

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REAGAN (L) and CARTER — puke on the ballot-paper, foils.

1948 most Americans were expected to support US imperialism's attempt to police the world. Nixon presided over the fall of the dollar, the growth of unemployment and the oil crisis.

The cause here was not the oil crisis. The cause here was not the oil crisis. The cause here was not the oil crisis.

John lost the election. He lost the election. He lost the election. He lost the election.

The result is a choice between two evils. It is a choice between two evils. It is a choice between two evils.

What is less advertised is that Carter has already on the military on that score.

Reagan means to roll back welfare and attack the working class. He has cut the defence budget.

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Reagan as the real danger. Reagan as the real danger. Reagan as the real danger.

There are no alternatives. There are no alternatives. There are no alternatives.

By Tom O'Lincoln



FASCISTS claimed over eighty lives in Bologna a fortnight ago when a bomb ripped the heart out of the city's railway station. By far the most vicious and bloody incident yet, it is not an isolated act. It is the latest in a long history of right wing terror.

Between 1969 and 1976, the fascist right tried to stop the advance of the workers' movement in Italy by resorting to bomb and bullet. Every time the fascist right tried to stop the advance of the workers' movement in Italy by resorting to bomb and bullet.

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By Tom Pitt

Christian Democrats who have marred Italy for the last thirty five years were once proud to give public protection to the fascist and right wing groups.

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LEFT: The heavy duty Communist Party's 13th national congress in 1942. Right: Party activists help dish out strikes and sacrifices in 1955.



From small beginnings in 1920, it grew to a membership of 10,000 at the end of the War. Through the grim years of the Depression, it declined to its current low of 1,000 members. On its sixtieth birthday LINCOLN traces the Rise of...

# The Communist Party

SOON after its foundation in 1920, the Communist Party of Australia told the world:

"The Communist Party is a group of the rank and file. To us no official or party of officials can place themselves above criticism. We are political and industrial iconoclasts. We are the do-breakers of the Labour movement, and our criticism is always made in the interest of the working class."

The party was small at first. Its consistent militancy cost it the support of a gaggle of union bureaucrats who had helped to found it. And while it fought determined struggles throughout the twenties, it was only with the onset of the depression that the CPA became a small mass organisation.

In the early thirties, the Communists found their ready support among the unemployed. It was a time of terrible hardship, and no one but the Communist Party was really organising a fight back.

Communists harried themselves inside houses to resist evictions, often in pitched battles with the police. They led strikes among relief workers, including the large numbers employed building the Melbourne shrine of remembrance.

## Sixty years of struggle...

And where conventional strikes took place, as at Wonthaggi in Victoria, it was the Communist-led Militant Minority Movement which were the driving force in the 200-strong strike committee.

Sometimes the party went off the drop-net. Because the ALP betrayed workers and unemployed, the CPA called them "fascist". This line was sectarian and harmful, but it partly reflected the sentiments of

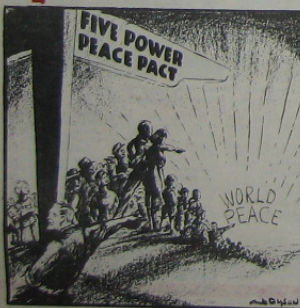
many embittered workers. At one point, a May Day crowd drove Victorian ALP leader Lunnicell off the Platform!

In a number of industries, it was the Communists and the Minority Movement who rebuilt basic trade union organisation. Everywhere they represented the most militant current. No wonder they soon emerged as leaders of important unions.

CPA members were prominent among the Wharfies, Miners and Seamen — three unions that were to stand out as leaders of the entire working class for decades.

By this time, the party's rank and file orientation had been blurred. The Minority Movement was dissolved, once union elections were won. The need for on-going rank and file organisation was not fully understood.

PEACE under imperialism! A Party cartoon of the early fifties reflects the pacifist illusions in much CPA propaganda of the last thirty years.



too often, who today criticise it as "ultra-left". And no wonder they are concerned to attack militancy itself.

The miners worked hard to build support throughout industry and to influence the ALP rank and file.

But the united 'scafs' front of the media, State and Federal Labour governments, the ACTU and most Labor MPs made defeat inevitable.

The party now thought it could challenge the ALP for leadership of the working class. It was tragically mistaken.

In the period beginning with the 1949 coal strike, the Communists took a series of hearings from a series of not-recovered.

The coal strike itself was a just and heroic struggle. All

worked their butts for the sevenies. And no wonder they are only a shadow of CPA leader John Winter's self.

"It was small, and it had no money," says one of its red daws, a unionist admitted in print some of its might. "It did not know how to fight in its own history."

Miners were better off the Cold War, the party were split into two camps, and in its own history.

In the fifties it has seen how the Communist Party of Australia tried to

organise a united front. But this front turned out to involve an alliance with sections of the capitalist class itself. All too often, the class struggle was subordinated to a vaguely pacifist "struggle against war and fascism".

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hamburgers declares: "Long live pigs and sauce!"

In industry, the bureaucracy of the Communist officials is notorious. Jack Munday accused CPA officials ten years ago of showing "too much readiness to settle rather than win disputes". Little has changed since then.

When Munday himself was attacked by the Federal BP leaders and the building industry employers, CPA officials in most other unions did nothing to help him.

When 1500 dogs occurred near in Melbourne to discuss the destruction of McEwen, a 24-hour general strike motion was carried over the combined opposition of the Trades

Hall right wing and the Communist Party. And when the Latrobe Valley strikers returned to work and put their faith in arbitration, Tribune told them it was right to do so.

The CPA began life as a revolutionary party, determined to lead the workers to power. It declared itself a party of the rank and file, and opposed class collaboration and nationalism.

Today, little is left of that tradition. Today we need a new communist party. One that will say what the early CPA did.

"We are the party of the rank and file. We are the do-breakers of the Labour movement!"

## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

From internationalism to chauvinism

"The Spirit of Eureka still lives! is a meaningless beat."

"Workers Weekly, ancestor of Tribune", 1929

"The CPA is an Australian party par excellence... the real inheritor of the true Australianism... of the heroic fighters of the Eureka stockade."

"I have a nightmare that one day, in order to obtain oil supplies, we'll all have to submit to Islam."

"Long live pigs and sauce..."

From revolution to reformism

"Only someone suffering from political polio would believe for one moment that the capitalist class on their part would be content to sit idly by and watch the working class use existing parliamentary forms to advance on and on to complete people's power."

"The parliamentary means of achieving socialism are now possible."

"Australian parliaments are in our view a limited form of representative institution but any change in them would depend on the decision of the people."

"Among the difficulties we face is that we bear the name 'communist'..."

—Eric Aarons, joint national secretary, CPA, 1979



# Cops and nobz

**WATCH** "Cop Shop," I admit it. What's worse, I watch "Sydney".

There are things to be said for "Cop Shop." Combining police drama with soap opera is clever, and there are some terrific actors.

Take JJ and Valerie JJ. Guys. Her time at work simulating his superiors and evaluating their rights. They're not his wife's life, but she is the original social strategy — an entrepreneur with a heart of gold and no much gay matter.

For the first time in a long time, I'm proud of mine for ever asking Valerie, "Who's your daddy? I love the bastard!" She half-thinks they're real people, and I suspect a lot of us do.

Then there is Eric, the intricately old script, and Roy, the zealous young kid. Finally, the two main classic characters in Australian TV.

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by Richard Emerson

## WHAT DO we mean when we talk about the crisis?

The word means a turning point in a state of affairs in which a decisive change, for better or worse is imminent as the Oxford dictionary has it.

There has been a sharp downturn in the world economy. But a decisive change? Perhaps a stage in a slowly maturing crisis is a better description.

The crisis is that crisis, turning points can be extraordinarily drawn out affairs. Trotsky once wrote:

"The world political situation was a whole is chiefly characterised by a historical crisis of the leadership of the proletariat."

That was in 1938 and insofar as it was true then, and in a certain sense it was true, it is equally true today.

That is an extreme case, but we are dealing here with much shorter time scales. Even so, it is a matter of years, not months.

We are clearly living at a major turning point in the history of Western capitalism. It began to be apparent a decade ago and the crisis, for such it is, has been deepening over the years.

### Internationa

Only the middle class find economics like not just a hobby but a temptation into staying late in the office. Here is a totally different world of big-paid plus and executive. Literally, the jet set.

In the 1950s, More likely, it's a switch in the manager's office, in the company of international celebrities. All at all a fantasy world far removed from the lives of the ordinary.

Unfortunatly, it's not very fantastic since the real exit pay, for example, the products want their women blind, blue-eyed and breathless. Nothing much else is required. The only relief is blood, vomit, and a little Kester, who is played by the only actor in talent.

Since being the 1960s, all the soap operas take on social issues. Women's rights, drug wars, Indian Muslims, all get a superficial treatment, but so does a healthy trend. The ghetto! Exception is homosexual.

It's has a literally fatal fascination with homocasts. ALL THEM with chilling regularity.

Detective Mike Georgio's fashion was killed off in a car crash, because she once had a lesbian affair. A lesbian, a lesbian was murdered with a knife in the shower. Criminal Benjamin, pay fedged got away with a few broken bones, and was sent home safely.

But then he was "going to Paris alone homocastically".

Robbie, I hear you say. Enough profound and not so profound things about these shows is that they attract, repetitive, and full of gobbling nonsense interspersed with ads. For haters, Louis F. Frank, they read sympathy for cops and names, and it's the best part to be all.

All true. So why watch? It is not just with happen next, of course.

by Richard Emerson

**THE bosses' pitiful answer to the 35 hour campaign.**

# THE HARD



**BLOWING penny whistles, unemployed Jarrow marchers tramp the hard road to London during the Great Depression. Is this what capitalism has in store for us again?**

Then came the quite deep recession of 1974-75 and the 'broken-backed' recovery of the late seventies, leading to the slump of 1980, which is about to reach Australia.

Two essential, if rather obvious, points. All these events occurred on an international scale so the various 'special case' explanations, eg the 'shift to mining' in Australia, or the supposed peculiar militancy of Australian workers, cannot possibly account for them.

Naturally Australia is in one sense a special case. So is the USA, Japan, West Germany and so on. All the capitalist countries have certain specific features peculiar to themselves.

But all are part of a world system and it is this system itself which is in

crisis. Inevitably, this also bred its 'communist components, and of course, of the Third World'.

The most apparent feature of the crisis is the degree of loss of control by the various ruling classes.

Methods which got more or less the desired results for them, for nearly thirty years no longer do, or, as it seems to be impracticable.

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## How serious is the crisis in the bosses' system?

**DUNCAN HALLAS** surveys the spots where the rotten edifice is starting to crumble.

A downward spiral with the losers being the workers everywhere.

Let's 'Advance Australia' and 'Buy Australian' advertising campaigns are a sick joke in this jungle. Co-operation with your own capitalists, and that's the essence of both camps, can only mean co-operation in intensifying the crisis at the expense of the workers everywhere.

'Advance Australia' nationalism inevitably strengthens the enemies of the working class.

The crisis is not a crisis of 'Australia'. It is a crisis of capitalism. And whatever the short term ups and downs that will be there, it will be progressively more severe. It can only be cured by a democratically controlled socialist planned economy — and not just in Australia.

To get that needs an intensified struggle to the death with 'your own capitalists' — a revolutionary transformation of society and an uncompromising socialist internationalism. In short, exactly the opposite of Fraser's economic policies.

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## KOLONATA: She fought the church, the state, . . . and bourgeois feminism

**THE CONTRIBUTION** of women to revolutionary history is often overlooked or underestimated.

Carol Porter's book, *Alexandra Kollontai: A Biography* (Virago, 1980) fills a gap in this area.

**ALEXANDRA KOLLONTAI** — "The woman's world is divided, just as is the world of men, into two camps . . ."

In 1926, the first mass women's party began to 'erupt' in St Petersburg. This was also the year in which Clara Zetkin presented to the German Social Democratic membership of unions, equal pay and maternity leave. Zetkin also wrote that there were two antagonistic forces — a woman's liberation. For bourgeois women, the enemy was men, the bourgeois class.

But for working class women, the enemy was capital, against which working class women were united with the men of their class — proletarians.

Much of Zetkin's experience of working women's struggle was drawn on by Kollontai for her work with women in Russia.

From 1901, Russian women had been involved in the strike and street fighting that led up to the 1905 revolution. Between 1901 and 1905, women brought into factories and offices an organisation with women workers set up by Zetkin, and by Kollontai. In 1917, women's work was made at the expense of the male group. Her first experience of working women's struggle was drawn on by Kollontai for her work with women in Russia.

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## Carole Ferrier looks at the life struggle of Russia's greatest woman revolutionary

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# If this is the best the bosses can do

# We're laughing!

## Thumbs down to 35 40 keeps your job alive.

ITS NOT often that the Battler bothers to review a propaganda pamphlet put out by the bosses.

By Alec Kahn

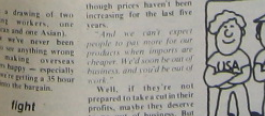
Two pages of drawings (calling them cartoons would be flattery, since they are entirely devoid of humour) stop two and three-line captions.

It would only cost 15¢ more to employ two women — and at that rate, they could finance the first two years' work of their 35-hour campaign through the exp. indication robot.

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# SEEKERS refuse to lose the bait

AFTER THREE months on strike, South East Queensland Electricity Board (SEQEB) workers in Brisbane voted unanimously to stay out at their meeting last Monday.

SEQEB had threatened the 94 ETU members involved in the dispute with the sack if they hadn't returned to work by Monday. But the workers' answer was clear.

The meeting voted unanimously to call on the state council of the ETU to direct all their members in SEQEB to strike for 24 hours on the following Friday and attend a mass meeting to vote on further action. They have sent a telegram to striking central Queensland coalminers requesting that they don't send coal to Gladstone power house.

withdraw

The strike began when SEQEB withdrew a 'dirt money' allowance of 16.5 cents an hour (equivalent to \$6.60 per week). Overtime hours were

# MEU thugs show their true colours

A MINORITY of corrupt officials from the Municipal Employees Union (MEU) are still hanging on — despite the fact that five thousand of their members have told them to get out.

As the stay-pats get more desperate, their tactics have sunk lower and lower. Already, the rank or one of the leading Rank and File group members has been smacked up. Now they have resorted to physical assault.

Rhonda Pryor, an MEU official, says that she and Rank and File group members told us what happened.

"One of the organisers attacked me on the union premises. I was in my own dress and he was just doing it to me because I was a woman. Then he hit me up against the wall and started slapping me about."

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strikes and their families occupied the foyer of the offices. They demanded to see the General Manager, Waldo, so that they could negotiate over SEQEB's lousy offer.

The latest offer was \$8 pay in place of all allowances to accept this would mean going back to work with less than what they started with. The government is now intervening. Peterkin has decided to leave the dispute up to Labour Relations Minister and Liberal Party member Mr. Campbell.

This is a major issue for the workers involved and only a support for the strike is growing and strikers have remained strong. Brisbane workers

repeated until the rank and file promise not to invade their hallowed halls. The Trades Hall bureaucrats invited the meeting. At their following meeting, they condemned the action and suspended delegate Terry Murray — a Rank and File group member.

The union offices have been closed down and the locks changed since August 11, when garbage workers went on strike and other officials. The officials have said that the files won't be re-opened until the rank and file promise not to invade their hallowed halls.

Clearly, MEU members won't expect any support from the officials of other unions to attack their fellow bureaucrats in the MEU. The only strength they have is the strength they have been already — that of the rank and file. That strength goes into day-to-day activities in the days and nights, and after the strike.

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BUILDERS Labourers in Sydney have forced the Master Builders Association to pay the 75c wage indexation increase which they had been withholding. They also made them agree to a 'no ticket/no go' agreement. This breakthrough came after angry builders' labourers marched on the Master Builders Association offices in Sydney on July 10, demanding that the MBA's refusal to pay the 42c indexation increase.

The MBA had also applied to the courts to take away organisers' rights-of-entry to jobs to take away preference for unionists to take away two days' notice for job applicants to take away any strike's place for all builders' labourers who don't accept notice

# WOMEN SACKED

STUDENTS at Queensland University have held a series of solidarity pickets with canteen workers sacked from the union victory four weeks ago.

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We wanted immediate re-employment for these three women. That's what we've been trying to do. We've been trying to do it for a long time now.

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Limited tenure's days are limited

VICTORIA'S teachers have taken a giant step in their campaign to get rid of limited tenure teaching.

The Minister last night said he will not give the union a new agreement to some of the same demands.

A few weeks ago, state-wide strikes of the three teachers' unions first in November of last year and we didn't seem to be getting anywhere.

Numbers at the strike meetings were going down —

# Dear Battlers, Get the facts straight!

Dear Battlers, I'm sure that you will find the information in this article helpful.

It's about the NSW Teachers' Union Women's Conference in Newcastle.

Yes, we need more women to take on the role of public school teachers.

Well we live in the Bay of Pigs and we couldn't knock Ford out of his car!

Come on UJA, EXAM, BHP and so on!

CHORUS: I've got the free world blues...

Because free market says it all you've got to pay to complain...

Come on Friedman, Fairfax, ASIO think of your security...

Sydney dates: SUN 30 SEP 1980 11 AM...

I WANT TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS! Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN OUR FACE** RED:  
By the time last week's item about Ross' Cullen got published, Cullen was no longer Queensland Police Minister. Now shift cop is Ross Hinge, who said he had the job because he had "big feet and no brains".

But at least our tip gives us a pointer to tell the latest Brisbane joke. News on Ross has always owned a pig from Bill. But the joke is that as Police Minister, Hinge is now the biggest pig farmer in the State.



**Parting Shots**  
With Bill Posters

...his comedy here (revised section) all the "Kia" men in the age 50-55 — turns up tonight and supports it in the back seats. Just as they did in a "Why" for a month ago when the firm were "trapped" into a "Why" that they only people who stand to gain from this are the promoters of the extra people in your unemployment looking for work. You can't accuse them of being irresponsible.

After all they get a Pop. Ian "Moby" Personal Plan stamp. Death to the "Kia"...

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# Poland's workers loosen the chains

**THE POLISH** working class has scored a stunning victory over the authoritarian dictatorship of President Edward Giersek. They have won the right to work the release of political prisoners, a right to economic improvements and most importantly the right to form free trade unions.

But the essence of socialism is workers power workers running the factories, the offices, the whole of society in a democratic fashion. That has never existed in Poland.

What that means for the operation of the new trade unions is unclear at this stage. But it is obvious in the past — especially in 1956 — Polish workers have made significant economic and political gains by strike action and rioting. But as soon as they were back at work the government gradually eliminated the new freedoms.

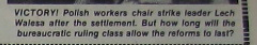
Some of the more militant workers succeeded this time in making the compromise made by the trade leader

Lech Wałęsa. Just as in 1956, the latest revision of the constitution provided for the new state power to lie in the factories and the state apparatus. The widest stratum of working class and living standards beyond the privileged ruling class and workers continues to decline what is reproduced and to control vast number of jobs and salaries.

The other threat to Polish workers is the Russian Army, which has been used to deploy workers' organisations in Hungary in 1956 and smash the "Pragmas" in 1958.

Unless the Polish and Russian state machines are overthrown by a social revolution and replaced by democratic institutions of workers' power, then the rights of Polish workers can never be guaranteed.

Poland Special — 67



**VICTORY!** Polish workers chair strike leader Lech Wałęsa after the settlement. But how long will the bureaucratic ruling class allow the reforms to last?

# occupation shows the way

**ON TUESDAY 5 August, 1500 workers at AMI Port Melbourne, went on a sit-down strike.**

This action was taken after the unjustified stand-down of assembly workers the day before.

As one of the workers told the Battler: "They didn't stand us down, they locked us out."

The workers demanded payment for the stand-down and the reinstatement of those workers sacked for supposed absence of sick leave during the previous three weeks.

They also demanded that union organiser Tony Butler be allowed to enter the plant. Presently, Butler has been banned from the plant apart from a two-hour shift once a week.

The factory was continuously occupied until Thursday 8 August, when the VBU got the occupying workers to leave the plant as a gesture of goodwill while shop stewards and union representatives were meeting with company bosses.

All gates have been packed to prevent any drivers or cars from entering. Twenty-two workers who occupied the plant on the first day were sacked but refused to recognise their dismissal.

Maintenance workers in the AMXV, P11 and AX2 came in to support of the occupation, while workers from other car plants and other unions donated money to the strike fund.

In a four hour meeting with the union a week after the strike began, the company offered to reinstate the 22 workers sacked during the dispute, but only one of the three millions sacked earlier.

But as Joe Hegdon, an AMI worker, told the Battler: "We've been fighting for three of these since the beginning, but even when we win, it's not what we want. We're not going back for anything less than we deserve."

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...reliable information that a certain Les Hogan knew in advance about a recent International Socialist National Committee meeting held in Brisbane.

Hogan of course got the info from Special Branch. You've heard his doubts, here's proof that Special Branch spends the taxpayer's money to spy perfectly legal meetings of workers.

But what's intriguing is that the Special Branch chief Hogan, who is now retired, should be so interested in all the details about the IS. It shows he was serious when he said

...wished of a likely dismissal. The 27 workers sacked during the dispute were held retained but only about three sacked earlier got his job back. The others must have served some time in arbitration.

**STOP PRESS**  
Workers voted to return to work on Wednesday 20 August. They accepted the company's offer to pay them for the unjustified stand-down. If the company's recommendation that they do so,

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# the battler Noonkanbah

ON 97 September 6, 1980

**THE AUSTRALIAN** trade union movement must smash WA Premier Charles Court's drilling operation at Noonkanbah.

Court has not only trampled over every vestige of black land rights.

He has also thrown down the gauntlet to the whole working class with his massive scabbing offensive, first to get the drilling rig to Noonkanbah, then to operate it for AMAX at a cost of a million dollars to the taxpayer.

Even the bosses' lame-pace was shocked by Court's action and has openly condemned him. They cannot see the sense in risking major conflict on the mere off-chance that there is oil at Noonkanbah. But the reasons for Court's actions are quite plain. Whether his scabs find oil at Noonkanbah or not is irrelevant to him.

Court is out to assert the prerogative rights of the bosses for once and for all over Aboriginal land rights. And by continuing the campaign he launched last year with his big "Gold Medal Hunt" award, to decisively stop our unions from entering into any pact with his mistress John Burke.

**UNDER** the watchful eyes of one of Court's cops, the last-operated drill rig dips in Noonkanbah.

**Matcott's View**

**FEEL FREE!!**

**JUST DON'T PUT IN MY BANK!!**

**Garbos defend jobs - 2**

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**Hawke flies the coop - 8**

The paper that fights for workers' power

Striking Melbourne garbos say . . .

# Go to contracting to get out of contracting

**"THEY COULDN'T** give a damn about us. They couldn't give a damn about our families. They're not even worried about the service they supply to the ratapatoys."

These angry words were echoed by many of the other members of the Municipal Employees Union (MEU) picketing Waverley Council North (Victoria) depot, where the council intends to call tenders for contractors which will lead to sacking 36 garbos.

By Jon O'Neill

George, a Parks and Gardens worker who said five municipalities were contracting, had introduced jobs had been lost, among garbage collection, shop repairs, equipment maintenance and clerical staff.

"Ist a contract service is doing the job on the cheap. Garbage runs a really nice in many ways, and the service is a lovely one. As a worker, you can't see the point in going to work for a council. Experience in these municipalities proves it. The council is not going to pay you until the council decides to pull its collective hand in and we mean—keep these people on and keep the service up."

In the initial stages, some workers at Waverley depot were unamused, but many of them have now joined the MEU.

"THEY WERE always good to work to be annoyed with. They wanted to speak to the City Engineer at the Town Hall in a few of us went in his office. He locked himself in. He didn't want to be bothered. He wasn't impressed by his lack of availability. As we walked the door in. The engineer will wander round to see if he's in the copper to do it for him."

"Many workers had their own parked in front of the site so the Council couldn't move its equipment. The staff buses pulled up and bulldozers to shove the cars away."

"It was magical how things worked. They started appearing there instead. In fact workers made it far easier for local kids to park the car there—by taking the cars away."

The struggle is being led by the MEU Rank and File group which has effectively taken over the running of the union from the officials who had abandoned the union office.

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MELBOURNE'S garbos vote to go on strike indefinitely in support of their fellow MEU members at Waverley.

# HEALTH WORKERS FIGHT BACK

DESPITE the "mild mannered" budget, health workers continue to feel the effects of cuts and attacks.

But they no longer accept that the winter Melbourne has seen a number of

Recently, drivers for the Spastics Society struck for one day. The drivers, members of the Hospital Employees Federation, (HEF), have traditionally had extra paid leave during the school holidays.

This year, the employers tried to take it away from them. Although the extra holidays are not in the award, the drivers were determined to maintain their customary conditions.

Last month, HEF members at the Alfred Hospital struck for two days in support of the principle of the closed shop.

The strike was sparked by a clerical worker's refusal to join the union. The twelve women in the area struck for five days first, then the rest of the hospital joined.

Hospital strikes have been very difficult to maintain because there is usually a well

organized group of casual workers available to take the main number of shifts. The main number of shifts is made up of casual workers, and the casual workers are well organized. They have a union of their own and they are well organized.

The push for a withdrawal from the grant, however, took stewards and the rank and file. The rank and file are well organized and they are well organized.

The support from the rank and file was also encouraged and the rank and file are well organized.

This also shows that the rank and file are well organized and they are well organized.

By Janet Stone, HEF

# SCHOOL KIDS OUT IN BLUE OVER LOO

By Maria Giolitti

and were then escorted to the loo by the teacher with the key

The students denied they'd had any of this occupation

But it's not all over. Cleared

Vice Principal stepped in

When the Principal arrived at

The school's action met

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And with the lack of rights

# Social contract? They'd better be kidding.

WITH The elections approaching, Bill Hayden and Bob Hawke have produced the inevitable "social contract".

Hayden and Hawke, with smiles of friendship joined determinedly on their faces, announced their joint support for a document on ALP union

relations.

The document is mostly wage waffle, but it contains one vital passage. An ALP government will "consult" with the unions on wages, it says.

And it will support "wage moderation to assist in securing and preserving real disposable incomes".

In return, the unions' movement will ensure that industrial action is conducted with full appreciation of the need to avoid exacerbation of inflation.

What this could mean in practice was made clear at the same time.

The ACTU executive refused to sign an across-the-board fight for shorter working hours.

The agreement may just be empty talk for electoral purposes. It better be for Hayden has already said that he takes seriously the unions will give up their

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"OKAY BOB, how about we tell 'em we'll back full indexation after we've brought in the 35 hour week."

# Whatever happened to the revolution?

A BIG MOB of people turned up at the conference on Communists and the Labour Movement held in Melbourne on August 23 and 24. Most of them seemed to

overwhelming reformism. The conference stank of it.

And why not? It was a massive nostalgia trip for many, talking about the bad old days of election fights and dilemmas, or the good old days of the NSW Builders' Labourers.

For younger people it of history, though too point of view, including several papers given by the Communist Party of Australia on "Socialism in the 1970s".

The picket was organized by the International Socialist candidate in Ipswich, Ian Rintoul. Liberal leader, Clew Edwards, Bjelke-Petersen's bootlicking handmaiden, holds the seat and is making a lot of noise about how the Liberals will be a "moderate" and more peaceful government than the Nationals. But Edwards backed the Fraser in all of his union bashing exploits.

We don't need peaceful attacks about his shameful record on unemployment.

vicious

Unemployed workers and members of the Ipswich branch of the International Socialists were waiting when the Premier's chauffeur driven Jag forced its way through the picket line.

By the time he was crawling out of his limousine he had him cornered. He turned on his usual idiot smile for the press and tried to wave an off

Essential Services Act was directly

# Miners dug in — and Howard covered

AFTER TEN weeks on strike, Queensland colliers are poised to win their fight against increased taxation.

The 4500 miners are considering a compromise proposal which would mean they would pay no extra tax on their subsidised housing for a few years at least, and then they would pay only a few cents a week. But the miners are determined they will never give in to this onerous tax.

Treasurer Howard shearer, construction caved in when a seven year letter from the Queensland Taxation Department to these, one of the companies whose profits have been bled by the strike, suddenly "emerged" last week.

The letter took their workers in of the "difficult living conditions" in a mining town.

The financial writers of the Nationalists said that the "pro-Fraser wage indexation policy" was in fact 80 percent favourable to the union.

The ACTU should defend our standards.

