

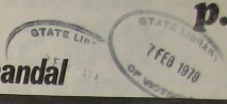
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GOOD RIDDANCE TO "THE THUMPER"



David Cumber Bill Hayden

Labor goes soul-searching

by Alec Kahn

"WE'VE got to be concerned to support and encourage the private sector, because that's where three out of four jobs are."

Sounds like Philip Lynch, doesn't it?

Or maybe Don Chipp stating the nearest thing the Democrats have got to an economic policy.

But in fact it's good old Bill Hayden - fresh from some relentless soul-searching into why Labor lost.

all. You go along to branch meetings and listen to endless reports, the occasional guest speaker, and at election time you hand out holy-to-words cards.

There's not much else you can do in a party that's committed to parliamentary reform - let alone one that's now committed to "supporting and encouraging" the private sector.

And co-ordinating campaigns in conjunction with the union movement to fully inform the community on Labor policy.

Unfortunately for Clyde, there's not too many Labor policies left worth informing the community about unless he means the one about hacking the private sector.

involved

And branches "getting involved in community activities" isn't exactly going to galvanise the Party either. Though it does take a bit of the best off leaders who are steadily retiring from every worthwhile reform that Labor ever stood for, if branches are burying their heads in local council intrigues and dogfights.

Anyway, the national executive eventually decided to launch a membership drive.

With that new respectable image they should recruit very well in Malvern and St. Ives.

BYE - BYE Harold Salisbury, we're glad to see you go.

Being martyred by the Dunstan Labor government caps a glorious career in the service of the Establishment.

Salisbury was recruited to the South Australian Police from Yorkshire, Britain, where he was head of the Yorkshire Constabulary.

His men had notorious reputations as bully boys. Harold Salisbury's nickname was "The Thumper".

The Yorkshire cops would stop and

search anyone on the streets at night; often allegedly for drugs. They were implicated in the murder of a homeless black man in Leeds. They dumped his body in the river.

Salisbury took over the S.A. Police after a similar scandal - the murder of Dr. George Dunstan, a homosexual, by two Adelaide detectives.

paranoid

Salisbury is paranoid about views not as prehistoric and conservative as his own.

He told one church group in 1976

that "agents of darkness" were destroying marriage and that "free thinkers and libertarians" were a threat to the family way of life.

So it comes as no surprise that he deliberately lied to his elected boss, Premier Don Dunstan. No doubt Salisbury would have regarded Dunstan himself as the kind of "free thinker" who would threaten society.

And it's no surprise that all those concerned with the Australian way of exploitation, including the Liberal Party, the Police Association and (would you believe) the Jaguar Owners Club all enthusiastically joined ranks to defend Salisbury.

The cop who lied



HAROLD "THUMPER" Salisbury: "No Trade Unionist would be sacked the way I was."

Right. Most workers have it much worse. Take the 300 sackings at Chrysler in the New Year.

They won't be getting \$65,000 severance money. And just to make sure they didn't cause any trouble, he sent a large squad of fellow "thumpers" down to the plant.

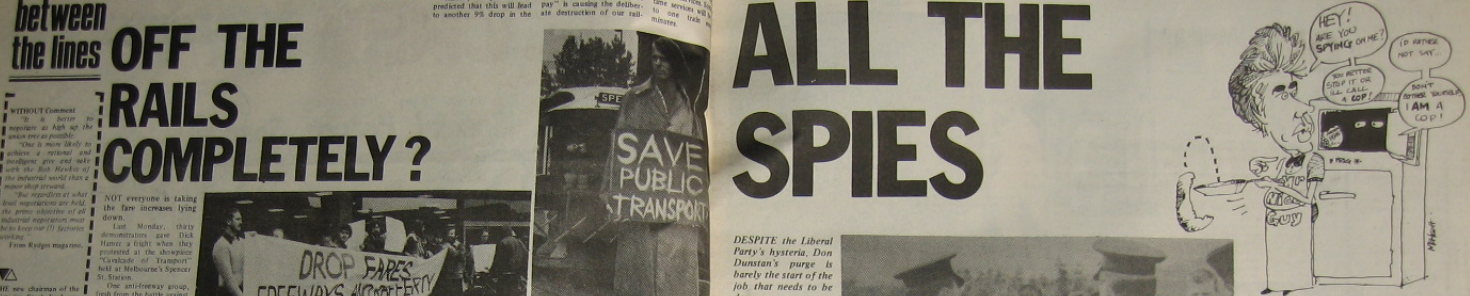
We wonder if that's what Dunstan had in mind when he appointed Salisbury. At the time he said, "While there were some people with valuable experience in Australia, none quite measured up to the standard we had from Mr Salisbury, I'm sure that when the people of S.A. have met him, they will realise what a good choice we have made."

And then once upon a time there was a Labor Prime Minister who was sacked by an unelected Governor General. He wasn't caught lying, or spying. Just standing up to the Liberals.

But then, what greater crime is there?

NOW LET'S SACK ALL THE SPIES — p.3

WILKES' SACK



between the lines

WITHOUT COMMENT it is better to suggest an idea than to make one possible. The idea is to allow a system and to allow the public to see the benefits of a new system.

THE big obstacle of the Victorian Road Exchange is the fact that it is not a road but a highway. It is not a road but a highway.

THE James Forster is what the National Bank is. It is a bank that is not a bank.

BY PHIL GRIFFITHS

NOT everyone is taking the few increases in fare down. Some are taking them as a sign of progress.

And despite the earlier train, the Spencer St. demonstration got some support from the crowd and reminded everyone that soon we may have a public transport system in reality going to be a success.

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DRIVE FREEWAYS ALTERNATE

...not if we can help it

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THE big companies ought to be delighted. The Victorian Liberal government has once again raised fares on trains, trams and ferries. The average fare is up by a third, from 8 cents to 12 cents.

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by John Wollin

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SADAT SIDELIGHTS

SOME interesting background information has emerged in Sadat's memoirs. The memoirs are in the Middle East. The memoirs are in the Middle East. The memoirs are in the Middle East.

WORLD in Struggle

DEFEND and demoralizing. The memoirs are in the Middle East. The memoirs are in the Middle East. The memoirs are in the Middle East.

Remember Vietnam?

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WELCOME TO OUR NIGHTMARE

Fern Bay

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HUNTERS HILL - ANOTHER COVER UP



SYDNEY'S Hunter's Hill is destined to be the industrial capital of Australia.

Before Christmas, the NSW Labor Government had announced that it would be building a new town in the Hunter's Hill area. The town would be built on a site that had been previously used for industrial purposes. The town would be built on a site that had been previously used for industrial purposes.

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"I FIND that I am losing my memory. I repeat myself and I can't concentrate. I find that I can't write letters because absolutely nothing happens to write about."

"Everyday in this place is identical. The only thing different is what is on the television. I am very depressed because of the fact that I can't see any part of the outside world."

"In the cells and the shop it is not possible to tell whether it is night or day. The yard is far too small. It is not possible to see out of it and it would make an enormous difference if it had a window."

"I miss very much seeing things like cars, roads, trees and flowers. One prisoner asked for a bird as a pet and it was treated as a joke."

Ronald Cox

"MY first impression of Katingal was barred. All that we could see was a lot of cement and no windows. I was taken through an electronically operated door which clanged loudly."

"I was placed in a cell on my own. This cell contained a cement bed with a mattress, a cement table, steel toilet. There were two fluorescent lights at the front and back of the cell with heavy glass in front of them."

"There was a spy hole in the back wall; meals were passed in through a steel trap at the back of the cell."

"There was no work of any kind at Katingal. Whilst at Katingal, I suffered hallucinations and nervous spasms. I was told I had to see Dr. Sheehan."

"I saw him once and he asked me to try a new drug and tell him what effect it had on me. I tried the drug for a day and then I refused to take it after that."

"I found that when I took the drug I could not rest and I had to keep moving. I did not want to take any type of drugs as I did not know that drugs would do me any good."

Fred Stanley Simpson

"Sir,

some of the prisoners at Katingal were taken to a place called 'the above address' (Katingal), the above address, they used to fog me. But I would be insane within 18 months to two years like I am buried deep down in no one, do nothing all day long. Day after day.

Geoff G. Brown

"AFTER they fired about five or six (tear gas canisters) they opened the gates, and we started to abandon the yard. There made us run through them."

"They knocked this prisoner down in front of me, knocked him out."

"... They knocked me to the ground with their batons, and started kicking and punching me with a lot of other officers."

"One said: 'Get up, you dog, I've been waiting for you for a long time...'"

"... and he started kicking and punching me again while about six or seven other officers hit me with their batons, they flogged us again; made us get up against the fence."

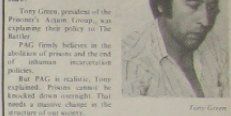
"They told us to take off our clothes. Then they told us to face them, and don't look at them... Three of them then told us to long the abolition of jobs a la carte."



PAG members posing, 128 Glen Point Rd, Geelong.

PAG ~ the group that's fighting back

"ONE thing we know about prisons is that they do no good for anyone. The people inside or the people outside."



Tony Green

Tony Green, president of the Prisoners' Action Group, will explain their policy to The Battler.

PAG firmly believe in the abolition of prisons and the end of inhuman incarceration policies.

But PAG is realistic. Tony explained: "Prisoners cannot be knocked down overnight. That needs a massive change in the structure of our society."

In origin we're not trying to influence various governments towards reform measures.

Presently we're trying to get an alternative to the current system because, as Tony Green explains, trying to influence the capitalist state is the quickest way to get shafted.

However, PAG has three policy objectives it hopes will long the abolition of jobs a la carte.

The first is to provide an alternative to the capitalist media distortion of news concerning out of prison. PAG is trying to destroy the society that surrounds NSW jails.

They do not have much faith in the federal government, but they fight for any reforms that may bring the situation closer to PAG's interests.

PAG also conducts a mail service, which is made to provide a means by which to challenge the prison system.

Martin Hirst



NEVILLE Wran has decided to spend \$14m re-building Bathurst Jail and building a new maximum security prison near Sydney.

He has decided to give funds to the Italian firm of heavily repressive treatment of prisoners in NSW prisons.

In the past, Wran has flouted laws, suppression of prison reform. In the AFP Legal and 1973 he accused a motion that of the prison population should be reduced by 50%.

He was quick to apologise on the occasion of Madison after the Bathurst Jail.

In his introduction to the House of Representatives on Victorian Crime, in Sydney last week, Wran stated that the NSW Government is interested in the working class of the State. But by his own admission, the jobs are full of working class people.

When he visited the people that he moved with and his style of employment as a lawyer is almost exclusively the middle class of which he is now a member.

"He's given his lot of support to the policy of brutality against their working class people."

Wran came back from his

Report by JANET VAUX

Christmas holidays on Lord Howe Island to deal summarily with prison disturbances at Long Bay and Parramatta Jail.

He accepted without question an exaggerated version of the Prisoners' demands in Parramatta.

He refused Commissioner of Corrections Services, Wal McGeehan, for negotiating with prisoners, and then sacked him.

And he sacked prisoners of waiting to be in 'luxury hotels'.

Tony Green commented: "How dare the hapless come very many sorts of things that he dreamed about but long when he was in opposition!"



authority as Commissioner for Corrections Services.

The prisoners demands were not reported in the press as being for TV points for food, fresh fruit and laundry soap.

It is not known who put out this version of the prisoners' demands.

It is not only Wran who is handling the situation in the Sydney Morning Herald of 15th of January, saying with apparent righteousness: "I'm damned angry. Prisoners are demanding more and more concessions. Who says these jobs? Try put in the paper where the prisoners are taking over."

"THE other day when it was 40 degrees in Sydney, there were prisoners locked up for 17 hours in concrete cells 8 ft by 4ft with a shut-in in the corner."

"WRAN has made the outrageous statement that prison officers have to be supported in reasserting authority. Wran knows how they assert their authority, they do it by flogging."



Tony Green, PAG

Atkins and his like have everything to gain from inciting riots in the jails.

They say that say the prisoners are wild animals. They are not.

Federal 4th District Judge Madson strikes the wreckage after the 1974 Bathurst Prison Riot. Neville Wran has promised to rebuild this ward cell.



Farewell to the Tramp



CHARLIE CHAPLIN is dead.

The great comedian died on Christmas day, after thirty years in exile from the America that he loved.

As "the tramp" he played a character half arrested, half defeated. By mixing up the roles he made a lot of fun of weakly and pretentious people running America.

The tramp created society parties where he would head straight for the food or get drunk, or where he entertained his host.

When Douglas Fairbanks had an enormous party for the film of "Robin Hood," Chaplin refused.

"What a wonderful opening. The American League of Liberty and I put out the air and I take on the risk."

A trapper from the tramp was a bit and kindly figure.

of demonstrating against "The Court Decision" was by one of the most brilliant screen stars (filmed) Chaplin, played by Chaplin, himself in the office and sports playing with an actual globe of the world. He went to the work of the air, bakers in the office, then his bed. Then he gets kiks in the back and is sent to the work for several minutes.

Although much big before America entered the war, this beautiful ballet, and indeed the whole film, was a scathing parody of the living times and the life and his plans.

Although a politically naive, Chaplin became a cynic in exile in a second front to be opened up against Germany.

In the late 40's, the one behind Chaplin had arrived so much late amongst the American establishment, that he was called to the American Committee on Un-American Activities.

On a trip to London he

was barred from entering the United States and the great film "Limelight" was never shown in the States.

Chaplin was a scathing parody of the living times and the life and his plans.

From the onset of his exile in London, he had become a political and social critic. He always regarded himself as a foreigner in his own country.

It is very regrettable that the American Committee on Un-American Activities, that it refused to let him enter the United States.

THE PAST FEW YEARS HAVE BEEN A DRAMATIC REVERSAL OF THE SITUATION IN SOME COUNTRIES. IN OTHERS IT HAS BEEN MORE APPALLING THAN IN SOME PLACES IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

by Tom O'Lincoln

Malim rebels in that region refused attempts to buy them out. The Malim rebels in that region refused attempts to buy them out. The Malim rebels in that region refused attempts to buy them out.

"There is loss of malaria down there," said the local military commander. "So we have

"An achievement is a productive labourer when, in addition to labouring the heads of his scholars, he works for a house to watch the school preparators. That the latter has led out his capital in a teaching factory, does not alter the reality."

We could speak equally well of the health industry as a "health factory" whose purpose is profit rather than the health of the people. It is a fact, but it is obvious to anyone after watching Malim's health industry. Let's health industry. But what is less well known is



In the March of capitalist health-care, America, we have the number of patients in the number of patients. This has led to the number of patients in the number of patients. Recently a doctor from New York hospital ran on down the street with a patient on a stretcher. The ambulance took him to another hospital.

SPANISH TRAGEDY A COMMUNIST FARCE

By Steve Morgan

Republic in 1931 was the first parliamentary type democracy in Spain's history. Under the Republic reform attacks the power and property of the aristocracy and the Church. Within a short time sections of the ruling class formed the Falange (Fascist) party to counter the



"The REASON there hasn't been research into sleeping sickness is because it usually affects very poor people and cheap companies are hardly going to spend money on research which will not produce profit."

On Walter Drouot of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine talking to the Guardian about the malaria threat to millions of people in Africa.

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defeated. But through the workers formed their own power. Their resolution was to form a political party, the Communist Party, to fight for workers power. The Republican leaders argued that there could be no social program to meet anti-fascist.

But the government's Democratic Republic was implicitly supporting the interests of big business and big industry and big agriculture - one case of the

of oppression of the workers and peasants. Spain was in the throes of a working class revolution as understood by the Communist Party. In an attempt to block the growth of the Communist Party, the Fascist Party was formed around the world. In the event of a German strike breaking.

The idea was to make Communist Parties and other "front" organizations to appeal to the masses and to break the power of the bourgeoisie. In the event of a German strike breaking.

So with considerable support from Russia through 1937 and 1938, the Spanish Communist Party set about trying to reverse the Fascist Party's coup of 1936.

But the Communist Party was actually made up of men and women who believed in the

DAVE NADL'S MY SHOUT

If half a dozen building workers were killed in a trench collapse on a building site we would all be bloody sure and we would expect we would do something about safety conditions.

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What's more, the economic crisis has developed its health programs are being cut. Malilla's country is because the American and United Nations agencies haven't got the money to fight its health infrastructure to a higher priority.

The only way to guarantee health for the world's people is to place control of the resources and funds in their own hands, and out of the grasp of the capitalist class.

More recently, medical teams were used as Trojan horses for "counter-revolutionary" activity in Vietnam.

But despite the evil motives, surely these programs did some good as well? Perhaps, but as long as they remain under the control of the imperialists and their puppets, they can be used as a club - as the rebels in the

In Germany, the suicide rate showed a massive decline during the popular struggle after World War I, when workers' councils were formed. Once the honours got back on top, suicide rose to new peaks and stayed that way through the Nazi period.

In the USA, student psychiatric facilities found a drastic decline in "suicides" in 1964. Then, as the movement died down, the suicide rate returned to "normal".

Obviously, fighting back against oppression is good for your mental health. And in modern society, where so many killer diseases are related to stress and strain, that is mighty important.

The lesson? Join us in fighting capitalism. In the long term, it will make a health care system that really works for us. And even in the short term, it could save your life.

J.R.B. Idiots Rerun Ballot

The South Australian branch of the A.M.S.U. has decided to rerun its ballot to elect its Secretary at State level. The ballot was held in the month of August and the results showed that the majority of members were in favour of the re-election of J.R.B. as Secretary. The ballot was held in the month of August and the results showed that the majority of members were in favour of the re-election of J.R.B. as Secretary. The ballot was held in the month of August and the results showed that the majority of members were in favour of the re-election of J.R.B. as Secretary.

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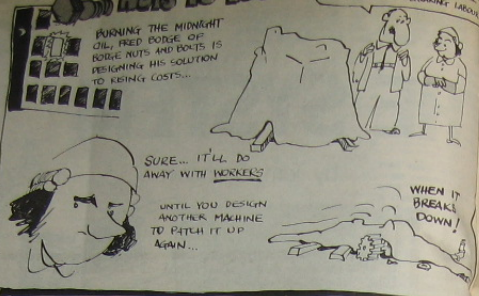
BUILDING workers at Collins State Bank site in Melbourne are demanding the reinstatement of an industrial award by the company just before the Christmas break. Workers at the site have handed all notices and the B.I.F. board administration to the site stopping concrete pour. State Bank workers will be holding a strike action by after an Arbitration hearing on Friday. B.I.F. has decided to consider further action.

BODYSNATCHERS

THE officials of the Australian Society of Engineers are adamant that they don't want to do down trucks to retail motorists. They are currently winning over many workers from the Vehicle Builders Union who are being lured away from their jobs by the A.S.E. The method they are using is quite simple. They have letters of invitation to the other unions. By doing this, they are referring to the ACTU policy, which is that all union dues should be paid to the ACTU.

the WAG

OUR health and safety on the job are things we often neglect and a major problem for the insurance company these days. In every week in Australia eight people are killed on the job. The people who are injured on the job are often not reported to the insurance company these days. The latest statistics show that 105 cases of dangerous work were reported to the Victorian Department of Labour and Industry. The number of workers who were injured was 105. The number of workers who were injured was 105.



PENAL PRISONS THREAT AGAINST PLUMBERS

WHARFERS WIN \$100,000. This is what the national union class solidarity is about. Wharfers at Port Phillip are winning \$100,000 back pay for their strike. The money will be used to help other workers in similar situations.

PLUMBERS at Melbourne's giant Collins Place building project have now been out for 24 weeks. They are fighting for full payment for a safety stoppage last August, and time lost since. The 108 plumbers have already put one of their notices to the Victorian Government and the second by ACTU Secretary Peter Nolan.

THE A.M.S.U. has just increased its rates to slightly over A\$5 - and already A\$5 is an eye-balling a year. Of course, the A.S.E. doesn't need to increase their rates, because they never do anything, they don't need the money!