And not selling its soul

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The Government's 10 most vulnerable

Unlike social officials

By Rae Norman

# Bosses say to railroad uranium mining bans

By Joanne Watson  
and John Boyd  
in Rockhampton

**IN LIGHT OF** the proposed trade union bans on uranium mining, Workers Against Uranium Mining (WAUM) have begun a tour of jobsites and railway stations along the east coast of Queensland.

However, the Queensland railways department has just resumed a directive banning on the January tour also led in the decision to resume the directive.

This directive was a direct result of the Australian Railway Union federal conference decision to halt the transport of uranium from the next year. No doubt the January tour also led in the decision to resume the directive.

**discussions**

The ban hasn't prevented us from holding discussions with key rank and file members of the ARU and the Railway Station Officers Union. The support for the proposed bans was much greater than we expected.

As a result of the tour, regional anti-uranium groups will be coordinated.

It was a rare sight — over 150 nurses picketing outside the Commonwealth government center in Brisbane. They were protesting at the Fraser government's refusal to fund basic nursing training in Colleges of Advanced Education.

Surprisingly, the Nursing Federation are intending to make nursing education into a hot election issue. Rallies are being planned throughout Australia once the federal elections are announced.

Everyone agrees with the urgent need to upgrade nursing education. It's extremely important that they not be diverted in particular.

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College-based training is cheaper than hospital based training. It's extremely important that they not be diverted in particular.

Another reservation that militant nurses have is that trained nurses will be a less practical nurse. This will depend on how much time the college students actually spend learning in the wards.

**cheap**

It should also allow many more nurses to get involved in making the decision about what type of improved education we want.

By J. Quinn,  
Nurses Federation,  
Brisbane.

**With Janey Stone**

CARS may improve your comfort and standard of living if you buy them. But if you make them they mainly endanger your health, and even your life.

When workers at AMI Melbourne occupied their plant recently, it was over the working of their workers who had "abused" their sick leave.

THROUGHOUT the plants jobs are difficult and hazardous, and

## AMI The biggest health hazard is WORK

have to be done at high speed.

One worker told me about conditions: "I have to inhale certain pipes underneath the car with my fingers. The fumes makes you feel very tired."

"You have to work with your hands get very hot. The noise shock made one of my hands get very numb."

"You have to work in small spaces, sometimes with elbows in your face from air filters being close."

Although protective devices of all sorts can be obtained, AMI workers are not allowed to use them.

"They give you no face protection, no anti-noise and other things you face all the time."

"In the metal shop, the spot-welding causes sickening lungs. But many of the spot-welders have only eye goggles."

"Conditions are so overcrowded that fumes from cans and trolleys hang around for ages. On a hot day it makes you want to puke."

"Ear muffs are required in noisy sections but you really don't need them in either noisy or hot areas. It's for instance any area with heavy air drills, the noise makes you feel very tired."

"Just before the strike, a muffler exploded one day. The noise shock made one of my hands get very numb."

"THE BIGGEST safety hazard at AMI is how much work. The line speed is very fast. There if someone leaves, they just let the remaining workers do two jobs."

"Of course, you shouldn't have to do two jobs, but few individuals can resist on their own."

"About a year ago another guy hit one guy's work. A very experienced worker was hurt and hung around for ages. On a

**ON TOP** of all the ordinary problems, the workers and migrants have some special ones of their own.

"The women often feel that they have to work with various threats, he insisted on two weeks off."

"Anybody else would be very fit in big trouble. Most of the workers depend on the strength of the union and actions like the strike."

On her face, women are more used up by her. She says the foreman who the migrants have relations with the union or boss get nowhere. They are not allowed to work in the same area as the union. One of them said that she had to work with the foreman who the migrants have relations with the union or boss get nowhere. They are not allowed to work in the same area as the union.

**CAR WORKERS** doing jobs like these are subject to all sorts of industrial illnesses; but at AMI conditions are even worse than usual.

# Mugabe: still not free

SIX MONTHS after being swept to power in the elections, Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, Robert Mugabe, has failed to change the real power structure of Zimbabwean society.



When he signed the Lancaster House agreement last December, Mugabe chose a peaceful and gradual road to change in Zimbabwe. He chose to operate within the framework of the state machinery created by the white minority to defend their power and privileges.

By Alex Galloway

The land question is clouded behind us with the issue of foreign capital. The most productive farms tend to be owned by multinational agribusiness.

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One danger is that the security forces and ZIPRA might link up together. When they were of strike guerrillas Another is that the South African might attempt to 'destabilise' the new government, a possibility which is reported to worry Mugabe's chief intelligence, Ken Flower.

**braved**

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**network**

A distribution network for the WALUM Trade Union News is being set up throughout Queensland. Press coverage in the country has been very favourable.

**unemployed**

Unemployed workers in Salisbury in 1978. Mugabe's government has failed to carry out the reorganization of Zimbabwean society which is necessary before the lot of the black population is improved.

over the course and control. Mugabe is a militant nationalist, as well as being personally very ambitious.

There are two roads before Zimbabwe. One is that which Mugabe is following — a road of gradual change.

**LARGE** marches and rallies were held throughout the northern six counties of Ireland over the weekend of 9/10 August, the ninth anniversary of the introduction of the British Army.

In Belfast 200 British supporters of the Troops Out Movement and members of the Socialist Workers Party (the British section of the International Socialist) joined thousands of nationalists to march to a rally in the heart of the nationalist area of the city.

The period before the strike was marked by the Irish Army in July two weeks of strength and support for the British Army in the heart of the nationalist area of the city.

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RUSSIA — HOW THE REVOLUTION WAS LOST, by Alan Gibbons





THE CONSUMER crush in a Moscow department store. They're also a feature of life throughout Eastern Europe. In Poland, a meat price rise sparked the present industrial revolt.

**POLAND'S** workers have produced the biggest challenge to that country's rulers for years. They have forced the sacking of Prime Minister Babuch and five other Politburo members, and won most of their 21 demands.

What began as scattered protests over food shortages and rising prices grew into the biggest workers' action seen anywhere in Europe since the general strike against de Gaulle which paralysed France in May 1968.

Poland's ruler, Gierk, has immense apparent power. He has a large security police with gunned armoured cars. He has a network of secret police that has often in the past made people afraid to express their real feelings even to their closest friends. His prisons have swallowed up many opponents of his regime. Others — including leaders of previous strikes — have felt compelled to flee to exile.

**failed**

And despite almost two weeks of manoeuvring, Gierk failed miserably in his attempts to split the workers movement by buying off some sections and threatening others with Russian intervention.

**powerful**

Behind Gierk's own forces stand those of the second most powerful state in the world — the Russian army which battered Budapest in 1956, which besieged Prague in 1968 and which is currently ravaging Afghanistan.

Yet when he first took on



THE HEADQUARTERS of the Polish United Workers Party burns in Szczecin in December, 1970. The heat that generated it ousted Gomulka.

even after the strike committee had recommended that course of action, shows how deep their scepticism runs. Instead the workers moved on from making economic demands to raising other political issues — the disbandment of the official staging 'trade unions' and their replacement by organisations elected and controlled by the

Polish television, Gierk took pleasure in pleading with workers to return to work and a familiar tone (for Australian workers) make 'sacrifices' in the national interest.

workers, the free of political prisoners, the end of censorship of the printing of special shops for those with bureaucratic connections or wealth. But even the struggle for major political reforms did not destroy the Polish government. It takes a huge mental leap for any group of workers to pass from fighting for economic demands to understanding that they themselves can run the country.

Such understanding comes usually at the end of a series of bitter mass struggles and betrayals, not the beginning. The minds of many Polish workers are still befogged by the false ideologies preached by rulers East and West. For instance, the fact that the Pope's picture was hung from the walls of the occupied shipyard shows that many — probably most — workers still believe the church leaders to be on their side. Yet in the past the church has shown itself only too willing to offer support to the regime in return for privileges for itself. In 1971 it went so far as to urge workers to vote for Gomulka's nominees in the elections of that year.

And at the height of the recent strikes, the Polish Catholic Cardinal called on the strikers to return to work.

Again, the flying of the Polish flag over the occupied

factories shows how powerful is nationalism as a factor in the workers' minds. The nationalism is perhaps natural, given the memory which workers have of domination by Germany and domination by Russia.

**bureaucratic**

But it has also been encouraged by some of the most vicious, bureaucratic sections of the regime as a way of getting workers to see all Poles, exploiters and exploited alike as having a common interest.

The nationalism today has the paradoxical effect of encouraging workers not to go too far, for fear of Russian intervention.

It makes it difficult for them to understand that there are workers throughout Eastern Europe — in Hungary, in Czechoslovakia, in East Germany, above all in Russia — whose factories like Topolnigard, Gierk's and Kama River (whomves car on strike) — are the same problems as the Polish workers.

There does not seem to be any dissent group that cuts right through these confusions by insisting that workers must take power into their own hands through a social revolution. Instead the most known dissident group, the KOR with its workers' paper Robotnik (The Worker),

urges a mere reform of the existing system. The regime's room for manoeuvre is much less than in the past, because of the economic crisis East and West.

But it will try to play on the confusions of the workers with nationalist talk, deals with the church, offers to allow selected workers to sit on management committees, by opening the tap of reform today in order to shut it all the more effectively later.

In all this it was backed by the Western states, who rush bank loans to keep Gierk afloat.

**power**

Yet, even if many of the strikers did not fully realise it, they have the one thing into clear relief, there is a power that can tear apart the most oppressive and most exploitative regime. That self-organisation of those whose labour creates the wealth — those who can tear factories where exploitation takes place into cauldrons directed against exploitation.

It comes on one of the most tightly organised police states on earth — and beating it — Poland's workers have provided an inspiration not just to their comrades "behind the Iron curtain", but to their fellow-workers everywhere.

**Generals ban on the west**

THE PRESS in the West speculated a lot about reaction in the Kremlin to the Polish strikes. And they were quite right in arguing that the Polish workers sent shivers down Brezhnev's spine.

The reaction of the rulers of the West is less publicised. But it is extremely revealing. For Poland is massively in debt to Western bankers. At the end of 1973 its hard-currency debts totalled over \$7,600 million. Simply to 'service' the already existing debts. Its target is another \$1 billion dollars this year, 'servicing the debt' would take 70 per cent of all the hard currency earned from exports that Poland does not leave much room for imports.

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disrupt, of not halting out the Poles. Having to recalculate their debts would be the least of the evils that might ensue. The prudent banker will also take into account the determination of the Gierk regime to put its house in order.

The determination of the authorities can be measured by their refusal to cancel price increases, decreed last month.

POLAND LTD, in the eyes of Western bankers, is too important a firm to be allowed to go bust in the whirlwind of world recession. That is why they are prepared to bail it out. But only if managing

director Gierk screws his labour force by cutting workers' consumption and increasing their productivity. Now as President Carter, Chancellor Schmidt and Western banks know perfectly well, there is only one way Gierk is going to end up putting his house in order — repression. That is how in the end he 'solved the crisis' of 1970-71.

He who wills the end will the means. Remember this: the urging of determination on managing director Gierk, who you hear Western politicians and press shedding crocodile tears over freedom in Eastern Europe.



AT The Warski shipyard in Szczecin during the 1971 occupation. The sign proclaims: 'The strike is on economic not political grounds.' Everybody recognises the political nature of the latest strike.

**How the strikes spread**

THE STRIKE in Gdansk was the high point of an eleven week strike wave throughout Poland.

One report estimated over 800 separate strikes and many of these involved very large groups of workers — 14,000 workers at a helicopter factory in one town, the whole of

Warsaw bus and tram systems, a general strike in Lublin and so on. At Gdansk young militants in the Lenin shipyard had tried and failed a month before to get a strike over the meat price increases. What eventually prompted the workers to come out was the sacking of crane driver Anna Wlodarczyk, a veteran militant in the yard who was a member of the Committee for Free Trade Unions.

Her reinstatement was won on the first day of the strike. Another rapidly won demand was the erection of a memorial to those who were killed by the security forces in 1970. After the overture, a committee was formed, including all only the Lenin shipyard workers but representing from at least 1500 other enterprises to have been the main centre of the over 40,000 workers.

organisation for free elections. The wages the Lenin shipyard workers demanded, and won, increased of about 12 per cent throughout Gdansk. It was this that prompted occupying workers to immediately overturn their strike committees' recommendations to return to work and instead to stick out along with the other Gdansk workers, many of whom had not yet won wage increases.

**IS WHAT WE THINK IS**

MAGNIFICENT! We are sure all Battler readers will agree with our feelings about the Polish workers' strikes. But when we add that they were a magnificent struggle against capitalism then we are sure there will be a few raised eyebrows.

Because most people on the left in Australia still believe that the sort of society that exists in Poland and the rest of Eastern Europe is somehow different from the capitalist West.

Not that many still believe that it is actually socialist. After all, it is only too obvious that there is no workers' democracy in Poland.

And it is also pretty obvious that the Polish state and economy are controlled by a small, privileged bureaucratic group. Not only are the money incomes of

the rulers to line their own pockets? Well, of course that is never far from their minds. But the desire to line your own pockets doesn't necessarily lead to the building of steel mills and car factories.

No. A ruling class only does that when it is forced to do so. And what forces the rulers of the world economy to do something that forces the huge monopolies of the West — the fact that they live in a world economy of which you accumulate or go under.

It is supposed to be planned — as well as we all agreed it is. But, as we all agreed it is, a small privileged group who control the state and therefore the economy can't

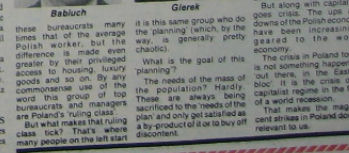
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Babuch and Gierk. Many of these bureaucrats many times that of the average Polish worker, but the difference is made even greater by their privileged access to housing, cars and so on. By the compromise use of the word that group of top bureaucrats and managers forces Gierk to rescind the December price increases.

**ALL POWER TO THE WORKERS!**

the fire last time

1956

Workers from the giant ZISPO factory strike and march through Poznan demanding lower prices and higher wages. Within hours the whole of the city is on the streets raising slogans like Down with false Communism! Police stations are taken over. But the uprising is crushed in bloody fighting.

1968

However the bureaucracy is shaken and reformer Gomulka is brought into the leadership. Russians try and prevent this. Gomulka threatens armed resistance, and with the armed uprising in Hungary to deal with, Russians back down and confirm Gomulka as party secretary. Wave of liberalisation.

1970

But Gomulka gradually builds up a bloc opposing further changes including the Catholic church. After several months of being very cautious in dealing with strikes by the summer of 1971 he is complaining that the workers are not being hard enough in dealing with them. By the autumn he is closing down the newspapers allowed by liberalisation. By 1956 police repression is in full swing.

1970

Student demonstrations joined by young workers. Crushed by police repression and wave of officially sponsored anti-statism.

1970

December. Food prices put up 20 per cent. Strikes and rioting in Gdansk and other Baltic towns. Police machine gun strikers. But strikes continue. Gierk sacks Gomulka and announces two year freeze on food prices. Strikes still continue especially in Szczecin shipyards.

1971

Gierk addresses the workers' delegates there and by a mixture of threats and promises gets them back to work. Over the next few months victimisations follow. Nevertheless a month later a strike of textile workers in Lodz forces Gierk to rescind the December price increases.

1971

Again food price increases. Workers in the huge IRRUS factory strike and block the railway lines to Warsaw. Strikes and riots throughout the rest of the country. Food prices rise again rescinded.

# Richard Emerson reviews "The Empire Strikes Back" and finds it to be an entertaining mixture of . . . . .

# Briance and blindspots

STAR WARS was a brilliant piece of redeeming social value. The Empire Strikes Back is just as good with one annoying exception.

All your favorites are here again, Han Solo and Darth Vader, droids and wookies. There is the same dazzling technology, including giant assault vehicles that walk on four legs.

There are strange creatures like the mystic Yoda, a muppet who talks like Fozzy Bear and looks like Billy McMahon. And there is the same flow of outrageous jokes. Unfortunately, there is also Force. And the Force is becoming a bit of a pain. The mystical theme of Star Wars always jarred with the rest of the film, because it had a stuffy moral quality which was never set up like everything else.

### preaching

And of course the original gimmick and characters can't do as impressive the second time around.

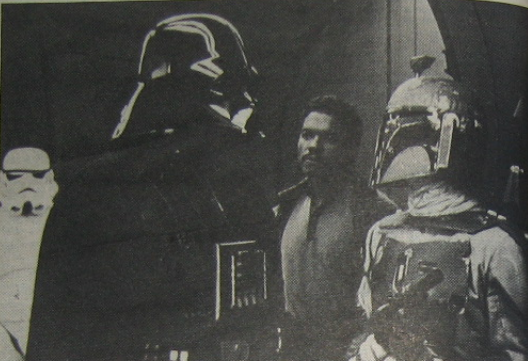
Now we have the ghost of Alec Guinness reaching out, a moral training course for Jedi Knights that is as tight as a drum, and the fate of the universe depending on conflict in Luke's soul.

Since this film was made in an America that is churning between Reagan, Jimmy Carter and the patriotic hymns of Ronald Reagan, the pious nonsense is probably no accident.

### depend

One can only hope it doesn't get worse. There is one big improvement: the inclusion of a black actor to play the adventurer Lando has well-earned suspicion that we're dealing with a whitey wacko.

On the other hand, why is Princess Leia the only woman to appear in 96 minutes of *The Empire Strikes Back*? She has developed a libido some time ago, so maybe she's killed



VILLAIN Darth Vader conspires with adventurer Lando and bounty hunter Boba Fett. The addition of a token black reassures us that the universe of Star Wars and its sequel is notilly white, after all.

# HAWKE FLIES HE COOP

IN A FIT of pique last Christmas, Gough Whitlam sneered that Bob Hawke had "Hit to show" for his ten years as President of the ACTU.

It was a statement that most Battler readers will heartily agree with.

And as Bob Hawke supporter finally take his years of the ACTU this month to embark on a parliamentary career, it's worth taking a look at his record so far.

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I've read the Bible ten times through And Jesus justifies me, The man who doesn't vote for me, By Christ he crucifies me.

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convinced 15 key oil rig operators to ban mining at Noukandah.

So it's been a long time between drinks for our Bob. But it's when you watch up the minutes that you realize just what a disaster he's really been for the labour movement. Just the last five years make grim enough reading.

In 1975, he was his acceptance of the wage reduction fraud that followed subsequent defeat of the national oil dispute.

And last month as a punting stroke, Hawke

his sabotage of the Medbank's struggle, his "compromise" over mount bailouts and the HRB, and his renegeing of the Laruhie Valley strikers into Arbitration.

uranium

Since then, the low spots have been his capitulation over the 1978 horror Budget, his continued support for uranium mining, and his attacks on the metal trades over the last year campaign.

In 1976-77, he

Little to show for his ten years

for the first time in 22 years. And thousands of his constituents were joining his strike against the Vietnam War.

Bob Hawke, with his personal charm, initiative, cocky handling of press interviews and deflected the new mood of indifference and apathy amongst Australian workers.

"The trouble was we all shone on Hawke's lips. His tough talk had become a combination of concern for 'underdogs' for working 'wobbles' system".

During the Supply Crisis in 1975, we got a glimpse of how Bob Hawke has been used by the power elite to bring us back to the Victorian style of smash the Socialist Left.

And one of his major projects was to make profits were to embark on the biggest Bank-ACTU dispute relating venture.

Addressing a crowd in Canberra, he let slip the comment that "if they are not satisfied with the results, they might very well go and join the Communist party".

Thousands of thousands of Australians were taken over as call for a national strike. Walk-outs were being smashed, leading to a major dispute to strike activity. The Labor Party

National Council - "in its implacable opposition - in many ways to us".

When Bob Hawke came into office, he did so on the votes of the Left League. And many militants welcomed the change. From his predecessor, deadly dull right-winger Albert Mott.

For Hawke came into office at a particularly important time for Australian trade unionism. The period powers had just been smashed, leading to a major dispute to strike activity. The Labor Party

to blame his dismal record on his right-wing Labor politics and his parliamentary ambitions.

At a time when the "middle-class vote" might be attracted, Hawke quickly repositioned himself. He made his November 15 with his call for a national strike.

"For instance," the middle class was quite unimpressed with his governing, and the Liberal Party was doing well. He was able to get back on the airwaves with a "let's go" message.

It was in the wake of the Hawke's move a surprise in looking over the back of the Liberal Party. Hawke has betrayed it

# "NECESSITY MAKES MEN REPEAL THE BARRIOS DE CHUNGARA WITH HOHMANN VIEZNER"

DOMITILA Barrios de Chungara is the wife of a Bolivian tin miner. She has seven children.

In 1975, she won the UN International Women's Year Tribunal in Mexico. At that conference she met Micaela Viezner, a Brazilian journalist, and together they produced an oral history of Domitila's life. *"Let's Speak"* (Monthly Review Press, New York, 1978).

Domitila's life is both horrifying and inspiring. In her straightforward style she describes her childhood. She was 10 when her mother died, leaving her to keep house for her demoralized, drunkard and violent father and four smaller sisters.

Yet she kept going to school, taking her father with her, and leaving her in the street at night. After her marriage, she continued to be responsible for her sisters. They lived in a tiny one-roomed house, and even as poor as the one had only one hot plate of those tin cans.

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Ruth Lea reviews the autobiography of Domitila Barrios de Chungara, a leader of the Bolivian women's inspiring struggle against poverty and repression.

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Car industry doublecross

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

Dear Battlers,

What We Stand For

IGNORE THE SACK — and win! That was the moral of the 13 week strike by Electrical Trades Union members in the underground main section of the South East Queensland Electricity Board (SEQEB).

The SEQEB bosses sacked all the strikers after they — and their families — occupied the foyer of SEQEB's offices. The strikers were informed that if they did not show for work the next Monday morning, the Board would assume they had terminated their employment.

Workers did turn up on Monday, but not to start work. They were there to inform anyone who might have been intimidated by the dismissal notices that the strike was still on. And only one worker turned up to start work on the ETU to direct all members in SEQEB to strike for 24 hours.

THE STRIKE at SEQEB was successful because the strikers' action was supported by the ACOA Federal Executive, which overrode a majority decision by the SEQEB board to sack all 35 workers.

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TELEPORT—ON THE WASTE OF THE FUTURE?

Halts drawing? No! It won't. If it is the dream of Marxists, though I doubt it, to retain the concept of property, then the same fate awaits them as the capitalists.

Greame Sparks, Melbourne States grate

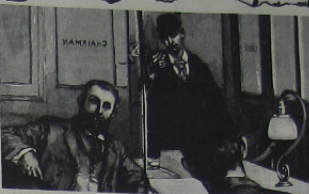
The relevance of anarchism's revolutionary attack on all state ideology has become more important than in those countries where "State capital, used by the capitalists, has been destroyed."

Dear Battler,

I generally enjoy your informative newspaper spreads, but the August '90 article left me sore.

Matt Taylor, Melbourne

THE BATTLER REPLIES: A few points to answer to two correspondents.



ARTIST'S impression of the attempted assassination of American boss Henry Frick (left) by anarchist Sasha Berkman in 1892. After Frick's cab army had killed 30 striking steel workers, Frick ordered his guard — but do terrorist acts like Berkman's achieve anything?

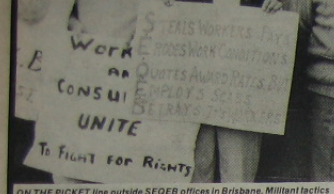
because of some supposed "belief in the inevitability of revolution". Terrorism is futile because it leaves behind a vast gulf between the workers' state and their own revolutionary state.

Class bias

Dear Battlers, The issues raised in the article "Class in the workplace" (Issue 93) are ones which present grave problems for all workers.

Rank and File Organisation

To smash the capitalist class we need a mass revolutionary party... We need a party that can win the support of the working class.



ON THE PICKET line today SEQEB offices in Brisbane. Militant tactics and solidarity won the day for the underground main section workers.

ACOA — the wages of weakness

THE MAIN Federal Public Service Unions ACOA and APSA have won the wages of weakness. On 27 August the Full Bench of the Arbitration Commission ruled in an interim increase of only 4%.

It is unclear the Commission is paying the way for a final determination of about 6%... This is after the Public Service Board's final offer of 5.5%.

Staffing sellout

THE CAMPAIGN for more staff by Federal Department of Employment and Youth Affairs workers will finally get the ground in Melbourne and Sydney on 15 September.

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LIQUOR TRADES members vote against the brewers' offer and send the officials back with a newly amended claim.

AT TWO MASS meetings on 26 August in Brisbane, Liquor Trades Union (FTLU) members and maintenance workers unanimously rejected the brewers' offer on their log of claims.

The log was lodged at all unions and is now being circulated to the public... Further mass meetings will be organised as Ken Barry said.

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STOP THE PAISLEY TOUR!

IN NOVEMBER, Reverend Ian Paisley of Belfast will be doing a speaking tour in Sydney. Paisley is an extreme right-wing protestant bigot, and an admirer of the South African regime.

No parking... scabs excused

'IT COULD be for long young and old' said Combined Shop Stewards Committee member Ken Barry... Further mass meetings will be organised as Ken Barry said.

SEQEB workers ignore sack — and win p10

# more delegate sacked

**MEATWORKERS** at Dinmore (Queensland) last week voted to stay on strike after rejecting a union supported compromise.

It is over five weeks since the strike began in a new side-chain boning room over conditions that the company refused to negotiate about. While the strike came to a head over slacker rates, the company had been quite insistent that their method of boning was all that was left to be desired even after four weeks the strike on job involved for the boning room workers.

Since then, the strike has escalated. The company intends to issue a writ for the "damages" caused by the strike and they have sacked the labourers' delegate, Ian Kinoum. Ian was sacked after organising a picket at which workers confronted the Works Manager over trucks that were carrying bones from the plant while foremen and other suchs were operating the boning room.

For Ian, who is a member of the International Socialist and has been active on the job around political issues such as civil liberties, the Essential Services Act, the recent abortion campaign as well as industrial matters, the company's move came as no surprise.

"The company long ago signalled its intentions to anyone who was prepared to speak up. Last year, they tried to get rid of a quite number of us but failed after a nice week action.

"I guess they thought they had a good opportunity to get me a couple of weeks into the strike."

So far the moves have failed. The mass meetings have been insistent that there be no return to work until Ian is reinstated and the writ withdrawn. While the

company has given way on some of the matter in dispute, it hasn't been enough. "Nevertheless, more sheds are being contacted and collections taken at workplaces around Ipswich, as well as in the streets of Ipswich."

After the last mass meeting, a striker commented to the *Battler*, "One of the bosses told us he'd be eating Wet-Bix for Xmas, but if we stick together they'll be eating shit before the dispute is settled."

## STOP PRESS

AFTER a divided vote, the strike at Dinmore is over. A recommendation is widely number of the demands have been met. The firms not of one of the most agreed to, including the determination actions a sack of the delegate, are to Dinmore for some time.



**I.S. supports strike**

of *Battler* strike support leaflets which have been distributed at other meatworkers and jobsites. While contacted meatworkers in other states for support job meetings and public meetings have been organised to explain the strike, contact funds and build cross-union solidarity.

## Parting Shots

With Bill Posters

**CRITICISM** of the British Lions rugby tour of Africa was countered by a recommendation for a return to work in spite of the previous mass meeting and Board of Control decision that there could be no return to work without the sacked delegates.

With little practical support forthcoming from the union officials, the recommendation is widely number of the demands have been met. The firms not of one of the most agreed to, including the determination actions a sack of the delegate, are to Dinmore for some time.

A US government agency has delivered a sabbat punch to Hugh Hefner. It has revealed that the Playboy empire failed to disclose perks provided to Hefner and his mates over the complaint they had to pay up \$900,000.

Perks included free accommodation at Playboy mansions for Hefner and his executives, these relations and their girlfriends. Also a staff of butlers, use of jets, Mercedes and Rolls, and the use of a DC-9 "Bunny" airplane.

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by Michael Nalmsith

No 98 September 20, 1980 20 cents

# Fraser must go, but only...

**THE MOST disappointing thing about the coming federal election is that it is so hard to work up any enthusiasm at all about the Labor Party.**

When you consider that Malcolm Fraser is about the most viciously anti-working class prime minister this country has had since the thirties, it shows how far Labor has sunk.

The Labor Party's meaningless and trivial campaign slogan, "Raise the Standard" is designed to mean all things to all people. Just like Hayden's colorless personal style.



**MARCH AGAINST MALCOLM**  
on October 17  
MELBOURNE 4.15 pm, Treasury Gardens  
SYDNEY 3.00 pm, Belmore Park  
BRISBANE 4.30 pm, King George Square  
ADELAIDE 10.00 am, Oct 11, Parade Ground

It's not just that Bill Hayden is such a boring and insipid leader. For instance, every capitalist opinion poll that has bothered to ask has found that a promise to restore Medibank would be the most effective campaign promise Labor could make.