THE millions of dollars that the AMP have available to invest in projects like Collins Place have mostly gone from the pockets of working men and women. The AMP is Australia's largest insurance company, with assets close to \$5 billion to play around with.

THE seminar will concentrate on 'The Marxist' and 'How to fight them'. Workers interested in attending can contact WHAG at 423 LL, Kensington St, Melbourne (87 3047).

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THE Workers Health Action Group is holding a two day national seminar on health and safety. The seminar will be held in Melbourne on Friday and Saturday 3 and 4 years. The seminar will be held in Melbourne on Friday and Saturday 3 and 4 years.

BATTLER READERS WRITE... THE POLICE & THE GOVERNMENT

The Police & the Government by Alan Briggs Adelaide. The basic point is that the police force is a separate entity, not part of the government. It is a force that is used to control the population and to enforce the law. The police force is a separate entity, not part of the government. It is a force that is used to control the population and to enforce the law.

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GET THIS ME, GALLAGHER

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Norm Gallagher - the end could be in sight

At last — a decision

LATROBE Valley power workers should at last be getting a decision on their work-value case at the end of this month.

Despite the fact that they were expected to get an increase at the end of the November — four weeks after the end of the year 1976.

The union administration dragged on till mid-January when the case is adjourned while the SFC proposes its reply.

The SFC's reply is expected to last no more than six days. Then the unions get a final chance for comment — this should be short, since much of it was covered during a two-examination of senior witnesses in the last two months.

Finally Commissioner Mann will consider the matter. He probably means a full bench to deal with the decision, as there can be no appeal against it.

testimony

The latest case has certainly been comprehensive, with testimony from workers in every sector about changes in their work value.

ACTU advocate Paul Mason (third) sits to the right of the witness stand.

Witnesses who viewed the witness stand were: Gilbert Wiese (second) from the NSW through the union; and Alan Haines (left) from the SFC.

But as we see in last week's editorial, the SFC's attitude was, the most to be expected. It's all up and down, nothing to be done.

breakthrough

This is a major breakthrough for the rank and file movement.

The SFC's decision is a good sign for the rank and file movement, as it is a sign of a series of disappointments.

Second, the decision means that rank and file candidates were also excluded from the SFC's election of a full-time union official.

But most important, the SFC has not rejected the rank and file movement.

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ON Monday 23rd January, the Federal Court of Australia ruled that the election of Norm Gallagher as Federal Secretary of the Builders Labourers Federation was void.

Ever since Norm and the building unions took over the leadership of the NSW Branch three years ago, Gallagher's machine has gone to any length to exclude rank and file candidates from elections.

When Brian Rice, a member of the B.L.F. for many years, contacted Norm Gallagher in the Federal Court, he was told that the B.L.F. should be dissolved. Rice was told that he should not pay for the job of one of the NSW Branch members.

The court has ruled that the B.L.F. has not acted in accordance with the rules of the union and that it was not eligible to stand for election.

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Simmonds bosses get a rude surprise

"We took the bosses by surprise. They didn't expect any militancy," said Des Burke, strike committee member, after a successful strike at Simmonds printers in Sydney.

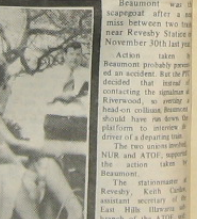
After they had been out a week, the firm offered to settle on all demands except the only one that would cost them any money, \$200 cash for short term employees and retraining under the State award after 5 years service.

The bosses thought they could get away with threatening immediate closure. But the strike continued, and the firm settled the same evening.

BACK in the days when the NSW B.L.F. was a force to be reckoned with, Newcastle B.L.F. members, protesting over the lack of showers at the Kings Centre, took a shower on the Town Hall steps on their own.

Victimized — for stopping an accident

MEMBERS of the National Union of Railworkers, the East Hills line in Sydney have defied an attempt by the Public Transport Commission's victim assistance manager, Raymond Revisby, to stop them.



Revisby's workers meet during the strike.

Revisby was stopped after a sit-in between two hills near Revisby Station on November 30th last.

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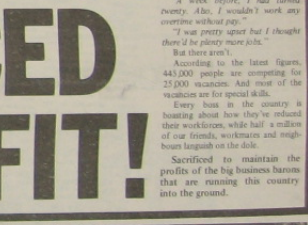
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WHITES FIGHT BLACKS

As the fighting heats up in Zimbabwe the Smith is starting to white Rhodesian

THE BLACKS TALKING TO SMITH The Government has ordered the withdrawal of 2000 white soldiers from Northern Rhodesia, which has become a separate country.

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All news reports from the country are now being censored.

This is an attempt to prevent such dissemination news as the recent presentation of 2000 white soldiers to the white capital Salisbury.

With the fall of the Anglo-American "peace initiative" Smith is now desperate to negotiate with the blacks who are as anxious as himself to end the period.

The writer noted by the "Sunday" black leaders present white property and

These white MPs would have a new over-arching that threatened the white

interest.

The people that would really benefit most from the South African and white companies that control the Rhodesian economy. They are already pressuring the British and American governments.

But everyone knows that any agreement signed by Salisbury will not stop the

war, both Smith and the white companies involved in Rhodesia are anxious to split the parables.

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A black family being forcibly removed from their home. Tens of thousands of blacks are now being sent into fortified camps to prevent their helping the guerrilla forces. The camps are often far from the official lands, in dry and arid country. The Americans tried the same tactics in Indo-China without success.

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The danger they ignored for 20 years



Fogged blue asbestos hanging from windows in passenger carriage window frame.



Unplugged asbestos in driver control box.

Verdick finds this kind of asbestos hanging from windows in passenger carriage window frame.

CRALL'S TICKET TO DEATH

REPORT: STEVE MORGAN

RAILWAY workers and commuters in Victoria are being exposed to deadly blue asbestos.

The asbestos is used to insulate some 200 blue "Harris" suburban trains which daily carry Melbourne commuters to work.

For twenty years the Victorian Railways, the Health Department and the unions knew of the dangers of asbestos.

Asbestos fibres which inhaled cause scarring of the lung (asbestosis) which can lead to lung cancer, a rare but fatal condition, can cause a type of cancer of the lung lining, called the mesothelioma.

The diseases are painful and inevitable.

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Oz boss sacks American workers

Accidentally

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One of their mates presented a letter from the late Dr. Thomas of the National Institute of Industrial Hygiene. He later told the workers that they were working with asbestos.

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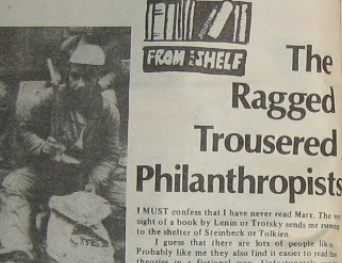
Main opposition in Italy since the fall of the PCI's long-time ally, the Christian Democrats, the PCI has been able to change its position as a political party in a relatively short period of time. This has been achieved in the context of the Italian government's policy of "openness" towards the workers of the industrialized countries of the West.

The PCI stands for the "democratic" control of the economy of the "Western" world, and the "nationalization" of the economy. It is a party of the "people" and the "workers". It is a party of the "future" and the "progress". It is a party of the "people" and the "workers". It is a party of the "future" and the "progress".

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FROM SHELF The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists

I MUST confess that I have never read Marx. The weight of a book by Lenin or Trotsky sends me running to the shelves of Stenobok or Tokin.

Probably like me they also find it easier to read theories in a fictional way. Unfortunately socialist fiction is rather difficult to come by.

The Ragged Trousered Philanthropist has been around since the first world war, but has not had the same impact and importance. It covers months in the building trade at the turn of the century and shows how craftsmanship was being pushed aside for speed and profits.

The central character, Frank Owen, is modelled on the author, Robert Tresselt. He is a socialist work gang whose members are predominantly anti-social.

Through Owen's eyes we see the town of Mowborough, the capitalists who thrive on the poverty of their workers and the work of the Church in keeping the masses in their places.

The aspect of it that explains its brilliant but there is a much more to it. It explains how Owen, who is a socialist, is a man who is not a socialist. He is a man who is not a socialist. He is a man who is not a socialist.

Jack Linden had worked for the building firm Ashburnton's on and off for many years. He was plump and blundering for Mistry, as the workers called him behind his back of course) wanted to hire a young carpenter man. So Old Jack is asked for smoking while working.

If he then has to rely on his daughter's meagre income from her sewing. They have to sell off their possessions, and apply for assistance because they are starving.

Finally Jack and his wife are sent off to a workhouse. Mary's daughter is given three shillings a week to support herself and her children, plus an eviction notice. Used up by the system, and then thrown away when they were no longer profitable.

Another worker, Philip is killed because Mistry's is too miserly to lay a decent rope, and because the other workers don't want to accept Mistry's wrath and the sack by warring lines to get a rope that isn't frayed.

Tresselt isn't as brave. "The Philanthropist" is not a treatise or a preface "but a novel". But it is a novel written by someone who has experienced exactly what he has written.

When you read the novel with its grim realism, you realize the horror of it. The Ragged Trousered Philanthropist from his own life.

Ann Lawson

Socialism in '57

anxieties?

"Is it not almost heart-breaking to see the multitude of little cliques, each at the throat of the other? One wonders where the hell the working class are getting to."

by Tom O'Lincoln

THIS sad remark appeared in a Sydney socialist newspaper in 1918.

It would probably describe the feelings of many people today, who see the bewildering array of splinter groups on the left.

Why can't we all get together, since we're all working for the same thing?

But good will and broad socialist sentiments have never proved enough to unite people.

The Russian revolution of 1917 excited the enthusiasm of militant workers everywhere, and led to the formation of Communist parties. In Australia, it brought together a number of different currents, which used to unite in the Communist Party of Australia.

Within weeks they had split apart again. Despite successful workers' action from the Communist International, it took two years to form a united Communist Party in Australia.

The people involved were all for socialism, but they had different ideas of how to get there. Should they work inside the ALP, or stay outside? Once inside, should they co-operate with the ruling class, or wage unrelenting war on them?

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These were major issues, but it often seems that the left has different ideas of what to do there. Should they work inside the ALP, or stay outside? Once inside, should they co-operate with the ruling class, or wage unrelenting war on them?

Take one of the most famous splits in socialist history. In 1903, the Russian socialists were divided into the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks over a single clause in the party rules.

Many observers were shocked that a split could occur over such a trivial issue.



Point. A factory worker wrote to Lenin: "Is our party doomed to perpetual splits over such trifles?"

But what lay behind the "trifles" was the question of what kind of party was needed. The Bolsheviks were to build a revolutionary party, and seize power. The Mensheviks created a reform party which finished by opposing the workers' revolution.

In Australia today some of the divisions are, also, equally justified. For example, there are the Silly Season sects, who fill their papers with page-long diatribes written in incomprehensible jargon.

Now for the IS's fundamental part of building a socialist party is to build a newspaper which rank and file workers can actually make

use of in their struggles. To form a united organisation with the workers of glibness would not advance us in that task at all.

tyranny

Now it is necessary true that we are "all working for the same thing." There are some "socialists" who defend the monstrous tyranny of the Soviet Union and would like to create the same thing here. The IS stands for a path to socialism that passes through workers' democracy and workers' control. Have we really so much in common with them?

Even taken all together, the left is small and isolated. How can we

break out of that isolation, and win all the militant workers on our rank?

It is a difficult task. Opinion differs greatly even among people of good will. And there is only one way to find out who is right: the acid test of political practice.

Each line must be tested. And unfortunately that means separate organisations. If we were all in one group, we would spend all our time arguing over strategy, rather than trying it out.

There is no reason, of course, why all the left wing groups can't cooperate in a lot of cases. And we do. The movement against Vietnam War, the struggle over Medicare, the fight against uranium mining - in all these situations everybody on the left joined in the strikes and mass demonstrations.

Finally, a word to our critics. You are right to worry about the fragmentation of the Left. But many of you refuse to join any group because of it.

Doesn't that make you a left? Don't do that much worse!

Perhaps the first step towards Left unity might be for you to come out of your good isolation (or perhaps just self-imposed isolation), and join us.

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Kerry's one-day wonders

HAS Kerry Parker's croquet circus finally turned the corner?

Parker's organizers have been almost rubbing their eyes in disbelief at some of the crowds they've been drawing recently. Twenty-four thousand at Melbourne, 10,000 in Sydney, 10,000 in Perth.

It's a far cry from the 5000 attendees Parker drew in Perth over a parking lot war.

When World Service called ahead it was one headed with 20,000 people.

But that's all the more reason why Parker is all at sea in a good crowd. The crowd, however, has been consistently low.

from which it has to attract new players away from official cricket especially to lure his Australianists.

After all, Australian cricketers need to keep coming to games which only profit those who attend. It is a fact, his Australian cricketers are not interested in his "one-day" cricket.

And he's already promised to play a "one-day" cricket game with Martin Gray and Bob Lacey. He has no new business left to sell in Perth, his Australian cricketers are not interested in his "one-day" cricket.

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Dave Nadel's MY SHOT

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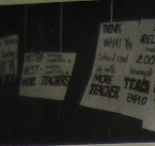
That means that he was 11 years old when they first put him in jail.

Compulsory army - not a war.

If a kid starts appearing in police files at a young age, it is likely, if nothing is being investigated, that he is a "shoot" boy. He is a "shoot" boy. He is a "shoot" boy.

The cops can't be sure he's a "shoot" boy. He is a "shoot" boy. He is a "shoot" boy.

Unemployed teachers speak out



A GROUP of unemployed teachers in NSW are determined to make their own head-voice in the Unemployed Teachers' Union, the Queensland Teachers' Union, the Victorian Teachers' Union and the Unemployed Teachers' Association in a meeting of their kind in the NSW State Teachers' Federation in Sydney.

WHY WE USE THE COURTS

by David Shaw, BLF

WAS it a valid tactic for Brian Rix and the Builders' Labourers Democratic Control to use the courts to force an election in the BLF?

That's the question a lot of BLF members are going to be asking Galagher's officials have already started showing the term "house" around (not law articles) and in the election, it's a safe bet we'll have accusations after accusations levelled against us.

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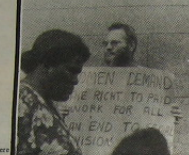
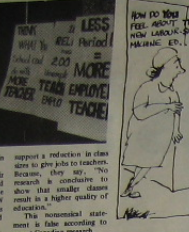
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That's actually true coming from the man who collaborated directly with the Master Builders Association to smash rank-and-file control in the NSW BLF.

The official also took the trouble to photograph Jock at the court. Jock's picture was taken because it was the position and would mean the position of much money was being taken away from us.

Even in a prepared case to go on and deal with the case in his heavy air conditioned office isolated from the shop floor.

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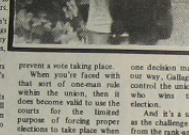
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BATTLER READERS WRITE... BATTLER READERS WRITE...

Improving The Battler

by John Wolin Melbourne

A new item from the Italian parliamentary club has to be read. The problem of government is to keep the capitalist system from falling apart. It is not a matter of whether the world is in a state of war or peace. It is a matter of whether the world is in a state of war or peace.

No Court Ballots

by Paul Rowlands Melbourne

"WE'RE going to see you Galagher..." On Monday 23rd February the Federal Court of Australia ruled that the election of Brian Galagher as Federal Secretary of the Builders' Labourers' Federation was void.

Let's face it, some battler voters don't know how to vote. They vote for the wrong person. They vote for the wrong person. They vote for the wrong person.

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EVERY year IS branches hold a series of fund raising dinners. Each one usually has a theme. Last year's theme was 'Solidarity, Peace, Health and Vegetarian Dinners'.

WOMEN'S DAY

A RALLY is being organized by the International Women's Day Committee in Brisbane for Saturday 11 March.

Fighting Fund

This week The Battler fighting fund received money from: CIB \$100, RM \$8.50, MK \$7.00, Southern Summer Camp \$16.14

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We're glad to announce better late than never the winners of The Battler Raffle held last year.

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How four of us beat the sack

FOUR victimized workers on the Clared National Park (NSA) Scheme have won back their jobs.

How's that? Well, in February I was given notice of a sacking by the manager on the advice of the head gardener. He was told not to work his job there up to the south of the lake and that the money had run out.

When we took the job to the National Park office in Brisbane the manager told us that the money had run out.

When we got to the job we were told that the head gardener had been dismissed because he was doing the work of the head gardener. He was told that the money had run out.

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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

Malcolm gets a coal of pain

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INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

MELBOURNE March on Saturday 11 March at 10 am Assembly Bourke St. Mall.	SYDNEY March on Saturday 11 March at 10 am Assembly Town Hall.	BRIISBANE Rally on Saturday March 11 at 10 am Assembly Roma St. There may be an attempt to march, 11.30.	ADELAIDE March on Saturday 11 March at 10 am Assembly Rundle St. Mast.
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FULL DETAILS OF ALL INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY ACTIVITIES ON PAGE 11.

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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

SAILOR TO THE SHARKS!

NEWPORT: WE NAME THE SCABS

THE Battler has received a file of information on the subcontractors being used to build the Newport Power Station.

A "diab" scab campaign by anti-Newport activists and trade unions managed to force a large number of Newport contractors to pull out.

However, the contractor remaining are either anonymous or blessed with weak union organisation.

Our list is on page 26. If you work for one of these companies, if you work with their equipment, if they have any connection with your workplace, place a banner on all dealings with them.

EXCLUSIVE: On the Spot Report

AN INDIAN seaman who fell overboard last week from the Newport cruise ship SS Canberra was left to drown in the Tasman Sea.

The officer thought a passenger was missing. But after an hour and a half of searching they accounted for all the passengers and sailed on.

They then discovered there was in fact an Asian crew member missing but the captain refused to go back and look for him. The fact for breaking international law would be minimal any way.

PAYING

THE Asian crew members only get \$17 a week while the passengers are paying up to \$800 a week to be on board.

The drowned seaman had planned to leave the ship in 15 days time when the ship got to Hong Kong to return to his wife and family in Goa, India.

Not only was he below par, but he was only a makeshift 5% a week, and his union organisation a weaker one.

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Between the lines

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OUR LIST OF NEWPORT SCABS

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THE FTU Team ... we are in ...

JOHN Binks-Peterson's ...

...we're talking and attempting to march on ...

...the wife of a missing ...

...and the FTU ...

...FENALLY ...

...ALREADY a month ...

...by David ...

...FROM THE ...

...October state elections ...

...The Right to March ...

...ON Monday ...

...The rally will picket ...

...offer space to get the ...

...The strike committee ...

...But similar ...

- AA & Weller Co
- ANI Aerial Steel
- ANL Engineering
- Alford and Ernst Transport
- Adrian Ltd
- Ammann SA
- Arrol-Johnston
- Aquila Steel
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- Barron Group
- Barnet Excavators
- Bathurst Enterprises
- Bell Resources
- Bell & Bell
- Bentley Plant Hire
- Billington Equipment P/L
- Black Hill Services
- Clayton Mobile Cranes
- Clayton New Services
- Clayton Crane and Gate Co
- Cooks Construction
- Conroy P/L
- Crow P/L
- Dominion Reinforcements
- Edwards Engineering
- Edwards Building Supplies
- Epps D & L
- Fabrication Engineering
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- Farnham P/L
- Footscray
- Franklin Crane and Transport
- G&M Mills
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- McDonald Dowell
- McDonalds Construction
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- McIntyre Rope Works P/L
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- Mosley H & L
- Monby, Charlton
- Mountain View Quarries
- Murray
- Orlino, MacArthur
- Papier, ES
- Pender, W
- Pioneer Mixed Concrete
- Plenty Communications
- Porter
- Proton Mixed Concrete
- Rafter Plant Co
- Rex Paving Co
- Ridgeway Paving
- Roll Transport
- Ryan MS & J
- Ryvot's R
- Sale S
- Schiffelshofer W
- Steel Mills
- Stratton Plant Hire
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- Terra Equipment
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IT'S YOU, BEKKE WE'RE MARCHING!