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# TWO FEELS FOR LABOR

**REMEMBER** poor little M. Miller found out his bones after last night's Communist crack, not faced with present, ah, but the ruling class care of this nation.

Harris is now being happily in a restaurant factory, producing pick shots from a wooden box set in a pit. How does he pay for it?

He promises show by bigger Bill Callan and Graham Kennedy, run a good ranch, with left machinery, advertising firms.

Best of all, he will sacrifice to make saying this one on equal land, in the realm of shell business practice.

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## GOODRICH WORKERS ALL OUT FOR 35

**THE 35 HOUR week campaign got a shot in the arm early last month, when 147 workers at BF Goodrich in Allona (Melbourne) took the fight into their own hands, by striking indefinitely.**

Initially it was a 48 hour stoppage, but when staff scabbed on them they set up a 24-hour picket line.

The picket has been effective. Stopping everything going in and out. All workers are doing picket duty. They are about unemployment benefits the other day. It must be substantially decreasing close to the whole complex to try to crack the workers' solidarity.

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**Medbank's View**

**RAISE THEIR STANDARD?**

AT THE POOL

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↓ NOT WORKERS

proposes to allow American nuclear B52 bombers to operate out of Darwin. Labor is outraged. It would demand to know the reasons for every fight!

With the capitalist system in crisis everywhere, with the working class everywhere under attack, Labor's solutions are worst next to nothing.

Not the slightest conception of breaking from US imperialism, not the slightest hint of fighting Fraser's militarism. In fact, Labor has been agitating for more money for defense. (Despite the fact we "can't afford" to reconstruct Medibank.)

Instead of parliamentary posturing, we need a real fight-back. Instead of Labor's economic handouts, we need to smash the capitalist system itself.

The overall effect of the crisis is that Labor's program has retreated back into the kind of promises the Liberals used to make before Whitlam.

This is happening precisely at the time when workers in this country need a fight back against the bosses, when we need radical solutions to unemployment and the threat of new technologies.

By fighting the bosses is the last thing Labor wants to do. Hayden is committed to reducing "industrial conflict" and "healing divisions". He is promoting himself (with Bob Hawke) as the bloke who can bring the worker and the boss together. Take foreign policy Fraser

them a quiet, acquiescent worker and co-operative unions in a stable society. This is the real importance of Hayden's dealings with the ACTU.

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# NO PUBLICATION FOR THE STRIKES

## THE FOUNDING meeting of the Stop Polish Campaign was held in Sydney on September 3.

The committee was set up to oppose the Sydney speaking tour of Belfast's sectarian bigot the Reverend Ian Paisley in November.

By Mike Grawcock

Paisley's hands are dripping with blood. There is no mark of Ireland in the north of Ireland is to acquire for more slanks against the Catholic population, more slanks against the Republic of Ireland, more slanks against the IRA and an increased Irish military presence.

"Paisley is also vitriolically opposed to any proposal of reform to allow homosexual relationships between consenting adults with his Sex Under from his own campaign."

"While Paisley preaches, republicans everywhere are lying in their own countries in the horrendous of horrors. His own actions in Ireland."

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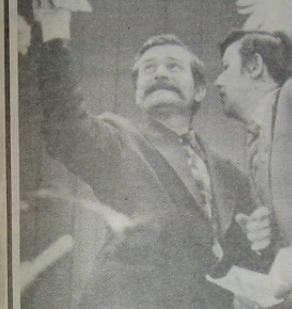
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Officers will be refusing to handle yellowed shipments next year.

At that stage, union action by all major unions will be crucial in putting an end to the W.A.L.M. tour.

The W.A.L.M. tour was a first important step towards ending its political possibility.

By Joanne Watson and John Boyd



LECH WALSA — the Gdansk strike leader brandishes donations from western trade unions. Will he also — Polish trade unions lead in the same trap of collaborating with the system as their western cousins?

## JOIN THE MELBOURNE MOBILISATION AGAINST URANIUM MINING

Friday October 3, 4.30pm, starting at Treasury Gardens, marching down to Collins St. to the end of Swanston St. to meet at the end of Swanston St. to meet at the end of Swanston St.

March with the W.A.L.M. contingent Support Trade Unions in Canberra

SYDNEY MAUM T.L. GROUP "CONDEMNED TO SUCCEED"

7.30 Tea Sep. 11th Foreau St. Trade Union Club, 111 Foreau St. Surry Hills, (Near Central)



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## Gays breaking out of the ghetto

Oska Puglisi reports on the 1980 Gay Conference

not only for gay rights clubs, but for any action that will further their interests as workers, whether it be for a 35-hour work or increased allowances.

The Gay Movement indicated the shift in politics. These workshops were surprisingly well attended.

Emphasis on the need for rank and file organisation in unions dominated most of the talks.

Most lesbians and homosexuals met in workplaces. The conference decided to hold a "Gays and Socialism" seminar in Melbourne next August.

## MARCH BUILT THREAT

The RIGHT to march in Canberra is under threat.

That is the meaning of the outrageous jannings and fines imposed on 14 women who tried to march to the War Memorial last Anzac Day in protest at women raped in war.

Three of the women were sentenced to one month's jail, the other eleven were fined \$200 each to be paid within 14 days. Most are unemployed.

Police claim that marching constituted a "serious breach of the peace". The court who ordered the arrests has had no record on opinion about the Anzac Day march which had been held on the Anzac Day in Canberra since 1945.



"IN THE NAME OF God . . . send in more troops, seal off the border, murder more Republicans."

## UNIONISTS WARM TO WAIM

THE WORKERS Against Uranium Mining organisation has finished its workplace tour of North Queensland — and it has been a great success.

Several Australian Railways Union branches have already passed resolutions of support for the federal policy of implementing uranium bans next year.

We can expect similar resolutions to come from all other A.U. branches on the north coast within the next few months.

Wateride workers and some in Townsville indicated support for the work that W.A.L.M. has done.

Wateride workers have made their position very clear. They don't want to handle yellowcake, but they

seamen in Townsville have no intention of touching the substance.

The W.A.L.M. tour also managed to win support among members of other unions for industrial action to halt the nuclear industry, including the A.T.U., B.W.U. and I.T.U.

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## The best course for nurses . . . militancy

and (sometimes) declassification proceedings.

They claim a 55% success rate in their activities.

But the nurses of Mt Carmel fell into the other 5%.

THE NURSES picked the hospital for 31 days to widen support they organized at letter to the Governor of the state from displaced patients and their relatives.

For two weeks they ran a free blood pressure clinic as a merely shipping note. They distributed leaflets about the strike and the blood measured pressure of over 1500 people.

personal responsibility, the job is basically very demanding physically.

By emphasising professionalism, the union encourages nurses to attend to doctors and administration.

But that they are prevents them from doing what other workers do: impose their conditions. It is no accident that it is nurses' wages in general that are the lowest in the public sector.

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It has a \$20 billion deficit. Western banks have offered to help cover shortfalls and to restructure the debt.

The Polish government has refused to pay the debt. The West German has already refused a \$20 million loan to prop up the Polish economy.

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Compiled from information supplied by George Preston, Australia-East Timor Association, 33 Smith St, Fitzroy 3065.

**THIS YEAR'S** war monger's budget saw massive incursions into the real wages of Australian workers — not so military aid to Indonesia. Our backing for the Indonesian military regime went up 23% this year — \$11.9 million in war machines.

We're footing the bill for mapping and survey work, a Nomad plane (the 19th so far) and maintenance of C130 aircraft. Fraser is playing his part in keeping the workers and peasants of Indonesia and East Timor safely under the jack boot.

In 1975 Indonesia invaded East Timor. In the years of resistance which have followed, possibly as many as 200,000 (a third of the population) have been killed — either directly or through the starvation which is part of Indonesian military strategy.

Five years later — the war continues. How would the Indonesian armed forces have bombed and strafed villages or defoliated crops without US-supplied helicopters and counter-insurgency aircraft and without US-supplied bombs, bullets and chemicals? How would it have been possible to maintain the blockade around East Timor without the resources made available by the Australian government's provision of maritime surveillance capability in the form of Nomad aircraft and Patrol boats?

#### trained

Since 1970 over 1200 Indonesian officers have been trained in Australia in such topics as interrogation techniques and jungle warfare. Others have trained in equipment supplied chiefly for this purpose — Sioux helicopters and Dakota aircraft. Most of those trained will have been posted to Timor for at least a two or three month tour of duty.

Other equipment such as communication and vehicle repair workshops have obvious applications to the Timor war.

Subanto's decimation of the Timorese is not so different from his treatment of the Indonesian workers' movement.

Subanto came to power in a military takeover in 1965. Over the next few months over half a million innocent people were slaughtered for alleged communist involvement or leftist sympathies. Many of these were trade unionists and teachers.

After the takeover, more than a quarter of a million were thrown into prisons and concentration camps. Over 100,000 were held for more than ten years. Less than 1000 were tried.

**Suharto slaughtered half a million Indonesians**

# Austrian taxes oil the Indonesian military machine and its . . .

# AUSTRO



DID WHITLAM meet Suharto in September, 1974 — East Timor?

Western powers as military aid or arms sale. Most of the population lives in extreme poverty. Suharto and the corrupt ruling clique live in luxury.

How had we wages and living conditions in Indonesia?

Most Indonesian workers earn less than \$A10 per week. A 1978 survey in East Java found that for 93% of workers their income was not enough to meet their basic physical needs.

- Employment and under-employment are very high. Many Indonesians are forced to live in shanty towns around the major cities and subsist through petty trading and occasional employment.
- Health care, sanitation and education are completely inadequate. Each year 600,000 children die before their first birthday. 100 million people drink unsafe water. 30 million adults are illiterate.

Suharto uses the military to maintain and extend the wealth and privilege of the ruling class. This group consists of a share of the profits extracted from Indonesian workers. This happens not only through graft and corruption but also through "joint ventures".

In return for enforcing low wages by military power, the Indonesian elite are permitted to be business partners in the resulting super-profitable schemes of transnational corporations which invest in Indonesia.

Rates of return for US subsidiaries

| Year | in Indonesia | 62.6% |
|------|--------------|-------|
| 1971 | 153.0%       |       |
| 1974 | 58.0%        |       |
| 1975 | 27.5%        |       |
| 1976 | 56.2%        |       |
| 1977 |              |       |

Such ruthless exploitation can only be achieved through equally ruthless repression. Trade unions must be smashed, the press controlled, and dissidents thrown in jail.

And guess who else profits . . . Several hundred Austrian companies have investments in Indonesia. Of the top 11 Austrian companies by market value at least 7 have interests in Indonesia.

The Austria-Indonesia Business Co-operation Committee (AIBCC) has made "strong representations" to the Australian government that the integration of East Timor into Indonesia was "in the best interests of both Indonesian and regional security" and that "further severance of East Timor would do incalculable damage to Australia's business, trade and strategic interests".

In a telegram to the Whitlam government in November 1973 after the death of five Australian journalists in East Timor and before the full scale Indonesian invasion — the AIBCC urged the government to "show regard for the strong commercial and investment links existing between Australia and Indonesia as well as the fact that future cordial relations must be built". The telegram went on to urge the government to avoid prejudicing Australia-Indonesia relations.

Australian Military Aid to Indonesia (\$A million)

| Period  | (\$A million) |
|---------|---------------|
| 1972-73 | 3.5           |
| 1973-74 | 5.1           |
| 1974-75 | 5.5           |
| 1975-76 | 6.2           |
| 1976-77 | 6.6           |
| 1977-78 | 7.2           |
| 1978-79 | 7.9           |
| 1979-80 | 11.9          |
| 1980-81 | 12.8          |
| Total   | 65.8          |

- The government has set up its own "unions" as a means of controlling workers.
- Strikes are banned in "essential" (i.e. all industries).
- Strikes which do occur are broken up by the military or police.
- The participants are often beaten up and gaoled.

The military remains in power because they have the guns. They are being supplied by

## Land Rovers for Takeovers

250 LAND ROVERS are to be given to the Indonesian Army as part of the Australian Government's military defence co-operation programme. The gift, which includes spare parts, is expected to cost \$3.7 million.

The vehicles will be manufactured at the Leyland Motors Australia Leyland Truck Factory at 34 Congreve Road, Enfield (phone: 01) 642 0381). Deliveries, according to Defence Minister Kilroy's announcement of June 12, 1980, were expected to begin in a "few months".

The Land Rover is by no means the latest piece of military equipment. It is never heavily armed and by itself cannot cause widespread death or destruction. Yet Land Rovers or similar vehicles are an integral part of almost every modern army. They are useful because of their performance and mobility. They can cover a wide variety of terrain from rugged bushland (as in East Timor) to formed roads (as in Indonesian cities and countryside). They are transportable by helicopter and can be equipped with communications equipment and light weapons such as machine guns, grenade launchers, recoilless rifles and anti-tank missile launchers.

The roles of the Land Rover range from use as reconnaissance and communication vehicles to road transport vehicles for troops and light weapons.

In Indonesia they will be quite useful in fighting guerrillas and opposition guerrilla movements and in quickly intervening in strikes and demonstrations which may pose a threat to the Suharto military regime.

In East Timor their ability to move rapidly over rough terrain will enable them to be used as a cheap and effective means of patrolling towns and roads and pursuing guerrillas, by their role as reconnaissance vehicles the Land Rovers may be useful in directing bombing of suspected Fretilin positions.

It may well be the case that the Land Rovers will not be used in East Timor but, as with all other Australian military aid, this fact is not of great significance. The aid merely replaces other equipment which is used in East Timor.



## What can we do?

AUSTRALIAN military aid to Indonesia will be used to fight the war in East Timor and to continue the repression in Indonesia which is necessary to squeeze huge profits out of the Indonesian people.

In fact, by keeping the Generals in power, it helps ensure that Indonesians won't have their needs met. Throughout the world forms are engaged in a desperate struggle for markets and profits. In each country the employing class is attempting to bolster its competitive position by lowering the cost of production through cutbacks in social services and workers' real wages.

In Australia we have seen the destruction of Medicare, introduction of partial industrial cutbacks in education, increased indirect tax, attacks on unions through the IRB and essential services acts, while the profits of the employing class have risen and they have been granted bigger tax concessions and subsidies.

At the same time the Australian government has supplied military aid to Indonesia to guarantee the "stability" (i.e. repression) necessary for highly profitable investment by Australian firms.

If you are in a relevant union, raise the question of preventing the Land Rovers or any other military aid from reaching Indonesia.

Organise support in your union. A.P.P. branches, workplaces, neighbourhoods, for any action taken by yourselves.

It is Australian workers who are being asked to build, transport, load and ship Land Rovers, Nomad aircraft and other items of military aid for the Indonesian Generals. Australian workers are paying for these gifts through their taxes.

And if a Australian workers who can stop military aid by MASS ACTION in the form of demonstrations and pickets in conjunction with UNION ZANS on the production, equipping, transport, loading and shipping of arms to Indonesia.

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above left: INDONESIAN paratroopers on Dili beach, Timor, August, 1975.

above right: A FRETELIN casualty, Bilegarete, Timor, September, 1975.

below: FRETELIN LEADERS at Dili airport, 1975. (l to r) Mari Alkatiri, Minister for Political Affairs, Ross Bonaparte, murdered secretary of the Popular Organisation of Timorese Women, Prime Minister Nicolau Lobato and murdered Central Committee member, Gesar Correia.



# LAB'S 'GUY' FAWKES

GUY FAWKES was the only person to enter parliament with honest intentions. That's a clever lie, but far from true. More than one sincere socialist has managed to get elected in the course of time. It's just that their honest intentions haven't got them very far.

The story established by the ALP lies in that it has the same beliefs as shared by people calling themselves Communists.

The suspicion is that he was used for other uses than the democratic republic, as

# By Tom O'Lincoln

... than in the socialist. The working class cannot simply buy itself of the state machinery. It has to smash it. That was the conclusion Karl Marx drew from the Paris Commune. It applies just as well to the state in Australia today.

For a time, there has been a little real power in parliament at all. And the power that parliament has is by courtesy of the bosses who control the economy and the political chiefs and generals who control the guns.

The structure of parliament itself is rigged against the socialist. Radical-minded MPs, an individual socialist, or a group, are hit by rule, and traditions



KERR and Whitlam in the days of wine and roses ... pity the grapes of wrath withered on the vine.

# There's more to "Mash" than meets the eye

A bit surprising, coming from Hollywood, but I suppose the producers must be laughing all the way to the bank.

Over the years, MASH has progressed from being just another, if more taken with a whole series of social issues and puts a strong point of view about them.

which had Hawkeye conformed with being a social issue. Women as sex objects and unable to cope with a woman who was both attractive and better than him in his field.

The most recent episode I saw dealt with the problems of homosexuals in the army. A young hero of a soldier (reminiscently "normal" looking) got a breast exp. by his arm when he discovered his orientation.

Most consistently, it takes up the issue of racism. This is largely done by the involvement of Alan Alda. As well as playing the main character of Hawkeye Pierce (and doing, like the previous series, "MASH") and writes and directs a fair percentage of the script.

He has obviously had a lot to do with the development of the characters, including his own. He wrote one episode.

by Tess Lee Ack

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# Plenty of answers — but no solutions

"In Our Own Hands — A woman's health manual" by Bon Hull, reviewed here by Janey Stone, provides ...



## WOMEN'S BODILY functions, from pre-period through childbirth to change of life, are controlled by myths and superstitions.

With the growth of the Women's Liberation Movement through the world, many women tried to learn more about their own bodies.

If it is in response to this new interest that Bon Hull writes her book, *In Our Own Hands*, (Hound House, Melbourne), then it is a woman's liberationist to give straight-forward facts information on a range of aspects of the female anatomy.

Some of the sections are very useful and can be highly recommended. The chapter on birth control is particularly good as it discusses all major methods of contraception, including condoms and withdrawal.

She explains all medical terms clearly, I suspect that even women who consider themselves sophisticated and knowledgeable could learn from the chapter.

**pregnancy**

Similarly, the practical information on when to get pregnant tests and what to expect when an abortion is given to the "but And it's a big one.

Several of the sections are quite inadequate when discussing topics such as childbirth and vaginal infections. Bon includes information on a "but alternative" methods that she gives without any of

**CHILD BIRTH** in hospital can be an unpleasant, impersonal experience. But the solution is to socialize health care, not to return to home births. ...



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But perhaps the most serious conflict lies in the concept of "health manual" ...

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# DARWIN'S THEORY

FIRST A TRUE tale. A comrade who spent last year in the United States, and who was for a while in the coalfields of West Virginia, told me this:

A left-wing socialist miner said to him: *Round here everyone hates Blue Diamond (the coal company) but you can't get them to accept the idea of evolution.*

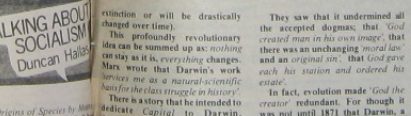
*"You mean evolution,"* said our even more fundamentalist sect-comrade. *"Hell, no!"* was the answer. *"Here is the exception that proves the rule."*

In Australia, Christian fundamentalists, particularly people like Ron Joyner and their ilk in the pickets lines, are also hardbells. They're also pushing to reintroduce the theory of creation. They claim that the biblical explanation of creation as a valid theory as Darwin's, and should be taught alongside the theory of evolution.

Aside from the fact that the special creation theory is totally unscientific, its political implications are extremely reactionary.

A belief in the creation myth leads directly to a belief that all change is against the law of God. The attempt to re-establish that belief as parent of the right-wing backlash against the working class.

Darwin's theory of evolution was first published, under the dry title of



BERNADETTE Devlin went to Westminster to discredit the parliamentary club

**TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM** Duncan Halliday

... extinction or will be drastically changed over time. This profoundly revolutionary idea can be summed up as *nothing changes as it is, everything changes.*

Mary wrote that Darwin's work forces me as a natural scientist to have the class struggle in history's dedicate Capital to Darwin. Apparently, it is untrue, but the fact that she widely believed amongst the marxists of the second generation gave some idea of the tremendous impact Darwin's thought made in its own time.

**controversy**

It stirred up the most violent controversy, it is instructive to look at the nature of that which would be believed amongst the marxists of the second generation that we not only interested in whether or not insects had evolved from worms or birds and mammals from reptiles.

They had a gut reaction against that belief because they understood, instinctively or not, its social implications.



# HEAR THE SACKED DELEGATE

**THE DECISION on the future of the sacked Dinmore delegate (Ian Rintoul) will be held for another two weeks while the Commission considers the evidence. Meanwhile, lan is to be employed at the Ipswich Meatworks each day as a casual in the boning room.**

While a couple of major items — daily rotation for the packers and an agreement over saving the bricks and method of boning — were established during the strike, other items including slicers' mats and netting procedures are to be arbitrated.

## By an AMIEU member.

Things have been far from quiet since the return to work though, and there has already been some turmoil over the company's decision to sack people who would be allowed the Commission hearings to supervise the proceedings and to issue support.

To add insult to injury, the company has attempted to employ some people who would be sack most during the strike.

There is no doubt the official union recommendation to support work was a bitter blow to the determination of Dinmore employees to carry on the fight, and has left the company knowing about the decision to industrialise at Dinmore.

Had the officials been prepared to throw their

## support

weight behind the strike, and organise solidarity and support action, the results would have been vastly different.

Some STGE workers have also sent indications condemning the sacking of the delegates and offering full moral support. As it was, Dinmore workers were left to fight on their own devices to their own detriment. In fact, collection at Bonnah of other workers provide weekly the pasted into published issues of the strike.

Some valuable links have been known, but the company can't be remembered for the

## THE GRASS

### Redfern bosses' offensive

**THE CRUNCH** has come for postal workers at Sydney's Redfern Mail Exchange. Management is pressing ahead with drastic changes from early October.

The changes will mean a major increase in late shifts and a severe reduction in early penalty shifts. We will see even less of our families and friends than we do now. Our take home pay will be reduced and many people with family commitments will be forced to go to work.

As if that isn't enough, the boards want to do away without job rosters and wage all floor agreement.

We have to stop them and we have the power to do so. At our next 24 hour stoppage to allow all mail officers to meet and plan to show the Commission we mean business.

Box 5 of the APTU state executive, which dominated the rights meeting of Kanan and Pookoon, won't tell the stoppage then we will have to start the fight ourselves.

### ACOA won't wage campaign

**THE ACOA** Federal Executives last week called mass meetings in several states to endorse its strategy for giving up our wage claim.

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### ban

A total ban on overtime by metropolitan mail officers would bring the system to its knees within a fortnight and would put Australian Post under immense pressure in the current recession.

Over the ban we have to approach our fellow members in the country centre for support and we will add their demands to the ban.

The current legislation for these positions on the APTU State Executive is in

opportunity to reduce the dominance of the gangster-right. Three genuine trade unions are standing against the new device called the Corn Crib (a portmanteau). They should be supported.

But instead these and others like them is not advertised mass meetings to organise strike action in the PSB don't come up with an offer around the ten percent mail services.

In Sydney, even though the amendment was narrowly lost, ACOA members should be prepared to keep fighting.

In Melbourne, we are encouraged members of the ACOA saw former Reform Group supporter and current secretary David Bain more uncritically the Federal Executive selected.

He was strongly opposed by the Reform Group supporters from the floor, who pointed out the weakness of leaving the claim with the Court. The only gain that had been made in the campaign, they said, had been made through industrial action.

The Reform Group's amendment was strongly supported, but lost narrowly by just 146 votes to just over 200.

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**refused**

Management has consistently refused to apply for adequate staffing increases to the Public Service Commission. It is simply carrying out its duty to apply industrial action policy in forcing down public sector employment levels, though classed as a derogatory bid to avert industrial action in the CES. Management announced they were transferring desks from Regional offices to the central office in the CES by 19 September.

A meeting of outraged Regional office clerks in NSW passed motions denouncing the transfer of staff to CES offices as an unwarranted and unjustified personnel decision.

They banned any work transfer support for the staff imposed over the staffing claim.

By Di Minnis, Chairperson, ACOA Employment Section Committee.

### CES staffing slashed

**DOLE OFFICERS** at members of the ACOA have imposed bans in NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia in outrage at excessive staffing cuts in the CES. In NSW 24 jobs in the Government Employees are to be slashed by

December as an employment continues to rise.

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**THE SPEECHES** of all the Liquor Trading officials at our second mass meeting at Lang Park Brisbane were "naik in the coffin" of the brewery workers' lot of claims.

At least two militants were deliberately not informed of a delegates' meeting before the mass meeting which recommended acceptance of the bosses' offer.

If those two delegates had known about the meeting, the delegates' recommendation would have been to

reject the offer which even the officials called "lousy".

But we voted to accept a package of \$1.50 in allowances, and a plan not to put forward any more claims (two years!).

The bosses must be laughing. Castlemaine's profits last year up \$12m and Carlton's a mere \$23.5m.

A monthly newsletter is about to be introduced in the breweries as well as a monthly newsletter to circulate information.

By Phil Perrier, F117.

**Tenure teaching strike**

The third term of the Victorian school year is under way. The VSTA has decided not to put up with this situation.

We will be circulating letters to our schools explaining that we strongly support the fight against limited tenure teaching and that all members will be striking when industrial action is taken in our region.

We understand our students' interests.

We must stick together and be forced to work on strike

everyone is aiming to get a reasonable report. Striking can jeopardise this.

One student said, "I am doing my practical teaching at a technical school. This form of strike situation arises, he will put me under a lot of pressure to start up a school, but I am extremely not going to do so."

By Alison Thomas, Latrobe Utd. VSTA.

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## Don't run the sacred sites call!

**Dear Battler,**

In writing this for you in 21 August the Battler, I am sure you will be interested in the following article by Chris Cragg. He is a Aboriginal rights activist who has been active in the past few weeks in the protection of the sacred sites of the Noongah area.

Some valuable links have been known, but the company can't be remembered for the

## Dear Battlers,

can't recognize, for example, the sacred sites of the Noongah area. Some valuable links have been known, but the company can't be remembered for the

**NOONKANAB** — the sac conroy runs a picket line at Karratha. Was the Battler wrong to criticize the emphasis on the "sacred sites" argument as an appeal to middle-class Christian support?

Needless to say, those ceremonial links were one-sided. The Europeans settlers the ceremony disrupted by the performance by elders, who revealed the secret rituals used to allow relations to be distinguished from one another.

When Stewart Watt, the Labor spokesman at the Aboriginal Affairs visit to Noonkanah, some of the secrets were told at a meeting which excluded all Aboriginal people and children and most of the time it was indicative of the white ethnobotany and racial arrogance of many white Australians that year.

So far from being a chapter of blind intolerance, as your article stated, it was a step towards the recognition of sacred sites, an expression of racial pride and a demand for national self-determination.

This demand is not concerned about what is being done in the past. It is a demand that a mining of the past be done in the present. It is a demand that a mining of the past be done in the present. It is a demand that a mining of the past be done in the present.

new degradation took place. The Battler had a policy of avoiding re-embarrassing officials. Sometimes ending a story with a slogan is far more effective.

The Battler's industrial relations policy for this issue was any example, on the new device called the Corn Crib (a portmanteau). They should be supported.

## Tragic endings

I repeat below the concluding paragraphs of the first article which I read in Battler 96 (21 August). Presumably they are the most important items covered (though on Page 1 I did not mention the most attention of readers).

1. I do not wish to see the Budget ended. And we will have more of the same reasons to get off the ground.

2. On the Polish strike: We hope that the men who speak a "sona" at the end of the Battler's (Gerrard) will be a step towards the Reform Group's offer to stop garbage and present a copy paper.

3. On Vietnamese migrant workers active in the AMU struggle in Melbourne: "Alze AMU, we hope that the rest of the left will find the lesson

Tony Roberts, Melbourne.

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## CAR UNIONS STEERED DOWN A BLIND ALLEY

**ONCE AGAIN, car industry union officials have had the chance to organise in defence of jobs — and stuffed it!**

The occasion was a union strategy meeting on September 9. A vital meeting, when you consider how GMH's closure of Pagewood went virtually unnoticed.

But the major unions couldn't even agree to work together on the extra work. The government research project (the meeting).

Predictably, the outcome of the meeting was a damp squib. Motion was passed contracting out a research study, calling on the government to place moratorium on any export development schemes.

The problem of the meeting arose because the union officials involved aren't prepared to look beyond their own interests. This has led them to identify with the bosses who are the highest proportion of their union's membership.