BY JOHN MINNIS

Below - Carole Ferrier being ...

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...In our photo ...

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...Prime Minister ...

...On Wednesday ...

...The strike ...

FREEWAY

...INNER city ...

...The Liberal ...

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The security threat

The terrorist: it will not be tolerated

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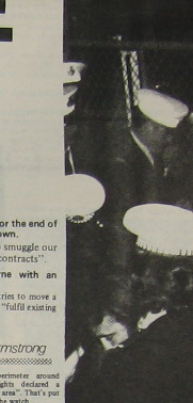
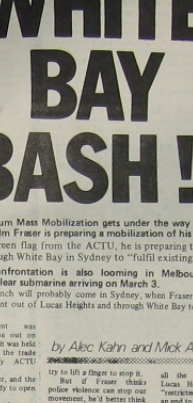
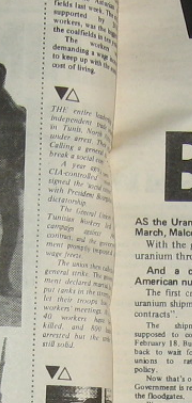
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ETHIOPIA - BEHIND THE BERG

Most people now know that there is a large scale war going on in the north west of Africa.

by Sue Cookerell

Reported from "Secret Worker" in Britain.

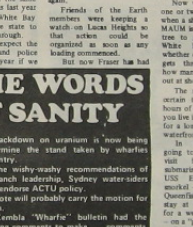
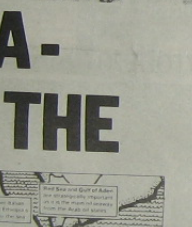
There are two wars. The first is in Ethiopia. The second is in Somalia. The first is an ethnic civil war between the Amhara and the Oromo. The second is a civil war between the Somali government and the Somali people.

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WORLD IN STRUGGLE

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READY FOR THE FIGHT

AS THE Uranium Mass Mobilization gets under the way for the end of March, Malcolm Fraser is preparing a mobilization of his own.

With the green flag from the ACTU, he is preparing to smuggle uranium through White Bay in Sydney to "fulfill existing contracts".

And a confrontation is also looming in Melbourne with an American nuclear submarine arriving on March 3.

The first crunch will probably come in Sydney, when Fraser tries to move a uranium shipment out of Lucas Heights and through White Bay to "fulfill existing contracts".

The shipment was supposed to come out of Lucas Heights in February 18. But it was held up because of a strike by the ACTU.

By Alec Kahn and Mick Armstrong

to try a flag to stop it. If Fraser's policy is to keep uranium out of the country, he'd better think again.

We can expect the same major strike in late year.

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SOME WORDS OF SANITY

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Following the weekly meetings of the Sydney Branch Leadership, Sydney workers voted 4 to 1 to endorse ACTU policy.

This heavy vote will probably carry the motion for the whole union.

The Port Adelaide "Wharfie" bulletin had the following scathing comments to make... comments with which we heartily concur.

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Spreading the message on uranium

RECENTLY I accompanied Ann and Jenny, two voluntary workers against uranium, to screen the film "More is Less" to workers at Glendens Green at Footscray in Melbourne.

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MORE NUCLEAR SCANDALS

OF course, we all know that uranium is really quite safe.

But just to reassure you, a few little incidents have come to light in the last two weeks.

In Hawaii, West German nuclear workers escaped when a pipe began leaking from a nuclear power plant, according to the State Department.

In Manila, Philippines, American scientists studying old-growth nuclear power plants told to Adam Gaultier revealed that the plants were actually being dismantled.

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The true history of Australian women....

Convicts



CONVICT women had to be tough to survive. They often shocked the officials and wealthy tourists whose letters and memoranda are the main record of the period.

Convict women... in the districts of their sex, are far worse than the men, and are generally to be found at the bottom of every infamous reputation connected in the colony. — said Governor Hunter in 1799.

In the early penal colony, there was not enough accommodation for women. Prostitution was the best way to get a bed, food and liquor.

From the 1820s on, many women convicts were housed in the notorious Female Factories. These were both prisons and work places.

Some Factories were also profitable businesses. The maroon at Parramatta is said to have made thousands of pounds from running a brothel there.

The Parramatta Factory also functioned as a marriage market. James Maden gave evidence to Select Committee into Transportation in 1837 describing it:

The single women are turned out, and they all stand up as you would think to many soldiers or so many sailors, in fact, in a fair, they are all naked up... The convict goes up and looks at the woman, and if he sees a lady that likes his fancy he makes a motion to her and they step in one side.

Parade grounds for women servants and prisoners for disobedience to their masters was severe.

In the Factories it ranged from head shaving to the tread-mill. On one time, particularly recalcitrant women had to wear spiked iron collars around their necks.

But the women sometimes revolted against this sort of treatment. At the Parramatta Factory, in 1827, there was a riot and a mass escape. The women beat up the baker's and butcher's quarters. Most of them submitted to captivity once they obtained food.

When the police tried to confine the leaders to their cells all the women rallied to their defence declaring, *"I am suffered, it should suffer."*

19th Century Industry



WITH industrial development in the late 19th c., women and girls were used as cheap, unskilled labour. Their wages were much lower than men's. They were often excluded from unions and worked in overcrowded workplaces.

The trade union movement was dominated by craft unions. Men had workdays that would eventually be excluded from the unions, undermining the alliance with labour.

The most famous was the strike of Australian woolworkers. They formed a union which soon had a membership of 2,000. Their strike was a lot of public sympathy and strengthened the trade union movement.

Votes

THE struggle for women's suffrage was never easier in Australia than in Britain. But there were active groups of women in NSW and Victoria organized around the issue of votes for women.

They also had a general interest in women's concerns, from equal property rights to equal pay.

The suffragists were mainly upper class and there was a certain amount of mutual suspicion between them and the labour movement.

But they did achieve some reforms for working women. For example by closing use of her social contacts, Rose Scott was able to help the passage of the NSW Early Child Act.



Miners' Struggles



THE Women's Auxiliaries of the Miners' Federation formed in 1934 were not a group of women who prepared afternoon teas.

It arose from 80 years of informal organization by miners' wives. Women in isolated mining villages during the 19th Century won a reputation for militancy against scale.

On at least one occasion the mine manager allowed unionists to address scale, but not the women.

Yet the women had to struggle against their own men to do scale to form an organization.

Lots of the men didn't like their women taking on public action... We used to go to Ladies' luncheons and address them. Some of the men were embarrassed when we were seen but we soon got used to each other.

Sometimes the men put up more of a fight.

I remember I heard about a meeting being held that night and decided to go. My husband said I was only about a stone or a diamond on the doorway and I couldn't get in. He was all right after that, I got used to it and always minded the children so I could be in all the meetings and times.

The women picketed, demonstrated, organized petitions, raised money, held press conferences, spoke on radio. Even the soup kitchen and social activities took on a political character during the long strikes of 1929 and 1949 in NSW.

The Auxiliaries were fighting women's organizations. It wasn't that the women's Auxiliary just supported them... It was our own survival we were fighting for.

I'll tell you I built a sweater from scratch... Somehow when you're in your own apartment, it's different... everyone is together.

They called us broken houses... I was unshowered... The coalfields women didn't take long to cotton on to... basically they were fighters... they had to be.

Work 11

MY NEW job was nice and clean, but very boring and I was sitting on high stools looking at the weighing them. I hated every second of it. I had to make a decision to no longer work there. I had to make a decision to no longer work there. I had to make a decision to no longer work there.

I must have been over to me and the room.

Suddenly they bell quite close.

The cafeteria washed my hands down when I went up and we had a lock-up.

I may say that I joined the ranch when the lunch bell rang. I got into the cafeteria and back to the workshop, sometimes, when half an hour, especially at long late and have a cigarette.

On the first day at the factory there was a lot of grumbling about the window. This was repeated on the second, third and fourth day. The women began to argue and there were angry suggestions to go.

When the Women's Board had increased women's wages to the male rate from the previous year, the Victorian Employers' Association said they were going to the decision and men while would reduce them.

This was fine, and though the women knew they would get the extra money owing to them from the award, they were angered by the delay.

On the following day they decided to have a stop work meeting and what action to take. The hall was packed with women.

The Secretary of the Ironworkers Union Branch of the Ironworkers Union said they would support them if they could do anything.

He got up and said their feet and hands were tired and their husbands or sons. We boys in the mill were doing the same work just work all the wage question.

Knowing Shirley was away the authorisation was settled. (Janet Smith)

Everhot

NOTHING political ever happens during summer in Australia — everyone prefers to lie on the beach with an esky. But the long hot summer of 1975 was different.

The management at Everhot, Raymore (Vic) had fired all 17 of the women who worked in the factory, including the militant women shop steward, Edith Tarnawich. The remaining workers, including another (male) shop steward, continued working after the women began picketing.

Large numbers of women's liberationists turned up to stand on the picket line. The union, AMVU, did little to help. But rank and file members from a nearby factory, ClydeMaster, stopped work for an afternoon, and marched to the picket to demonstrate their support.

The women also held a well publicised demonstration outside the owner's home in an affluent suburb of Melbourne.

The picket was so successful that by the end of 5 weeks there was a serious shortage of employees inside the factory. Up to this point unions were high.

But then the union officials convinced the women to call off their pickets "as a sign of good faith" and promised returns from negotiations. The end of summer is predictable. Once rechecked, the management had no need to give in.

The women at Everhot were defeated. But it showed the possibilities for united action between women workers and the Women's Liberation Movement, and of the need for women to organize.

Migrants

AUSTRALIA'S post war prosperity was built on cheap migrant labour.

In the food processing and clothing industries migrant women often made up more than three quarters of the workforce.

These women worked in resistance, often unorganised, sponsored by the union and oppressed by anti-migrant traditions.

They and their families came here to seek a new life after the ravages of war. They often found calumnious and brutal treatment in migrant hostels in the days from February of 1950 till.

"My own mother fought and was a picketed sister with a equal of police who came with black masks to drag them away from their benches at the Melbourne (Vic) Hotel."

"One migrant husband who had his wife at the hotel tried to have himself when he saw the women being brutally dragged off by uniformed police."

"He was actually hanging when a woman found him, called for help and had him out down."

"The police had come to get the women and take them back to Brisbane where they had been away to join their husbands."



Blacks



SHIRLEY Morris had her children taken from her by the welfare and imprisoned in police cells in February 1972.

Her crime was being an Aboriginal woman and active fighting the authorities for Government action against Blacks, and for community and health services at the Port Phillip Reserve on the outskirts of Taree.

Shirley spent a week at the Aboriginal Embassy in Canberra, having arranged to leave her five youngest children in the care of her 23 year old married daughter.

When she returned to the Port Phillip Reserve, the Housing Commission had removed her daughter from the home as a charge of overcrowding and the welfare had put her children in police cells on a charge of neglect.

Knowing Shirley was away the authorisation pointed trying to intimidate and silence her.

She was her children back and continued fighting for such basic things as access which the white parts of Taree have.

"The man had their identity one long ago. Quite often women bring up their children by themselves and keep the families together."

"We also have all the battles with the welfare, the Housing Commission, and the police. Now that we are not afraid to be black, perhaps one day we'll be all black."

TO SHOULDERS

PHOTO
COVER 18
Women convicts in the Western 1799
with their children at Cottrell Family
Photo
19th CENTURY INDUSTRY
VICTORIA
Vilas Gordinas the Australian female who
was the first woman to travel to stand for
a national parliament. When a female asked
don't you wish you were a man? she
replied, "You wish you were a man?"
MIRREB 27 MARCH 66
Barraboolan Mines women's strike on
the month. They started were able to
fight for their compensation
WORLD WAR II
Women at work in a
munition plant during
the war.
MIGRANTS
One of the thousands of
migrant women during
the war.
BLACKS
Protest and
intimidation by
Aboriginals taking
Morrison's back.

HOW CAN WE FIGHT BACK?

MASSEY Ferguson at Sunshine in Melbourne is facing off... at the Barlows goes to work.

Meeting a hardy crew considered but people was combated, but rejected... didn't think they were in a... one against a giant.

Bob Curwood, AMWSU A strike was also shop steward and co-ordinator

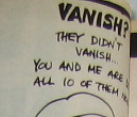
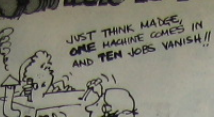
of the Massey Ferguson shop committee, told the Barlows... machinery component. The... Massey were also likely to... be laid off soon.

Many Ferguson were the... first by the branch.

Overseas workers have... found that the only way... new jobs is through hard... and steady action.

But there are men who... have worked for the council... for years. And they are... absent more often than... they used to be because they... are getting older.

Debate All Woodhouse... said "men get colder... in winter."

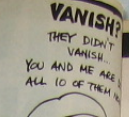


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BATTLER READERS WRITE... BATTAL READERS WRITE... THREE DAYS WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

AN Anti-Repression Convention was held in Melbourne from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th September.

We had 1000 members, each including a CPA...

laying down at the steps of the Federal Cathedral in that sleeping high, recovering from the difficult...

The Plaza Maggion was filled with an atmosphere in tune with the slogan of the convention, THE GORNA SENZA RIPRESSIONE (There's No Without Repression).

This slogan expresses the view of a big part of Italian workers who life in the western country with the greatest Communist leadership is experienced as repressive.

The general atmosphere of the convention was relaxed, the 1000 not being directly hidden for the most part by the weather.

In a speech shortly before the end of the convention, the speaker said that the workers and students of the left of the PCI, including the Italian Communist Party, will continue to work for the liberation of Italy.

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WELFARE WORKERS ATTACK REPRISALS

Twelve hundred workers out of 2200 on the South Australian Unemployment Relief Scheme may soon lose their jobs.

This is the rumour currently floating around some of the sites.

The Liberal claim that the scheme is inefficient. They are sure for the law to make sure it is in the control of business to the workers on the sites - not to those then back on the job.

Reinstated - then sacked again!

THE fact of a reinstated-out of the Department of Employment last month did not get over original job back at Cleland.

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Leichhardt Council, Sydney, is throwing out garbage on the rubbish tip.

They suspended five garbage first works ago after a check on absenteeism.

But there are men who have worked for the council for years. And they are absent more often than they used to be because they are getting older.

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How would you like to get the chop for "not being enthusiastic enough"? Here's a place where it actually happens.

NOT all young women are on the dole. Some of them work for almost nothing in restaurants like Pancakes on the Rocks in Sydney's Rocks area.

Pancakes on the Rocks is a 24 hour restaurant which provides that kind of work for many of its employees. Recognised non-unionised waitresses at below award rates.

In the menu, the waitress are described as "babe's of Pancakes". Roger Madmore, the boss, says "We are not a waitress working at Pancakes. We are a babe's of Pancakes."

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ORGANISE!

Not that sort of choice, thanks

LAST week, about 6,000 of Victoria's teachers went on strike for a day to fight the Department's reintroduction of a system which is the first time in what proportionally the Department puts all in terms of giving a choice of movement methods. A SAAP method, which is seemingly very democratic. VSTA was in 1973. The only catch that we know from past experience is that if you don't choose the method the Department takes (Impersonal) you just don't get promoted.

Our strike meant Friday called off the dogs. The staff of the school to inspect. The Director General, a survey... 74% of all secondary teachers (including non-union members) who were not on strike.

Utah picket broken for Cowen

POLICE forced the first break in over 200 days of picketing of Utah's Brisbane office on Friday 24 February.

The Seaman's Union has been waging a long bitter struggle in Utah. The pickets are demanding equal wages and conditions. The pickets are demanding equal wages and conditions. The pickets are demanding equal wages and conditions.

Over six months ago the pickets were broken. The pickets were broken. The pickets were broken. The pickets were broken.

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All the Marches

MELBOURNE Friday 31 March, 3:30pm Fitzgibbon Gardens.
 SYDNEY Saturday 1 April at 10:30am King George Square.
 BRISBANE Saturday 1 April at 10:30am King George Square.
 ADELAIDE Saturday 1 April at 10:30am King George Square.
 CANBERRA Friday 31 March at 5:00pm, City Hill.

HOW WE BLOCKED A URANIUM SHIP

URANIUM ORE has started moving through Australian ports again, now that the ACTU salcuss is in force.

But we're making it as tough as possible for it to get out.

Special Branch watched us and listened to conversations over their own long-term surveillance microphones.

The Monday morning at 4:30 am, one 2500 trailer arrived at home at the wharf. But then we had made our plan.



At the Civil Liberties demonstration two days later, speakers announced that the picket was due to meet the port. Many demonstrators went to the wharf and set up a unique picket.

All the pickets, we found support from the crew of the ship called 'The Japan'.

The women from the 'Japan' went about the 'Japan' went about the 'Japan' went about the 'Japan'.

Cops riot on I.W.D

FIFTY marchers were arrested in Brisbane as a police riot to wreck the International Women's Day march on March 11.

Some of the balls were high as 1500. However, we managed to march in a manageable distance before the cops stepped in.

Many demonstrators were roughed up by the cops. One person had his ankle injured and had to be taken to hospital. Several others were treated.

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Between the lines... BRISBANE MARCH BREAKS THROUGH POLICE LINES

It would seem that the very atmosphere between the NSW police and the demonstrators is going to become a little more tense in the next few weeks.

Australian Police Commissioner Peter Dawson has issued a warning that he had a few reserves left with respect to NSW cops.

One of the documents he issued was a statement by former Premier Sir Robert Menzies, who was quoted as saying that the demonstrators were going to show the lid on police involvement in organized crime.

She claimed that she had been promised protection for her husband by the Chief Commissioner of Police, Norman Albert Hill.

The same police action, against her husband, was reported to have been ordered by the NSW Commissioner of Police, David Tennock, in a letter to the NSW Attorney General.

It had been admitted through the NSW Attorney General, that the NSW Attorney General, David Tennock, had been ordered to investigate the NSW Attorney General's conduct.

But of course, all of this is merely watching the surface, when the police go to get into the third corner of the triangle, the State Liberal Party.

For instance, they must have known about the illegal money raised by a former State Premier, who had a very soft spot for the police. He acted as a 'patsy' for the police.

It is not interested in changing society. It was merely interested in doing money for that. It was not interested in doing money for that. It was not interested in doing money for that.

BRISBANE cops that the right to march will only be won back when we are able to stage a march that the police cannot stop.

March also took place in several regional cities. Twenty arrests resulted from these.

In Townsville, after the march, the main demonstrators were taken to a shop to have a few make-overs. They were then marched to the police station.

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Workers coming out of the Murdoch building added a 'Sack Murdoch' sign to the list of demands. The women demonstrated on International Women's Day against the Murdoch press campaign to force married women out of the work force.

The Australian and other Murdoch papers have been running stories blaming married women for the unemployment problem. The Australian 'I' team quit work there to be more jobs for the boys (and girls).

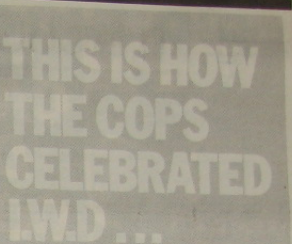
RIGHT: Cops drag homeless women from the empty houses they occupied in Glebe, NSW.

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COPS in Sydney celebrated International Women's Day by arresting 16 women squatting in an empty house in Derwent Street, Glebe.

Several homeless women had moved into the house, owned by the Glaxo Estate, which had been empty for the past six months.

When the cops arrived to evict them on Wednesday night, the women were sleeping in the back window nook, and a number of supporters barricaded themselves in a room.

They wanted to board up the front doors and windows too. But the Glaxo Estate workers refused to do the job while the women were in the house.

About noon, the apartment door was broken down by Commonwealth officers. As the women were dragged out of the house, they were chanting 'Women won't accept' along with a few other protesters about the cops who were arresting homeless women of International Women's Day.

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Maree White, Neville Wan was winning and doing 150 miles women on the 11th floor of the State Office Block in Canberra International Women's Day.



\$mit meatworks scandal

THE FARMERS and Grazers' meatworks in Melbourne has always been well known for its loyalty to the Victorian Meatworkers Association.

And it's delight in being now a victim of the same. It appears that the financial problems with meat Liberal unions led to the farmer about the sheep's financial dealings.

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

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The U.S. Coal Strike

The great American coal strike is still on and is as hot as ever.

As the battles go on, the US government and even some officials of the coal industry are trying to pressure the workers to return.

The strike was opposed from the beginning by the industry, the government, and even some officials of the coal industry. The industry wanted the strike to end as soon as possible, and the government wanted to pressure the workers to return.

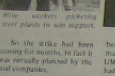
And the response of the industry was to make the workers pay. And that industry America as well as the workers.

The employers want to make the workers pay for the pay and conditions of American workers. The coal companies on the far right are organizing a group to attack the strike.

They demanded a new contract (law) that took away the miners' full medical coverage, that took away their cost-of-living, that took away their right to the mine's health care, that took away their right to the mine's health care, that took away their right to the mine's health care.

For the mining companies who have found profitable means of increasing production in the past few years, it was just too much.

"YOU CAN'T DIG COAL WITHOUT BANNONETS"



Miners picketing in front of a building.

After all, the union's health fund was one of the main organizing weapons the UMWA had. If the contract had been accepted, it would have had to be rapidly dismantled by the union.

When they first went out on strike, in December 1974, the miners were fighting for the very life of their union.

Everyone expected the strike to collapse quickly. The coal companies hoped to win a new contract from the miners, and the miners hoped to win a new contract from the coal companies.

Since the coal companies have failed to unionize the industry, the miners have rejected the offer of a new contract. The miners have rejected the offer of a new contract.

Brian Rix tells

WHY GALLAGHER'S GOT TO GO!

Brian Rix is a dogmat at the Ganges Construction site in central Sydney, where he's worked for the past 7 years.

He's originally from England, and he's been out here nearly 18 years. He's married and got 2 kids.

Brian is not a full-time union official, and until the past few weeks, he'd never been in a union. He's been organizing for Democratic Control.

But, nonetheless, he's challenging the long-time leadership of the NSW branch of the Builders Labourers Federation.

Since then, union democracy has become a thing of the past in the NSW branch. There were no branch meetings at all for 2 years.

And Brian can point to the evidence of his own eyes and ears. He's seen the union's leadership in action.

People who disagree with Gallagher have been treated as second-class citizens. Brian says that the union's leadership is not democratic.

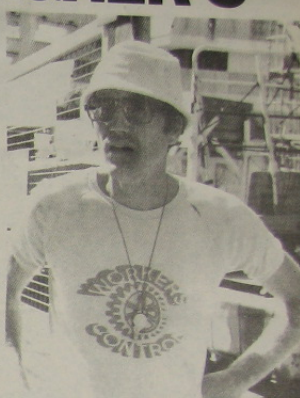
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The BLs for Democracy campaign talks to Andy Milner

He says, "The campaign's main aim is to win support for the BLs for Democracy campaign. It's about the future of the BLs for Democracy campaign."

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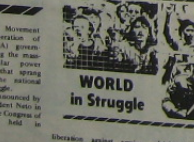
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FRANCE: WHAT IF THE LEFT WINS?

The current French elections could trigger the most powerful wave of workers' struggles since May 1968.

For the first time in 10 years, the Socialist Party and the Communist Party are leading in the polls.



There is something to be said for the idea of a socialist revolution. The Socialist Party and the Communist Party are leading in the polls.

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Counting Uranium where we work

AUSTRALIA hasn't yet seen the fierce mass struggles against nuclear power that have occurred elsewhere in the world.

But the Australian anti-uranium movement is more developed in one way. It has won more support in the unions than in any other country.

An important development has been work-place anti-uranium groups. The Battler spoke to members of two of these groups about how they went about setting them up, and what they do.

But there we sat in the place with leaflets from MAM and I.O.U. about the nuclear power. We put them on questionnaires and handed them out to everybody we could. We got a few letters from the supervisor that time.

And on the march we got a sum out of about 30 or 40 people to march behind the banner. We thought that was pretty good. It was surprising some of the people who turned out, people who hadn't been to any of the meetings.

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"From all that we got ten people to the first meeting. And after the Redfern Mail Exchange Branch gave us their support, and supplied us with what we needed in the way of paper and printing and so on.

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(Left) Part of the 30,000 strong Kahler demonstration in Germany. (Right) A far anti-nuclear demonstration in Europe.

Alec Kahn interviews Dr. Jim Falk

General convenor of the Movement for Nuclear Control, Dr. Jim Falk, is just back from a series of anti-nuclear activities in Germany, Algeria, Sweden, Belgium and France.

Battler his assessment of the nuclear power around the world.

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And their capital costs are escalating far more rapidly than those of fossil fuel stations. So they're getting in a progressively more, and more economic situation.

The reason for that — the major reason is often opposition. Citizens forcing out the time from when a reactor is actually constructed when that first fuel is put in. Through licensing appeals, through occupations, through a variety of other means — forcing them to get out of the physical plants. Features to cope with some of the problems.

And they're finding it extremely difficult to find ways where to put the reactors. For example, in Japan, the farmers and the fishermen are refusing to sell their land or their fishing rights to electric power utilities. The only places where they can put them are

where there are existing reactors. And nowadays they're resistant to them even doing that. This is a general tendency. In many parts of Europe, if they try to build a reactor there, an occupation often with people moving across from different countries to the site.

So, they are losing their credibility. You can see this reflected in their sales, which have dropped dramatically all round the world.

In the OECD countries, there are about 12 reactors under construction. In 1985 have dropped by 43% in the last five years.

In 1985, estimates for 1985 have dropped from the official estimate of 40 kilograms electrical to about 22 kilograms electrical — almost two-thirds.

In America, it's now almost impossible to sell a nuclear reactor domestically. As well as losing their economic credibility, they're increasingly losing their credibility as being safe.

debate For example, a major debate going on in the United States is the hazards to workers in nuclear facilities when an accident is not a nuclear power of radiation.

The international maximum level is about 5 rem per year. Workers are routinely subjected to levels below that.

A recent study done by Maxine Street and held at Harvard in the U.S. which has been given an estimated \$10 million-dollar study — looked at those workers who had worked who have been exposed to low levels for 20 years. They concluded that of those who died of cancer, 6% of these deaths were due to exposure to supposedly "safe" radiation levels.

Once this was discovered, funding was shifted away from Maxine Street and others. They've just recently been a Congressional inquiry into the covering up of this really shocking evidence.

This has very important implications for workers in disabling even now.

They are being exposed to increasing amounts of radiation. These sorts of conspiracy are being carried out by the major of workers at the La Hague Processing Plant in France.

unemployment For the unemployed in France has been used to keep a

group of blacks got together to form the line. "Next time we're set up an informal committee, which must be once a week at least. The attendance at the meetings varies from a minimum of two or three up to a dozen or more."

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Wednesday, we have a shop called 'Keep It in The Ground' in the centre of the dockyard, where we sell literature related to uranium.

"There will still quite a bit of work to do, and you know that difficulty to plan the the dockyard where you have a MAMM group, because once Chairman we've had two major industrial disputes, which means that the public meetings are out of the question."

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THE WORLDWIDE STRUGGLE AGAINST NUCLEAR POWER

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THE BATTLEERS

NOBODY else I know has read The Battleers, and yet it is probably one of the best Australian novels of working class life ever written.

A bit of the Australian fiction of this period (The Battleers was first published in 1941) deserves to be known, but this book stands out among the stories of squatters' daughters, bushback adventures, sea-going musketeers and self-indulgent schoolteachers for one reason in particular.

Kylie Tennant did time on the tracks with the 'bagmen' (billy canteen 'she-birds'), whose struggle she describes in The Battleers, and she has the knack of viewing their lives with sympathy and humanity, but without a trace

of superiority or romanticism forced to move from dull suburban life to a bleak, desolate, unattractive country, the battleers become a tribe of nomads. Thrown on the scrapheap by the cross-ridden capitalist system, they developed an intense loyalty to their own kind and an equally intense hatred of oppressors. To call a comrade a 'white pig' was to become his sworn enemy for life.

The remarkable achievement of this book is that Tennant never tries to make the bagmen into heroes. She sees us there, as two worn men battling with and enduring their daughters, while

traveller picking fights with black travellers, or husbands spending entire paychecks at the pub. But we also see them at their best - standing up for each other against bosses, protecting the weak or half-witted, sharing everything they own.

Tennant sees the battleers first and foremost as victims. She forgives them everything because they've been on the track too long, and have so often been turned away by cockies or townpeople, too poor or too mean to spare them a drop of water. She sees that the violence and harshness in their lives are the result of their victimisation by the whole society.

But there is no suggestion in The Battleers that organised resistance is futile. One of the highlights of the book occurs when, after a long trek

from all over the state the travellers arrive at Orion, the ebbing growing Mecca where jobs can be got for the asking only to find that the A.W.U. has called all the pickers out on strike in support of a newly won award. It becomes necessary to a bagman's self-interest to let the cherries (and the much needed money they bring) rot on the trees.

Tennant casts an affectionate eye on the doomed Bagmen's Union which is organised by the joint efforts of an anarchist, a socialist and a Stalinist, and sees, in evidence that the bosses and oppresses between them have not managed to crush all life out of the travellers.

Tennant's greatest admiration is for the people who have determinedly against the greatest odds; that is, the women.

Dancy, the book's character, fights back the thing she loves. She has some sort of inferiority complex, yet she is a capable enough woman for her own part of false teeth in her mouth. If she has a man in her life (remember, this is an old W.A.B.Y. yarn) she will tell you that she will live in the same room with her man and you good for nothing. And the man she talks about (with a mumbly mouth and a heart to answer for) is a man who is not only isolated and feathered but also as sympathetic as a woman's heart wouldn't be ever more.

Looking for Mr. Goodbar WITH THE DEC SUCKED AGAIN!

SHE'S a beautiful woman - strong, young, and independent - who means to find personal fulfillment and sexual satisfaction in her life.

Her success, her sensuality and her faithless are in sharp contrast with her daytime existence as a respected school teacher. But Theresa Dunn, played brilliantly by Faye Dunaway, is not your average school-teacher stereotype. And 'Looking for Mr. Goodbar' is not your average Hollywood romance.

It's the story of Theresa Dunn, who goes from one man to another, from one man to another. As a single woman, she is left with little room in this society for other than what she wants in life.

'Goodbar' is one of the best films of the year. It is one of the few films we've seen that is not only about sex and not through the eyes of a director of men.

Theresa would fantasize for a minute (fantasize that means you're making some new laws, or interpreting reality to fit with the events of your most daily life).

These fantasies, and the personal freedom she seeks, are in sharp conflict with her society's Catholic upbringing and the guilt she should have learned to feel since childhood.

These are a few of the conflicts that make the film so much like our own lives. From the opening scene, in which Theresa is writing an essay on personal control, to the movie's finale, we see contrast after contrast in her life.

'BRILLIANT' - that was the response of the daily press to the play 'Coloured Girls'. The media said it was 'a radical statement' from black women but after seeing it I came to the conclusion that it was a betrayal of all those who are oppressed, mostly men and women.

The play includes some good poetry song writing, what it must be like to be a black woman, and how she is treated with contempt by black men and white society.

Coloured women rarely feel like human beings because they are treated as if they should be. They should black women fight their own battles. They should look after themselves and their own families.

And 'Looking for Mr. Goodbar' shows why, in this society, it can't be any other way - why Theresa Dunn can't find personal freedom when she's stuck married against her.

And although the film gives us no way of fighting to change society and winning, it gives us a lot of reasons to want to.

Each of them, from the tough-as-nails man to the young Mr. Clean-type who, at least up to this point, has been on his best behavior.

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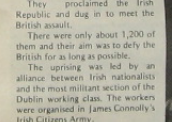
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RE-EASTER IN IRELAND

ON Easter Monday, 1916, Irish revolutionaries seized the G.P.O. and a number of prominent buildings in Dublin.



Irish working class leader James Connolly - captured by the British.

They proclaimed the Irish Republic and dug in to meet the British assault.

There were only about 1,200 of them and their aim was to defy the British for as long as possible.

The uprising was led by an alliance between Irish nationalists and the most militant section of the Dublin working class.

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Dave Nadel's M SHOUT

If you are reading this column in Adelaide you have just finished being edited by a column of Arts. Here in Melbourne, however, we are filling the gap between the end of the cricket season and the start of the body so our own ambitious feelings. You folks, let's all get together and have fun, Melbourne is back again. This year the paper an "uppers" up. They said that last year too, when they appointed Mick Nettle as editor. The year they have appointed Bert Newton as editor is impossible to hold the demonstration in the square, that is a cryal of the anniversary of the month that they close the square. They said that a week ago.

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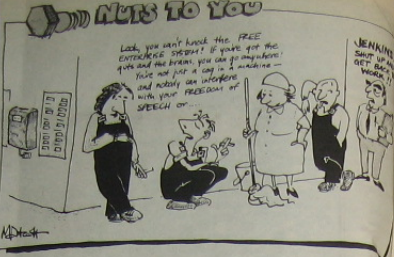
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SEC looking for trouble

The Victorian State Electricity Commission is looking for trouble again.

Richard Statten and his SEC staff are looking for trouble again. The SEC is looking for trouble again.

The issue is that Ken Stone is moving to the SEC. He is moving to the SEC. He is moving to the SEC. He is moving to the SEC.



SHOCKED - BECAUSE SHE COMPLAINED!

COMPLAIN — and you'll be shocked. This is the charming attitude that Barry Berkovich, owner of B-Line Fashion, has to the nine women who work for him.

Edith's mansion is the same, but it was obvious who the rent was.

Sacking — When Edith and the clothing store were closed, Berkovich took to court to fight the sacking.

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Wait — Berkovich says his factory and showed it to his factory and he would sack her.

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WOMEN — Edith had been working as a model for 25 years.

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RAILWAY — Victoria has no railway. The railway is a major breakthrough in the world.

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YOU — You would think that with all the money that you have, you would be able to afford to buy a house.

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THE — The first death from cancer in the world was recorded in London in 1800.

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Jobless teacher fight back

UNEMPLOYED teachers in S.A. are beginning to organise themselves and fight back.

strong — This unusually strong resolution from the executive committee has been endorsed by a number of classroom teachers.

Fairfax — The Fairfax school board is taking a strong stance on the VDT's.

Garbo — Garbo strike gets quick result.

Chemical — Chemical workers in Victoria, Australia.

WOMEN — Women's strike gets quick result.

THE — The first death from cancer in the world was recorded in London in 1800.

What's Her Stand? — Workers' Power.

Revolution — Not Reformism.

Smashing the Capitalist State — The state is a parasitic class rule.

Internationalism — A socialist revolution cannot be confined to one country.

Full Equality and Liberation — For women, black migrants, gays and lesbians.

Revolutionary Party — To win the capitalist state, we need a revolutionary party.

Rank and File Organisation — Workers need their own party.

What's On — Fighting Fund.

International Socialists — The I.S. has grown steadily over the last two years.

elections — At 4 1/2% end, we'll have a chance to win the National Conference.

CONFERENCE — Saturday 9th March.

WOMEN — Women's Power.

Billeting and Childcare — Child care is available for all.

How to contact the International Socialists — BATTLE EDITORIAL.

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COME TO RENO



WOMEN — Some Canberra Branch members vigorously shopping out the Internationalist line.

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TWO FACES OF TERROR

(Left) A black September terrorist outside the Soviet embassy, treatment of the Munich 1972 Olympic games.
Right: Prisons, gray. Behind the wall, imprisoned car from which Abu Mura was kidnapped by the Red Brigades in March.

PRISONERS: WHY DOES IT SOLVE?

SINCE the Hilton Hotel bombing in Sydney, the press has been in full cry about terrorism.

We have pointed out that no terrorists have been proved to be behind the bombing, and that terrorists like the fascist Usahi have been ignored by the Liberals for years.

Many on the left have also been rightly pointing out that the method of individual Terror has nothing to do with the socialist approach, that individual terror is not revolutionary at all.

In this article, written in 1934, the Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky explains the socialist view of terrorism.

A strike, even of modest size, has social consequences: the confidence of the workers' self-confidence, growth of the trade union, and not infrequently, even an improvement in production technology. The murder of a factory owner produces effects of a police nature only, or a change of proportions devoid of any social significance.

Whether a terrorist attempt, even a successful one, throws the ruling class into confusion depends on the concrete political circumstances. In any case the confusion

can only be short-lived; the capitalist state does not base itself on government ministers and cannot be eliminated with them. The class is itself always firm; the mechanism remains intact and continues to function.

But the diary introduced into the ranks of the working masses themselves by a terrorist attempt is much deeper. If it is enough to arm oneself with a pistol in order to achieve one's goal, why the efforts of the class struggle?

If a thimbleful of gunpowder and a little chunk of lead is enough to shoot the enemy through the neck, what need is there for a class organization? If it makes sense to terrify highly placed personages with the roar of explosions, where is the need for a party?

Why meetings, mass agitation, and elections if one can so easily take aim at the ministerial bench from the gallery of parliament?

In our eyes, individual terror is inadmissible precisely because it

betrays the role of the masses in their own consciousness, reconciles them to their powerlessness, and turns their eyes and hopes toward a great avenger and liberator who some day will come and accomplish his mission.

The anarchist prophets of the propaganda of the deed can argue all they want about the elevating and stimulating influence of terrorist acts on the masses. Theoretical considerations and political experience prove otherwise. The more effective the terrorist acts, the greater their impact; the more they reduce the interest of the masses in self-organization and self-education.

disappears

But the smoke from the panic disorganizes the successor of the murdered minister; makes his appearance. Life again settles into the old rut; the wheel of capitalist exploitation turns as before; only police repression grows more savage and brutal. And as a result, in place of the indolent hopes and artificial arousal excitement some disillusion and apathy.

Before it is elevated to the level of a method of political struggle, terrorism makes its appearance in the form of individual acts of revenge. So it was in Russia, the classic land of terrorism.

The flogging of the prisoners by the St. Petersburg chief, General Protopopov, to off their coats and pelts, impelled Vera Zaslavskaya's expression to the effect: "I feel indignation and assistance against me on the spot."

unkindling

Her example was imitated in circles of the revolutionary intelligentsia, who lacked any support. What began as an unkindling revenge was led into an entire system in 1871.

The outbreaks of and assassination attempts in the Europe and North America came after some time committed by the government the shooting of urban execution of political opponents; the most important symptom of terrorism in a political feeling of revenge in a political

Whatever the conditions, the purges of morality, the feeling of revenge has the effect of working class the moral credit that a revolution is going on, in this case, possible worlds. Had the proletarian's confidence in the feeling of revenge, but on the other side it up again and again deepens it, and to it adds the real causes of all types of human business, that is, the social democracy.

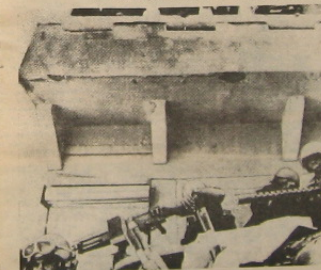
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If we suppose terrorist acts only because individual acts, they would not satisfy us. The only way to have to do with the capitalist system is too great to be proposed to some functioning system. It is not only the individual, but the body and spirit are subjected to the twisted originality and expansion of the existing social system, in order to direct all our energies to a collective struggle against which we have to find our way out.

It is very easy to ponder if someone, after doing the killing and you don't have to watch it.



Above: Refugee children shelter behind sand bags. Below: Israeli troops cruise through a Lebanese town.



Memories of the Junta

by Mark Matcott

WEARING helmets, carrying for hoses and driving armored cars.

for 19 days in a fight to improve education levels and to get more flexible courses.

They left behind them a trail of about 50 wounded, 33 demonstrators and 22 police - there were 3 arrests.