So the Vehicle Builders Union (VBU) forever export — where car factories involved aren't prepared to support some export components that will be big for the industry.

As a result of the meeting, the VBU and GMH. They've just been through a seven week strike over the same issue.

For the carmen workers' struggle to really be effective it needs support from the other workers inside

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## Canteen cuts leave a sour taste

**'MOST OF US** are frightened to have a day off. We know our workmates will be landed with the extra work.

This is the end result of staff cut-backs. And it's why most canteen workers at Commonwealth Ordnance and Munitions factories in Melbourne are out on strike.

The canteens are run by Commonwealth Ordnance and Munitions workers. For some time now they've been cutting back on staff. The canteen workers decided they had had enough.

On September 11, the workers went out on strike and set up a picket line outside the Ordnance factory.

"It's not that they're actually doing anything," one strikers said. "It's just that if anyone leaves they're not replaced. One girl said that the work's got to stop, she's afraid to go in."

A delegation from the canteen workers at the Naval Ordnance factory is also on strike.

Dockyards visited the picket line to offer support. They've just been through a seven week strike over the same issue.

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GARBOS try to convince a solid citizen not to scab on their strike by dumping at council tips which were all either picketed or closed.

The MEU garbos go back to . . .

# THE STRIKE OF A SELL-OUT

By David Lockwood

MELBOURNE'S GARBAGE WORKERS have returned to work, in what one of them described as "the most blatant sell-out I've ever seen".

A mass meeting of the Municipal Employees Union (MEU) voted to end the sixteen day strike — despite the fact that for those sixteen days, the MEU rank and file stood up to the Victorian state government, the Trades Hall bureaucrats and finally, the officials of the Transport Workers Union.

And despite the fact officials used to outbribe that the strike was winning.

The garbage workers wanted to fight but they were not voted by other MEU members — not on strike — who the union collection — tenders which

the workers knew from past experience meant less jobs and more work.

"Pickers were set up at garbage tips all round Melbourne to prevent the strike being weakened by the disposal of domestic garbage."

MEU officials — whose role in fighting contractors has been less than pathetic — first tried to sell out the strike at a mass meeting on September 5.

"They won't sell out without agreement they've reached in the boss' court", Rhonda Pryor of the MEU Rank and File Group told the

workers. "Which indicates it's probably a sell-out. But the blokes won't see it."

Assistant Secretary Paul Slape, reported that it

involved a return to work, on the condition that Waverley Council would not discuss contract garbage collection again until January 5.

Gary Fletcher, shop steward at Waverley, told the meeting:

"We can't give up at Waverley. If we go back now we'll be regarded here as having sold out."

When the vote came, not one vote was cast to return to work.

Over one hundred garbage workers then decided to mass picket the tip at Springvale Waverley.

Assistant Premier Thompson instructed police to keep the government could bring troops in, under the Essential Services Act. "We're not strong enough to fight on our own" he whined.

Which is true. But if the government did use the Act against the garbage workers they could expect support from workers throughout Victoria — after all, it's about time somebody started a fight against that obnoxious legislation.

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It wasn't forthcoming, so the vote returned to a vote that all MEU members, not just the garbage workers — was decisive.

The crux of the agreement was that in future, when Councils intended to go for contract work, they would have to give the workers affected three months' notice — three months to find another job.

On this basis, Assistant Secretary Paul Slape recommended a return to work everywhere except Waverley — where the Council won't even accept this lousy deal.

Slape warned the workers of the "health hazard" presented by the piles of rotting garbage. He said that the government could bring troops in, under the Essential Services Act. "We're not strong enough to fight on our own" he whined.

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ONE INTERESTING sidelight to the recent Polish strike was the revelations about the lifestyles of the Polish ruling class. Marek Szczepanski, a close associate of ex-President Gierk and the former head of Polish Radio and Television, amassed a vast fortune by siphoning off government funds. He owned, among other things 10 mansions, one furnished with a million dollars worth of antiques, a 40-acre sheep farm, a five-room villa with a glass roofed swimming pool and four black prostitutes in attendance. He was, of course, tax evading, and was, as a result, appointed judge, a palace with 19 terraces and over 100 pornographic video tapes.

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STERLING is responsible, that's Bill Hayden. "I want to let the economy get out of hand" he told an audience in Orange recently.

Comment on massive capital flight. The role of the Australian dollar as the public sector's No. 1 enemy.

There'd be some bones to pick.

## Productivity swindle short circuited

AFTER THREE days' defiance of Rijkman Groenewegen's Essential Services Act earlier this week, Queensland's power workers were confident they had at least won a 3 1/4 hour week.

A tripartite Committee made up of the government, the Electricity Board and union reps was established to discuss the implementation of the shorter hours with a view to sorting out the 700 anomalies that existed in existing conditions across the industry.

What they didn't know was that the union officials on the committee had agreed to no less than 17 changes attached to the introduction of the shorter hours.

At Collingville, a couple of officials handed a copy of the agreement in hand and informed the workers that along with other workplaces throughout the industry they were expected to arrive at a "broad outline of Agreement" around the 17 points.

Now Collingville power workers are on strike because they have not even been consulted by the officials and in protest at the agreement that is a total short of a swindle.

The 17 points are all designed to alter work practices and to ensure productivity increases. Even the 17 points are not going to be the same as the 17 points that were promised in the copy negotiations of the Tripartite Committee.



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# Hayden won't defend us

WE WANT to see Labor get in on October 18. The trouble is, there's precious little that electing Bill Hayden will achieve, other than sending Malcolm Fraser back to his farm.

Look at the Liberals. Labor is a party based on the unions that alone makes it worthy of a vote. But Bill Hayden is doing his best to turn against his working-class base, to separate himself with the bosses.

He's already written off the 35 hour week, full indexation, restoration of Medibank, and opposition to a US base in Darwin. And that's before he's been elected.

The mad truth is that over the last five years, Labor has



# Fraser's got to go

MALCOLM FRASER. As arrogant as Robert Menzies, as two-faced as Richard Nixon, as hated as Billy 'The Rat' Hughes, Only Britain's Mad Axiom, Margaret Thatcher, matches him amongst Western prime ministers for sheer, overt anti-working class bigotry-mindedness.

"Only under a Liberal National Country Party government will there be jobs (for all who want to work)." So said Fraser in November 1975.

Today, the Liberals have doubled unemployment to 430,000 — cut real wages 20% — raised taxes on wage-earners 22% while allowing company taxes to fall 7% in real

terms. "We will maintain Medibank," lied Fraser in November 1975. The first step in its destruction took place less than 200 days later, and now it is gone. Since then, we've also had the 1978 Harrier Budget, freezes on hospital and public services, and reductions in real terms of pensions and unemployment benefits.

Reelecting Fraser will only mean another three years of union-busting, of Nookanbaba, of uranium mining. We owe Malcolm Fraser a bill of a hundred for the agony he has inflicted on us. On October 18, he ought to be sent packing from the job he never should have got in the first place.

Like the Liberals, Labor has no solution to the capitalist economic crisis. It may link with the system a little — try a job creation scheme if it doesn't cost too much — but that's about all.

We believe Bill Hayden wins or loses on October 18, we'll still be on our own when it comes to fighting the bosses.

# Raise the RED a tentative!

THERE IS an alternative to the infamy of Malcolm Fraser and the cowardice of Labor. The RED alternative — the alternative of socialist revolution.

Over the last ten years, in contrast to the moribund major parties, the revolutionary left has been growing in Australia. It's been growing for a simple reason — working class people are increasingly fed up with the fraud of parliament, as it dances to whatever tune the bosses pipe up with.

We are still small — but we offer the hope of the future: a future where workers run the factories and the country themselves — to serve human needs rather than the interests of a tiny profiteering minority.

And revolutionary socialists don't just sit around talking about the future — or the next election, like Labor does. We believe in fighting the bosses now, every day — in strikes, in residents' struggles, in the struggles of blacks, women, gays and the unemployed. Beyond the petty name-calling, the lies and evasions, the false solutions of this election, there is the real alternative, the socialist alternative.

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# Why IRAQ: Both sides are wrong!

**THE SCENARIO of the war between Iran and Iraq is depressingly familiar.**

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### conflict

Iran and Iraq have a long history of border conflict. Most of the problems centre around the most of both countries to export their oil and the quickest, most profitable way to do it.

The Shah of Iran seized the Shatt-el-Arab waterway in 1976, and called Iraq to renounce Iraq's right to the waterway. Iraq refused to do so, and the Shah ordered the Iraqis to abandon the 1975 treaty and cut off all oil exports to Iraq.

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A new situation came about with the overthrow of the Shah. For one thing, the Ayatollah began calling on the Iraqis to overthrow their government.

For another, the Iranian armed forces, decimated by revolution and purge and deprived of American spare parts, were considerably weakened.

This presented an opportunity for the Iraqis to get back what they had given up in 1975. Border clashes began again.

Fighting started on September 4, and the Iraqis quickly abandoned the 1975 treaty and cut off all oil exports to Iraq.

September 23, it invaded Iraq, claiming to take over a substantial part of Iraq's oil-producing territory.

### The Kurds were sacrificed for the 1975 deal

In a recent article in the New York Times, the author wrote that Iraq had admitted that it had ceased to operate. Hundreds of Iranian prisoners have been taken.

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### MALCOLM FRASER has got to go on October 18.

Five years of his government have ravaged the Australian working class. More than that, they have proved that Fraser's own boss class is completely bankrupt when it comes to solving the capitalist economic crisis.

The tragedy is that Fraser has done so entirely by using the rules that Labor had down for the election.

By Alec Kahn

Because it was Labor that won the previous election, the Liberals have now completed a double for months before commencing its, instead of making gains, by using the rules that Labor had down for the election.

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### Sideways galore in the parliamentary circus

AS WELL as the circus provided by the major parties, voters will have numerous sideshows to amuse them in the coming Federal election.

Most significant by far — in terms of votes — are the Australian Democrats, led by trendy Don Chipp.

Fraser as the idealist, 'red face' in Australian politics. Chipp has managed to build himself a reputation as a balance to keep his horse seat — and possibly even grab the reins of power in a close election.

The trouble with Chipp's 'idealism' is that it is paper-thin. Take, for example, the multi-wanted members of the Democratic Party who have been allowed to remain in the party — while Australian Democrats may have

### SO HOW WILL THEY FIGHT FRASER?

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# Fallen strikes for equal pay!

## \$2 a day!

**PRISONERS at Melbourne's Fairlea women's jail have struck for higher pay.**

The inmates went out when the center prices went up. When you get \$1 a day for slaving in the kitchen, laundry and garden, any rise in the price of "luxuries" means hardship.

When they are asking for a \$2 a day — the same as prisoners at Pentridge.

Some call the boss strike and has taken inductively, resulting in taking away the strikers so called "privileged" the right to have private apartments visited from Sunday, 11 September to Sunday 18 September. If you support the strikers, you trade in a black at Montrose. He turned time in the Jenkins center. He is a member of the center. Women behind bars through Women's Liberation Switzerland 328 825.

If you are interested in organizing to improve conditions at Pentridge, contact Women Behind Bars through Women's Liberation Switzerland 328 825.

**MOBILIZE AGAINST FRASER ON OCTOBER 17**

MELBOURNE 4.15 pm, Treasury Gardens.  
 BRISBANE 4.30 pm, King George Square.  
 ADELAIDE 10.00 am, 221 1/2 Parade Ground.  
 CANTERBURY 12.00 pm, Gunga Park.

and march with revolutionaries — the International Socialists

# SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN AUSTRALIAN ISSUE



**THE WORKING Women's Centre in Melbourne has started a national campaign against sexual harassment in the workplace.**

The aim of the campaign is to get clauses put into awards to protect workers from being sexually harassed at work.

Sexual harassment ranges from constant hints and overtures to overt advances and sexual intercourse. The worst case reported to the Centre was that of a woman raped at night by her boss when he was driving her home after overtime.

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**THE VBEF (Vehicle Builders and the ACMA (Government Clerks Union) have agreed to take up the issue of sexual harassment, through women workers which only they can defend against, without militant action whenever a woman supervisor or boss tries to use his "position" of authority, belittle or harass a woman worker sexually.**

By Kay Norris

# THE 'DEMASSIFIED' GUARDIAN

**A COUPLE of issues back we wrote how Harvey Voke was sacked as editor of Sydney's Newtown Guardian.**

Now the Guardian has gone from bad to worse. They've taken on racial hatred. Frank Browne as their columnist. Browne is the editor of the fascist National Alliance magazine, Eureka. A task he undertook after returning from duty as a missionary for Ian Smith in Zimbabwe.

**upset**

The victory in Zimbabwe upset poor old Frank — I tried to win the Rhodesian war for Smith. I could have fought five times the size of the Rhodesian army.

**labor swings Sydney councils**

The LOCAL government elections in NSW have produced a swing to Labor.

The most dramatic example came in Drumoyne where the ALP picked up an extra seven percent.

**Out of the Rodes and into the streets**

These elections were an important test for Labor's popularity after the Biko ban. What they've shown is that despite the extensive revelations about corruption in NSW, the ALP has made the inner city branches, and even the possibility of a permit to march to join up with the Anti-Racist rally on October 17.

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# WORKERS' P

## Pushing it in the lucky country

**WITH NABARLEK mined out and work under way at Ranger, Australia is about to move into a new era of involvement in the whole nuclear cycle.**

The South Australian government is investigating the possibility of an enrichment plant, and Job Bjelke-Petersen has said Northern Queenslanders will get an enrichment plant "whether they like it or not".

Charles Court has set 1985 as the nuclear deadline for West Australia. He has announced likely sites close to Perth for future nuclear power plants.

The Victorian government is less open about its plans. But research by a group called Community Energy Network shows that Victoria is heading relentlessly towards a nuclear future.

In November 1978, the State Minister for Minerals and Energy replied to a question on notice: "Nuclear energy is likely to be the main alternative to brown coal for electricity production in the 1990s and beyond, depending on the extent to which brown coal is devoted to the production of gas and liquid fuels for transport and heating."

Australia, Sir Arvi Parbo, is also the chief executive of Western Mining Corporation, which has huge stakes in uranium mining in Australia.

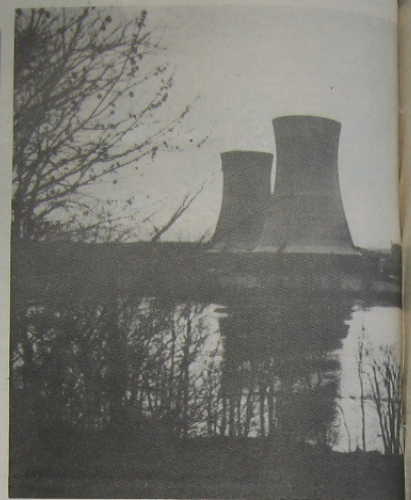
Parbo said in November 1978 "It is simply up to us to make any energy source that we can spare available to those who need it".

Other states are competing for aluminium smelters. The huge amounts of energy they use could lock Australia into nuclear power before we realise what is happening.

It all fits very nicely if — like Arvi Parbo — you happen to be ripping off profits from both uranium mining and aluminium smelting.

Governments will pay market prices for uranium, but the aluminium companies pay a fraction of the cost for electricity produced.

The anti-nuclear movement in Australia, while fighting to stop uranium mining and the development of nuclear power plants, must also oppose the construction of aluminium plants. This has already begun in Victoria.



**THE THREE MILE ISLAND plant near Harrisburg, scene, last year, of the peace-time history. Due to the extent of the contamination, it's now million a life expectancy of under 40 years and may become the**

## How to stop uranium mining

**WHEN BOB Hawke told last year's ACTU Congress that we couldn't afford another Newport, it was his sarcastic way of throwing out a challenge to the anti-uranium movement.**

But firm steps have now been taken to implement the policy to ban uranium mining adopted at that Congress.

The Railways Union (ARU) has said it will not handle yellow cake from the beginning of next year.

Station Officers in Queensland are holding a referendum on the issue.

And the Electrical Trades Union (ETU) has told its

members to leave the uranium mines or face expulsion from the union.

Wharfies in Darwin have taken a lead and said they won't handle any yellowcake from the Nabarlek mine which is expected to be moved through there.

Wharfies in other cities have said they won't touch yellowcake moved by seabs. The anti-uranium movement must get behind these bans and build support for them.

If telecommunications and postal bans were imposed on mining companies, together with bans on all manufacture or transport of goods to or from the mines, we could stop the nuclear industry getting off the ground.

top down will not get the rank and file involved. And, after all, it is the rank and file who will have to implement the bans.

Without strong organisation amongst workers on the job, the movement will be powerless if "left" officials decide to "compromise".

The officials will more when they feel the pressure from their members.

In 1977 and 1978, the Movement was at its most militant — and its strongest. The determined pickets at the wharves in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne showed that even small groups of people could attract much interest in the issue and could cost shipping companies huge amounts of money, making transport of yellowcake unattractive.

Militant actions, such as occupation of mining offices and pickets at wharves when yellowcake leaves the country, should once again be part of the campaign.

Nuclear power is imminent in Australia. Considering our links with the American war machine, activists cannot afford to wait for union officials or a Labor government.

Union bans must be imposed as soon as possible. With workers' power, we can stop uranium mining and with it, all moves to nuclear power.

## Politics

**IN ORDER to use nuclear some degree of immunity around the world has monstrous security legisla-**

They claim that the highly involved must be safeguarded from

This is rather touching, especially coming from governments like the US and Britain — perpetrators of countless terrorist actions in Vietnam, Aden and Northern Ireland.

But in reality, most of the security measures are designed to do two things. Demobilise the worldwide anti-nuclear movement and attack the rights and conditions of workers in the nuclear industry to "hold down its astronomical costs."

In West Germany, employees from K.W.U. the country's only reactor construction firm, have been informed that they will be immediately fired if they engage in anti-nuclear activity.

Workers must sign an agreement which forbids them to be a member of a party or organisation with an anti-nuclear position, to support anti-nuclear activists or even to have contact with them.

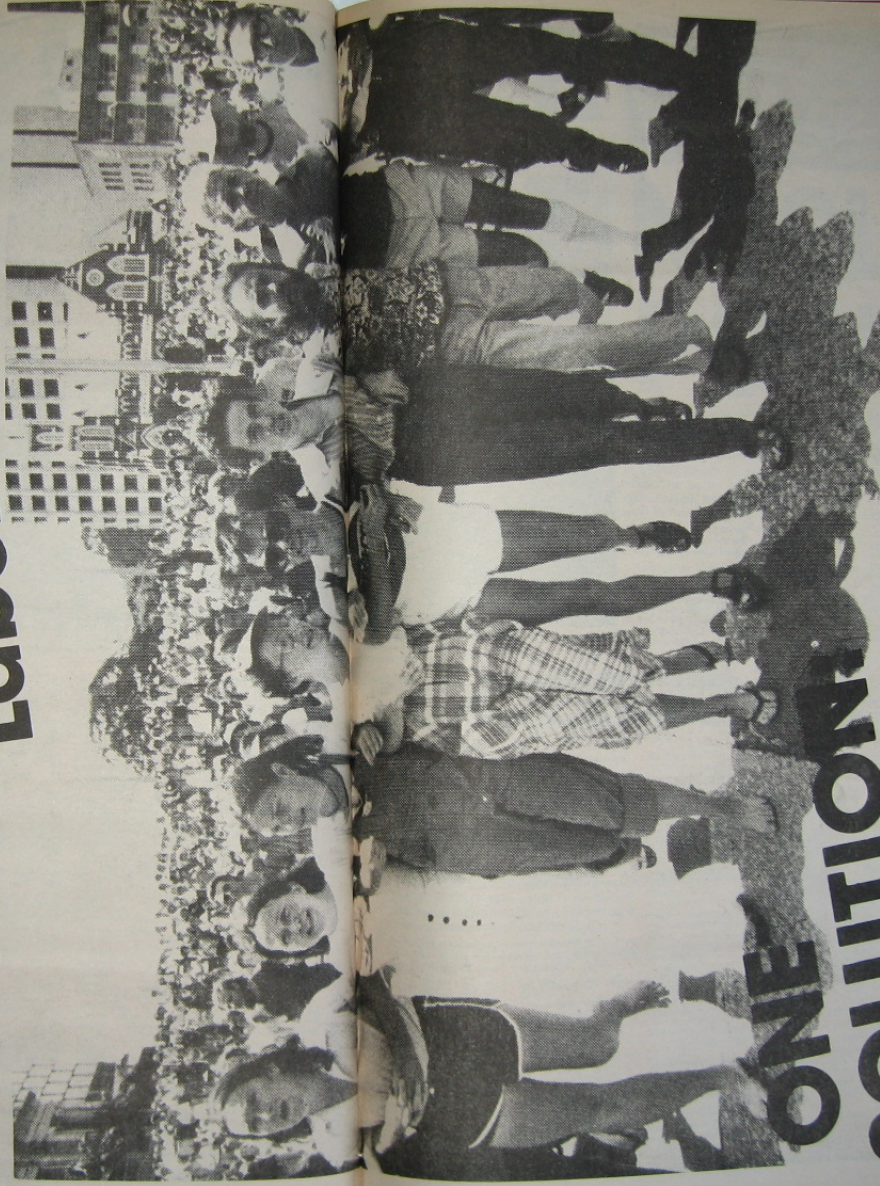


**SULPHUR BOUND** for Mary Kathleen stopped in its tracks by an Australian Railways Union strike at Townsville in 1976. The ARU ban now pending could do the same for uranium.

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Socialists say:

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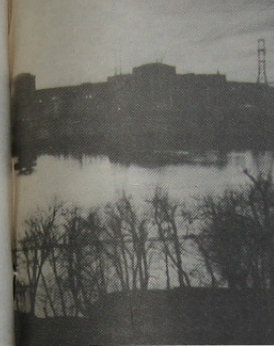
**Labor won't fight!**



**ONE  
SOLUTION**

**REVOLUTION!**

# POWER NOT



Opponent to the nuclear power industry in its infancy. Even with no hitchhikes, the plants have now disposal problem of all.

## and other power games

armed. The Australian government has the Atomic Energy Act and the Approved Defense Projects Act. Under these, it can declare uranium mining or any other nuclear activity a defense project.

Such a declaration opens the way to deny workers in the industry their industrial rights.

It can be used to jail anti-nuclear activists for up to 12 months or fine them \$100,000 for simply advocating hindrance to the industry!

The Act even allows for conviction of a person who can reasonably be expected to have had the "intent" of hindering the industry — without actually doing anything!

## The dangers

**HARRISBURG** gave us all some idea of the catastrophe which an accident at a nuclear power plant could create.

But less is known and understood about the day-to-day risks taken by workers in the plants, and the risk to the health of populations living near the plants.

During the early years (1942-1960) of the Atomic Age, many scientists engaged in radiation protection work accepted the "threshold theory". This is the assumption that there is a safe level of radiation exposure.

From 1960 however, an increasing amount of evidence has shown that there is no safe level of radiation.

A study at the Hanford reprocessing plant in the United States showed that workers were exposed to

well below the permissible levels.

Yet the number of cancers among them was 6 to 7 percent higher than those that would be expected to occur naturally.

Dr. Thomas Najarian of the Boston Veterans Hospital surveyed the death certificates of 1,722 employees of the US nuclear shipyard at Portsmouth. He found that 36.4% of nuclear workers died of cancer.

The national average is 18%.

Dr. Ernest Sternglass,

# NUCLEAR POWER!

## The alternatives

**ALTERNATIVES** to nuclear power do exist. The power of the sun, wind and tides can be harnessed — but they are hard to make profits from.

Drawing the energy supply of the world, or even one industrial country, from solar and wind energy would require an enormous initial investment.

A planned, socialist economy could do it easily. But no national ruling class or multi-national corporation is willing to risk billions on it. It would be too much of a gamble in a world capitalist economy.

Even current coal reserves, if used wisely in a planned economy, would last for hundreds of years. Instead, massive amounts of energy are frittered away under capitalism.

The advocate of nuclear power, when confronted with these facts, usually object that coal-mining is much riskier for workers than the nuclear industry.

Such new-found concern for workers' health is refreshing, especially coming from bosses like Lang Hancock who have years profited from workers' deaths.

And it's true that coal-mining is fraught with danger under capitalism. The problem is that the workers who take the risks have no control over safety, or over the money spent on research into removing the hazards.

To solve that, you'd need the mining industry expropriated and run by the workers themselves. No capitalist boss could tolerate that. So instead, we are presented with nuclear power as a sort of "more humane" alternative.

But it's when you look at what they want to use nuclear power for, that their argument becomes truly sickening.

Under socialism, we'd be producing extra energy to industrialize the underdeveloped areas of the world; to raise the standard of living of workers and the impoverished everywhere.

But the bosses want nuclear power merely to maintain their current, eternally wasteful system.

They want nuclear power so they can produce more

throwaway aluminum soft-drink cans and erect more neon advertising eyesores. Looking across in the so-called "socialist countries", we see little better.

Their coal-mining industries are just as badly run as the West's. Poland's coal miners were forced to include improved safety as one of their recent strike demands; after a string of disasters over the last few years.

And Russia and China are hell-bent on nuclear development to keep up in their rat race with the West. Russia has had one Harrisburg-style nuclear accident already that has made a whole region uninhabitable.

That sort of disregard for workers' safety is just one more piece of damning evidence against the so-called "workers' state".

When we have real workers' power — we won't have nuclear power!



**THE FRUITLESS** search for a safe disposal method goes on. U.S. technicians prepare a fuel-rod assembly (containment used in the production of nuclear power) for experimental burial in specially constructed tunnels.

immediately paid off.

In the US and Japan, many unemployed workers have been used in this way. In Japan, over 500 workers were used on a repair job while the usual workforce is only 500.

In this way, the chance of getting cancer is being spread more and more widely among workers.

"Burning out" is also used to get rid of militants in nuclear plants.

Wally Newton worked at Winfrith nuclear power station in England. When he attempted to organize the workers to demand better "burns out".

Wally commented, "How many militants have been 'burnt out' to get them off a site?"

were exposed to much higher levels of radiation in much shorter periods than the regulations allow.

That meant that they couldn't work at the plant for the six weeks prohibited to them — they had been "burnt out".

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'AUSTRALIA has a democratically elected parliament where policies are decided. If you are convinced about your socialist ideas, why don't you try to get a majority of MPs in parliament?'

How do socialists reply to this question, which is especially common around election time?

First, contrary to everything we are told — is not where important decisions are taken.

By Paul Holborow  
Parliament and the government had no control over them as they happen through Australia industry, for five years now. But do General Motors and BHP need parliament's permission before laying off thousands of workers?

The idea is laughable. It is the same with prices, which are now rising every year at about 15 per cent in the dollar. Sideways and Ampel don't ask parliament when they set up their prices. They just do it.

Yet prices and unemployment affect the lives of millions of working-class people in Australia today.

In fact, the government itself recognises that parliament's importance is pretty minimal.

Two of its main weapons for dealing with the economic crisis are controls over the money supply, and wage indexation. These major instruments of government policy are wielded without any reference to parliament at all.

When Labor was in office, it was repeatedly blackmailed by major companies — leading treasurer Bill Currie was forced to give \$50,000 hand-outs to EZ and AFPM to stop them shutting up shop while GWH got the decision it wanted on import controls by threatening to sack 500 workers.

Military coups have topped a whole string of left-wing governments in the last 30 years in countries as diverse as Greece, Chile, Iran, Brazil, Guatemala, Bolivia and the Dominican Republic.

But socialists are against parliament for another important reason — its unwillingness to deal with the struggle of the working class itself to create a new society. Do individual and no party can do it for the working class. It must do it itself.

Parliament encourages the opposite. It says to the working people if you are unemployed, low-paid or badly housed, don't do anything yourself — just vote for your Labor MP.

# PARLIAMENT: Playpen for politicians while bosses make the real decisions



Many on the Left reply to it by saying that it is necessary to restore to parliament its power to make the important decisions.

But even if there was a majority of socialist MPs, and I don't mean Labor — it still would not be possible to establish a socialist society by passing laws through parliament.

Even if we could neutralize the press, the conservative upper echelons of the public service (who gave Gough Whitlam such a hard time), the courts (dominated by enemy old money), the like Sir Garfield Berwick and the Governor-General — we'd still have another impenetrable barrier.

All experience shows that the armed forces and police would be violently opposed to real social change.

Next time there is no control over the MP once elected, but he or she (very rarely, ab) cannot be removed till the next election. Voters are in no way involved in forming policies or making sure they are carried out.

Parliament, in other words, encourages passivity and apathy among workers, and tries to blur and undermine their strength.