But only the students were outraged by the attack, which they said was totally unwarranted, but even the head-streets carried the police. So why did they decide to go in buses and at

Students had occupied the square of the university

which had built power to work through a change in the process of "totalitarian" application" on campus at the "democratic" law.

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THE FULL STORY BEHIND THE AMERICAN MINERS' SETTLE MENT.

BEHIND ISRAEL'S LATEST OUTRAGE

WHEN the Israelis tore into Lebanon on March 15, it seemed as though another Middle East war was only moments away.

by David Lockwood

The Israeli invasion was triggered, not by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) but by the Israeli command.

They were driven from their homeland when Israel was set on in 1948 with the support of the imperialist powers.

They who remained as refugees in the West Bank, Syria, Jordan, the Gaza strip and the West Bank.

The Palestinians are fighting to regain their homeland, but from the Israeli working class as well.

Sections of the Palestinian movement have attempted to take a short-cut through terrorism.

After the raid, it was obvious that Israel would not emerge victorious.

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Children flee an Israeli attack

It is no accident that Egypt, the Arab countries with the most serious economic problems, are also the most oppressed.

What has the invasion cost the only Arab country to remain a United Nations member state? A 25,000 strong Syrian peace-keeping force was ordered to the country.

Most people thought that the Middle East conflict would be followed by Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

The PLO had demanded that the Palestinians be given the right to their own state. The Arab regimes can never support them.

The Palestinians will have to see the support of the Arab working class who are in a constant state of economic crisis.

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There is no doubt that the Palestinian movement has attempted to take a short-cut through terrorism.

After the raid, it was obvious that Israel would not emerge victorious.

While Prime Minister Begin threatened that Israel would "wipe out the very existence of the PLO".

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The S.A.S. 'anti-terrorists' snail training workers in Britain. They have been in the forefront of the murdering of Catholic workers in Northern Ireland.

Dave Nadel's MY SHOUT



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The most frightening thing about the death penalty is that it is a form of slavery. It is not necessarily the case even with premeditated murder. The death penalty can be an effective deterrent.

WHY BLACKS WRAP UP AURUKUN

BY JOHN MINNS & JANET VAUX



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WHEN FRASER TURNED A BLIND EYE

FRASER's legislation may serve to curb the worst excesses of the Queensland Act. But that is not because Fraser has reason or is concerned to protect the aboriginal people. For example he is not rushing to get the Oodluma community in Western Australia. They have appealed to him because the State Government is trying to change the law and allow diamond mining on the reserve. But the Federal Government claims that this can be "fully State matter".

The Federal Government very recently formed into denying their own plan to abolish the Aboriginal Land Fund Commission. The National Times has now published evidence of a cabinet submission to abolish the aboriginal land fund. The submission had been prepared by "K" in letters.

The Federal Government has probably also been forced to amend the new legislation by Bilke-Petersen's passionate attacks. They tried to give him a chance to "reconsider" but he didn't take it.

Aborigines on all Queensland reserves will now have a legal right to remove themselves from State government control. But

BILKE-PETERSEN wants to take over the aboriginal reserves at Aurukun and Murrumbidgee Island for one reason only — Bauxite mining.

He claims that it is because of poor condition of those reserves, due to mismanagement by the Mining Church.

But contradictions at Aurukun and Murrumbidgee Island are no worse than on other reserves. In fact, those managed by the Lutheran Church, like Hope Vale near Cooktown, are widely known as the worst in Queensland. They are quite literally "They are killing us."

Mining companies are interested in the land at Aurukun and Murrumbidgee Island, but not the land at Hope Vale.

And when the mining companies are interested in aboriginal land, that means the end for the aborigines.

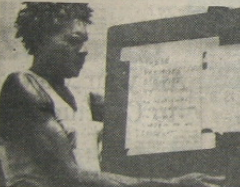
Mining companies destroy aboriginal culture, because that culture is so closely attached to the land.

Galworthy Yampitjoo, Chairman Northern Lands Council, said in 1976: "The land is my backbone, my only stand upright, happy, proud and not ashamed of my colour because I will have land. The land is the art. I can paint, dance, create and sing on my ancestors old before me."

My people scattered along things about the land like my soul and I and all others like me may do the same."

Mining companies destroy aboriginal health and life, because they bring white men's diseases with them.

Marcia Langton, who said 100 years ago that I and all others like me may do the same."



ABOVE: They have declared the reserve occupied and pointed out the gate a line of white people that they will not enter. This has done much to repudiate the Federal State Government.



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WHAT 'POWERFUL INFLUENCE' CAN DO

GOVERNMENT and business interests are unscrupulous about how they stop aborigines speaking on land rights and the dangers of uranium mining.

The Northern Lands Council has planned a Lands Rights Speaking Tour across Australia to coincide with the recent uranium moratorium.

This had to be cancelled at the last moment. Galworthy Yampitjoo, Chairman of the

Northern Lands Council, is attempting to explain the political situation for their own purposes on the national scene.

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an attack on the Lands Rights Act with a 15 page paper called "Matters of Serious Concern to the Mining Industry".

This makes the break taking expression that stoppage land rights claims are "unilateral" and provide "serious racial disturbance."

And Doug Anthony in a press conference on 7 March had suggested that deaths with the NLC in law "the general problem continuing the development of uranium."

The Aboriginal Mining Industry Council had published

WHY BLACKS ARE FIGHTING THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

THE Queensland Government has unlimited power over aborigines under its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Act.

The Act can compel aborigines to work for token wages. The average wage is \$55 per week for men and \$52 for women, or 40 hours work.

The Government can decide whether aboriginal blacks should live on the reserve. The reserves are needed both to settle and feed the reserves.



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THE COMALCO CONNECTION

FOR the years Queensland's politician and public servants have made big profits from the mining industry.

The 1976 Comalco share scandal was a particularly blatant case.

His cabinet ministers and several public servants as well as Mr. Ego Bilke-Petersen took the offer of low cost Comalco shares.

This was at a time when major government policy decisions were being made on Comalco.

The cabinet ministers included Mr. B. Hewitt, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. He was apparently not aware that Comalco's massive mining activities threatened aborigines in the whole Waga-Melton-Anson area.

And Premier Bjelke-Petersen was not aware that his ministers might be seen by conflicting interests.

He said: "We must discuss clear and above board in the interests of Queensland as a whole and without fear or favour."

But then Petersen is used to

He was lucky in 1976. A friendly mining world would stop the Minister for Mines would not be unduly influenced by the fact that a company applying for a mining lease was usually owned by the premier's family and close associates.

But he has the "reputation" of being an even good partner in the mining industry.

In 1976, Comalco's net profit after tax for the year ending 31st December 1977 was over \$40 million.

COMALCO has a huge lease extending down the coast from Waga to Aurukun. It covers 750 sq km, and was given to them under the 1957 Comalco Act. They are not allowed to start mining until they have paid for the beginning to move onto this part of their lease this year.

Aboriginal Associates were granted over 1,000 sq km in a Queensland Government Act in 1972. The church and Bilke-Petersen had attempted to stop the mining in the Murrumbidgee area.

Aboriginal Associates is a conglomerate owned by three major multi-national mining companies. Bilke's part of the deal was 40% of the company's 40% share. The rest was 40% of the company's 40% share.

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WOMEN

Dear Battler,

Please allow me to congratulate you on the excellent coverage of the women's liberation movement in your paper.

The young article on the situation of French on the beach in France was an excellent example of the comprehensive coverage which your paper provides on the women's liberation movement.

WHERE YOU SLOWER YOUR AGE TO GET A JOB!

What We Stand For

Workers' Power

Workers' power means the ability of workers to control the factories and workplaces. Only a workers' power movement can secure the best of the workers' movement, and only a workers' power movement can be successful in the long run.

Revolution, not Reform

We believe in overthrowing the capitalist system, not patching it up or gradually trying to change it.

Smashing the Capitalist State

The state, a parasitic class, is a tool of the ruling class and can never be used to meet the interests of the working class. The state must be smashed.

Internationalism

A socialist revolution cannot be won in one country. It must help the workers in other countries, as well as in the Russian revolution.

Anti-Imperialism

We are against the imperialist wars and the domination of the imperialist nations.

Full Equality and Liberation

For women, blacks, gays and all oppressed people, we demand full equality and liberation.

Revolutionary Party

To smash the capitalist state we need a revolutionary party, capable of leading the workers and youth in the struggle against the ruling class.

Rank and File Organisation

Workers need their own rank and file organisations to fight the bosses where the state apparatus is weakest. We need a revolutionary party, the struggle of workers will be crushed.

Dear Battler,

After one month of being an "idle worker," I thought I'd let you know about some of the wonderful things that are happening to unemployed people in capitalist Australia.

It's not so bad as it sounds. I've been unemployed since I was 15.

But I've been able to do a lot of things that I wouldn't have been able to do if I had a job.

I've been able to travel, to meet new people, and to do a lot of things that I wouldn't have been able to do if I had a job.

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On the other hand, I do think it is a little strange of you (readers' editorial note) to have a resident of (insert your name) with the headline "The True History of Australian Women."

It's a little strange of you to have more than two pages to fill.

Mara Adler
Mount Waverley, Vic
4111

Pancakes on the rocks

Dear Battler,

Was agreed to your article on Pancakes on the Rocks if I was to write you to make one correction. Women are not paid below the award rates. The distinction is rather that women over 21 years are obliged by the law to be employed. This makes the threat of losing a job because you are a jobless in the event of a strike.

More relevant is the sacking on the part of the waitress for little or no reason, and being sent home after serving for work because either it is not busy enough or because the person in charge of orders is an indeliberate double-minded sort of the shifts.

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'Idle Workers'

and another pay into the office.

Some people answering that description didn't apply, they would simply leave the ad in the paper until they did. So next time you see the same ad in the paper two days running, don't jump to the conclusion that it once wanted the job. No matter what legislation is passed, there is no way whatsoever to stop discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, and age.

And it is not just Kath either. Australian Motor Industries and the Melbourne Tramways and the two other employers who do the same thing, who do the same thing, who do the same thing.

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U.S.A. PARTY

International Socialists

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Everybody who was involved felt the women's meeting, which combined some social activities with discussion, was the most enjoyable and exciting part of the weekend.

A national Women's Commission will be established to coordinate our work among women.

In general business, men and women are equal. In the industrial revolution, a woman's work was valued as much as a man's.

The situation of every worker is different. So we have to be flexible in what kind of organisation we try to build. In some areas, such as the public service and the building industry, strong unions reform groups exist and we are involved in struggles.

Our branches have a vital role. Branch members need to be better informed about what is happening where each month, to work, so we can provide advice and support.

An important event of the conference was the women's meeting held on Good Friday. A large number of women took part and it was a success.

Some 12 resolutions were drafted, and adopted by conference in the history of the U.S.A. Party. There was an atmosphere of enthusiasm for the work ahead.

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Anyone can write

In the early 1970s, the women's liberation movement was in its infancy. The Battler was the first newspaper to write about it. It was a time when women were beginning to demand equality in the workplace and in society.

Dear Battler,

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THE PASSES SLOWLY... but it passes just the same

by DAVE NADEL

When Bob Dylan last came out to Australia in 1966 he was at the height of his creative powers.

It was just his "protest" song that had "gone electric". He was writing long ballads, great poetry, both in his own words and in the words of others. He was writing about the world he was living in, and he was writing about the world he was trying to change.

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A Bitter Room

Contributed by Chris Simpson

"The Women's Room" by Marilyn French is the story of two generations of women, those who reached adulthood in the fifties, and their daughters.

The story is set in a time when women were beginning to demand equality in the workplace and in society. It is a time when women were beginning to demand equality in the workplace and in society.

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Tribunal lays the bait

The Victorian Teachers' Union recently went to the Tribunal with a pay claim and won a meagre 3.6 rise.

Little though it is, it's providing a three per cent rise in the most negotiating jobs of the other teachers unions in Victoria.

Both the VSTA and ATU were given an offer by the Tribunal and have paid claimants accordingly. The Tribunal also decided in favour of the Department. This means that the Tribunal will accept this, as it was the only offer made. The Tribunal also decided in favour of the Department. This means that the Tribunal will accept this, as it was the only offer made.

The mail dispute

TO THE BOG OF ABBARATION

AFTER two weeks out and nearly 4,000 stand-downs, the officials of the APTU (Australian Postal & Telecommunications Union) have led the NSW mail drivers into the quagmire of arbitration.

This self-styled committee of representatives offered them nothing they didn't have two weeks ago. When State Secretary Mary Hawkins spoke, she managed to say a large number in favour of the proposition. The NSW Arbitration Commission's Clarke will not decide until April 26 whether or not Australia Post can carry out its plan to withdraw from contracts on mail and inevitably, Australia Post employees and wages.

When the Clarke proposals were first made, the meeting there was held because Clarke was more meeting from a legal one side than the other.

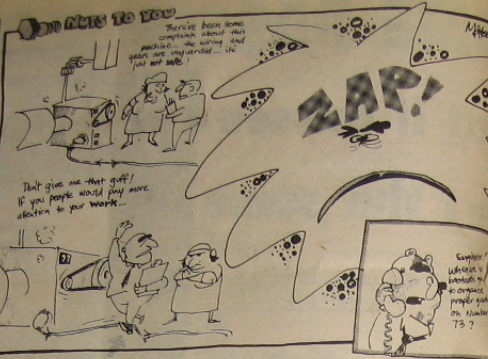
EVERY year more than 20,000 new chemicals come onto the market. These properties and toxic effects are often unknown to the invention. But chemical workers producing these substances and others who meet with them daily are recklessly exposed to unknown dangers.

At the Melbourne City Chemicals Union, a world-wide demand for a new chemical was decided to find out who they were working with.

They purchased a list of chemicals involved in production. Of the 16 chemicals, 14 were marked with a blood symbol, "toxic effect acknowledged."

LAST month a Telecom spokesman working in Queensland was asked to do a job which took only 2 1/2 hours. The man was working in a dangerous area, and he was asked to do a job which took only 2 1/2 hours.

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Meatworkers on the picket line in Adelaide.

Let's get rid of the sell-outs

QUEENSLAND members of the Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union (AMIEU) should know this week if we are getting another union election.

Good use will be made of it here and there. In the last two weeks, we've seen the present officials try to get rid of us by a vote.

For example, workers at Bremer got votes from the officials when they were suspended for holding a meeting to elect a boss's delegate.

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A MIGHTY BLOW AGAINST SCABBING

The slimy location of scabbery took another pummeling last week

Australia's latest proponent of the ignoble art, Frank Kane, got the shove from his Melbourne City Council job.

And a thirty-seven mechanic who used to have the job of scabbing for Kane was also in for a fight.

The Melbourne garbage strike

Another mechanic told us what it was like working with Kane. He said that he had to work for Kane and his assistants at scabbery.

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Rubbish piles up on Melbourne streets during the garbage depot mechanics' strike.

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Swanbank - back but not beaten

STRIKING truck drivers have returned to work at Swanbank Power Station in Ipswich, Queensland, while their case before the Industrial Commission.

The power drivers' union has been in a dispute with the company for some time. The union has been in a dispute with the company for some time.

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Metal workers meet

MASS meetings of Victorian metal workers took place last month for the first time in over a year.

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SEC - get ready for round two

IT looks like Victorian power workers in the Latrobe Valley are headed for round two of their battle with the SEC for a \$40 pay rise.

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260 days on picket

SEAMEN, wharfers and painters and dockers have now picketed continuously for 260 days outside the Brisbane offices of Uthah (Australia).

The picket began on July 18 last year, after Uthah refused to accept a 20 per cent wage increase.

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Utah miners fight on

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THE TEAM DO TAKE ON THE BUILDING BOSSSES

UP IN THE
AIR AT
QANTAS

A change of tactics has been recently in the latest dispute on the Qantas line in Sydney.

The idea seemed simple. The workers would have to eat their heads on the 21st floor of the building. A whole lot of jobs were done up there. Taking your lunch 300 feet up on the air is no fun. You can't just duck out to the shops in George St during your break.

But it didn't work. The boss has got your support, actively in the building.

It's not now raining at the top of the 21st, the company had kindly provided shade for the workers to eat in. But these shade were fixed at all other times.

The top of the building was not the best place to eat. The workers were not happy to do it. But these shade were fixed at all other times.

by David Shaw
BLF member

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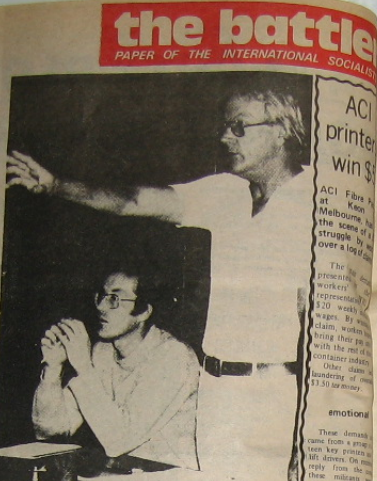
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Cake company throws in the sponge

FOUR women have won their jobs back at Winnar Shortcoaks, near Geelong in Victoria, after being victimized for union activity.

The women - Elaine, Kathy, Koby and Pam - were sacked shortly after the Pastorscooks Union of the four workers found a picket by nature down in three days.

The workers at Winnar voted to join the union in early February. The union asked the company to give wages up to award conditions.

The company at first refused. But then they were around and asked five of amongst the strongest workers.

One of the women decided to leave the company. But the other four set up a picket. The same day, twelve other women walked out and joined the picket line.

Winnar's owners claimed that the women's work was unsatisfactory. This was a weak excuse.

New the women have won their jobs back. But their wages are still on edge, and they are reluctant to discuss the issue.

The shop refused, in fact, to be thought that unionism had not done very good at the factory. Despite the fact that the union had got wages raised to award levels.

Nonetheless, the picket at Winnar Shortcoaks proved one thing: we can't get our jobs back unless we get organized to fight and win our own job and union representation.

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"Silly-old meatworkers were arrested on pickets, the export companies broke a long-standing agreement, police had attacked pickets and allowed wharves to lead the sheep, yet the bans were lifted. Sell-outs seem to be getting a bit of a habit with him."

Robert James Lee Hawke has added the meatworkers to the long, long list of Australian unionists whose struggles he has wrecked with his brand of "moderation" and "diplomacy."

The meatworkers union in the AMIEU is now fighting for jobs in Adelaide by trying to enforce the long standing agreement of two sharp black bands for each week. An estimated 1500 unemployed meatworkers in South Australia alone, and left in meatworks right around the country.

Just as the meatworkers were getting somewhat better, Bob Hawke arrived. He was "recommended" to the pickets arrested in Western Australia and the use of wharves on the wharves.

He organised a "compromise" if the other backed down, ended the pickets, lifted the ban, let the wharves and the farmers go home.

The farmers and the press were jubilant. He didn't even secure the dropping of charges against the picketers in Western Australia.

On the picket lines had to fight the company, the cops, the farmers and the Fraser government. They were confronted by organized anti-union and anti-union groups.

The company then moved back to work. The pickets were arrested and charged. The company then moved back to work. The pickets were arrested and charged.

All this time the meatworkers were in a state of jubilation. They were in a state of jubilation. They were in a state of jubilation.

SCHOOLCHILDREN at Kingsbury Tech in Victoria

by Steve Morgan

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Tennis

It can't be in the hope of getting "broad" trade union activity. From the "old" to the "new", when he played tennis during a General Strike, to the Ladbroke Grove power strike, when he worked himself sick (literally) in a strike against a power strike.

It has been obvious that Bob Hawke will be everything in his power to undermine trade union activity.

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Between the lines

ON THE PICKET LINE

from Jeff Wallman in Wailaroo

MEATWORKERS at the South Australian Meat Corporation started picketing on March 19.

The pickets were set up at Caravan and Virginia, at the holding yards of Elders-CM and Metro Meat.

For two weeks, these pickets were effective and wages were locked, almost no meat was made.

The pickets had been set up by the union, the AMU, who was convinced that they could handle it alone.

They reported any outside support, which was rejected to be a mistake.