So if we're not in favour of parliament, what do we want? After all, we're obviously against the Kremlin-faking style of bureaucratic dictatorship. What we're after is a socialist system run by

elect workers and neighbourhood councils. In every workplace, the workers would elect delegates to central councils which would run the industry and the country. Likewise, housewives, invalids, the aged, and other non-workers would also elect delegates, mostly on a neighbourhood basis.

How would such delegates differ from parliamentarians? Well, for a start, they would only receive the average wage. And they could be instantly dismissed and replaced, if the people who elected them decided they weren't being represented properly.

Most importantly they would not be operating in a society in which private profiteers make the key economic decisions.

On the contrary, the economy would be planned for the public good — in accordance with priorities determined by democratic discussion in the workplaces. The other restraints on democracy that exist under capitalism would also be abolished. Administrators would be elected by the workers beneath them, and would be subject to control by the workers' councils.

The media would be nationalized, and access distributed to all working class political tendencies in proportion to their following.

And most importantly, the standing army and police force of the bosses would be broken up. The whole working class would be armed — the self-defence against any reactionary invasion or coup — and any workers' militia would have elected officers and be under the workers' councils' control.

Such a recipe for the future may sound awfully far-fetched for those of us brought up on the sterile dogma of parliamentary democracy.

But in fact, we don't even intend to wait until "after the revolution" to get a taste of it.

In numerous countries from Russia in 1935 to

# THE BATTLE FOR THE CLUB'

A FILM about Collingwood, Melbourne's most loved and hated football team, is bound to be a roaring commercial success.

Especially as it has been released at the height of Melbourne's football season with Collingwood again blowing the Grand Final.

The film version of David Williamson's play *The Club* portrays the power struggle for control of Collingwood. A new businessman, Jim Kennedy, has taken over the club, bringing with him capital, managerial expertise and management techniques.

Traditionalists who had refused to buy players had insisted on a hard line to the gurney, and the horse gut of the club had all been purged except for one, Laurie (Laurence Olivier). Parker gets himself and a big winger with the coach, Laurie (Laurence Olivier), for taking out \$120,000 for an untried player, and a new coach, (Ronald Dale Barron) at the end of the season.

Also convincing behind the scenes is the new Club Manager, Gerry, appointed by Parker who has little doubt that he will be an ambition. Eventually Jack and Gerry team up to kick Parker and then they are out to Laurie and Barron with a glamour coach (Ronald Dale Barron) at the end of the season.

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PIE KING Ted Parker, president of the club, is confronted by a irate coach, Laurie, for blowing \$120,000 on a raw recruit.

Over the last few years there has been a massive increase in commercial fixtures — of football and sport in general. Capitalist enterprises have provided limited financial backing and have in fact moved in to take over the game.

It has occurred recently because sport has not become a multi-million dollar business, it has become a tremendous football team in Melbourne is a source of tremendous social prestige.

Millions of dollars have been poured on the game of a game which can be played by people of all classes and ages and both the key players.

The 'Club' takes up the number of those areas, in the most professional coach, and the hypocrisy of all those who see the film, is unfortunately because, the whole theme of modern capitalist penetration.

# Fascism Never Again!

'FASCISM can be fought'. That is the message of a small book, *Never Again*, by Colin Sparks.

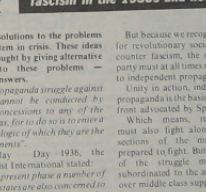
Sparks identifies the material causes and social bases of fascist movements. He then looks at how the Left reacted to fascism in the 1930s, and draws the lessons from the mistakes made then.

He sees three elements in the struggle against fascism: propaganda, the physical struggle against fascist organisations, and the social struggle to unite all sections of the working class and the middle classes. The social base of fascism is the middle classes and marches and street meetings. Their movement, therefore Sparks stresses, that when they attempt to hold such events, they must be confronted, and if possible, stopped.

'It is not a question of "liberal" rights to speak and hold meetings. It is a life and death struggle for the continued existence of the organisations of the working class. The danger in this, of course, is that it is a dangerous issue to term.

Therefore it must be accompanied by mass struggle and propaganda. The Anti-Nazi League (ANL) in Britain was the trap of the ANL, fell into a trap of convenience for exactly this purpose and uses the tactics Spinks outlines.

Sandra Bloodworth looks at *Never Again*, a new book by Colin Sparks on the fight against fascism in the 1930s and now.



But because we recognise the need for revolutionary socialist ideas to be fought by giving alternative answers to these problems — socialist answers.

The propaganda struggle against fascism cannot be conducted by making concessions to any of the fascist ideas, far to do so is to enter a system of logic by which they are the base experience.

On May 24 1936, the Communist International stated: 'In the present phase a number of capitalist states are also concerned to maintain peace. Hence the possibility of creating a broad front of entire nations as against the danger of imperial war.'

'Entire nations' — the principle of class has been abandoned. Instead, they have surrendered to one of the central notions of fascism: the nation.



In Spain the Communist Party and other left groups formed a popular front. A section of the bourgeoisie which led them to enter a bourgeois government supposedly to fight the fascists. Just at the time when the working class and peasants had almost smashed the organs of the state.

To maintain unity with the supposed anti-fascist elements of the ruling class, the CP abandoned the workers' committees which had taken over whole cities and handed the social fascists, and at times even the peasants. This not only enabled the embattled capitalist to re-organise themselves but as Sparks shows, secretly hindered the struggle against the fascists.

But to fight fascism, revolutionaries must fight alongside all the non-revolutionary workers who are prepared to take on the fascists. The revolutionary party must attempt to ally with the reformist and all the workers of the working class. Even if their leaders are reluctant, their conduct will see the necessity.

BENITO MUSSOLINI, fascist dictator of Italy from 1922 to 1944, poses down at the people from his palace at a rally in 1936. Six years later, the people put him in his place — as we feel today.

**time out**

**Sexism, struggle and The Sullivans'**

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**Family and neighbours**

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# Coordinate arrestee, Dear Battlers, and flawed tactic



A COP ORDERS Ian Ripin to 'move on' at the opening of the electrified rail link in Ipswich. Ian moved on, and was arrested. Less than a fortnight later, Ian's sacking from Dinmore meatworks was confirmed by the bosses' courts.

### militant rocks officials' boat

RECENTLY there have been two serious, although abortive, attempts to remove shop steward Phillip Perrier from his union position at Carlton Breweries in Brisbane.

The people involved in both failed coups were the right-wing delegate Don McLean (now an official) and the Federated Labor Union (FLU) official, and probably, the Carlton bosses.

When questioned by the media about the first attempt, a union official replied: "Well, you have been reading the book" to which he replied "Where's the Carstairs in the workers' hour?"

Attempts

McLean and a friend also attempted to disassociate Carlton workers from the strike in an attempt to get work which he was not allowed to do for 12 weeks strike, 2 years ago

PHIL PERRIER, on the left, waits his turn to speak at a recent mass meeting of brewery workers

THE organizer of a petition attempting to disassociate Carlton workers from the strike in an attempt to get work which he was not allowed to do for 12 weeks strike, 2 years ago

### Workers protest railway rundown

THE government has upgraded conditions and has allocated more and more internal work to outside and interstate contractors.

A few weeks ago, a delegation from the unions met with the Transport Minister, Tomkins. Some of the improvement thought more than some cleaners,

### THE BOSSES in Ipswich, Queensland, are out to use the union militant and revolutionary socialist Ian Ripin as leader. Ian Edwards as the International Socialist candidate for the coming Queensland state election.

During the last fortnight Ian has been arrested for picking at the opening of the electrified Ipswich-Darra rail link, and sacked from his job following a lengthy arbitration case.

Ian's sacking from the Dinmore meatworks was completed last Monday. After a week's consideration, Arbitration Commissioner McKenne gave the bosses' protest of neutrality to the winds in an amusing and unproductive judgement.

McKenne gave us restricted support to Simpson's sacking during the recent work strike at Dinmore. Ian had refused a company order to take the plant and insisted on his right to protest to drivers who were heading buses possessed by scabs.

McKenne considered Ian's sacking an unjustified and unproductive measure for his role in the strike, and congratulated the police for their "robustness" in not having an accident on the line.

McKenne went on to say that he would not have a "response for authorities" on acceptable standards of behaviour.

He slammed Ian's "perspective attitude" and concluded that "he would not be in the best interests of other parts of the industry."

### ROSEMOUNT RAILLY

THE HOSPITAL Employees Federation (HEF) is planning a lucrative stopwork rally in Brisbane's King George Square in October.

Bosses of HEF members are expected to stopwork and attend the rally called to protest the proposed closure of the Rosemount Repatriation Hospital. A permit to march to the Department of Veterans Affairs is being applied for.

Rosemount Hospital is the first rate rehabilitation unit for people who suffer strokes. The hospital is situated in spacious grounds at Windsor and provides a much needed service for our aging population.

The Department of

### Coal deal

Dear Battlers,

The article on the central Qld. coal miners' strike (Battler 9/1) draws that the Federal Government and Treasurer Howard would require a medical expert to diagnose and cure would be of greater use to many more people, and would do nothing for it.

There is a tone of bitterness throughout the book which I found irritating and which I'm sure would put a lot of women off reading it, but shows no understanding of working class women.

For example, she recommends that women who are considering having an IUD should first have a psychological test to determine whether the women needs a better alternative to having an IUD inserted.

I don't doubt that he medically capable to do these tests, but that women need such a medical procedure that they are often subjected to.

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TORRES STRAIT Islanders dance in support of Moankabak aborigines in Brisbane last month. The debate continues on the role of religion in the land rights struggle.

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### Don't vote

Dear Battlers,

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## STRINGS ON SHORTER HOURS!

TURN YOUR back for one moment and some boss will plant a knife in it.

Queensland power strikes won a 37½ hour week earlier this year with a three day strike. It was due to start on October 1, but it's already under attack.

After the strike, a Tripartite Committee was set up. The government, the Electricity Board and union representatives met to discuss the implementation of the shorter hours, and to sort out 800 anomalies.

The results of these discussions came out at a mass meeting of power workers on September 19. The workers learned that the introduction of their shorter working week was associated with negotiations around 17 points.

The 17 points are nothing more than strings the bosses are going to pull in the name of productive increases. The Electricity Board is making sure that they don't lose anything out of the introduction of the shorter week. In fact, the Board wants to see productivity increased even more before they negotiate over the 35 hour week.

Power workers have scored a real victory in winning their shorter hours — now they have to see that it remains a victory.

### Threat to power workers' victory

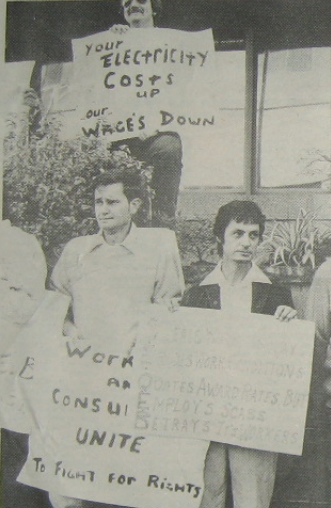
On the other hand, workers must meet to resolve issues to accept their working conditions and to allow continuing negotiations around the remaining points.

Most of these points are totally unacceptable to power workers. For example, malingering will mean a loss of jobs and increased searching for jobs. Employed malingering increases the pressure on workers to maintain production.

It seems that for most of the workers at the meeting, it was the fact that the Board of the 17 points, despite 42 meetings between management and the union. Union officials were only forced into a discussion of the points at the meeting by some workers from the floor who were angry over the lack of information. As a result, there is now great confusion amongst rank-and-file workers over the exact meaning of these points.

While further negotiations over the points take place between the combined unions and the Board workers at job level will receive reports on progress. This could mean that they will be having over 100 workers' heads for months.

Electrical Trades Union members have organised Disputes Committees at various depots in Queensland. But what is also needed is organization on the industry. A key negotiations must be ratified by the rank-and-file at further mass meetings. Queensland power unionists must use the shorter working week become a victory every worker needs to know the full implications of these points, and if necessary take action to get them thrown out.



NON-STOP warfare in the Queensland power industry. In August, these maintenance workers were in the thick of a thirteen-week battle against a wage cut. Now the power industry bosses are trying to cheat their whole workforce out of the 37½ hour week victory they won last April.



with Bill Posters

GOVERNMENTS everywhere deplore terrorism, including the government of India. With occasional exceptions.

Take Davindra Pandey. In December 1978, he and a mate hijacked an Indian Airlines Boeing in a bid to free Indira Gandhi from jail, where she was languishing in reading.

For his return, he was to be freed. But Mrs. Gandhi, who knows a bit about terrorising innocent people, had a better idea.

Her return to power, she had the charges dropped. Since then her party has secured him a seat in the Uttar Pradesh State Assembly.

EMPLOYERS always talk about equitable relationships with their workers. What do they really think?

He entered at last December's issue of *Workers' Management magazine*, only to find an article in a company journal:

Drawing only a football example, the article by Gavin Sinclair speaks of 'friendly and realistic contacts between master and pupil' and a 'clear interest by the master in the pupil's performance'.

It goes on to say, 'We can drop the master-pupil analogy and insert employee/employer without any loss of meaning or relevance.'

PIETER Duncan M.L.A. Labor's "self" said in Adelaide to nobody at all not fair.

speaking at Flinders Uni last month. Duncan bemoaned the "laboratory model" of ruling wages, falling wages and poor living standards.

fight. There are several other unions on the help.

The newly formed 35 Hour Week Committee led by Mel Gibson has a budget distribution to help help support for the struggle. It's contact them on 227 for copies for mail order.

The Committee has arranged for workers to workplaces to be announced. In your own workplace or at a public meeting or at a collection on your job or in your home. The picket line is drawn around the door, and they're glad to see any supporters from other workplaces.

That's why the Goodrich workers fight in everyday.

### INDIRA GANDHI totally against hijacking

Then a spokesman pointed out the mentioned hijacking agreement without mentioning the 35 hour week, which without calling for an indication, and in fact, the Government's intention to give an allowance. Could that be because Bill Hassel approved the first and second round of the 35 hour week?

That might not be fair and reasonable to expect something?

The questioner persisted. Did the Hon. Fraser support the 35 hour week?

Stumped, Duncan could only utter the fair comment I gave.

MARKET research shows that the Labor vote had not risen since 1973. Sydney's *Financial Review* said:

The public though they "cannot be fooled" will do anything to "make a sale", are "devoted and lacking in ethics" if they "bend the truth".

Voluntary solution different from a demand. Going straight to an option not a demand. even after Watson delivered the ultimatum.

He said that the public generally take extreme substance to me and my own.

JOHN'S MOCK ELECTION  
THE ANNOUNCEMENT that the state election in Queensland is to be held on November 28 means that workers under John's thumb have the dubious privilege of playing the parliamentary game twice in one year.

The major political parties — the Liberals, Nationals and the ALP — would like us to believe that real change can come through Parliament. But in Queensland, it is doubtful that voting can even end the government.

With a gerrymander that enables Bjelke-Petersen to rule with 18% of the vote, the Labor Party is not even a serious alternative.

But despite the gerrymander, working-class action can defeat Bjelke-Petersen — outside Parliament.

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# Liberal snouts back in the trough

SO MALCOLM FRASER has snuffled and grunted his way back into Government for another three years.

Right away, the rest of his class — with squeals of delight — celebrated with an unprecedented buying spree on the Stock Exchange.

And right away, the Chief Pig has sunk his trotters into the middle of our backs once again.

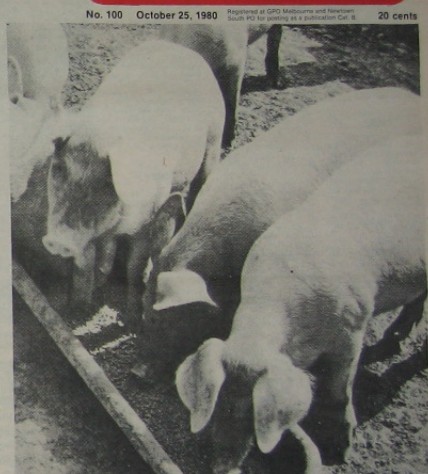
Just two days after his election — in just 48 hours after his victory speech promising a few token training allowances for the unemployed — Fraser was back in saddle, launching a new attack on the 35 hour week campaign. The Chief Pig wants to smash the 35 hour campaign for once and for all. He wants to abolish it, and to allow wage indexation to take off any wage indexation savings until the ACTU drops completely. So much for the 35 hour week campaign. The Chief Pig wants to smash it so much for his "hearing the message" of the polls.

The election campaign is over, and life is back to normal in Malcolm Fraser's Australia.

The day after the election, Bill Hayden conceded defeat and offered his congratulations to the Liberals.

We offer no congratulations to his swine. Their victory was based on lies, on their irrational press, and on the irrational fear that the Liberal Party amongst millions of Australians.

Unlike the Labor Party — which accepts its defeat and will stay in its place for another three



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## Goodrich: Rich, but not very good

WORKERS at BF Goodrich, Altona (Victoria), are staying on the picket line and boycotting hearings in the Arbitration Commission.

The picketers have been out for two months now in their fight for a 35 hour week.

After twelve months in the houses, the Goodrich workers know they won't get anything by legal taking.

Members of the F.E.D.A., A.M.S.U., I.T.U., F.I.A. and A.M.U. are involved in the struggle. They have the full support of all other workers in the Altona Petrochemical complex, who have been giving \$25 a week each to the strike fund.

The Arbitration Court has agreed to an amended version of Panel Case 31A, which allows the bosses at the complex to stand down anyone for "part of a day".

withdraw

Now the bosses are also threatening to withdraw overpaid payments to metal workers in the other plants in the complex, and to withdraw the recent 4.2% indexation rise from everyone.

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# Imperial vultures are circling

## The perennial question: WHO DID LABOR?

### THE MONTH old war between Iran and Iraq looks like settling down into a long drawn out affair.

Even if a ceasefire is reached in the near future it will merely provide time for the two sides to feverishly prepare for the next round of what could be a protracted host.

With each day of the fighting the prospect of direct American military intervention in the region increases. Already the US, French, British and Australian ships, has been assigned in the Gulf in order to keep open the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

The Americans have also been building up their military forces in Saudi Arabia.

The US and other western imperialist powers, becoming increasingly worried about the threat to their vital oil supplies.

It has had good reason for them. The Iraq and Iranian oil fields, both have been reducing oil production. Iraq has produced well above its quota to embargo other oil producing countries, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states.

### hope

As well as long term American interests are threatened by the major political realignments that will take place as a result of the war. Already the Russians have made significant gains by negotiating a new working treaty with the Syrians.

It is possible that the Americans initially tried to blind eye to the Iraq invasion to the hope that it would bring the embargo to an end and lead to the release of the Iranian hostages. But Carter's repudiation with the idea of releasing the Iranian hostages, which Carter was laying the Iranian hostages free.

The Carter government policy has been to contain the war at as much as possible. The US moved quickly behind the scenes to dissuade the Saudis and the Omani regime from making their support available for Iraq planes. They were not able to stop the oil from Iran from flowing in bulk with the Iraq.

### Kurds

The Kurdish minorities who have been fighting in Iraq's regime have had some of the promises taken off them. They will get some autonomy and the right of hundreds of thousands of Kurds to be allowed to return to their homes. They have been previously used as cannon fodder in being destroyed by the Iraqis. And so far the Kurds already launched their own independent military action.

If Iraq wins the war, President Saddam Hussein will have taken the major step towards his goal of restoring the Shah as the monarch of the Gulf. If Iran wins the war, the Shah will be restored.

### Cop cleared

### Kuranda killing

A QUEENSLAND SAYING often heard since the police murder of Phillip Haynes in Kuranda is "Don't turn your back on the bastards!"

Last July, Haynes was shot in the back by a cop during a drug raid in which no drugs were found.

At the federal inquiry held in Cairns, Queensland, the magistrate found the whole affair to be an "accident".

The undersheriff who comes up with the name that Haynes was not a "bust" though Haynes was not a bust.

### By Mick Armstrong

It is now being assumed to be the US in support of the Iraqis. The Americans are going to have to decide whether they will continue to support the Iraqis, the Saudis, Jordan and the Gulf states or if they don't there is the real risk of Iraq striking over to the Arabian coast.

The failure for a lot of the Anglo-American defence has angered the Israelis, who have been reluctant to be belligerent. Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has warned Jordan over its support for Iraq.

George H.W. Bush has forgotten the lesson of the 1979-80 Iranian revolution and the West Bank's coming to Egypt and Iraq's support for Iraq.

What is becoming increasingly clear is that the US is dragging on the war and the imperialist powers are increasing their military interests in the region. The countries who are being slaughtered in the Middle East are not going to gain from the fighting.

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### AREAL LOONIE REPORT

A RECENT Victorian Transport study has recommended the slashing of public transport services throughout the state.

The study was headed by a Mr W.M. Lonke, a retired BHP executive, who looks to Los Angeles which has the world's worst peak hour traffic jams for a transport model. He has made it abundantly clear that he thinks public transport only gets in the way of cars.

The report, now known as the "Loonie" report, says that the Victorian State Government should cut the costs of passenger services across the state. Public Transport Authority Group points out the costs of passenger services are kept down because rail freight increases the usage of rail services.

Also, the report takes into account how the recommendations would affect the working class.

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But the union officials, despite meeting all the requirements of the militant action, did not manage to attract a large number of workers to the Communist Party, which was the most reformist of the unions, did so. This means they are not "democratic" public unions.

It is clear that the Communist Party, which they prepared to join, was an important part of the political campaign.

What's more, if the typical pattern is followed, Barnham will come out of the state with a transferential and a promotion.

Our aim is to get rid of these things that will do us harm. We must continue the fight to disarm Bletch's killers.

By Sandra Bloodworth



IRAQI soldiers prepare to bombard Iranian positions. As the fighting continues, the US is increasing its naval and military presence in the area to protect its imperialist interests.



"I.B. BUT... "No need to get flustered. Mal, you won't have to face the public like this again for another three years."

### LEFT WING GOES UP

ONE encouraging sign from the election results was the increase in the vote for candidates standing in the left of the ALP.

In NSW, where left candidates stood in eight seats, their combined vote increased to an average of 4.5%. This was a lot better than in Melbourne where they averaged 2.6% and in Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth where it was 1.2%.

The higher left vote in Sydney, Wollongong and Brisbane probably reflects working class support for the left. It is also reflected in the fact that the left vote in NSW was up from 1.2% in 1984 to 4.5% in 1988.

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### RIGHT UP until 9.30 pm on election night, it looked like Labor was going to put an end to Malcolm Fraser's five year reign.

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### By Alec Kahn

But such big attempts to write off the October 18 defeat ignore the real message of the 1988 election for Labor supporters.

Despite Fraser's 49-seat majority, Labor had just about everything right in the election. Unemployment had risen to 10.2% and Labor's "no more" policies on defence and exports merely confirmed the most reactionary ideas of conservative politicians as a counter to an election campaign as any bourgeois Liberal would have it.

The Press, in its habitual bias, had been given a change, the opinion poll gave Bill Hayden a winning lead. Labor's "no more" policies were effectively muzzled all over the place by the wingers.

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Has the Tasmania, who was recently captured a particularly nasty badge from the "moderate" side of the Liberal government.

Hayden's moderation made it clear that all was not well. The Liberal government was not going to be a success. It was only a short while that it needed to be a success.

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### Joh's mock election

(from page 1)

# AT FAIRLEA

AT FAIRLEA women's prison in Melbourne, the strike is higher pay or better for the light or better conditions.

The women have been promised \$1.25 a day! But the strike was until February next year, and even then will still be 75c short of the they were asking for, which is what male prisoners get.

This is only one of the many ways in which female prisoners are discriminated against. Take libraries in the larger men's prison library facilities are at least adequate. The women at Fairlea, in contrast, have no permanent library at the premises.

Take education. At men's prisons, a wide range of school and technical courses are available. There are visiting tutors, discussion groups, drama performances and craft facilities.

But at Fairlea women can only do things outside the traditional women's activities like cooking and sewing with the greatest difficulty. There are no study facilities for the women, and my inquiries for more courses that come from the Department of Social Welfare are immediately answered by Hammond, the second in command at Fairlea.

## Public servants stage "starve-in"

### OFFICE workers in Canberra's Edmond Barton building have begun a campaign to get decent food facilities.

They started a "starve-in" and a ban on staff relocation into or out of the building.

All large office blocks in Canberra, away from shopping centres, have their own cafeterias. All except for the Edmond Barton building which houses three thousand public servants.

There have been plans for a cafeteria in the building for about 10 years. And in August workers from the Edmond Barton building saw plans for the building of a cafeteria called up. Glorified tupper pots, costing \$100,000, are being built instead.

The cafeteria — eat down in age — will go into the basement. There it will take up space occupied by workers' social clubs.

To publicize the dispute and the run-around given by the five or six responsible departments, the ACOA and APSA members decided to organize a "starve-in" in the cafeteria of the new High Court.

About seventy people occupied the seating in the cafeteria for about an hour and then marched to the office of the Permanent Head of the Department of Administrative Services, the department which has been a major obstacle to getting the cafeteria. This all took place on Friday, October 10.

The campaign has been organized by the Joint Section Committees of the departments in the Edmond Barton building. They have kept control out of the hands of the right-wing ACOA branch officials and those of the office floor. Bonuses of other office cafeterias have been planned to kick the campaign one step further.

by Rick Kuhn

## The great Asian food swindle

WHEN I WAS a child and would finish my spinach, my mother used to say: "Remember the starving millions in Asia."

Conventional wisdom says their starvation because they don't have enough food for all their people. Let's look at the political economy of food production in S.E. Asia.

Wood, the American governor of this region of the Philippines in 1903. The island is heavily populated and amazingly rich in natural resources. Since colonial days it has been a great target for large scale agribusiness.

Congress actually considered annexing Mindanao instead. Local multinationals such as Dole and Del Monte today exploit vast plantation and banana plantations, which all have ties to the large, local families of colonial times.

The 20,000 workers on the plantations and packing plants average a daily wage of less than US\$1. Rural trade income is virtually nonexistent. At one stage US

Philippines and Thailand. Their strategy is clever. Contracts, with theoretical independent local government, are usually supplied. By concentrating processing and marketing in the main multinationals do not have to share with local farmers each at food.

When the rice harvesters' joint really replaced the local trade. Today there is a world class in Philippines. But the result price is unchanged. The grain is borne by the farmers who are selling in another crop because of the high capital costs incurred during the boom.

As you can see the price of fresh pineapples, according to only 10% of the retail price, when compared with the shape of wages is less than 2%.

Asian though they are had to come to in Thailand. Unemployed workers don't stay long in the remote conditions in the pineapple plantations. With wages as low as US\$2 a day it is not surprising that labour turnover is 12% a year. Absence rates are around 20%.

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The irony is that poorer countries have been charged passed down from wealthy nations. They only export luxury goods, operated in S.E. Asia. The Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and

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Fairlea is provided for 32 prisoners. Food is rationed for 32. The prison population is usually well over this and may be as high as 20. Not most food is rationed for the extra workers, instead there is no rationing.

Women prisoners receive the same work and study opportunities as their male counterparts. Women should operate all machines in men's shops. There is a comprehensive work program for all women who are employed in the prison.

It contains details of an official and of a Service staff. The International Socialist journal is available. All for £2.00 per issue. For 12 issues £24.00. For 24 issues £48.00. For 36 issues £72.00. For 48 issues £96.00. For 60 issues £120.00. For 72 issues £144.00. For 84 issues £168.00. For 96 issues £192.00. For 108 issues £216.00. For 120 issues £240.00.

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THE LATEST issue of our journal, International Socialist, is available.

## The fascist terror in France has international links and... here pro-FANE all right!

THE RECENT Paris bombing outside a Jewish synagogue is part of a campaign of Nazi terror right across Europe.

The bomb killed three people and wounded 290. Recent years have seen a steady escalation in right wing violence in France against Jews and immigrant workers. Since 1977 alone there have been 158 fascist and racist attacks, 87 of which were anti-Nazi group estimates.

At the worst fascists see the second world war as a divine mission. It is an inter-racial war in which the aim is to create a new world with the Jews as the main enemy.

All these groups are well organized and are active in the streets. They have a strong sense of the fight with pro-socialist propaganda. They are active in the streets, in the workplace and in the home. They are active in the streets, in the workplace and in the home. They are active in the streets, in the workplace and in the home.



ONE OF Eton's elder penguins makes a run for the flock with a stiff upper lip.

## RIGHT TO WORK MARCH GOES TO ETON

BRITAIN'S Right to Work marchers this year travelled from Wales to Brighton — where they told the Mad Axe Woman and her henchmen at the Tory Party Conference, what they thought of their job massacre.

For several years, Right To Work marchers, each sponsored by a union or workers' group, have marched through Britain.

The protest organised by the Socialist Workers Party (the International Socialist) (national group in Britain).

Unemployment is currently a major issue, as a massive wave of factory closures and relocations has pushed the figure up from 6.6% last year to 8.3% now. And, as yet, many of the unemployed are not registered.

Another problem is the high cost of housing. Many of the 200 on the latest march are youth who have never had a job. The support from South Wales...

At Brighton the marchers were welcomed by thousands of trade unionists who had assembled outside the Tory Conference to protest against the Tory Party Conference. There were many heavy clashes with police.

A few supporters of the Right to Work campaign managed to get inside the Conference Hall but they were dragged out by security forces. The marchers were harassed all along the route.

With registered unemployment on Australian forecast to double from 400,000 to 900,000 by 1985 — and the cost of living continuing to rise, it is not surprising that there is a growing demand for more social services.

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## SOCIALISTS IN INDUSTRY

A one-day conference sponsored by the International Socialists in Melbourne on Saturday November 1.

The conference will focus on the problems faced by socialists and militants active in the job it's the TWK. 40 Elizabeth St, Melbourne. Registration costs \$5.00 for employed and \$2.00 for pensioners and unemployed. Lunch, coffee and tea will be provided. Free child care is available. If you are unable to attend, please contact the International Socialist Group on Saturday 10th November 1980.

Speakers include Steve Drake (delegate at Sydney's militant Redfern Mail Exchange), Clive McKay (rank-and-file executive member of the SA teachers' union), Elaine Cankard (VFA Reform Group steering committee member), Jeff Wainman (SA Reform Group steering committee member), David Dockyard and David Lockwood (IS National executive member).

Please enrol for the Socialists in Industry Conference. 1 enclosure \$5 (employed) / \$2 (unemployed). Phone Union

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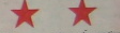
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To mark the occasion, PHIL GRIFFITHS (Editor from 1976-1978) discusses the revolutionary newspaper and its role in the struggle against the employers and their government.

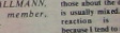
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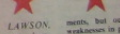
**LORRAINE JONES, Australian Public Service Association delegate, Sydney:**  
"I read the Battler because I find it informative and educational."  
"It's not afraid to stand up and say what it supports, for example gay rights."  
"I think it is the voice of real workers. It also doesn't hassle you about supporting things, explains them."  
"At the same time, it's not soft on reformism and makes it clear that you have to be on one side or the other — that there's no middle way."



"I'm on the question of Iran and Iraq. It's worried me to expand further about why we support neither side in the war. This type of thing breaks my heart."  
"I find that most workers really like the way the industrial party are structured, and they always comment on how easy it is to read and understand."  
"The response to articles that I've written, especially those about the dockyard, is usually mild. A severe reaction is common because I tend to attack the union officials when they don't do the right thing — what I explain that they should be doing is above criticism and the reason for my criticism."  
"I don't see any other way with me, though they don't think I'm a socialist. It's just contributing to what I believe in."  
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carry articles on working-class struggles and expose the bosses.

It also has to take a clear revolutionary position on all the major political questions of the day — a position that fights for international working-class solidarity and struggle above all.

So for example, when large sections of the labour movement have pushed nationalist solutions to the capitalist crisis (like protection policies to help local employers and shift unemployment onto the backs of Asian workers), we argued long and hard for international solidarity and an uncompromising fight to make the bosses pay.

When while sections of the left been attacking the boat people, we explained why socialists should defend their right to live and work in Australia.

And when Russia invaded Afghanistan, we were able to explain why, and how workers should oppose the Carter/Frazer war drive.

The Battler is a small newspaper and the International Socialists in the national Socialist Party of the Battler to show what a mass popular, revolutionary newspaper could be like.

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## A SPECIAL FEATURE FOR THE BATTLER'S 100th EDITION

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# Man of Marble — Poiss, but

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THE CURRENT struggle in Poland reminds us that mass workers movements are possible in the so-called "communist" countries. All too often we hear only of the small and isolated groups of dissidents.

Unfortunately the film, *Man of Marble*, will only exacerbate this imbalance. In the Western Left's impression of Eastern Europe.

This film, made by Poland's Andrzej Wajda in 1976, was initially suppressed and its foreign release delayed. The Polish bureaucracy did not like its study of Stalinism in the early '50's and references to no workers' Poland.

*Man of Marble* has various eggs. We are left with an impression of a heroic individual rather than the mass struggle typical of Poland.

The plot is fairly simple. In 1975 a young woman filmmaker Agniezska, takes as her subject shock workers in 1952 who have since disappeared in going together Marzeczka Borzyska's story, she travels the country, speaking to his relatives and acquaintances.

Borzyska and his team became shock workers through the mobilizations of a young film maker. They had built 30,000 beds in a single day, was a highly orchestrated performance.

Borzyska did it because he wanted to build houses for workers. The film shows how he intended but he instead built a stepping stone for a filmmaker's career.

Agnieszka discovers that Borzyska turned from a shock worker into a one-man brigade, following the wishes of his mate and fellow bricklayer Witek.

Following an accident, Borzyska becomes disillusioned and eventually imprisoned. His heroic resistance appears pointless.

Yet in this period, Poland was suffering. Borzyska was not an exception. From his early years, the Stalinist regime in Poland faced more or less a prolonged opposition than any other East European government.

Perhaps a Polish audience would react to the film and see Borzyska as a symbol of mass resistance. But a Western audience, ignorant of the background, will not.

Borzyska was a worker of Nova Huta, built near Cracow as part of a massive industrial campaign of the early '50's. The Stalinist policy of

**His lonely resistance appears pointless**

forced economic development, typified by Nova Huta, brought massive problems. Despite the propaganda about "building socialism" Poland was no workers' paradise.

In 1953, wages were only 72% of the previous level. There were 300,00 unemployed.

After hunger, misery, disease, prostitution, lack of hygiene, attempts at suicide, and rioting, the workers were able to win a strike in 1956. The film shows that they began to hang over Europe.

Germany, and not Britain, was much more influential in the massive Turkish Ottoman empire. Through this empire Turkey controlled routes of oil.

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AGNIESKA talks to Birkut's son to unravel the mystery of his father. The scene is the Gdansk Shipyards, centre of the 1980 struggles in Poland.

# THE ARAB LAWRENCE

WHEN T. E. Lawrence went to Oxford University in 1907 the shadows of war were already beginning to hang over Europe.

Germany, and not Britain, was much more influential in the massive Turkish Ottoman empire. Through this empire Turkey controlled routes of oil.

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NEW TARGET for race hate has recently joined blacks, Asians, South Europeans and Jews as a scapegoat for our decaying system. The Arabs.

Ever since the PLO became prominent and oil prices started to rise, there's been an upsurge of racism against Arabs and all the other peoples of the Middle East.

In fact, ignorance about Arabs is appalling to few people in this country really know anything about them at all.

Even fewer seem to know about the bloody hands of our own Western rulers at the turn of century, when they padlocked their imperial chains around the empire region.

Here's a figure well shrouded in mystery, con men and even harem boys. He's known as Churchill's Arab, the man who Winston Churchill described as the "greatest being of our time."

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# THE FERTILE RAT

By John Rose

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Lawrence was promptly appointed Advisor on Arab Affairs and minister to the newly created Arab Kingdom of Syria. Lawrence and the British govt. were also fighting fiercely for a chunk of the Arab Empire.

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Ellen West

There's an old French saying that the more things change, the more they remain the same.

It's not always true of course, but I couldn't help thinking that when I watched yet another tale of the early Australian colonial area, *The Timeless Land*, recently shown on the ABC.

The *Timeless Land* is set in the first few decades of Australia's settlement in Sydney and Parramatta. It pulls no punches in describing the brutal treatment of convict labourers — or "free workers" for that — and the substandard rate of wages, both the convict housekeepers and the wives.

Ellen "moves up" in life when she gets a job with a rich landowner, Manning. He values her good looks and sexual "savours" as well as her domestic abilities.

While using her beauty for her own gain, she is still in contact with the "lower" classes.

Manning sets up a farm in Parramatta, which grows up on the coastal plain of his sugar-cane colonies. His wealth is the result of their long and arduous living conditions, appalling working conditions, and rations of food and clothing.

Against this background, the story of Ellen Manning's life is told. She is a woman of her time, and her life is a reflection of the times.

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**ROP THE CHARGES!**

IT SEEMS the Liberal Party will do just about anything to win an election.

Three days before polling day, Victorian police arrested Railway Union acting secretary Joe Siberas on charges arising out of his presence on a picket line.

Bob Hawke described it as "the last desperate throw of Government which has seen itself going out of office".

By Tom O'Dlincoln

There actually were some strange things about the incident arose in a dispute which goes back about 18 months. The union is concerned about the introduction of the new Metallurgical Commission award system which will duplicate about 50 agreements. It is demanding stronger programs and some indication of where the workers will be replaced.

The Chief Commissioner of Police denied that the charges of trespass.

But the facts seem to tell a different story.

To back up these demands the ARU some months ago placed bans on trains entering the underground rail loop which is under construction in the City.

On a Sunday two weeks before election day Siberas joined other unionists on a picket to stop work on entering the loop.

There were no incidents of the kind. In fact, after less than an hour it was found that one of the trains had broken down. There was no need to continue the picket.

Then on October 15, Joe got a knock on his door at home and was taken to Noble Park police station in addition to the current

**action**

The ARU national executive has written to VicRail asking for the charges to be dropped.

But they have not yet taken up the call from unionists all over the state to take action to defend Siberas.

Despite attempts by the state president of the ARU "keep the lid on" the situation, union members have staged spontaneous walkouts in support of Siberas.

The ARU must launch a campaign of strike action to get the charges against Siberas dropped. The labor movement must vigorously defend unionists against victimization for industrial action however it occurs.



**JOE SIBERAS, ARU acting state secretary, whose arrest sparked wildcat strikes in Melbourne last week. ARU state president, Joe Poultnier, said the union was trying to keep the lid on the issue.**

The Fraser government decided to close this rehabilitation hospital of 104 beds and move patients and staff to Greenslopes, on the other side of town.

Resources at Greenslopes will be stretched to the limit. The Labor Party would not commit itself to keeping Rosemount open. All ALP Health spokesmen Neal Blewett promised was to "review" the situation if they were elected by government.

The campaign should be stepped up by imposing widespread bans. An example is being set by the ACOA section committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs which administers

Rosemount and Greenslopes Hospitals. It has called a meeting of the over 200 clerks in the section to put its proposal that they implement relevant clerical bans. Initiatives such as this are crucial.

During the HEF stop-work, three Nurses, including a Liberal Party member, decided to do the administration a favor by staying at work.

Bans were immediately placed on the ward where they worked, although they are now lifted while charges are being heard.

HEF members are in no mood to tolerate any attempts to undertake action necessary to keep Rosemount open.

by Steve Rathborne  
HEF member  
Greenslopes

**A sorry  
saga of  
sell-outs**

THE SAGA of the on again off again NSW teachers' strike shows how far officials of the NSW Teachers Federation (NSWTF) will go to avoid confrontation.

Following mass meetings in July, State council of the NSWTF decided that if there were any delay in granting a 20% pay increase, then strike action would be taken.

This mid-pact, which followed a pay offer of 4.3% as an interim award, infuriated many militant unionists.

The discussion of proposed industrial action in 1981 for reduced teaching loads was enough for the Public Service Board (PSB) to lodge an objection with the court and have the proceedings halted indefinitely.

October Council met to consider the timing of the strike which should have followed such provocative acts. However, a last minute meeting with Neville Wran and the PSB smoothed things over. The strike was cancelled to allow the case back into court.

**Parting  
Shots**

with Bill Posters

**LET THOSE LEGS RIDE.** No John Kerr may be coming back to these shores, if only temporarily. President rumours have it he's returning for a family function, and perhaps for the hanging of his portrait in King Hall in Parliament. Naturally, the government kept him away until after election.

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**FRUSTRATED** by the media domination of gadabouts like Packer and Murdoch. Unfortunately, under capitalism, the TV is probably beyond the control of the working class, judging by recent revelations.

**ROBOT** master Eric Fadden, a Melbourne, Murdoch and News Limited millionaire, says he's worth \$102 million for the station. No say in analyst for Carlo and Katz, brothers specializing in media mergers.

Meanwhile, Ampol is rumored to have paid for the 7 million in Harbrite and NBN paid a cool \$10 million for the NSW in Adelaide. So you see, it's all up against the wall. NOW... about that donation you've always wanted to send to the Batter.

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**IN BRITAIN** police officers are up and about because their transport has been nationalized. They fear they might be substituted in production.

They spent a lot of time putting their "stomachs" into the work. They are now "stomach" into the work.

**BOB HAWKE** showed a certain dynamism when he became ACTU President. He only to degenerate as time went on. What of our new champion Cliff Dolan.

This is it in my way a backdown said Bill Mansfield, president of the NSWTF as he announced that we must walk a "delicate tightrope" to ensure that no more opportunities were seized by the other side.

"We are in a much stronger position now than we were in 1978," said Justice. They have eyes all over their faces. How it was put to Council by a militant Mansfield and General Secretary Jennie Grogan.


Once more a very angry membership prepared to take the case to court. The NSWTF put its faith in the court system, and placed ads in morning papers informing the membership that the strike was off. The ads were read as yet another excuse for the PSB have the case thrown out of court.

A 48 hour stoppage for the following week was cancelled again as the PSB withdrew its objection and the case went back into court. These delaying tactics by the PSB are leading to the contempt in which they hold teachers. Federation has failed to express the outrage of teachers at these attempts. It is Marked as an attempt to deprive the right to pursue other campaigns.

by Jenny O'Leary NSWTF

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**Metal unions backdown, but Goodrich workers . . .**

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**The paper  
for  
workers'  
power**

**KEEP THE  
NIGHT FOR  
35 WEEKS**

**DESPITE** the vote by the metal trades unions to severely limit their campaign for shorter working hours to a few selected industries, the struggle for 35 hour week is far from over.

Even in the face of hysterical attacks from the bosses and their press, from Liberal and Labor party politicians and the sell outs of the ACTU and the metal unions leadership, hundreds of thousands of workers realise that a 35 hour week is their only defence against job unemployment.

By Mick Armstrong

In numerous individual workplaces around Australia the fight for shorter hours is still going on.

At B.F. Goodrich's Altona plant in Melbourne, workers have now been on strike and picketing the main gate for over 13 weeks in support of their claim for a 35 hour week.

The workers, members of the FEDFA, AMWSU, ETU, FIA and AWU are being backed up by the 700 other workers in the Altona petrochemical complex who are paying a voluntary fee of \$25 a week to support the Goodrich strikers.

In an attempt to intimidate workers in the complex, the bosses have withdrawn all over-award payments, worth an average \$57 a week for trade unionists, and have obtained from the Arbitration Commission an amended version of the Penal Clause 33A, which allows them to stand

down anyone for "part of a day". So far 29 workers have been stood down from their jobs. Messages of support and financial assistance can be sent to John McCarthy, P.O. Box 160, Altona.


But despite this intimidation, support for the strike is still holding firm. The strike support committee is presently considering recommending the whole complex go into a mass meeting that is being set out of the complex.

The other workers are being backed up by the Goodrich workers who are realising that if the Goodrich workers can break through the gains will eventually flow through to the whole complex.

At their last meeting on 21 October the Goodrich

**Matcott's View**

**THE MAN THE 35 HOUR WEEK RUINED!**



workers made it clear that they wouldn't go back unless they were guaranteed to introduce a 35 hour week. They rejected a proposal from management to return to work with a working party looked into the claim. Goodrich workers are now collecting money to support their strike from workplaces all over Melbourne. Messages of support and financial assistance can be sent to John McCarthy, P.O. Box 160, Altona.

But supporting the Goodrich workers' struggle is not enough. We need to take the 35 hour week in our own workplaces and link them up where possible with the campaigns already underway in the breweries, the glass industry and in mining engineering plants.

**All out to  
save our  
hospital**

**HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES** Federation members from laundry and kitchen staff to nurses at Greenslopes, Rosemount and Kermore Hospitals in Brisbane stopped work for three hours on October 8 to show their disgust at the proposed closure of Rosemount Hospital.

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# SUBVERTING THE RIOT! How they hung the 35 hour week campaign

**MAITLAND jail superintendent Alan Penning, and Grafton warden, Max Lofback, are finally to appear in court on December 1 to face charges of bashing arising from the NSW Nagle Royal Commission.**

A lot has been said about Penning — chief Grafton warden — who recently promoted to Maitland Jail Superintendent — but there are dozens like him.

And of course the old guard serves and led virtually every senior position in the Department of Corrective Services and the jail system. If they had been convicted and sentenced for every vicious crime they committed, many would make the sentences of bank robbers look like traffic fines or drunk bargains.

Most of the executive officers who are, or were, involved in the Maitland case are based on the reputation of a few names who were in charge of the Maitland Jail.

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## RIOT!

By Maria Giallitti

AS USUAL, the Melbourne Cup brought hours of filthy rich parades to Australia. Like the Saudi millionaire, Gailth Pharoan, and his guest, Vison Aziz of Hong Kong, Mr Aziz arrived in Pharoan's private jet, followed by three jets from the occasion. They included himself, looking at pictures of Pharoan's company's new parades for the Pharoan, who has everything, including a jet set mouth kit, with four jet tips and brushes, all colour coded. For a mere \$15.

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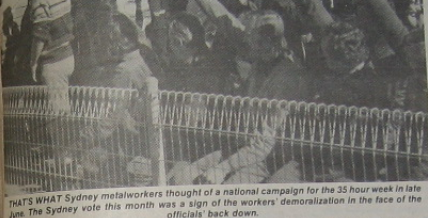
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THAT'S WHAT Sydney metalworkers thought of a national campaign for the 35 hour week in late June. The Sydney vote this month was a sign of the workers' demoralization in the face of the officials' back down.

## ARSON AND SMEARS FROM THE RIGHT

THE INTERNATIONAL Socialists in Sydney have been the subject of a recent attack in the pages of the local Newtown paper, the Guardian.

The fire was obviously not an accident and at a time when the police and ASIO are being given increased powers of surveillance, the presence of the labour movement can't even expect the pretence of a fair trial.

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AT POORLY attended mass meetings around Australia metalworkers have voted to lift their only national action in the 35 hour week.

The officials recommended that they "suspend" the action of working a 35 hour week once a month by knocking off early on Friday.

By Phil Griffiths

THE ACTU membership has been reinvigorated the Arbitration Commission to pursue the general claim for the 35 hour week without using direct action.

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# Nurses' GAINS E-ING

By J. Stone, HEF and J. Quinn, Nurses' Federation.

"When I see patients being looked after by staff desperately overworked, experienced capable charge nurses stretched beyond endurance by staff shortages, student nurses barely out of the preliminary training looking after very ill patients without the back up and buffer of sufficient senior nurses, I feel nurses may say in a way that the community will understand: 'We are afraid for our patients, we are afraid for you — please listen.'"

This extract from a letter by a nurse to the Royal Australian Nursing Federation (RANF) shows how strongly nurses feel about the deteriorating conditions in public hospitals. It is not surprising that the union has been able to mobilise numbers of nurses in demonstrations.

Unfortunately the aim of their campaign is tertiary education for nurses. Although they clearly need many improvements in their training, simply moving nurses into colleges will do nothing to solve all the problems listed in the letter above.

These are the result of government cut-backs in hospital funds. In any case, the hierarchical structure of hospitals under capitalism means that most of the low staff will continue to be those of "low status" people. If nurses' "professional status" is raised they must of their present work will be shifted to moving aids.

It's pretty hard to imagine the Fraser government spending the money needed for properly trained staff in place of student nurses, who presently make up 70% of hospital nursing staff. Now, in the loss, a good to see nurses mobilised. At the Melbourne demonstration, the nurses' leaders spoke from all the political parties and have been attacked and jeered the Liberal opposition.

## BECAUSE THEY'RE

Always reading about teachers' short hours, lack of pay, people think teachers are "holibanders". Teachers themselves sometimes feel they way and are ashamed. Most of them are.

Noise. The constant "Bunk! Bunk!" screaming in the playground. And often the building are crowded. In a room separated from others only by concrete doors. It was impossible.

The symptoms are similar to those of shell-shocked soldiers. Anorexia, high blood pressure, depression, anxiety, headaches and irritability. Every year a number of teachers leave because the problem are so severe.

The Melbourne primary teacher for instance came down with a nervous breakdown only one year after three months of work.

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**PHYSICAL CON-DITIONING** is an essential part of a normal life. The teachers at our Melbourne high school, especially of the last year year to produce the best state of the building. Our reason for this is simple. We think that the apparatus which covers health in education is some sort of "Crisis". They have proved that some children

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THINK OF school and you think of chalk. But chalk can cause serious skin



**NURSES MARCH in Melbourne for College based training. A national nurses' mobilization is a political step forward but the issue is problematic.**

## ALP "Leftists" Purge Left.

AN ATTEMPT is currently being made to have the International Socialist League prescribed by the ACT Labor Party. This would mean the expulsion of Rick Kahn, a member of both organizations, from the ALP.

The attempt is not being made on the right or centre of the Labor Party but by people who describe themselves as on the left. The initiative was taken by Mark Robinson, a member of the ACT House of Assembly and associated with the "left wing" Socialist Commission in NSW.

Robinson and his cronies justify proceeding ISL by appealing to the ideal of unity. If there are real socialists in the ALP associated with clear public positions such as that of the Battler, Robinson and his friends are afraid the right will identify them with members of the ISL.

This would be damaging, since Robinson and his cronies are only marginally so conservative than the electorate.

So Henry Lawrence has moved on the ACT Branch Council to prescribe ISL to maintain unity with the "conservative" membership. This amounts to doing the ALP right wing's dirty work for it.

The alternative of excluding ALP members and others around the struggle against Fraser and the employers does not occur to these self-proclaimed "leftists".

In practice their strategy is unity with the right, including Labor like Ed Cay in Queensland, for purely electoral ends. No long as the main focus of efforts inside the ALP is to improve the parliamentary programme of the party their contribution to building a social movement will be minimal.

That movement, with a revolutionary party as its core, can only be built by tapping the working class's capacity for self-activity, through real campaigns and struggles — especially on the shop floor and the street.

Doing that means rejecting the parliamentary road and rejecting the pathetic pseudo-class struggle that pave for political debate inside of the ALP in favour of the real thing.

By Rick Lusk

## Can dispute gets muscle

THE DISPUTE over lack of a cafeteria in Edmond has been resolved in Canberra.

Transport Workers' Union (TWU) members (members of large unions) have been in dispute with the Public Service Commission (PSC) over the lack of a cafeteria in Edmond. The PSC has agreed to build one on the site of the old Edmond barracks.

The TWU members' solidarity made a difference in the dispute. The PSC has agreed to build one on the site of the old Edmond barracks.

The TWU has been more militant in attracting attention to its cause. It has been successful in getting the Chinese masses to join the struggle. The TWU has been successful in getting the Chinese masses to join the struggle.

# GETTING MAO'S GANG

By Tom O'Lincoln

## WOMT be long now before China's Gang of Four on trial, accused of everything but slipping Chairman Mao a poisoned cigar.

They may go to their deaths, like the 1500 in Pakistan and Kim Jong may do in Korea. Gang leaders are meeting sticky deaths.

Some of the Australian left feel sympathy for the Gang, who opposed Gough Whitlam and Colonel Sanders, and had a radical image. Their actions were rightly to be condemned by the Chinese move into the '60s.

At the fall of the Gang of Four, facing growing worker resistance, did not hope to maintain forever the arms budget needed to keep the Russian back at bay.



A WALL poster in Canton depicts the Gang of Four being skinned for their crimes. Current propaganda against Mao's wife describes her as 'Malicious as a demon, treacherous as a serpent, savage as a mad dog.'

international to defend their own revolution and spread it world-wide. But rather than spread revolution, China has abandoned it.

Under Mao, that instant courtier third world ruling class — even when, like Bandaranaike in Sri Lanka or Sukarno in Indonesia they were busy suppressing internal revolution.

And under Hua and Deng American "aid" and investment will be accompanied by a stepping up of this counter-revolutionary role.

Yet in the last decade, a new militant workers' movement has been growing around the world. It began with the French general strike of 1968 and led to stormy upheavals in places like Iran, Portugal, Nicaragua, and even Australia.

It is the movement which can destroy the imperialists in their own heartland. And it is up to socialists to build it and lead it to victory.

That is the only way that real independence from imperialism can be won for the Chinese, and for the rest of the oppressed people in the third world.

## Poland Solidarity on trial

**DURING the Cultural Revolution this was a familiar scene. Officials accused of being "capitalist roaders" are subjected to public ridicule in Peking, 1967. Now the tables are turned on the Gang of Four.**

add a professor to the original situation regarding the leading role of the Communist Party. It was on the basis that they had wanted of the threat of further industrial action.

Even the concession that the workers would not be tried, and that the court proceeded to add new clauses into the statute themselves.

Just after the strikes which had paralyzed the Polish steel industry, the workers returned to work. Now, with active and conscious mass movement behind them, the Solidarity leaders are again on trial. Unless they can call on their strength again, they are a completely weaker side than the government.

But at the last moment, the court was asked to guarantee the supremacy of the Polish Communist Party. This was a guarantee on paper — a guarantee of Poland's future.

At this point, two weeks after the Solidarity trial, the Polish leadership had agreed to

By David Lockwood

## Combat neurosis in the classroom

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With Janey Stone

400 CAN HAVE BILL'S ALLOTMENT WHEN HE HAS HIS MENTAL BREAKDOWN

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## WORLD in Struggle

Enclosed by the great powers in the half of this century, then tipped off the Russians after that, China had independence.

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When Mao died in 1976, the policies of self-reliance were rapidly dumped. The Gang of Four fell from favour. Mao pointed quite rightly to the fate of countries who depended on "foreign aid".

But the new policies of Hu Guo Feng and Deng Xia Ping amounted to going back in hand to the fore. China began borrowing heavily from the west, banks and importing technology.

Chairman Mao was right about one thing: this is a dangerous approach. There are no free lunches when you deal with imperialism. What if China can't repay the loans? Look at what happened to North Korea.

Kim Il Sung's regime borrowed money for sweating the industrial machinery. But they had a couple of decades and couldn't repay.

They were forced to renegotiate the loans on worse terms, and to begin an "austerity" program.

For those in Australia who say China is a model of anti-imperialist militancy, a model of anti-imperialist militancy, are a bitter blow. Many Maoists are now critical of Peking.

They were kept putting forward the "Lancite" notion that there can be an "autonomous" in the third world, a "Australian independence" by imperialism.

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BRITISH SOLDIERS, carrying Plexiglas shields and armed with rifles and truncheons, charge down the street after stone-throwing boys.

To most Australians, the name Ian Paisley means very little. At best, it is linked with other reactionary nudes like Enoch Powell — at worst, he's just written off as an 'Lunatic Irishman'.

But for the catholic working class population in Northern Ireland, the Reverend Ian Paisley is no joke.

He represents the most repressive elements of British imperialism and is a member of both the British and European parliaments.

His policies stand for murder and torture, his sermons call for more troops and are laced with hysterical bigotry.

"Nearly all the methods of propaganda are now firmly controlled by the Roman Catholic Church — cinema, television, newspapers and magazines. Their representatives were carefully selected — his sermons were being prepared in political parties, trade unions, universities and protestant churches.

"Northern Ireland, being the last bastion of protestation in Europe, if not the world, is singled out for special attention.

"Watch the Jews — Israel is the new back of Israel." "Watch the Ropes — Israel is the new back of Israel."

## HELL BENT ON MAKING THEM STRAIGHT

IN 1977, the British government attempted to reform the laws relating to homosexuals in Northern Ireland. The Standing Advisory Committee on Human Rights in Northern Ireland had recommended that they be brought into line with England and Wales.

Paisley's response was to launch the 'Save Ulster from Sodomy' campaign for which he got a fair degree of support from the catholic church.

The Democratic Unionist Party launched a petition which was circulated in factories, market places and churches, and from the pulpit. Paisley led with rage. One of his sermons in Belfast — "How Roy Mason is leading Ulster into the cesspool of Sodomy" — threatened the congregation with god's retribution and inevitably, a plague of child molesters if they did not support the petition.

Paisley's campaign was so successful that he forced Mason to drop the proposals.