The first march was led by the picket. They had found that they could get \$18 a head from the open market, instead of \$14 for local filling.

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Adelaide which consisted of hundreds of trucks with signs and placards. The demonstration was obviously well supported and by no means spontaneous.

Each was the picket line, farmers were constantly shown post-voting about dead heads "Go back to work, you lazy bastards!"

At Virginia, on the ship 'Arrows' that was due to sail for Westport, Australia, the pickets were thrown off the Motor Mews.

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The pickets were set up on land owned by the Wellpark, on the Common Wealth Police came and removed them again.

Since the sheep could be loaded at Adelaide, these farmers decided to ship them from Wailaroo, a small country town about 100km from Adelaide.

Wailaroo was the local service and primary was set up for the meat. It was 500m from where the sheep were held, it had a small workforce of 25 workers, the port has also been shut down for three or so weeks for it had also been used for live sheep loading before.

The townspersons are largely farmers, to try to be sympathetic. Around 20000 farmers converged on the town and virtually took over.

The meatworkers maintained a robust picket on the outskirts of town.

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Protestionism is a dead and for the trade union movement.

That is an argument we have hammered home year after year in the papers and in the streets. At once we have enthusiastically supported struggles which raised demands for protection in the Newcastle sheepwading industry last year, and in the meat industry in this issue.

Why? There is more to these struggles than just protection, and we have to look at all sides of struggle.

In the fight over the Newcastle docks, the workers were effectively demanding that ships be banned from Adelaide until New South Wales.

It is likely that there will be many more such struggles in the near future. We expect to be supporting more if not all of them. Let's look at each of the protestable issues.

We are not for using protection to "support an industry." But neither are we for "impeding unemployment" by shutting away widely at the existing staff.

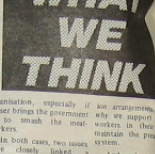
While we don't like protection, and neither will we support workers who go to jail in defence of existing protect.

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Wailaroo wharfies' trade union picket line.



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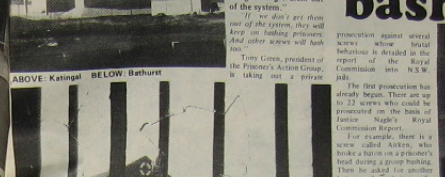
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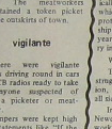
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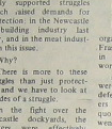
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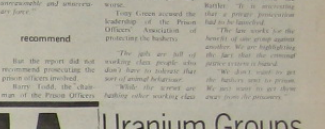
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Brisbane Cops getting restless

by Carole Ferrier

BRISBANE cops are starting to complain about their jobs!

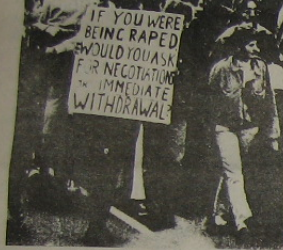
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RACIAL TENSIONS DO THEY RELEASE THEMSELVES?



Marching against Vietnam (above) and Bjallek-Petersen (below). Do actions like these alienate the masses?

IN every mass movement, there comes a time when some people begin to worry.

Getting a protest movement off the ground demands bold initiatives and risks. But once it is moving, some people begin to become cautious. They worry that too much militancy might endanger the gains that have already been made.

cautious

Today we are seeing the growth of a "cautious" movement in two important movements, the movement against uranium mining, and the civil liberties movement in Queensland.

This current is best represented by the newspaper, "DIRECT ACTION," which becomes more

BY TOM O'LINCOLN

inward with every passing day. "DIRECT ACTION" cites the experience of the Vietnam movement of the late 1960's. They argue that only broad, all-inclusive actions of the Vietnam moratorium type can build a successful movement. They say that the moratoriums had to be built by restraining the "ultra-leftists" who stood for more radical actions and more radical slogans.

This is a great oversimplification of history.

At the start of the Vietnam war, even peaceful street marches were radical actions. Lots of people who disliked the war also disliked street marches. Plenty of radicals of my generation will remember being given friendly lectures about our "too radical" tactic of marching in the streets.

We persisted in our militant tactics, and made them legitimate. And when the marches were accepted, we moved to other radical initiatives.

forgotten

Many people may have forgotten that during the early Vietnam days about half the peace movement wanted to limit the marches to "Stop the Bombing, Negotiate!" It was only the more radical people who called for marches and the withdrawal of the troops. For this they were accused of "ultra-leftism" — but they proved to be right.

As the war progressed many of the radicals began building industrial action against the war, openly carrying the draft, identifying the war as a struggle against imperialism, and collecting aid for the NLF. All of these actions were attacked at one stage or another, as "diversions" from the main issues

AMERICA'S coal mine owners tried to smash the mine-workers' union late last year.

by Phil Griffiths

In fact, the mine owners build the mine, and they use the money they make to pay those who were militant to become anti-labor actions. Militant and radical people were being widened the broadest political spectrum, and saved their action to the anti-labor campaign collect aid for the Labor Party opposition.

build

But far from taking away from the activists it helped to build it, and people who were taking up the war had thought extremist, as well as recognizing the need to negotiation. This, our militant became "reactionary" and "ultra-leftist" — "extremists" from the left.

Advanced action activists, by dramatizing the need for more radical action, they can move people into action.

financed

The miners had previously won a health care which was financed by the company and paid out of health funds on jointly by the company and the employees.

The management of the funds had been taken over by the company. The company owned miners had put on a strike without union authorization.

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TRANKEI BREAKS WITH VORSTER

The Transkei, like other Bantustans in South Africa, is economically unstable. The population consists of all "people, women and children who are forced to the out of a province being from the industrialized areas of the country and the young men are sent off to the mines and cities to work.

The Transkei is totally dependent on South Africa, while it depends on South Africa to provide work for most of its labor force.

Contrary to what the South African government says, the Bantustans "cannot" survive for the Transkei is not being treated to allow "progressive development" for the Transkei.

As the women and children are expected to support themselves off the last bank in the Bantustans.

There is no way the Transkei can stand with Matanzima. A better life and future dignity for the people of the support state must only be achieved through the destruction of the apartheid system in South Africa itself.



Striking U.S. miner burns Miller's contract proposal.

Up till last year, the miners had always been one of the strongest and most militant in America. But with the economic crisis, the buses were determined to smash the unions and conditions were to be broken.

They opened up large new areas of coal in the West of the country. They were more profitable, so they paid slightly higher wages to keep the union out.

In just three years, the amount of coal mined by union members went from 70% to 50%.

When the time came to renew the contract, the companies deliberately obstructed the negotiations and made sure everyone knew there was going to be "no deal."

As the strike began on December 6 last year, most major coal buyers had two to three months' stock on hand.

Large stocks and a lot of non-union coal were the employer's major weapons. Pro-union Senator Jimmy Carter in the White House found a name Arnold Miller leading the union's fight.

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The Philippines election on 7 April was a ritual offering to international opinion.

President Marcos, who has been ruling the country under martial law for six years, was not a candidate. He and his cabinet were automatically full members of the new National Assembly which they choose, they can ignore anyone.

There was massive rigging and ballot stuffing. Marcos' "New Society Movement" was paraded a place where it was not.

The elections took place under Marcos' "New Society Movement" — rule by decree and legal infidelity — a beginning to come apart.

There has been some discussion and restriction to the regime, in spite of the repression that accompanied martial law.

protestors

Mass marches, protests against the rigged elections were held in Manila and elsewhere.

The former leader of the opposition, Benigno Aquino, was arrested while martial law was proclaimed. Law 1639 was proclaimed.

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Dave Nadel's



MY SHOUT

ANTHONY and Cheong, Romeo and Juliet, Tristan and Isolde, more over! According the paper we saw a new grand romance: Ruddy and Margaret.

There seems to be a common Australian romance and British politician who had more romance than most of us here had had. Cheong and Romeo were made and found they were before the Wilson's Weekly.

The news action depicts is not that Meg and Ruddy have naughty weekends together, but that they were made and found they were before the Wilson's Weekly.

It strikes me that the British Labor people might be writing their message on the wrong page. But at least they are not so far from the standard page as I.

If screwing around

Kevin's drinking and Owen's kicking. I suppose you can argue that Margaret and Ruddy have been useful for some time. They have helped Kerry Packer (Wilson's Weekly) and Rupert Murdoch (Financial Review) to get on top. Frankly, going to bed with a man who is a British taxpayer and I had to think I'd rather spend my money on Maggie's beauty cream than on Owen's. I don't know if you are a fan of Owen's. I don't know if you are a fan of Owen's. I don't know if you are a fan of Owen's.

Of course, the point is that the more you pay for Owen's, the more you pay for Owen's. I don't know if you are a fan of Owen's. I don't know if you are a fan of Owen's. I don't know if you are a fan of Owen's.

But of course as Australians what we are looking for is a Government which means that we pay for

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But no one in Queensland is advocating militant forms of resistance. The only form of resistance is the violent resistance. The only form of resistance is the violent resistance. The only form of resistance is the violent resistance.

What They Won, What They Lost

by Lisa Brown

Low Asbestos Danger was Beaten at VicRail

VICTORIAN railway workers have won a historic victory in the struggle against the dangers of asbestos.

Management workers at the Melbourne workshops have forced VicRail to provide proper safety suits to all workers coming into contact with the deadly asbestos fibre.

They are now aiming to get rid of all the asbestos in Melbourne's blue trains within five years.

They want their rights for safe working conditions by refusing to work on the dangerous blue trains.

Their suits replaced Melbourne's most basic train services for nearly two months. In the end, the railway caved in and met all their demands.

Until the asbestos is removed, the men will be completely protected. The suits are supplying the men with one thin protective suit covering their feet, hands and head.

Those who do the dusting which is necessary to allow the suits and have full face respiration which stop 97 per cent of asbestos dust.

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Are you working with death?

into standard should be set as the available analytical techniques. The lower the level the lower the risk of disease. The NIOSH recommends a standard of 0.1 (one per million). This is based on a 10 minute sampling period.

intended to protect against effects of asbestos other than cancer. It virtually reduces the risk of asbestos other than cancer to a level that is not statistically significant (minor) and can be measured by available equipment.

The asbestos industry is big business. It is in their interests to spread the poison like the plague. They have developed other forms, such as white, amosite, chrysotile, crocidolite, and anthophyllite. These are substitutes for heat and sound insulation.

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A SILENCED VOICE

by Steve Morgan, Battler Reporter

FOLLOW the struggle against asbestos, and the friends at work every fortnight in the Battler. Read the words of a worker who has learned up every day to this crisis of death in a show-stone of deadly asbestos.

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And that exactly what's been happening at the Melbourne City Power House in Spencer Street, some power workers

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Another Victim?

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Asbestos Diseases what Your Face

THE three commonly used forms of asbestos are: blue asbestos (crocidolite), white asbestos (chrysotile) and brown asbestos (amosite).

The fibres that only blue is dangerous and white is safe, is nothing more than a myth of the asbestos industry. There are even forms of white asbestos which have been shown to be more dangerous than the blue.

Asbestos causes three diseases. They are scarring of the lung (asbestosis), the common variety of lung cancer often associated with smokers (bronchial carcinoma) and a rare cancer of the lung lining or pleura (mesothelioma).

Asbestos is part of a general group of related diseases, called under the heading of pneumoconiosis. It is similar to diseases like silicosis and black lung which miners get.

THE MAN'S FIGHT

by Anne Hulks, Adelaide

I AM 20 and was unemployed for four years recently. I had applied to thirteen munitions for garden jobs and had no offers.

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Reviewer Alec Kahn sees a U.F.O. (Unacceptable Filmic Object)

BEEN sucked in by the publicity surrounding 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' yet? The episode... 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'... 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'...



It's a bird! It's a plane! No... It's a close encounter of the third kind. Strange beams from another planet, brought to earth by Columbia Pictures for a mere \$10 million.

They're left with a nagging memory of a single something like a blob of gelatin. Memory. They become obsessed with it, and eventually make their way to a museum in Wyoming that resembles the Farmington... 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'...

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FROM THE SHELF... A11 Quiet... Theatre with Guts... And would a king have to stand still to an emperor?...



Steve Barlow

SEC workers call it quits

LATROBE Valley power workers have rejected a proposal from their shop stewards to resume last year's wage struggle with no pretence but a militant attitude.

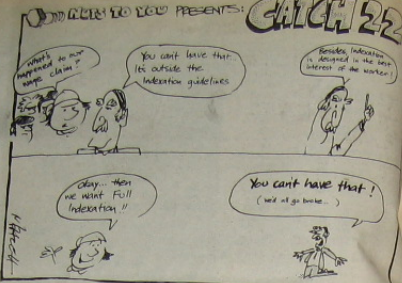
The stewards proposed a 10 per cent increase in wages, but the workers would only work 70 per cent of the time. The shop stewards would be a "moderate" amendment to what was in the ACTU's Victorian Trades Council.

The heavy vote for the amendment shows that most SEC workers feel it is now time for them to "kick their own ass" and resume last year's seven week strike before embarking on another struggle.

Nevertheless, the fact that the shop stewards were prepared to take the fight upon them, the militant attitude of the workers in the Valley has not been broken.

The strike is clear from the defeat of the campaign last year's strike could have been won. But the workers are not ready.

The shop stewards allowed Bob Havelle and John Halliday to talk them into believing that the working class movement would desert them and that the Government would do them in. As soon as we were in the area, the trade union officials, take control of our struggle, they do as the trade union officials want. We are not ready to work.



TEACHERS STOP CLASSES

WOMEN cleaners at Madawbank Technical College in Sydney recently won major concessions from their employers — General Contract Cleaners.

The trouble started last August when the company tried to stand down cleaners over the holiday period. The women said they were not paid the "total money" they were entitled to. Not had leaving hand Meg Christian even been paid overtime.

A stop-work meeting prevented the stand down, and the company promised the back pay, but the women were not completely satisfied.



Teachers have taken to the streets in protest against the Government's proposed changes to the public service. The teachers are protesting against the proposed changes to the public service, which would result in a 10 per cent increase in wages, but the teachers would only work 70 per cent of the time.

Canberra PS demo

A HUNDRED and twenty public services demonstrators gathered at the Department of Administrative Services in Canberra for a demonstration.

Metals shops slide

OVER recent years in Melbourne, there has been a rapid decline in the metal industry. The metal industry is in a state of decline, with many shops closing down.

TAUBMANS GETS THE BRUSH OFF

LIKE to spend your annual holiday holidays round a heater, watching the rain beat down?

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Letty De Bono, the company's general manager, explained how the company was in a tight spot when it was found out that the workers had won three weeks at Christmas and the other week at the end of the year.

Then the houses told Meg they would have to make arrangements. What they could not see here was the union pressure.

"You'll be worked and we'll be a support you," he added.

Gay Wardie Sacked

A WARDMAN at the Dabhurst District Hospital recently lost his job because he is homosexual.

Hospital authorities apparently made "background enquiries" about him because he shared a house with a known homosexual.

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ROADIES UNION GETS INTO GEAR

BEING in a road crew for a hand is not the easy way to make a living.

The hours are long and irregular, pay is usually low and the work is exhausting.

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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST FEDERATION

SINCE Gallagher knocked off our democratically elected leadership in NSW 3 years ago, our wages and conditions have gone downhill fast. The industry is in a shambles.

WAGES
The buying power of our wages has been under attack for several years now. This is the case for all workers, but we've suffered it even more than others.

For us we get a maximum of just one cent increase in our wages. Then the bosses try to absorb inflation rates into our over award payments.

The workers on the Quota are managed to stop this, but the scaffolders at Kays's were so lucky. They lost their whole over award.

To cap it all off, we had to lose Gallagher's minimum 130-35 hour average. That cut our inflation rates and months of back pay.

CONDITIONS
Safety and amenities have gone to the rack since Gallagher took over in NSW. The bosses are clearly not observing the industry safety code.

For instance, the Liverpool Hospital had no Welfare Fund job had no Welfare Fund to go into the gear at all.

The jobs that enjoy the best safety and conditions are those that have elected their own safety officers and committees, e.g. Westmead Hospital Quota.

LONG SERVICE
The N.S.W. Builders' Industry long service leave scheme is a mess.

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Left and above: Rank-and-file candidates talk to job meetings.

N.S.W Builders Laborers' Election Fight

Many employees are not contributing their quota to the fund and workers are not having their credits properly recorded.

For instance, many Builders Laborers are being worked on the same rate for exactly the same time, but they are credited with different amounts of service.

The rank and file policy call for greater union control of the scheme, to make sure operators properly and is not abused by the boss.

SUBSIES
Subsidiaries in Westfields job at Harville on site are paid under award and work in shocking conditions.

Companies like Building and Engineering Contractors not only Westfield employ those themselves at all Harville body shop merchants sub-contracting must be

UNEMPLOYMENT
Unemployment is the main issue facing B.L.L. today.

The rank and file programme calls for machine parks works programmes on buildings that are needed, e.g. schools and hospitals.

The other is an end to planned overtime and to the underfunding of jobs. Here are some examples:

L.W. Case - N.S.W.I.T., Roadway - No formal job offers to work with formal work experience.

Watters - Reserve Bank Strike

Campaign gets rolling

The B.L.L. for Democratic Control election campaign is well under way.

Our candidates and supporters have visited nearly every site in Sydney and we've had meetings on several jobs.

Job meetings last week included: "Hemlocks - Minio, Contain - Road St, Hillingdon - Quana, Marra Contain, Concrete Contractors - Burnwood. We're getting good support from nearly every job.

On the federal scene, our candidate Brian Rix is visiting jobs in Brisbane and Melbourne.

Besides getting going with the campaign to knock off Gallagher, the federal B.L.L. election is a good way to build the rank and file movement in other states.

The B.L.L. leadership are separate to, with this campaign by any means possible. Their "official rank and file" team is already up to all sorts of tricks.

For a start, the Democratic Control supporters have been told three different figures for the N.S.W. membership.

"Acting Secretary" Steve Black said there were 4200 members in his 6 monthly report at March. Returning officer Joe Ferguson says there are 2,600 members and the Electoral Office conducting the federal ballot has only 2,400 names.

Black was in hot water at the April branch meeting,

when he tried to show how the branch had 1,600 new members.

But in the official record when it was due his vote would disappear. This is their usual trick.

Our list of scrutineers, Mark has been "kicked out" of the list. I've known him a life member of the B.L.L. But his name has mysteriously disappeared - it's been somebody else.

But that's not all. I'm an officer. Joe Fer will not let me take a branch membership out of the union unless presents as done in a membership.

A couple more got in. Where is the Gallagher campaign going to get from? How do you get their lives gone without leaders without the raising factors?

We know for fact that M.B.A. (Metal Workers' Association) is doing too.

Why has the threatened in the case of Clive, Ben (Dunlop) Black has been told time off to support the official.

"This company is very bad. They just want more and more profit. We make one blouse in 3 minutes and they sell it for \$35."

Nurses get organised

Most of the nurses there being fairly conservative, the meeting decided to keep the fight to the bourgeoisie, in the Royal Australian Federation of Nurses (RANF) and Arbitration.

That means trying to active democratic disputes by discussion with all unions, instead of about war.

But some of us, more aware of the fallings of union bureaucrats, a good Arbitration system, decided there needed to be some action coming from the rank-and-file nurses.

We're talking the issue with leaders to all Queensland nurses, trying to get the rank-and-file Federation of Nurses calling a series of after-work meetings to discuss the issue.

One success up to date has been forcing the union bureaucrats to call a meeting on the day of the Arbitration hearing on an RANF hearing on the issue. There were some placards will go to the conference.

The struggle is in right way, but we've got to be more responsible.

by a nurse of the Royal Brisbane Hospital

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Registered in the CPIO for transmission by post at a special rate, Cat C.

Thirty-five Melbourne women are fighting a pay cut.

They're angry and they're out on strike till the bosses change their mind.

The women are machinists for the clothing company, Sportcraft.