Now, as the court of Human Rights is about to prosecute the British government, another attempt is to be made at changing the law.

And guess who's wheeling out his old campaign?

"To keep protestant and loyal workers in employment in times of depression, in preference to their fellow catholic workers."

In June 1959, a mob attacked a catholic owned fish shop on the Shankhill Road after Paisley had addressed a fifteen hundred strong UPA rally there. Paisley has used threats of

**IAN PAISLEY (the Reverend) that bastion of reaction in Northern Ireland is bringing his pulp to Australia. The occasion is a religious conference from November 18 to 23. A Stop the Paisley Tour Committee demanding 'British Troops out of Ireland' has been set up in Sydney to give him a rousing reception. Here we examine Paisley's role in inciting physical and political violence against the Catholic minority — a grisly history of the orange dog in the collar.**

such violence ever since to get the predominantly protestant 'Royal' Ulster Constabulary (RUC) or the British Army to do his dirty work for him.

In the 1964 Westminster elections, Sinn Fein was contesting the West Belfast seat. They were illegally displaying the Republican 'in-culter' in their window.

At a public meeting Paisley gave the RUC two days to remove the flag — otherwise, he would lead a march in there and remove it himself.

The next day, fifty RUC men broke down the door

and scised the flag. The following day, Paisley's supporters marched anyway and there were two days of riots. The Unionist Premier in the North at the time was Terence O'Neill. O'Neill had a policy of reconciliation and co-operation with Dublin. This had very little to do with any real liberal ideas.

Volunteer Force (UVF) had been formed. The leading figure in the UVF was Garry Spence, an ex-British soldier and military policeman in Cyprus and a former UPA activist. On June 26, Spence, Robert Williamson and Hugh McLean shot three catholic barmen as they left a pub. During the subsequent trial, McLean was reported as saying: "I am terribly sorry I ever heard of that man Paisley or decided to follow him."

Equally sorry would have been O'Neill, who was being subjected more and more to a fundamentalist backlash inside the Unionist Party.

His plans for a non-sectarian conservative party were being crushed by those who still wanted to maintain the 'protestant ascendancy'. He was finally forced to resign in April, 1969.

By the time O'Neill resigned, the civil rights movement had begun to emerge. Initially, it began with a campaign for better housing for the catholic community but quickly broadened.

On October 5, 1968, the first civil rights march in Derry was attacked by the RUC. Sir Andrew Young, who was later to become chief constable of the RUC, described it as "only man taking out his baton and using it to thump the nearest member of the public."

On August 12, 1969, the Unionists organised the annual Apprentice Boys march — the celebration of the defence of Derry in 1689.

As a deliberate provocation, the march was scheduled to go right past the catholic Bogside in Derry.

But instead of marching past, a combined force of marchers and RUC attempted to charge into the middle of Derry. After a two day battle, the police were forced out of the Bogside and the British government sent the troops in.

This was a tacit admission by the British that the policy of reform and reconciliation was a Unionist administration had

defeated. With the RUC defeated, only the British army could maintain the existence of the Northern Irish state.

In November 1969, troops stood and watched while



TOP: Ian Paisley's mob, he's been rabble rousing a long time. ABOVE: A Protest in Belfast.

become known as Bloody Sunday. The protestant regiment opened fire on a crowd of four hundred peaceful demonstrators, killing fourteen and wounding ten.

In March 1972, the Tory government introduced direct rule from London. The loyalists were furious about this and demanded that all political authority be returned to the Unionist Party.

However they weren't so furious about the increased degree of repression being exercised by the troops. In Operation Motorman, the catholic areas were forcibly occupied by the army.

In 1973, the British attempted to introduce a power sharing arrangement known as the Sunningdale agreement.

Although the Unionist Party under Faulkner officially supported it, Paisley and his supporters held the majority vote. Likewise in the catholic community, where the Social Democratic Labor Party supported the agreement but with an electoral base which physically supported the provisional IRA.

On May 14, the Ulster Workers' Council called a full scale stoppage in protest at the Sunningdale agreement. Nicknamed the Stopwork Orange, it hit key areas such as electricity and shipping — almost entirely protestant industries.

The army ignored orders from the Labor Government to break the strike and attacked a catholic bus to march with rubber bullets.

On May 28 Sunningdale collapsed and Faulkner resigned. At a victory rally, Paisley gloated that it had been a triumph for traditional Unionism.

On May 1, 1975, an constitutional convention. Paisley's group the Democratic Unionists formed an alliance with other hardline protestant groups.

They won forty-six of the seventy-eight seats on a platform of no power sharing, an Council of Ireland and an all-out assault on the IRA.

Shortly afterwards, the suggestion came from the Rev William Aloysius that the British had promised the Protest that they would withdraw from the north if the constitutional conference failed.

In January, the British had negotiated a truce with the IRA. Paisley's reaction was a series of intensely sectarian speeches which prompted more killings.

In the first five months of 1975, thirty five catholic were assassinated by the Ulster Defence Association.

In 1976, Paisley topped the poll in the European election with one hundred eighty thousand votes.

On a similar platform — an expanded SAS presence, hanging of suspected terrorists, sealing off the borders and control of security in the hands of an all

protestant parliament, his Democratic Unionist Party won three seats in last year's British election.

Little over a month ago, the details of a secret British government deal were leaked to the press.

**The Stop Paisley Committee meets**  
Wednesday, November 12, 7.30pm, Trade Union Club, 111 Foxcross Street, Surry Hills, Phone 51 365 for further details.



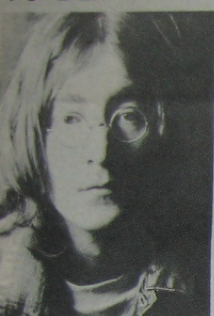
ABOVE: A MEMBER of the Ulster Defence Association.

Below: ONE of the regular marches in the Falls Road demanding political status for the Republican prisoners in H-Block of Long Kesh Prison. Of the 400 wearers protesting their criminal status by refusing to wear prison uniform, seven are now on an indefinite hunger strike.



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# FOR SOMETHING TO BE?



JOHN Lennon was 40 in October. He was the founding member of the Beatles, the most creative and inventive group in the history of pop music.

During an American tour he said: 'The Beatles are more popular than Christ'. In the early sixties the group were so popular that British Labour Prime Minister Harold Wilson tried to climb on their bandwagon by awarding them an MBE!

Lennon was reluctant to accept, but they were pressured by their image-maker manager Brian Epstein. Two years later Lennon sent his medal back as a protest against British involvement in the war in Biafra. When the group stopped touring in 1966 he accepted a part in the anti-war film *How I Won the War*, which was the start of his peace crusade. In '68 he went to India to study transcendental meditation with the Maharshi. Whilst in India he wrote a song called *Revolution*, which ends with him singing:

*If you go carrying pictures of Chairman Mao  
You ain't gonna make it with anyone anyhow.*

His interest in the Maharshi ended when he heard that he was rumoured to have tried to rape Ms Farrow. He soon met Yoko Ono, who was to be a big influence on his work and ideas. She introduced him to women's liberation and pushed him to take up political causes such as the Hanoi prisoner case and peace campaigns.

The other Beatles despised Yoko, showing both their deep racism and sexism. The Beatles broke up and Lennon and Yoko announced they were going to dedicate themselves to the struggle for peace.

In 1969 he wrote the song *Give Peace a Chance* then *Working Class Hero* which he hoped would be sung in factories by working class people. *Working Class Hero* is a

line song with some powerful words. *They hurt you at home and they hit you at school. They hate you if you're clever and they despise a fool. A working class hero is something to be proud of. In 1971 appeared his most acclaimed album, *Imagine*. *Imagine there's no countries. It isn't hard to do. Nothing to kill or die for. No religion too.* Then in 1972 appeared his most political album *Somebody in New York City*, which contained songs about Angela Davis, Alice Sater and Woman in the Fog of the World, and *Bloody Sunday*. In *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds*, which he says:*

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# FOR FOR REBEL

ONE HUNDRED years ago this month, Ned Kelly, Australia's best known and last bushranger, was hanged in Melbourne.

Since then, a myth has grown up around him, in which he's seen as a symbol of Australia's birth as a nation.

But adherents of the myth have chosen to ignore much of the truth about Kelly and the nature of his rebellion, and have taken little account of the historical period in which he lived.

Ned Kelly was born in 1855, one year after the Eureka Stockade. Eureka is held up by many as the supreme example of a mass uprising against oppression in Australian history.

Despite the fact that 22 diggers and 6 soldiers were killed, the insurrection was concerned mainly with instituting reforms in the goldfields administration, and the system of convict miners. The miners won their demands without having challenged the class basis of Australian society.



Eureka was the first of three major uprisings on the goldfields. The second, at Becklers River in Kelly County, in 1857 and the third at Lambing Flat NSW in 1861, also fought for miners' demands — to drive the Chinese from the fields and claim their gold and other possessions.

It was in this atmosphere of intense racial hatred that Ned Kelly grew up. And he wasn't immune from it, as a forgotten — or ignored — fact of his personal history shows.

Ned's first police charge, at the age of 14 was assault and robbery of a Chinese. The charge was dismissed.

Two years later, when Ned was 21, his mother was jailed for three years for allegedly helping Ned and his brother Dan to steal a cop. Only then did he turn to crime out of bravado, a career which lasted only two years.

During that time, the Kelly Gang killed three policemen in an ambush, and held two entire towns, including the police, captive, while they robbed the banks.

# Rae Norris hacks through the nationalist nostalgia to take a look at Ned Kelly, man and myth, a hundred years after his death.

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Through the causes of Kelly's rebellion were social, his solution was individualistic. He may have believed that the police represented wealthy spokesmen of the district, but he had a political perspective of his class, that he had against them.

Nevertheless, he symbolised a type of rebellion and an ideology which appealed to a wide range of people at the time.

Thousands of workers were demonstrating in support for their wages, but in the country Melbourne was the centre of the rebellion.

And 60,000 Victorian workers signed a petition against the proposed abolition of the Australian

of the Labor and the Kellys, so the myth grew up before we knew all the facts.

It is a pity that the Kellys are still seen as the heroes of the rebellion, and that the workers' implications, which were so important about the strike of the Australian

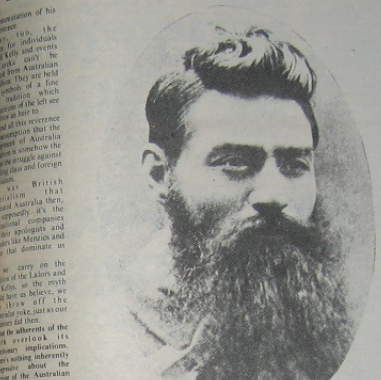
after the influx of democratic elements from Britain and America.

The movement was anti-union in sentiment, and land reform was expected to break their power and act as a catalyst for other social reforms, including democratic rights.

The slogan of the movement radicals was 'Vote, a rifle and a farm'.

Free selection failed to break the economic power of the squatters. Through their land and death the squatters succeeded in retaining most of the land through the use of force and power and deflected most of the reform to the squatters.

The failure of land reform was the result of the conservative reaction of the squatters. A new rural class had emerged, one which was little manufacturing industry, and therefore only a small urban working



NED KELLY all spruced up and ready to go the day before his hanging.

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# BRUBAKER: Glimpse of an alien world

ROBERT REDFORD'S performance as Brubaker is brilliant. I've never been impressed by his acting ability before, but in this film he puts his part across so convincingly he deserves an Oscar.

It's obvious to the initiated that the producers had plenty of good technical advice from someone who'd been in the prison in question, or one like it.

We have not had mass killings and burials in an Australian prison — yet. But there are parallels between our prisons and the one in Brubaker.

The rigging off of the food supplies is not unknown in Australian prisons, and the way the film deals with this was most familiar to those familiar with the scene.

The brutality and injustice, the total lack of human values and sentiment of attempting in two hours to convey to ordinary people even more glimmer of the alien world of prison, where

corruption

mass murders, because that's what it always ends. To show it any other way would have undermined the film's credibility.

My great disappointment with this film is that trying to squeeze the truth into two hours eliminates so much of the detail essential to the atmosphere and the gut feeling you need to even begin to get a sense of what prison life is really like.

It's a lamentation that the film succeeds. But I fear the message it has for us all will go unabsorbed by many.

I was glad the film didn't end with the impression that justice had triumphed against oppression in the early years of white settlement.

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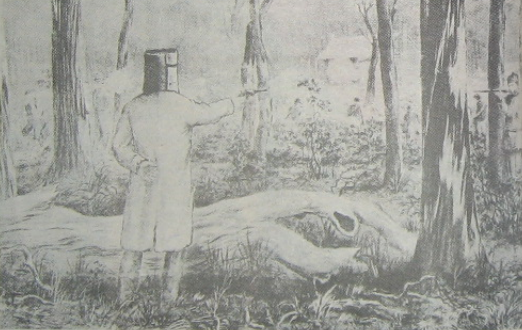
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AT GLENROWAN, where his bushranging career came to an end, Ned tried to surprise the police from the rear. But already his left hand had been shot and his body was bruised where bullets struck his iron armour. He didn't stand a chance.

# Australia capitalists — it's not just the face that's ugly

ACCORDING to its dust jacket, 'The Ugly Face of Australian Business by Timothy Hill exposes a world where the employee is an expendable commodity . . . a world totally committed to short-term economic gain at the expense of grief and exploitation'.

And, in one sense, that is exactly what this book does. But you don't have to read very far to realise that, behind the righteous horror that Hill expresses about the nastier excesses of Australian and overseas capitalism, there is a meek acceptance of the system.

Hill enumerates the crimes of various companies and laments in the Sydney area. It also has an extremely bad record of occupational health and safety leading to countless cases of injury and disease among its workers.

Vicki Harris reviews 'The Ugly Face of Australian Business' by Timothy Hill

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Behind the righteous horror is a meek acceptance of the system

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The rate to read the work... after three days... participation with... administration Commission... and with the Electrical... Commission...  
The strikers set up... their application and have... their claims thrown back in... their faces...

## DUNLOP Australia made a profit of over \$37 million last year.

They also took over the Olympic tyre company, which had just got up to the biggest profit in its history.

By David Lockwood  
Just to celebrate, Dunlop has decided to drive slow in its Montague plant in Melbourne...  
But they admit that changes to the company... structure will start in right... work which means that... some of the workers... could be in the dock... just in time for Christmas... Dunlop workers have... been quick to meet to the...

## NEWPORT - THE MASCO'S FINALLY FRESH



THE UNION BAN ON MELBOURNE NEWPORT Power Station has been lifted.

By Roddy Connolly  
The motor vehicle remains...  
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FOUR HUNDRED workers and local residents at one of the pickets of Newport power station in 1976. This was the sort of militant base which union officials could have built an effective mass opposition to Hamer's pollution machine.

## BOSSSES LIE, DON'T THEY?

YOU'VE GOT to hand it to the Australia Post bosses — their style is immaculate!

As I sit down the reasonable men," they said a couple of weeks ago to the union officials in the dispute over the harassment of Marcus Banks, a militant shop steward in the Central Mail Exchange, Melbourne.

They spoke to discuss the...  
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## LIBS GET A BOLLOCKING

The BOLLOCKING that Sydney IS gave the Ballman Liberal Party was a feature of our Federal election intervention.

On the Saturday before the election, the profit bloggers had the badge to be...  
The Liberal candidate (two lady...  
The badge was abandoned...  
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# OH'S GOT TO GO!

By Julian Quinn

The Essential Services Act outlawing strikes in key industries. The Anti-abortion bill that would have meant years in jail for women. Meatworkers pickets against live cattle exports broken up by hundreds of police. Street marches banned and demonstrators arrested by the thousands.

QUEENSLAND voters may think they have a chance of throwing out the Petersen Government on November 29.

But this is almost as likely as cows jumping over the moon. With a gerrymander that enables Petersen to rule with 18% of the vote, democracy in Queensland is a farce.

The current in-fighting between the National and Liberal parties is a stage managed show. The Liberals are posing as a soft alternative to the reactionary extreme of Petersen. But the truth of the matter is that they're only after the spoils of office.

### treasury

They're a hundred times more prepared to fight over who controls the treasury than to defy Petersen on abortion or the Essential Services Act.

On top of this sham, the Labor Party's record and performance is dismal and disgraceful. Other than the odd bit of hot air in parliament, they have done next to nothing to take on Petersen.

There is even talk of the ALP doing a preference deal with the Nationals to keep out the Liberals.

The record of the coalition speaks for itself and it's their real joint programme for the next 3 years.

# the battler

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

AN UNPRECEDENTED peacetime move, Fraser has slapped an injunction on the British magazine the New Statesman. He was trying to stop them from publishing extracts from the controversial book Documents on Australian Defence and Foreign Policy 1968-1975, published by George Munster and Richard Walsh. An estimated 42,000 copies of the magazine had already been distributed, including 600 to subscribers in Australia. The Battler got hold of a copy, and we've decided to reproduce the two major documents included as well as other queries detailing the Australian government's complicity in the Indonesian invasion of East Timor. (Turn to page 2 for the full story.)

CENTURIES AG GREAT MONSTERS WALKED THE EARTH.

LIKE MANY SPECIES, THEY EVENTUALLY BECAME EXTINCT!

TODAY, HUMAN CARELESSNESS AND THE INROADS OF CIVILISATION HAVE BROUGHT MANY MORE SPECIES TO EXTINCTION. IF WE DON'T CHANGE OUR WAYS, MORE WILD ANIMALS WILL VANISH...

Vote for ME

racist

Disgusting, racist treatment of blacks: the notorious Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Act, and stolen by mining companies and the cancelling of the glaucoma programme.

The National and Liberal parties want a Queensland for the rich, for the giant monopolies and for the multinationals. These bosses need a dependable strike busting government and police force. They want tame cat unions so that they can get away with anything.

The ALP have stood by and watched Petersen grow to become almost a dictator. They sold out the civil liberties campaign, initiated the attack on abortion rights and they refused to support the campaign for a 35 hour week.

Ed Casey is the most right wing Queensland ALP leader since Vince Fair. But the ALP has the leader it deserves. Neither the old or new guard have done anything to get rid of Casey or fight independence of him.

As a party they have refused to fight.

In Ipswich . . . .

# VOTE I.S.

IN IPSWICH the International Socialists are standing a candidate Ian Rintoul, against Liberal leader Lew Edwards.

It's not often that you get candidates who are meat workers, victimized by the bosses arbitration system, or who get arrested in the middle of the election campaign.

That's because it's not often you're receiving end of their price rises, get revolutionaries standing for their wage attacks and their Parliament sackings.

The Labor Party hasn't shown any stomach for fighting this socialist. That's why we're revolutionaries and the system is the front line of every campaign of the International direct action against the Petersen-Edwards regime.

Unlike the ALP, we don't believe in trying to appear "respectable" to class keeps getting kicked in the bosses. Unlike the ALP, we don't feel, and we're fighting back. We believe that any meaningful change. Fighting back not just to hold our own but to come about through hot air ground — like our trade unions do speeches and votes in parliament. — but to win a whole new society — a socialist society, built on workers' hands, we're always going to be on. We want you to vote for Ian

A vote for the International Socialists will not split the anti government vote in Ipswich. I.S. Though we criticize the ALP, secretly we are calling on all our supporters to vote 2 squares because of Labor's work class base.

Rintoul, not so that he can hobnob with the donors who support it but to put a BOMB IN THE middle. A voice that will not be afraid to speak out in favor of the fight against the rotten system they defend.

And most of all, we want you to vote for the International Socialists as the first step towards winning us in the struggle for socialism.

Because getting rid of the bosses in this country is going to take more than just making members of square.

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## Fraser guarantees record profits for some, but . . .

# NO FUTURE FOR SCHOOL LEARNERS

IF YOU'RE young and you've just left school, Malcolm Fraser has a nice Christmas present waiting for you.

It's called the dole — but you're not allowed to open it till eight weeks after you leave school. Meantime, just enjoy the summer — with no money, no job, and probably no future.

By January there will be half a million people on the dole. For the next 8 weeks they'll be unemployed, benefitless and that figure doesn't include the many thousands of married women who are not eligible for the dole and those so discouraged that they have given up even looking for work.

Companies like the Herald and Weekly Times who campaigned to have Fraser re-elected and who recently announced a record \$21.8 million profit including a massive 32% jump in profits from their TV stations.

The paper that fights for workers' power

The Herald also padded itself on the back for the successful introduction of the new technology in the typesetting area", ceasing jobs.

Companies like Dunlop Australia who made a profit of over \$17 million last year and who have decided to plant in Melbourne throwing a further 1800 workers onto the employment scrap heap.

Like Toobey's brewery which made \$21.6 million profit and has sacked all the workers of its Auburn brewery for fighting for a 35 hour week.

Of course Fraser blames unemployment on the unions and high wages. "If wages go up too much, they take jobs away from other people."

That's the argument the government is putting forward in the Arbitration Commission at the moment in arguing against any wage increase.

21 July 1975. Portuguese Timor: British Policy Confidential To Canberra from Djakarta\*

British Ambassador Field has given me on a personal basis copy of report of his Head of Chancery (Gordon Duggan) on his visit to Portuguese Timor earlier this month. We are sending copy by airtel today. Meantime, you might be interested in following comment by Ford in covering letter to Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Begins:

"One conclusion does seem to stand out from Gordon's report. The people of Portuguese Timor are in no condition to exercise the right of self-determination. That politicians are likely to continue their squabbling and dissension and, in the absence of a strong lead from Lisbon or a military coup, political confusion will grow worse and the territory's soil become even more fertile for trouble-making. Duggan gave no evidence that either the Russians or the Chinese were trying to stir the pot — but any increase in Soviet influence in Lisbon might increase the chances that the former will seek to exploit the situation, and we shall keep a close eye out for signs that they are doing so.

Even without Soviet or Chinese intervention the territory seems likely to become more of a problem child and the arguments in favour of its integration into Indonesia are all the stronger. Though it will remain in our interest to seek clear of becoming involved in future developments in Lisbon now seem to argue in favour of greater sympathy towards Indonesia should the Indonesian government feel forced to take strong action by the deteriorating situation in Portuguese Timor. Certainly as soon from here it is in Britain's interest that Indonesia should absorb the territory as soon and as unproblematically as possible.

It comes to the crunch and there is a row in the UN we should keep our heads down and avoid saying anything to the Indonesians."



And that might seem plausible — except for one thing.

It has always been the policy of the Fraser government to reduce real wages. Ever since they came to power, real wages have declined — mainly through the conjug of partial indexation.

Also unemployment has been reduced as a result: is there any hope that it will be nearer future? Of course not. Unemployment is rising wages are not. It's a simple

government and the system that spawned it. But, remember, it is no good just thinking — action is what counts.

And if the unemployed are angry and active enough, maybe they can put Malcolm Fraser's Christmas present in the museum he so richly deserves.

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# THE BATTLE OF THE BUCKLE-UPS

**THE extracts were originally planned to be published in the Melbourne Age and the Sydney Morning Herald on November 8.**  
But a High Court injunction handed down at 1 am when the press of both papers were already rolling, prevented any further copies of the feature articles being published.

And the book was banned from sale, but by Vicki Harris only after hundreds of thousands of copies of the volume in "limbo" while the time taken to sue privately against the Indonesian government and Australia "understood totally dispatched to Indonesia."

The issue of this is what has become the documents would bring Australia's relations with Indonesia's government, which has assured Indonesia that the friendship alliance was made. The result of the whole issue is that we now know the US, Britain and Australia all deliberately turned a blind eye on Indonesia's invasion of East Timor.

Between us and the thirty per cent of the island's population were killed during the brutal attack on a people fighting for their independence. On 11 August 1975 the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Richard Woodcock, cabled that US Ambassador Woodcock told me last night that he is under instructions from Kissinger personally not to involve himself in discussions on Timor with the Indonesian side on the grounds that the US is involved in "non-essence" of great importance.

**cynical**  
Woodcock added that: "I will be seeing Newman on Monday but his present attitude is that the US should slow events to take their course. His somewhat cynical comment to me was that the Indonesian were going to increase their US military base hopes do not use our equipment."

He warned that "Sabotage will be looking to Australia for understanding of what he, after very careful consideration, decides to do, rather than what he might regard as a lecture, or even a friendly comment."  
Woodcock suggested instead that Whitlam should state publicly that Australia that the government "could not back called."

**WHEN the Austin Hospital local doctors for a repeat prescription. It was October there was quite a bit of publicity. Although there were no budget cuts this year in health, the cuts from previous years are still making themselves felt.**  
The pharmaceuticals were the antipoclastic used to scrub up with cloths, and soap which in an very wide use to prevent blood clots. The hospital staff was attacked the pharmacy for "inefficiency." But it is actually the doctors who are in and outpatients who order drugs. So when administration gives the pharmacy a budget limit there is no way they can stick to it.

**COME TO THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS SUMMER CAMP!**  
situated at \$150 just outside Sydney from January 1 to 4. \$15 per day for employed and \$12 for unemployed covers everything, but a great bedding is provided in cabin accommodation.  
Sporting facilities including a river are on tap and there will be several political talks and discussions for those inclined.  
You can arrive on New Year for a fabulous party.  
Child care available. Ring your local I.S. centre for details.  
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On November 14 The Blaze gave the Sydney office and a room of medical publishers, Wild and Woolley, and also took them to a fire in the premises of left-wing bookstores in Sydney in less than a month. And could not be ruled out as the case which they are.

**Deal for Minister for Foreign Affairs**  
**For Department of Foreign Affairs,**  
**June 1975**  
**ANZUS**  
**Secret.** A renewal of hostilities that involved the United States in Korea might raise the question of Australian obligations under the ANZUS treaty. Article 4 of the treaty requires each signatory in the event of an armed attack by a third party on any of the parties "to act to meet the common danger in accordance with constitutional processes." Article 5 defines armed attacks on the armed forces, public vessels or aircraft of a signatory in the Pacific area as an act of aggression. It is stated that, although the treaty was signed in 1951, the treaty was not meant to extend to the Asian mainland and that the intention rather was to accept an off-shore commitment only.

In 1959 Mr Whitlam asked in Parliament: "Which of the islands off the coasts of China and Australia are included in the term 'Pacific area' in the treaty between Australia, New Zealand and the USA?" The US State Department suggested a reply as follows:  
The phrase "Pacific area" as used in several places in the ANZUS treaty is not precisely defined. It is not clear whether it would apply to any of the islands in the western Pacific region. In the case of South Vietnam, although the United States has undertaken to provide military advisers arose during a meeting of high-ranking officials for an ANZUS meeting, the ANZUS treaty was never invoked as a legal basis for the US military presence in that area. The exact area of the ANZUS treaty was never settled in vague when it was drafted, has deliberately been left vague so that it is to be determined in the light of circumstances at the particular time.

**Mr. Iester Lord Casey, the Minister for External Affairs, replied to Mr Whitlam:**  
The broad phrase "Pacific area" as used in

the same pattern of public expressions of outrage followed by weak, feeble submissions to US pressure characterised all of the White House foreign policy in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf.

**MELBOURNE anti-nuclear activists held a symbolic protest against the Japanese dumping of nuclear waste oil in the Pacific on Friday, October 19.**  
We dumped a truck load of "radioactive" garbage with turning the Pacific into a gigantic radioactive lake without a fight.

**Give them cake and Paisley out!**  
**TROOPS OUT** — that was the slogan of two demonstrations against the visiting British murderer and bigot the ruler Ian Paisley.  
The first demonstration was held at Lonsdale station, Sydney where Paisley was taken to the Federal Parliament building. The second demonstration was held at the Sydney Opera House, where he was taken to the Sydney Opera House. The third demonstration was held at the Sydney Opera House, where he was taken to the Sydney Opera House.

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**The pub's got no . . .**  
It could be a dry Christmas in Melbourne — especially for lefties and United Brethrens.

**BUELKE-PETERSEN** as expected has been returned to power in Queensland. And that means another three years of vicious anti-working class government.

**Immediately Job** has set out to bludge his coalition partners, the Liberals, by not referring them the Treasury portfolio.

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**They failed, partly** because they did not look hard enough at the given their basically loyal role for 30 odd years. The ALP's reactionary coalition, and because the ruling class was in firm hold of the National.

**The Liberals are faced** with a major crisis now, in their coalition with the ALP. Some of the more independent MPs have lost their seats and the ruling class will be putting heavy pressure on the parliamentary leadership to accept whatever humiliating terms Burke offers.