In 1976, they sold us, we would have to take a 5% reduction on our bonus rates. We were sure of that and we agreed to it."

"Now they come out and say they want us to go down 10 or 20 percent, which will come to about \$50 or \$60."

Dorothy Xuech, from Sunshine West is one of the leaders of the Works Committee.

"They claimed that they put new machinery on. But the new machines were put in 3½ years ago. I don't know why they come out with this now."

WE WON'T LET THEM CUT OUR PAY!

better

They even said it's all better material and it's not. When we've got harder materials to work with we just don't say anything. We accept the good with the bad, but they always hold us."

The women are saying pretty now. They've been out for two weeks and they're staying out.

"I'm not going to stay home until there is a more fair deal. It's not fair, we don't care."

One woman told us about the pressure of work.

"The floor lady pushes us and we push each other. Every day, same thing. If we were working for wages

defend

The women at Sportcraft could sue teach Bob Hawke a thing or two.

defend

It proves that we can resist the bosses' and their wage cuts, provided someone is willing to organize the struggle.

The Sportscraft struggle is just one of dozens that are being waged each month.



IF YOU LIVE IN SYDNEY, YOUR CHILD COULD END UP LIKE THIS

by a nurse of the Royal Brisbane Hospital

Between the lines CARBIDE - THE MANY THAT PLAY'S WITH OUR LIFE

With all the publicity about asbestos health costs, you're pleased to know that the asbestos industry has a job service.

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A CHEMICAL WHICH CAUSES BIRTH DEFECTS AND DEATHS HAS BEEN DUMPED IN SYDNEY RUBBISH TIPS

by JANET VAUX

The chemical, Dioxin, was dumped by Union Carbide in drums which are now rotting and in danger of being the dioxin into the environment.

Dioxin is an ingredient of the herbicide 2,4,5-T, which is used under a top level state licence in Victoria after spraying in the Yarrum district for up to 10 fold increase in both defoliation and numerous deaths.

The Science Study in an explanation of a small quantity which was then spread into the air, killed all the small animals and birds in the area, and caused infantile deaths.

It also caused a huge increase in spontaneous abortions and deaths of both aborted and stillborn babies.

The NSW Pollution Control Commission admits that the steel drums containing the chemical will deteriorate within the next 10 years.

Workers at the Union Carbide's Rhodes plant, where the dioxin has been stored since 1972, did not know that it was still on the premises.

One union delegate told the Bulletin that he believed the Dioxin had all been dumped at Rhodes since Carbide's closure years before.

The Workers' Health Centre believes that this is one of the most serious aspects of the affair. They say workers who have been exposed to Dioxin should receive medical from workers, councils and local residents.

THE Queensland ALP is in turmoil

In the past month, one branch (Milkmaid) has been suspended and an electorate committee (Kirkpatrick) held to halt its activities.

There has been a series of meetings with the Labor Party between two party's State Executive which was held at the head of the staff against the staff.

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By now, however, the Reform Group has agreed to support to encompass the formation of ALP that party's State Executive.

The disaffiliation is what's been going on since the 1975 split was designed to contain the party in the hands of the Queensland Central Executive, and to stifle any initiative from the staff.

THIS dump will soon be a children's playground. Bensch in it rusting steel drums lies Dioxin - the most toxic to be a thousand times more dangerous than thalidomide. Will they be safe?

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by Graeme Grassie

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Why HEAL THE COSTS MORE

by Janet Stone, Healthworker

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Right To Life Attack

The sex with which reproductive abortion laws were passed in New Zealand last December has been the focus of a constant fight against what if we had been children.

Contributed by THE WOMEN'S ABORTION CAMPAIGN

In Australia it was the issue of abortion which drew most women to feminism. Although only minimal demands have been made, women in the movement have been successful in obtaining the right to abortion on medical health of the mother.

If you're fighting for safety at work...

EVERY fortnight in the Battler, you can read of the struggles for safety at work.

We covered the fight against asbestos. We exposed the union's prior knowledge of its danger.

And we reported the booms and their struggles in the Building Industry.

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I want to join the International Socialists

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The year 1968 brought the end of an era. For two decades the western world, led by the USA, had been in the grip of reaction. Historical and communism was a way of life for millions, and the idea of revolution seemed a joke to most people.

Yet in May 1968, French students and workers brought France to the brink of social revolution. The shock waves were felt across Europe, and around the world.

The year began in an atmosphere of confrontation in French campuses. In February, a mass demonstration of university and high school students renamed the Latin Quarter "Heroic University Quarter". In March, students at Nanterre occupied the university and took over the campus broadcasting station.

order

The Nanterre campus was closed in an attempt to restore order, but now the students of the Sorbonne and several high schools declared their solidarity. On May 10, a plant march of 35,000 students wound through Paris, singing revolutionary songs. Thousands of police with hundreds of armoured cars were called out, and the marches were driven into the streets of the Latin Quarter. Barricades began to go up.

There followed a night of violent clashes. Police could not clear the quarter until the next day, and only by using the most vicious methods. At nine o'clock that evening, a shaken Pompidou announced he would meet the demands of the students, and release everyone who had been arrested.

Dave Nadel's

MY SHOUT

STATE Governments throughout Australia are over-zealous to take long decisions to stop with the dangerous drug menace. At the same time, it is understood the action will be limited and not aimed at the major sources of the drug distributions. Several national organisations with contacts in high places are concerned about marijuana. A host of magazines can download a free sample which they give free of charge to their best and latest. It is a major source of addiction. Why buy in any country? Australia is one of the best. The drug is in a good and solid state.

Apocryphal ads are not unrepresented today on the outside of long hand drops from the lower city. They are more than just a body's mother. The product is not a drug, but a "foreign source". The family chain and increased.

REVOLUTION IN FRANCE

On the 10th anniversary of May-June, 1968, Tom O'Lincoln writes on the greatest general strike in history.

But Pompidou had moved too late. Anger was swelling through the French youth class over the Communist Party trade union leaders, who only a few days before had denounced the students as irresponsible, were now forced to call a general stoppage in their support. On May 13 a million workers marched through the streets, with the "irresponsible" student leaders in the front.

ferment

The next day, there was a ferment in the factories. A day later, an airline factory in Nanterre went on strike. The workers occupied the plant, and shot the manager up in his office. Strikes spread through every Renault car factory in France. By

Saturday May 18 trains, mail and telegraph services were stopped. By the next week the entire national economy was paralysed by the greatest general strike in history.

The French government was in disarray. The world was stunned. Young radicals everywhere were elated. They had learned that mass struggles, even revolution itself, were possible in the west. But a second, less pleasant lesson was to follow.

Several thousand radical students marched six miles to the Renault factory near Paris, to express solidarity with the car workers who had occupied the plant. They found the gates guarded by Communist Party stewards, who had strict instructions to keep the students and their radical ideas away from the

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BEHIND SMITH'S "PEACE" DEAL

by David Lockwood

SMITH, Mauvoera and Schöbe are not alone in wanting the Rhodesian question settled.

The United States and Britain have considerable common interests in Rhodesia - mostly in the export of Rhodesian chrome. This export has been held up by the economic sanctions imposed by the UN. The Rhodesian government is accepted by the rest of the world, the sanctions may be lifted.

buyers

This explains why Mauvoera and Schöbe have been active supporters of 3 US companies in particular: Alabaster Limestone, Union Carbide and Foster Minerals. These three are the main buyers of Rhodesian chrome.

They are giving financial support to 2 black leaders, one lobbying for the "settlers" in Washington, and have financed a speaking tour by Mauvoera in the US.

The Front has refused to accept the "internal settlement". As the leadership of those actually fighting for liberation, it demands a majority in any transitional government, and the handing over of security and police operations to its own soldiers.

When the US Secretary of State visited Salisbury to sign agreements with the Front, he was greeted with a hostile demonstration.

But this black support for the settlement comes from people removed from the war against the regime, from people who see any change in the present situation as a positive step.

Support for Mauvoera and Schöbe is due to the Front leadership. One of the top black guerrillas operating inside the country is Joseph Mawema, arrested in South in 1974 and 1976 and released from the ANC for this.

Meanwhile, the war continues. The 27 guerrillas have united with the Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) in the Patriotic Front.

According to the Front, at the beginning of 1978 there were 10,000 guerrillas operating inside the country - a further 10,000 in training.



Here is the real reason Smith wants to find a quick and easy internal settlement - ZANLA guerrillas fighting on the border.

SMITH FINDS THREE STOGES

ON December 2 last week, Rhodesian prime minister Ian Smith had his first meeting with 3 black leaders.

What does this mean that has white minority government had at last seen the light?

Unfortunately, there were more material reasons behind the negotiation.

The Rhodesian economy has been shattered by the war against the black guerrillas.

That was no longer Uthmaniyah National Council (UNSC) and Industrial (UNCI) - the African National Council (ANC) - was a bit of a surprise.

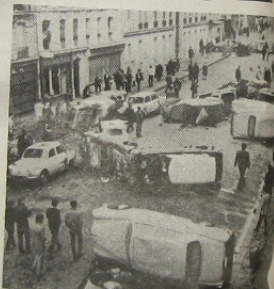
Both these men had consistently refused earlier deals to prevent negotiation.

The Smith regime had to make concessions to the black guerrillas. It aimed to split the black movement in Rhodesia by doing a deal with one section which would preserve white economic interests - and including the anti-

But Smith could be accused in an unexpected move.

The attendance of one of the African leaders of Smith's opposition - the Zimbabwe United Front Organisation - was quite predictable, since the organisation was set up by Smith and most of its officials are on the government payroll.

There are no concealed motives in the attendance of the other two.



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East Germany ~ Under the Mask

OPPOSITION in East Germany is not limited to intellectuals.

When the student and worker movements were suppressed, the workers were particularly active in the East German cities.

"Neither with the State, nor the Red Brigades"

WHEN Pope Christian Democrat and former prime Aldo Moro was kidnapped by the "Red Brigades", the Italian police launched a campaign of wholesale arrests.

Theh? Every Night, Every Night.....

Scott reviews Ray Mooney's about life in H-division

like coming in a boring and try to control themselves that can take a long time.

If someone complains about the conditions, you'll hear some, because you know they're tough and only the tough people can have certain things.

There is one very nice case where the governor of the province has been successful in getting out of the guards.

The province got good back in 1972 and 1973 to see the old law about inmates never allowing anyone in which he had been for so long.

I think it's that game, wondering what Ray will do that does some one big point in the play Ray Mooney, it is to be in the province can expect from a human being?

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He talks to someone who he has to determine that he is a terrorist by the way that he acts.

STEVE MORRETT'S:

ON the weekend of April 15, prisoners at Melbourne's Pentridge Jail rioted.

The riot started at a prison in H division and subsided in the morning.

They were fighting the system of classification that sees most prisoners wingfully sent to H division, the head hole of Pentridge, and kept there for the rest of their lives.

The prisoners today are concerned with brutal beatings by guards on the following Monday.

Doagh Eddy, the Labor spokesman on Social Welfare, has spoken to many who are parents of prisoners.

They report that prisoners head scenes, eating through H division cells as many were dragged from their rooms and barricaded.

On Tuesday, 18 April, Keith Taylor and three other H Division prisoners went on a hunger strike. It is Division prisoners holding themselves in their cells refusing to work to protest at the beatings.

The prisoners of H Division on Wednesday agreed to return to work with their barred mates in the afternoon of the old New Stone Chapel in H division was set light.

The Victorian Minister for Social Welfare, Brian Dixon, demanded calls for a Royal Commission into Pentridge. He stated that a few prisoners were trying to make things similar to that which occurred in NSW after making of the Royal Commission there.

demands for reclassification.

But as matter why a prisoner is sent into H division the conditions are the same for all.

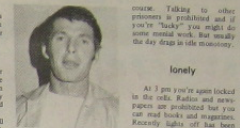
loses

Automatically a prisoner loses all possessions. Under the constitution system a prisoner can have his sentence reduced by 15 days per month for good behaviour.

You are locked in your cell for 18 hours a day. There isn't any communication except by the guards.

Your day starts at 6:30 in the morning when the guards wake you for breakfast. Later you have a shower. In fact daily

A form of punishment before 1972 was allowing a prisoner to stand and urinating him with cold water - taken from Every Night, Every Night.



Playwright Ray Mooney

shows have just been granted in the past few weeks to H division prisoners.

At 5 am you go to the exercise yard by yourself of the back hall.

"I believe the back hall has been used in recent years since the Jackboon inquiry in 1972 to house a few violent prisoners serving time in H division at the moment there is a criminal attempt to bring the back hall."

He believes that a small group of prisoners would be involved in the riot.

"It is the way it works inside prison. It always takes a few people to show the initial courage for stand up in authority. Once there is a small group with good will - well."

stunned

The hall as it was before 1972 housed many of the solitary watching Ray Mooney. A new inmate in H division is told he is lucky and has no rights. He is told, "You don't see this, don't know who the guards are. You don't see them, they don't know you."

At the same time they are promised back hall. It is supposed to be a better place with a bath and toilet. It is supposed to be a better place of examination (apparently he is if there are any combined

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Penridge DITCHED PRISONER

THE MAN THEY CALLED MARSHALL

For 14 years, he was the jail's visiting magistrate

THE appointment of Victoria's first Ombudsman was hailed as a new era for democracy in this state.

The Ombudsman would be the public's watchdog, the protector of the "little man" against bureaucratic over-reaction.

Consumers, workers, migrants and prisoners could have their grievances championed by an impartial knight in shiny armour.

But from the very start, the Ombudsman was more to be more than a soap to Henry's Liberal League for the Government appointed a long-time public servant back.

John Vaneer Dillon became Ombudsman in October 1973, a head of the Chief Magistrate's department.

As the father of the "bull" in this state's bureaucracy from 1961 to 1973 he was responsible for administering the public's watchdog.

John Dillon is a little better in the black hole of H division. But John Dillon, the man often called "The Marshall", was for 14 years the



Visiting magistrate at Pentridge.

This is the "public watchdog" to whom prisoners have turned for help. A man who has been a public magistrate and later a stipendiary magistrate at Melbourne City Court.

enemy

A man who was tipped to be the Chief Commissioner of Police in 1968 - a proven enemy of prisoners.

His record as an Ombudsman, but to mention a prison reformer, is shocking and no reason for hope amongst the prisoners.

The largest number of complaints came from prisoners. During 1976 there were 1450 complaints and nearly a third were from prisoners.

The prisoners complained about reclassification, annual visits, reclassification, wrongful punishment, and wrongful transfer. In the case of prisoner complaints Dillon would be asked what happened to him.

And what happened to him

Footscray not Fascists

Dear Battlers,
In Brisbane the Lines in the late Battlers, there was an advertisement in the Footscray Football Club. We always knew we had some in it but they are better than the others. Perhaps Footscray are badly organised, but certainly there is no comparison to

THIS IS YOUR KNOW YOUR DISLIKES AND WRITE TO: P.O. BOX 46, FLEMINGTON, VIC 3031.

Dear Battlers,

Workers' Power
Workers' control over the state of society based on workers' control of the means of production. Only the organized workers have the power to create a society free of exploitation, oppression and war. This is not a socialist ideal because it is based on the realization of workers' and a democratic voting of it.

Revolution, not Reformism
We believe in overthrowing the capitalist system and establishing a society where the means of production are owned and controlled by the workers.

Smashing the Capitalist State
The state, parliament, courts and police are used to keep the workers in line. There is no parliament, no courts, no police.

Internationalism
A socialist revolution cannot succeed in one country. It must be a world revolution. We are fighting for the liberation of all workers.

Full Equality and Liberation
For women, blacks, and all oppressed groups. Racism, sexism and discrimination must be abolished. The capitalist system is based on the exploitation of all workers.

Revolutionary Party
We will build a revolutionary party to lead the workers' struggle. We will be a party of the workers, not a party of the bourgeoisie.

Rank and File Organisation
Workers need to be organized in their own workplaces. We will be a rank and file organization, not a top-down organization.

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ABRABARIC PENALTY

Dear Editor,
My purpose in writing this letter is to draw the attention of students and staff of Monash University to the strange sentence recently imposed on a young woman by Mr Justice Lee in the case of *Minchin v. Minchin* (1977) 123 CLR 79.

Justice Minchin was fined for three years with a fine of \$1000 for failing to pay child support. The judge, a good man, was shocked at the sentence and made a point of explaining his reasons for making a criminal out of the unfortunate mother.

She gave birth to the baby in an unwedded liaison and was charged with murder. My Justice Lee said Minchin had two other children, had been a good mother, had never been in trouble with the law, was depressed at the time of the offence and had done everything to support her children.

This woman needs compassion and help, not punishment. Her sentence cannot be justified on logical or humane grounds, since it deprives two children of their mother, a good mother and sustains these children by making a criminal out of the unfortunate mother.

I am at a loss to understand what child under the law is being punished by this judicial decision and how we can help.

Please help this woman by registering a protest against Mr Justice Lee's Jackson justice. If you're shocked, as I do, at this inhuman sentence, please make your feelings known to the U.S.S.W. Attorney General, Mr Frank J. Keenan here or directly through one of (or all) of the local State parliamentarians.

For the benefit of newcomers to the district, these are Messrs E.B. Kirby, 84 5402; E. Ramsey, 84 1861; G. Renner, 96 4848; and R. Jackson, 96 4848. A phone call will do, but a letter is better.

Sid, the Cleaner, Wollongong

Too Late?

"You can't march," he said. "Why it's against the law!" But he didn't say that. When I marched on your Parliament House, Sydney is implied to be understood better.

Mr Minchin's case is significant, not only because it has been treated in a snobbish and bureaucratic manner, but because it highlights the fact that there are people in the community who, for various reasons, are particularly vulnerable to the law.

There'll be no protest meeting or march. My God, perhaps we're too late. But it's never too late. Even though the banner is furled, Freedom's threatened in Queensland March we must for a free world.

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Two women, two classes and an epic struggle

THIS IS a great film. It is superbly acted and directed, beautifully photographed and authentic to the period down to the smallest detail.

Dianne Fieldes reviews the movie 1900, Bertolucci's epic of Italy, 1900-1945

But then what's the thing that makes it great is that it is a story of a young woman who is a prostitute and a young man who is a socialist.

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Homage to Catalonia

GEORGE Orwell went to Spain in December 1936 to join the Republican forces. He was fighting General Franco's fascist coup. He was killed in the battle of Belchite.

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S.A Education Under Attack

EDUCATION in South Australia is undergoing its most serious attack.

The government's cut-back in educational services has already led to cutbacks in staff, equipment and newly-qualified teachers.

For the first time since the Depression teachers are being laid off in kindergartens, primary schools and high schools.

refuses

This is the government's refusal to accept the fact that teachers' unions have done their best to do the job. Not only has the government refused to employ all qualified teachers, but it has also refused to start to retrain teachers. Proposals have already

been accepted for the introduction of tertiary institutions within South Australia.

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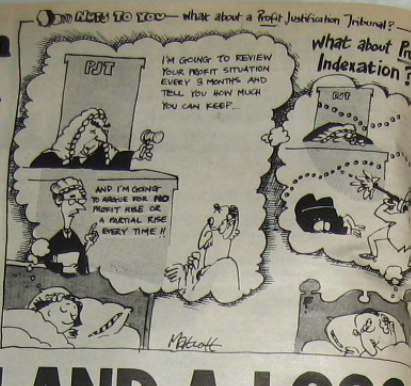
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The Botany Bay (NSW) development project was already so far that construction work was under way on the site. The workers are fighting the wages and conditions of the Legion's members to have a lot to

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In the last three weeks there has been a series of strikes by public drivers, labourers and carpenters. First the crane drivers went on strike at different rates. Then the public drivers on the particular job they were working on. Then the public drivers on the particular job they were working on. Then the public drivers on the particular job they were working on.

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ALL THE NEWS ON THE BLF ELECTIONS

WHY HE BATTLE FOR A JOB STINKS

At the demo on Thursday, Noel Olive said the NSW BLF ballot "smoke like rotten fish". And he's not far wrong.