**After the Long Bay lock up**  
**Prison system surges backwards**

**IMMEDIATELY after the illegal eight day lock up of NSW prisoners, senior screws started the old process of shuffling the prisoners' delegates and others speckled of being outspoken.**

**delegates**  
At least one fresh bullet hole proves that shots were not only fired from the towers, but from inside the jail itself. We challenge Dr Tony Vinson to let the press see the piece of evidence and offer an explanation for it.

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Victorian power workers get...

# YOURS TAKE-... BY BATTLED

### IT'S NOT often that workers vote to go back on the principle of the eight hour day.

But that's what Victorian power workers have done. They've accepted an offer from the State Electricity Commission (SEC) of a 37 1/2 hour week — which means in practice that they'll work eight hours and twenty minutes every day.

By David Lockwood

Since June the workers from unions including the Metallworkers, FUEKA, ECU and Transport workers — have campaigned for a 35 hour week.

The campaign started badly when, instead of taking action, a repudiation committee of the ACTU, Trades Hall, the unions and five and four job delegates was set up.

Probably not much happened. But then the story began to circulate that the SEC would grant a 37 1/2 hour week day fortnight under an agreement reached with the negotiating committee.

In August, Trades Hall Council secretary Ken Stone vigorously outlined parts of the SEC's proposal.

Of course, it was far too long and complicated for the workers to actually read themselves. So when Stone mentioned things like a dispute procedure, nobody could be sure what he was talking about.

A worker from Richmond power station told the Battler that despite making every effort, he had not seen a copy of the proposal from that date to this.

The best most workers could do was to read a four page summary of the proposal, at a mass meeting on November 14.

Stone gave one of those masterly performances at this meeting that have

inspired him to bureaucrats everywhere. Closing the report, answering questions, moving its adoption to the agenda did the job.

Some young workers suggested pushing on for the full 35 hour claim. Stone was for them.

"If you want to go on, it's your own idea, quite apart from industrial action on your part."

Before the meeting, the ECU had pointed out several of the flaws in the agreement. Power workers' lunch breaks are going to be reduced. They'll lose two days annual leave. And there's no vote dispute procedure; more power goes to Trades Hall.

Basically, the ECU had left in its own hand.

The official recommendation was to reject the SEC's offer — "as usual."

At that meeting, over 600 people heard Brian Dixon (Liberal member for St Kilda) defend the government, then voted unanimously to condemn the Lonic Report (see Battler 100). They also called for the



## 'Keep our trams on the track'

### SOUTH MELBOURNE people are up in arms over the proposed closure of all train and tram services in their suburb.

This was shown on Sunday 16 November, over 200 people turned up to take part in a train ride protest.

Organised at short notice by the South Melbourne branch of the ALP, the protest followed a packed meeting at South Melbourne Town Hall the previous Wednesday.

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resignation of the Minister for Transport (MacLellan).

The Lonic Report recommended that all train and tram services in South Melbourne cease. It suggested tax sharing and use of buses. But cuts to the bus services will make them useless, for many South Melbourne residents.

The only interest between the protesters (among whom the weather "trends" were noticeably absent) and the trammies, was demonstrated.

Three train crews had volunteered to ride the trains in their rostered day off — unpaid — to keep the cost of the demo to a minimum.

The trams were decorated with balloons and streamers.

## UWU demand fare deal

FIFTY members of the United Workers Union (UWU) have demanded that the Queensland Government accept their terms for a new transport fare deal.

A couple of days previously, the operation of the bus, heavy and light rail services was suspended by the State Government.

After this, they went through the same process of negotiations with the Queensland Government.

The first headline part of the deal is the election of a new board to oversee the transport services.

The board will be made up of representatives from the public, the Government and the transport services themselves.

The board will also be responsible for the operation of the transport services.

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## The Polish workers... CHECKED!

There was once an East European government that refused to enter into any trade agreements with the rest of the world.

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The Russians — because the reformers unleashed a mass movement that wanted to go much further. Party leaders were pressured and economic crisis was averted, this upset Moscow.

In an attempt at intimidation, the Russian army moved into the country concerned.

At all seemed to be resolved when the Russian leadership met in Warsaw and they wouldn't be allowed to go further.

That country was Czechoslovakia. The first meeting took place on August 3, 1968. Just

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## to the death if necessary

We've refused medical treatment unless we first come off our protest by washing and wearing the uniforms.

SEVEN Irish Republican prisoners are dying slow agonizing deaths in the H-Blocks at Long Kesh.

They have been refusing all food since Monday 27 October. And they have vowed not to eat again — even if that means death — until the British Government agrees that they are not criminals but political prisoners.

Already their action has provoked the biggest demonstrations in Belfast and Dublin since the Civil Rights Campaign of the early 1970s.

More than 20,000 people came out to protest against the brutal treatment of Republican prisoners at Armagh Jail and Long Kesh.

30,000 marched in county Tyrone on Sunday 16 November, and 400 Belfast doctors went on a half day strike in support of the hunger strikers.

And by far the most significant mobilisation has been the one day general strike in Derry on Wednesday 19 November. Every factory, shop, office, school and pub on the British Isles went blank of the day.

Local Government meetings and local council relations for Irish H-Block supporters. Mass support for the strikers continues to grow.

For four and a half years, since the hunger strike in Derry, the Irish prisoners have been living political lives in their cells. It wasn't just that they refused to wear prison uniforms.

It was also that they refused to wear the uniforms of the H-Block prisoners. The conditions under which the H-Block prisoners live are appalling.



When they were first arrested, they were taken to the H-Block at Long Kesh. They were held in the H-Block for a period of time.

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# Women in Russia



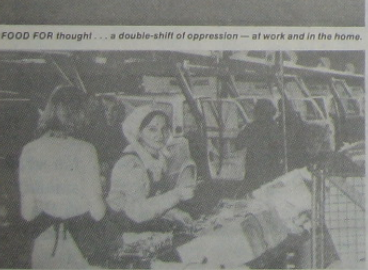
TATYANA MAKONOVA TATYANA GORTCHEVA MALAKHOVSKAYA



AT THE BOTTOM of the economic scale are women sweepers who earn 60 roubles a month. It costs at least 80 roubles a month to feed one person.



FOOD FOR thought... a double-shift of oppression — at work and in the home.



INSIDE THE Togliattigrad Fiat factory, recently on strike.

**How was it brought forth? In suffering like a person's birth! And how was it made beautiful? Through grief like a person's face! How did she get to this place? Barefoot as to the town she loves. And how did she discover it? With difficulty as we discover our friends. So she has found you Who you now read these lines.**

articles on women at work in the Soviet Union. The wife of a journalist's weak knee. Like the first feminists in so many countries, the editors of *Woman and Russia* are ordinary working women. They come from intelligent, the better thing in the Soviet Union to an educated middle class. They are aware that we actually watch as women pass the streets or lay out their 'sleepers', but they do not write about the working life of the woman in the factory, the health service, the con-

**THAT is how Tatyana Mamonova describes her awakening to feminism.**

She is one of the editors of *Woman and Russia*, a samizdat dissident journal which came out in Leningrad on 25 September, 1979. The others include Yulia Okulova (pen-name Voronovskaya), a well-known dissident poet; Tatyana Gortcheva, a philosopher; Natalya Malakhovskaya and Sophia Sokolova, writers; and Vera Golubeva, a single mother. These women are brave and what they have done is extraordinary. They have discovered their oppression and dared to speak out against it in a country where women were long ago declared liberated and women's questions forgotten.

**hostility** Like feminists starting out in other countries, they have to face the hostility and indifference of the male chauvinist majority. Unlike them, they are operating in a country where the tradition of independent organizations for women, battalions of workers, has been lost. Those who try to revive this tradition, like Vladimir Kabanov, founder of the Free Trade Union, are soon shut up in prison, psychiatric hospitals or the forced labour camps.

Man's conscience is satisfied by the fact that Woman's Day, 8 March, (once a year) he dusts the sideboard. He very occasionally helps in woman's work, he does this very much out of a sense of duty. And this in a society where the mental household jobs are hard, take longer, where there are few labor-saving devices — not everyone has fridges and vacuum cleaners, where the most essential goods (meat, butter, eggs, fresh vegetables) often cannot be found in the shops, where a woman may have to queue for hours before she finds what she wants.

**work**

They do not seem to be interested in the fact that women — 90% of whom go out to work — are crammed into the most badly-paid and poorly-regarded jobs. All their criticism is concentrated on the social and domestic aspects of women's oppression. But it is devastating criticism. They write as women who have just become aware of their oppression. Their articles are naive, crude, bitter. They are written with an extraordinary intensity, no vivid, often terrifying language. The result is astonishingly powerful, an outstanding contribution to feminist literature. *Woman and Russia* shows how the ideology and low living standards of the Soviet Union keep women in a state of terrible inferiority. However hard you look, you won't find a man in these quotes, even though the queues of men outside the shops never diminish. Almost all the collective Man-writes of *Woman and Russia* have a woman's children. Some of them, for example Malakhovskaya and Golubeva — are bringing them up on their own.

**'Man's conscience is satisfied by the fact that on Woman's Day, 8 March, he dusts the sideboard.'**

Soviet society, they say, is a patriarchy which has degenerated into a phallosocracy. The Russian man really despises woman, literally looks her as dirt. She is mentally and physically inferior, created only to be of service to man. 'Whatever a man does in favour on his part, a kindness, a good deed, it is accepted that it is natural for woman to sacrifice herself for it. She is never given credit for this. Whatever pain, whatever suffering (and that's what we'd call it, is it not her but her) she endures, it is praised as a virtue, although he didn't lift a finger.' The thick glass wall of prejudice blocks him from

As well as going out to work they take all the responsibility for housework and childcare.

One Soviet study estimated that a man's working week totals some forty hours, a woman's is over eighty.

*Woman and Russia* tells us that the Soviet man considers himself far above household chores and 'won't lift a finger.' There are two versions of male existence. 'After work the man goes out drinking and then comes home and kicks up a row,' and 'After work the man sprawls on the sofa with the paper or sits in front of the television.'

**birth**

The Soviet government doesn't want to provide contraception because it is desperately trying to increase the birth rate. As a result, a woman's body is her enemy. It dominates and oppresses her life almost from the moment of her birth. Women are caught between the Scylla of abortion and the Charybdis of childbirth. Abortion is legal and almost free. But it is certainly unpleasant as a backstreet abortion in Australia. If you want an anaesthetic you have to pay several hundred roubles. Vera Golubeva describes in almost unbearable detail an abortion in the Soviet Union. A woman who decides on abortion has to go through hell.

**abortion**

The abortion clinic at Lermontov Prospekt is a monstrous building which the women themselves refer to as 'the slaughterhouse'. Its turnover is about 300 people a day, in the words of one woman, 'never enough sheets to go round'. Abortion is carried out two, even on six, women simultaneously in the same operating theatre. The women queue up outside. If abortion is bad, childbirth is almost worse. For the woman in *Woman and Russia* childbirth is a nightmare which holds no comfort. They complain bitterly about the humiliation and loss of control they have to experience in maternity.

**nursery**

Vera Golubeva says: 'To get a child into a nursery you have to be on the waiting list before it is born. As a single mother she could only get her child into one by giving up her job and moving to a workers' block. Many Soviet women are far from ideal institutions. Their staff are

low-paid, corrupt and 'come to steal'. Hygiene is appalling and disease spreads suckily among the children. But, the unfortunate mother who has to take time off to look after a sick child turns out as always to be herself to blame and in danger of losing her job.

The most striking difference between the position of women in the Soviet Union and the West is that in the Soviet Union contraception is not freely available.



A MARKET in the provinces where food is scarcer than in Moscow. Throughout Russia women queue for food — men for cigarettes.

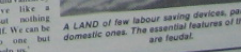
with disgust and contempt, as if she were a prostitute. Her agony is looked on as proof of her own degradation. Increasingly, women in the Soviet Union are turning to abortion. There are now ten million abortions every year against four million live births. The birth rate has dropped to almost zero.

**religion**

The apparent humanism of religion is making it increasingly popular in the Soviet Union as an alternative to the official ideology. The radical feminism of *Woman and Russia* is an instinctive, emotional response to the extreme oppression of women in the Soviet Union. They shouldn't be condemned for it. They are the first women in Russia since the twenties to demand 'not taken' contraception but real liberation.

**reaction**

This reaction against men is formulated consciously by *Woman and Russia*. They are radical feminists instead of the existing patriarchy. They want a marriage. They want a man who will support me... and last Lenin's shining hope will be realized, that the cock will run the state. The journal ends with a 'summons' to women to unite. Our situation is so unbearable that one might think that it would vanish by itself, dissolve like a nightmare. But nothing changes by itself. We can be sure that no one but ourselves will help us.



A LAND of few labour saving devices, particularly domestic ones. The essential features of this society are leeches.

# SOME THING TO STRUT ABOUT

By Mike Kennedy

**STICKING** closely to historical fact, *Str* graphically depicts the period immediately before and after the February 1974 destruction of Bathurst jail.

By concentrating on a small group of prisoners, Bob Jewson has produced a screenplay that is both accurate as to detail and entertaining.

**Jewson** was a Bathurst prisoner in 1974 and was later to attend all hearings of the Nagle Royal Commission as a Prisoners Action Group observer.

### bashed

A comparison of the film and Jewson's book of the same name (*Uncut* Books) for accuracy against Chapter 6 of the Report of the Royal Commission into N.S.W. Prisons shows how true to its sources *Str* is. Sir tells the story by following Chris Jackson

The film tells the story of violence and repression by the screws, prisoners being scalped or punched, peaceful sit-ins and stop-works which culminate in the burning of the jail, the shooting of prisoners and wholesale bashing of trustees by the screws.

But the film is more than a documentary about the destruction of a NSW country jail in 1974. Jewson has written, and director Stephen Walker and the actors have fleshed out a complex picture of life in a jail which runs true to form as a Queensland ex-prisoner and to prisoners who have done time in other states.

I cannot recall another Australian film with such uniformly excellent performances throughout. The film was followed by Ryan Brown as Jackson, Gary Waddell as Dave and Max Piggus as Norton the

### THE SYSTEMATIC nature of the bashings shocked many people but the film had popularity can only be an indictment of apathy.

The other comment is the implication that the crime in some way are abhorrent or savage because China Jackson refuses to accept the apology and offer of a trace from Norton, the screw who had bashed him after the previous riot.

The screws expect to say "I'm sorry I bashed you" and have the whole thing

(forgotten), while the bashes continue and say prisoner, who challenges the screws' power to scold or punish with his higher level of institutionalised brutality. The apologies, like the power, are all on the one side.

This is the point Gary Denton has been making from Gungahlin, it is the point that



# "Shaddup you face!"

**MOST** exciting thing to see on TV recently is the opening of a new channel, Channel 9. It is the first channel in the world to have a multicultural mix.

That what the publicity says is true, and I found it somewhat surprising. Even more surprising is that it happened under a Labor government. But then again, has any Liberal when it has ruled ever been so open to diverse people?

### problem

channel's main problem is to be that it doesn't know its audience. The selection of programs is incredibly wide-ranging. It combines useful news, films, documentaries etc.

enough to keep up with the subtiles.

It's a pity, because no doubt there are people working for Bruce Gyngyll who have a real commitment to breaking down racial prejudices and promoting understanding and tolerance between nations.

There's nothing new about that, as the same thing would be noticed, a few racial messages coming from other media outlets.

Channel 9's is getting underway. It's a pity that Channel 9 is not being used as a multicultural TV station.

# the living flame of revolution



## LENIN SAID Rosa Luxemburg was "an eagle who soared above the chickens". Clara Zetkin called her "the sharp sword, the living flame of revolution".

Tom Clift is so less enthusiastic about her in his little book, just released in its fourth edition.

By Tom O'Lincoln

Born in Poland in 1871, she became an active revolutionary at the age of 11. By 1889 she was forced into exile in Switzerland.

Within a few more years she had become the leading Polish socialist and one of the great figures of the German labour movement.

People like Bertinotti in Germany and Milnerid in France put up sophisticated arguments to suggest that "times had changed" and socialist revolution was out of date.

On the other hand, it is a slender treatise, as some do, that the rejected revolutionary leadership themselves — but in itself this is quite right, and in a marvellously horticulturalist German socialist movement it was vitally important.

When and it became clear that the struggle to transform them into a movement, she broke away to form a vanguard party!

On the national question, a form often forgotten that Lenin thought Luxemburg's approach was entirely correct for socialist inside Poland, and that she did defend the democratic rights of many oppressed peoples.

Her economic theories turned out to be somewhat mistaken, but here too Clift shows that they were based on some very important new insights.

So too is her lack of bitter hostility from socialist union officials, action with a radical cutting edge. She showed how the union officials had become entrenched and conservative.

She also showed how the economic situation was the launching ground for political struggle. Self-grounded, she pamphlet in revolutionary Marxism who think that only a few things from this tradition have been forgotten.

Rosa Luxemburg was murdered by the same right wing "socialists" whose reformist ideas she had once so convincingly demolished. Both action and her more than any living person.

That in itself proves her importance. If you want a concise and readable, and sometimes exciting history, try *Rosa Luxemburg* by Tom Clift. It is available from your local US branch for \$4.65 or \$5.00. Order from Jumbo Books, 20 Box M, Newbury Street — 2042.

## BATTLER CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

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10. Punished like most dense aristocrats (6)
11. Inhabitants in one country (9)
12. Usually judged to be a nut (3)
13. Pastor like the Nurses Action Group (4)
15. What Truman did to Hiroshima (5)
16. Super-Boo's policy on uranium (2, 6)
18. Communist's attitude to the 12 screws — and how they express it! (5, 8)
21. Confidante general on their first name terms with Jack Ruby? (7)
24. Temie's name — (3)
25. — and his helper (9)
26. Hayden's victor has a lot to beaf about! (5)
27. Can — like a bulldog that's supposed to guard (5)
32. Joined the man who don't get the effluvia punks (9)

### DOWN

2. Vice-president whose career spiralled downward (5)
3. Cause of McCarthy's insomnia? (3, 3, 3)
4. How opps shoot in a courier (2, 8)
6. Do filters there fit the works when they strike? (7)
7. Government's constructive take to stop county voters taking (5, 3)
8. Fourth in the press (5)
9. Employer, given you the boozt! Here's how you use it to succeed (4, 2, 4)
10. Fool like John's dickheads (8)
14. Liberal Mink who quit at the top of the election — obviously and bored (8)
16. Do again as Brutus did to Caesar? (7)
17. Every Texan should have one! (4)
18. Surprise that no dirty dirty, they keep telling us, one (5)
22. Opps who break up picket lines always cause one (5)

# Death of the D.L.P.

THE DEATH of Vince Gair on November 11 — five years to the day after the Whitlam government was sacked — brings a whole era of Labor politics to a close.

Gair was the epitome of that rough, hardy school of Irish catholic politics which effectively dominated the Labor Party up to the D.L.P. (Democratic Labor Party) split.

The Irish Australian influence in the ALP was a product of a much earlier split during World War I. The Catholic middle class was the main agent of the Australian Labor Party in their anti-communist crusade within the movement.

In the 20's and 30's the Catholic middle class was very small. Irish-Australians were over-represented in working class and loyalist areas. ALP's were critical of the imperialist war and Irish Australians were critical of the British effort.

The left control of the ALP in the hands of militant trade unionists who were critical of the imperialist war and Irish Australians were critical of the British effort.

Most of the Irish-Australian ALP politicians, like Gair himself, were free from working class backgrounds and did not have any political leadership the hard working class background of the protestant establishment, they spanned the range of the left, right and centre, and were well represented in the Communist Party.

### base

So these ambitious young unionists decided to try to take over the party using a large chunk of Communist Party funds. Their voting base, and transform it into a Catholic centre party along the lines of the Italian Christian Democrats.

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### VINCE GAIR at the time of the split.

themselves by taking on not just communists and left wing radicals but militant and even right wing union leaders who were considered on a par with communists or corrupt.

The groups were led by the left moderate trade unionists and the organisation including the catholic Wm. Cahill, a right wing union leader, and the Catholic and broke ways to form the D.L.P.

In Queensland, where the split was delayed until 1957 Gair was especially expelled from the party for defying the Trades Hall dominated party machine, over the question of an extra work's leave for government workers.

By Mike Adams

# ANGER STRIKERS.

## Dear Battlers,

Why? They have been told that they can shift anywhere in the state at five weeks' notice. This has come about because the Liberal government has cut spending on education. It intends to reduce teaching positions by some 300 state-wide.

In schools where positions are being lost, class sizes are increasing. Our class sizes are already over the national charter on class size. 29% of those who have more than 25 students and 3 in 5 classes needing remedial help are not getting it.

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A BRITISH Army snatch squad. These are the thugs who are used to grab Irish working class Catholics and beat 'confessionals' out of them.

## School's out in Old!

**QUEENSLAND police were recently given an 8% pay rise, purely for the 'stress' involved in their work, but teachers got only 6%.**

"We're bloody fed up," one teacher told the *Observer*.

In Ipswich, on the day of the first day of the strike, the Queensland Education Department reported on the many schools all teachers were out, and few or no children appeared, despite orders from Education Minister Bert for parents to send their children to school regardless.

The teachers are back at work now awaiting the results of a week-long strike. But it does get results which will be set out next page.

The new-found militancy of Queensland teachers is only in its first days. The teachers are women, but women are nationally disadvantaged in Queensland. "Any woman who's married has a bloody chance of getting a job," one teacher told the *Battler*. — Carol Fortner

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# TEACHERS UNDER THE GUN IN VICTORIA

TRADITIONALLY the end of the school year is a bad time for Victorian teachers.

The Education Department pulls a few outrageous stunts in the hope that we'll forget about them over the holidays. (It doesn't work like that, but it does make it harder to fight).

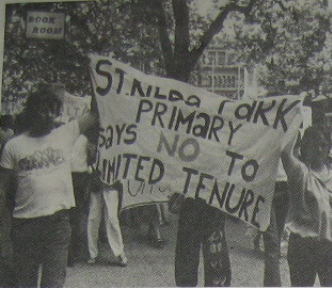
This year, they've surpassed themselves.

While the three unions are still fighting limited terms, and while the VSTA (representing secondary teachers) is fighting inspection and possible victimisation and the 'excess' teacher issue, the government has introduced legislation providing for stand downs and the indefinite withholding of pay.

The legislation gives unprecedented powers to the Director General. He can stand down or withhold pay from any teacher who "causes damage" — he goes on strike — or who "intentionally causes damage to the school or to any person."

It is an all-out attempt to stop teachers striking. Even worse, it's an attempt to go on strike — or who "intentionally causes damage to the school or to any person."

The government is clearly out to intimidate us from taking militant action like nearby schools by phone. Picking is fairly new to teachers, but we're discovering how effective it can be before their strike. He was surrounded by about 150 angry and abusive teachers, hurriedly summoned from



VICTORIAN teachers march against Limited Tenure Experiment.

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In schools where positions are being lost, class sizes are increasing. Our class sizes are already over the national charter on class size. 29% of those who have more than 25 students and 3 in 5 classes needing remedial help are not getting it.

**NEWS**

When the news broke, the union's executive decided not to call for a strike. Instead, teachers on the ground felt differently.

Teachers have realized that after four years of new and old, they've got nothing. They now feel their backs are to the wall.

Regional groups began to meet — at first in preparation for industrial action and a

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**In Solidarity, Republic of the Cages Long Kesh**

**Twice bitten**

**Dear Battlers,**

Neville Wain has been attempting to raise the capital for his transport service by 'creating' new jobs in NSW State public transport.

Jon O'Neill Sydney

**Arrogant answer**

**Dear Battlers,**

**How to contact the International Socialists**

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We need no position the Executive to the Special General Meeting to discuss action that will win this campaign.

by Steve Sherlock, PSA

# Sell-out officials censured

**ANGRY NSW public servants hurt abuse at union officials after they sold out their strongly supported strike.**

IN ONE of the most blatant sellouts in recent memory, the NSW Public Service Association (PSA) Executive have scuttled the campaign to defend the right of appeal against union appointments.



At mass meetings throughout the state, the rank and file called for strong and immediate action. The main meeting in the Sydney Town Hall directed the Executive to call an indefinite strike.

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# TOOHEYS LITE... ON WORKERS' RIGHTS

SO READS the sign on the fence at Toohey's Auburn brewery in Sydney that says it all.

And along with several other placards and a tent, are constant groups of determined picketers.

On November 7, Tooheys workers defied company orders and stopped work for the day. The stoppage was part of an industrial campaign over a twenty-four point log of claims submitted to the Brewers' Association in August.

By  
Mike Grewcock

A regular time for the past few years has been a thirty five hour week. This year, the Brewers' Association refused to even discuss the log unless the claim was withdrawn.

Chep forklift drivers began working a nine day fortnight on October 6. But when they resumed normal shifts after November 7, they were met at the gate by management officials. Each person was asked to sign a document stating that they would take no further part in industrial action.

A mass meeting was called outside the gates and after about a half hour, workers proceeded in sacking all maintenance tradesmen and Liquor Traders Union members.

Pickets on the gates said they were prepared to stay there until times if necessary to fight this lock-out.

Later, Ross Collison from the Dupire Committee told the Battler that there has been an excellent response at workplaces which have been visited by Tooheys.

they've put on a ten dollar levy and we're organizing delegations to visit breweries in other states.

Ross also added that the men are solid. Even those who have been right wingers have shown their company loyalty on the window after what Tooheys have done.

Donations and messages of support can be sent to Ross Collison, c/o 20 Hunter St Parramatta.



with Bill Posters

ANY LOYAL ALP supporter will tell you that the split with the Groupers in the Effers was a historic event. Labor supposedly broke decisively with the wreckers and agents of the right wing, and left them to "rot on the vine".

So why was Queensland ALP leader Ted Clegg a paid lawyer at Vince Gair's funeral?

THE LAST Republican to be elected White House President took office in 1981. He was a big name in the top Reagan administration. He was a big name in the top Reagan administration. He was a big name in the top Reagan administration.

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ABOUT EIGHT hundred workers at the giant construction site of the Australian Newsprint Mill at Ettamogah, north of Albury, have won improved severance pay.

At a mass meeting on November 20 they accepted an offer of sixty cents per hour back dated to September 8 and \$12.50 a week for every week before that. This will continue for the rest of the job with a minimum severance pay of \$300 for anyone on the site.

The workers employed by two of the contractors, Simon Carves and Kilpatrick Green had been on strike for weeks.

But when the bosses put the offer of an increase from \$12.50 a week severance pay to \$25 a week but with no back pay and with an anti-strike clause, the whole site went out.

During their two week strike there was a militant picket at the site. "We want enough money so that we can pack up and move some where else to look for work when this job finishes," one picketer explained.

Another picketer told me that the conditions are "about ten years behind any other site. The crew worked on... with no showers and poor safety conditions. There were about ten construction unions involved in the strike and all were prepared to stay out for "as long as it takes."

The estimated cost of the project is \$180 million and when it's built it will be putting out most of the newsprint for Australian papers.

But an FIA member from Simon Carves showed their spirit of determination when he said the workers reckoned that "it's going to be one of the most expensive monuments in the Southern Hemisphere if it's not finished."

by Carol Moore



## Mail Officers want a say!

FOR MANY months mail officers in Melbourne have had to put up with a growing number of problems with their conditions.

Australia Post has been on the offensive, cutting staffing levels, harassing militants and refusing to give details about the new international mail centre at Maffra St.

Many requests to the APTU State Executive from rep commitees, individual reps and members for mass meetings to discuss action were ignored.

It seemed that unofficial action was the only alternative. Seeing which way the wind was blowing, the bureaucrats took the militant stand of slipping overtime bans on but without even having a meeting of members.

A week later, they lifted the ban. Australia Post had agreed to a "review" of staffing and promised to report back on December 8. They gave out some

information on Maffra St. This was as bad as we expected — lots pesky shills, and no details about anything else.

The members were furious — a defeat without even really fighting. What was the point of having the "barricade and doing nothing?"

### bans

The bats were having an effect. Christmas mail is coming through — and that's our strongest bargaining period. One APTU member said:

"It should be gone out for three days, then come back and put bats on. That would have had Australia Post grovelling to us — it's not like when Maffra St went into June."

An organist promised to

have a stop work meeting on the ship section of the Mail Exchange. However, the morning of the meeting he called a off. Instead the state president would talk to members individually.

As soon as he arrived, members stopped work, trapped him in a small room and forced him to come out and talk.

After twenty minutes a motion was carried "That there be a stop-work meeting of all mail officers in the city area on December 10."

It'll be surprised if it occurs. The officials will ignore it, as they have all the others.

But unless they're careful, members will ignore them and start to take unofficial action on staffing at Maffra St.

by an APTU member

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