Queensland for Rex

IN THE BATTLE EVERY FORTNIGHT

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Fighting the sack at A&R

FRIDAY night shoppers at Angus and Robertson's bookstore in Melbourne were confronted by a picket line.



The Janine Marshall Case

LIBRARY worker Janine Marshall, who was sacked by Rockhampton Mayor Rex Pileham when she married last year, has lost her court battle to get reinstatement.

The Arbitration Full Bench admitted that Janine's sacking was "discriminatory".

FIREMEN HURT

TWO firemen suffered internal bleeding after a plastic factory fire at St Peters in Sydney several weeks ago.

Another three were admitted to hospital with internal troubles. All the firemen involved had medical tests after inhaling poisonous fumes from the plastic.

Fairfax Sack

JOHN Fairfax has invented a new phrase for standing down. The Premier has agreed to operate special shift hours long called by the company were suggesting two low rate for the work.

Tradesmen Want Equality

Following the Health Commission's recommendation to negotiate new conditions of work, the tradesmen want equality.

HOSPITAL Tradesmen in NSW fighting to get equal pay with other tradesmen

They are also having to watch that their union downer's demands are even more inflated.

Storesmen and Packers at the Pickering

Storesmen and packers at the Pickering factory in Cheltenham (Vic) are trying to break through the indentation middlelines.

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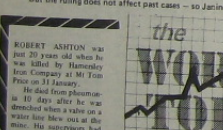
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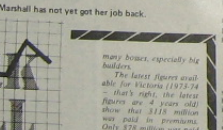
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ROBERT ASHTON was just 20 years old when he was killed by Hercules Inc Company at Mt Tabor on 31 January.

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NSW Campaign moves into top gear

The elections in the NSW BLF have been postponed to allow for an investigation of the ballot by the Federal Court.

By next week voters in the ballot states will have to decide every day. The last move was on the Friday before the ballot was to begin, when 30 new names without approval of the membership list.

On Thursday 27th April we invited the BLF officials in a demo outside the court. We were called for a clear ballot and for the rank and file to throw Black and Co. out.

The BLF officials had their own demo, but we had them well out-manned with supporters of BLF for Democratic Control. Our chant of "Back Black and Co." dominated as he spoke through a megaphone. We were pretty pleased with our turnout as we only had time to visit these jobs that morning.

On the other hand the BLF officials had done a big job trying to sound up supporters. They visited every job in the city and, in several instances, they were taken to the courts. The bribes that were given to get them were dropped under the pretence that bribes had been returned. When unadvised BLF "organiser" Stan Cody went to the Kewee Bank job, he told the workers that the cops were going to arrest him. He said that they were not related to the election.

discovers

It is not surprising that when the workers got to the Court and discovered what was going on, they took no part in the demo supporting Black and the officials.

Although the election has been held up, we are continuing our campaign. We are bringing out new leaders.

Gallagher's lies exposed

NORM Gallagher's solicitor finally chickened out in the Industrial Court a few weeks ago.

Marcus Einhold (son of Syd Einhold), lead of the court, said the Gallagher leadership had never alleged that Joe Owens and others had used any union money for their purposes.

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So much for the slanders that the Gallagher mob have been putting round for the last three years. Their major accusation was that the old BL leadership in NSW had stolen money from the union. None of their charges have ever been proved.

In fact, the court decision provided some

proof the other way, when Gallagher had a special audit of the Industrial Court and Lyons and Lybrand. The report was produced in court - and showed that no money had been stolen.

Joe Owens, Bob Pringle and Jack Mandy have now won the case to get their BLF tickets back.

When the union still won't let them in, the union will have to sue them. None of their charges have ever been proved.

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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

Builders Labourers

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE RIX & COMPANY



NOEL Dixie is candidate for NSW Secretary, on the BLF's Democratic Control programme.

He says that unemployment among BLF is one of the important areas to fight.

"The building industry has been decimated as far as jobs go, and the union needs to do something about it."

"But the union officials don't even have a register of our members."

"The long queues have had to be used selectively for public works building."

"That is, building for councils - not private companies."

Like other rank and file candidates, Noel is very critical of the present leadership.

"They initiated the campaign for a 2% increase without even consulting members."

"They got some jobs active. Then after 6 to 8 weeks they called a mass meeting to endorse it."

"Workers never had the chance to discuss when we should go into the campaign and what we should be campaigning about."



BRIAN Rix, candidate for Federal Secretary, sees democracy in the union as the major election issue.

"There should be more say for the rank and file members."

"We lost money from the actions that we got involved in, and we lost money in back pay."

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"He is also very critical of the top-heavy bureaucracy in the BLF at present. They have taken on 3 extra organisers for the elections, making a total of 9 organisers, when there are only 4 of whom were elected."

"And this is at a time of a drop in union membership, partly due to the recession in the industry, but also due to mismanagement by the union leadership."

"Not that the leadership seems very clear on what the union membership is at the moment. But if it is 2,500 then somebody's not doing their job."

"Voting in the Federal Election starts May 8."



DUNCAN Williams is a rank and file candidate for organiser.

He is impressed by the lack of gains made by the State Branch "WVW" during the late thirties.

"I have had to fight for normal gains like flow on from production."

"The leadership have mucked up every run of the mill thing."

"They haven't even co-ordinated an industry on a company basis. We should be united to the... say, one day a Concrete union what happens at another Concrete job."

"But, for example, the strike at Berriam was well and truly under way before we knew anything about it."

Body him, especially with high unemployment, has meant a general breakdown in solidarity.

"I'll see you that I've worked with 10 years on different sites. How then can you do 20 or so on a job. The rest are just body-him."

"We have to make a concerted effort around that. There was no such thing 10 years ago."

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INSIDE The Chrysler Disaster.

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warmonger.... imperialist.... racist.... union-basher....

WE'VE GLAD TO SEE YOU GO

NOW that he is dead, they are all saying wonderful things about him.

In those many obituaries, the daily papers are telling us that Bob Menzies was a great statesman, a great democrat and a great leader.

It's a wonder they didn't try to tell us he was a great soldier. In fact, Menzies' military career was well beyond the outbreak of World War II. He had been a member of the Melbourne University Regiment before resigning it in 1917.

by DAVE NADEL

It was more than 10 years before he was conscriptioned for service in the 10th Battalion of the 1st Brigade of the 3rd Division of the Australian Imperial Force during World War I. He had no military training, and he was not a particularly good soldier.

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As a great democrat, he was totally successful in 1956 to keep the boys safe for world imperialism; his similarly unsuccessful attempt to keep South Africa in the Commonwealth (Apartheid), said Menzies, is clearly Africa's interest after which our people should not interfere; and his attempt, also unsuccessful, to

In 1954 when a great Democrat seemed likely to lose an election, he produced a

Similarly, most of the few developments that came to fruition during Menzies' long reign, such as expansion of tertiary education, the Stacey Mountain Scheme and the mass-organisation program were all planned and started by the Chifley Labor governments.

In fact, Menzies deserves no credit for this. The boom was largely imported and actually ran more smoothly in most other capitalist countries because government regulation was more consistent. Menzies managed to disrupt the Australian boom with a credit squeeze and recession in 1961.

Beware the Courts

WHAT WE THINK

THE BLF for Democratic Control has asked for a court investigation of the ballot in NSW. The result may be a court-controlled ballot.

Now that the courts are in a court-baited state, it is still a risky business for those who stand their names into union affairs. There was no check on the number of papers printed, and no check on the number of voters. The court is now in a court-baited state, it is still a risky business for those who stand their names into union affairs.

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between the lines

THE execution of former Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro by the Red Brigades has only succeeded in turning him into a martyr.

There is one crucial point for the Red Brigades: Moro was used as a pretext for large scale social upheavals and revolutionary changes in Italy.

The tactics of the Red Brigades, full scale war against the State, are no popular support, are all wrong. But the exploiters of their activities have the problem of Italian society.

In the Italian city of Naples, for example, there are 150,000 people unemployed, a population of 1 million.

There are 30,000 students who are hungry and who are being paid only 100,000 lire (about 20 cents) a month. There are 400,000 people who are unemployed. There are 50,000 students who are unemployed. There are 100,000 people who are unemployed.

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Victorians' most ardent supporters would have been those who were not yet born. The Victorian era was a time when the British Empire was at its height. It was a time when the British Empire was at its height.

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ALDO MORO'S LEGACY
Corrupt and right-wing government



of social development have instead produced great social and engineering projects which have not been supported by the state.

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In the absence of a fight back, the Communist Party is not surprised that especially in the north, it was

from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in return for a guaranteed deal.

At the same time, his government had the chance to demand 'sacrifices' from the working class, in order to overcome the economic crisis.

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Finally, it was against the Moro government that some of the 800,000 signatures were collected in support of a referendum to change Italy's anti-abortion laws. Opinion polls at the time indicated

VICTORIAN PRIMER
Dick Hamer is following the lead of the late Paterson's footsteps

by Alec Kahn

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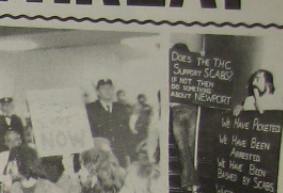


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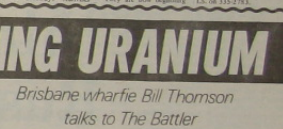
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DAVE NADIEL'S SHOW

EVER wondered why so many Victorian schools get burnt down? Particularly by students? Well, it's not just a coincidence. Just before Christmas last year there was a fire fit at Latrobe High School in West Heidelberg. The same period there was a confidential study done by a sociologist on the schools in West Heidelberg.

I have recently seen a copy of the report. It includes a section of interviews with teachers, principals and quotes some of their views about the West Heidelberg community. I do not suggest that these views are typical of all secondary teachers in the area.

The following quotes are all from secondary school staff although not all of them would be from Latrobe High. "Teachers would shoot their wives rather than go to Olympic Village."

"The problem is mainly social. I think, but when you look at their parents you wonder if it's innate."

Leonid Plysh

defeat

"When you call on them... there's still sleeping around in their dressing gowns... it's like the final defeat."

"Parents don't have any social aspirations... they are isolated anywhere... parents are collar parents work in the atmosphere of the home is directed to a long-term goal... there's rarely a newspaper in a home... it's father comes... I don't know any other way... There's a network of families in West Heidelberg, what

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The last Chrysler Corporation struck 300 car workers... for the day last Tuesday.

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I have a lot to say to sincere people who believe Russia is socialist.

I ask them to look at the distribution of wealth and income.

Lenin once wrote that those, indifferent between top and bottom should never be more than a few. This was to pay the bourgeois specialists for their services until we get our own.

Now if you take a treatment policy in the Ukraine, what does it get by comparison with my method, it has an agricultural policy. It gets 400 million a month whereas my method gets 60. And it's far from being in the top salary range.

All the inhabitants of the most open form of the extreme of the Soviet bloc for members of the human race. It is these people, not all of the products of the ordinary socialist's work.

The extent to which it goes on in a socialist bloc, for example, but it is the same. It was the same. It was the same. It was the same.

AS YOU know, there are workers' strikes in the Soviet Union. There was the enormous Noycheraksk strike in the Ukraine.

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Now - We need a fight back

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As individuals, a lone factory in West Lismore, threatened closure...

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FORGOTTEN CLASS STANDS UP

The American Working Class Fights Back

UNION W.A.G.E.

IN JUNE last year, workers went on strike at a supposedly liberal San Francisco newspaper.

Waging the fight for womens equality

They remained solid for nearly a year. Yet the union officials did little to help them.

Sometimes they would talk to me when I called to ask for information.

Starting about noon on Friday, a group of people gathered in the park one by one. I used to get comfortable with a bottle of beer and a record player.

They also suit those who would try and convince us to hate America as a country and all things American, instead of the tiny clique who control America's national and who exploit American workers just as ruthlessly as workers elsewhere.

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This problem is especially acute in the U.S.A. During the McCarthy period of the 1950s, all unions and all workers were driven out of the unions. What remained was an ultra-conservative leadership that remains to this day.

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Teamsters for a Democratic Union

DAVE Perry is a stocky, bearded truck driver for Safeway in the San Francisco area.

He has been in the Teamsters Union for 30 years. His disillusionment with the union has grown slowly but steadily.



Pete Camarata

can't

"If my life has been anything from the Teamsters Union, it's been a hell of a ride. But we can't do anything more now. We're stuck in the middle of a mess we can't get out of."

Seven years ago when he came to Safeway, he was excited at what he found. The local union branch meetings were worthwhile, because the quorum was too low.

But he had dashed years before to keep "red" from coming in. And then last year the truck drivers went on strike, most of them for the first time in their lives.

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Teamsters for a Democratic Union was built, not by an electing committee, but by a number of rank and file groups: the Fifth ward caucus in San Francisco, the Seattle Semi group in the Northwest, the UPurge group at United Pacific, and many more.

In August, 1975 these groups held a national conference. They formed Teamsters for a Democratic Union, to fight for a better deal in that year's contract negotiations.

(American unions negotiate awards, or contracts, with the employer for two or three years at a time.)

When Teamster leader Frank Fitzsimmons called a four-day national strike, it was widely agreed that TDC pressure had a lot to do with it. And when Fitzsimmons ended the strike, his own local stayed out on an indefinite strike for two more days.

In 1976, the TDC coalition agreed to form a permanent national rank and file movement, the TDC Party, CONVVO, became the voice of the new Teamsters for a Democratic Union.

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TDC stands candidates for union office. Some have come close to winning in important locals, but the emphasis is on organizing at the grassroots level.

At TDU national leader Pete Camarata told CONVVO, "The rank and file is waking up. We're not an infatigable right now, we're taking our first small steps. It's not going to be long before Fitzsimmons, you better watch out!"

Dave Perry said, "Prior to our strike, being Secretary Fitzsimmons used to be the most important thing to me. Now just being on the steering committee of TDU means more."

A Secretary Treasurer is just a clerk for Fitzsimmons, just doing his dirty work unless you have an organization. If you belong to an organization, you don't just have to be a clerk.

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The post-war boom brought a taste of prosperity to the majority of American workers for the first time since the 1920s.

Although 40 million blacks and millions of other oppressed groups were still crowded out of the American economy, class relations quieted for a while.

The boom and the calm quieted the American working class. Socialists and revolutionaries were hounded from every aspect of public life, including the unions.

Naturally they've turned to their unions. But weak and misled from years of disuse, the union machines are more on the side of the bosses than the fighting workers.

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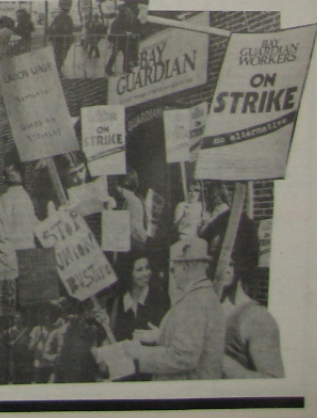
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Here we report on two militant rank and file organizations that support striking workers and fight for better unions.

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SCHOOLS: A CRISIS THAT NEVER ENDS

Victory on the Iron Range

WOMEN READY TO GO

The thirty-five women machinists at Sportcraft clothing factory in Melbourne are back on strike for the moment.

But they are ready to go out again at the end of the week if the company doesn't withdraw its threat to sack them.

The women want to see their grievance committee set up, at least 10 per cent. The women have already struck for two weeks.

The Victorian workers told us "I'm disgusted by the way the management has treated us. We're ready to go back to work but we must have our grievance committee set up."

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"We get paid half piecework rates. Just the company sets the rate and we have to piecework to get it. It's not fair."

Last Friday we went with management. There was nothing to be done. The attitude of management was not very encouraging.

"Never on Sunday" say printers

On Tuesday 9 May the PKU members at the Canberra Times returned to the job after eleven days of work.

The dispute was over plans by the management of the Times (a Fairfax paper) to reduce its staff to 100 by the end of the year. At present the paper only costs six times a week.

The company was refusing to pay adequate piecework rates for the extra work involved. The dispute was also about pay and conditions for all editions of the paper.

PKU demands include a 12.5% pay rise, double time for weekend work and six days off work weekly Monday to Friday, twelve lines for six shifts weekly on the weekends, and a seventh week of annual leave. (Priority work on public holidays).

To give some weight to their claims, the printers refused to work on the Sunday edition.

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"My own production manager from elsewhere, I mean to say, he asked to know if I had changed my attitude, he had."

"I'm back for two weeks. One week to have something to have to happen. I think most of the girls are prepared to go out again."

Members of the Sportcraft Works Committee give an interview during the strike.

It's easy to see why the women at Sportcraft are angry with the company and determined not to give in.

Fairfax's attitude angers them. They accepted a wage cut of 20 per cent when the company closed the plant. The company promised it would never happen.

Never again, it is said, they don't want to make the workers pay for their own incompetence.

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Wicket's office has been made available for temporary jobs, like filling in for a month or so.

That means they will have to take on the same temporary staff as the other companies on the picket line.

The end of the strike is under the microscope.

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Clyde strike wins \$5

Clyde GM and Adelaide have Rosewater in Adelaide.

Approximately 1000 workers in the plant in a case of victory for the union.

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THE NEWS ON THE BLF ELECTIONS

IT'S RANGING IN THE GALLAGHER CAMP

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THE BATTLER EVER FOOTNIGHT Good riddance to the "ceasefire"!

THE VSTA Executive has called off its ceasefire on strike action from the start of second term. And about time too.

The ceasefire was supposed to allow discussion negotiation on a number of issues, including:

- 1. A 10% pay rise.
- 2. A 10% increase in superannuation.
- 3. A 10% increase in superannuation.
- 4. A 10% increase in superannuation.

But as always happens, it was worse than nothing. From personal experience, they should have known that what a safety claim at the time, when Shaun won't even mention it.

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Lighting boss sacks steward

AMSWU workers at Associated Lighting in Smithfield (NSW) have been on strike now for five weeks.

The strikers, about 80 men and 60 women, are fighting to win the reinstatement of their shop steward, Ron Zammit.

Another woman worker joined the union in support of Ron because we heard that he'd got a good word for us.

If we don't get him reinstated, they're going to walk out over it.

The strike began in the metal shop, where most of the workers are men. But the following day most of the women in the plant were out on strike.

The management has tried every trick in the book to get us back to work. The union contained both a tube and a tube.

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EMERGENCY TEACHERS THREATENED

VICTORIAN emergency teachers are facing a mass sacking by the Government.

Teachers have been getting around the ridiculous "safety claims" by employing emergency teachers a casual basis to meet the needs of their schools.

Our emergency teachers would not add to the number of teachers on the payroll. They would be paid on a casual basis, not on a full-time basis.

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THE ROBBERY!

THIS Friday 600,000 metalworkers will strike for a day to support their claims for a \$25 rise and a 35-hour week.

The strike will be part of the final attempt to win the \$100-million claim which has been outstanding since 1975. The Arbitration Commission is finishing at the moment and threatening to hand up the latest industrial case. They even "need" to intimidate the unions into backing down. To those ends, they didn't let about time someone told Sir Justice Moore exactly where to get off.

cut

In fact, one of the primary reasons for the introduction of wage indexation and the guidelines in 1977 was to cut the ground from under the claim the metalworkers had made at the time.

And it worked. The leadership of the metal trades federation was never wholehearted about fighting the claim since the court threw it out.

And the left wing officials of the Metal Trades used the weakness of the fight as an excuse to hold the strong elements back from being wage indexation.

outside

Last Saturday, however, they decided to bring in a crane from United Cranes, an outside subcontractor with

but we're not going to hold our breath waiting for a claim that could be won. Not until they decided to destroy a "peaceful campaign" of shop stoppages.

At the time, this was rational. Metalworkers were militant and just looking for some serious leadership. Instead they got hot air and demagoguery.

CRANE drivers at the Westmead Hospital site in Sydney have taken up the fight against sub-contractors.

Last Saturday, they went out the gate in protest at the use of subbies on the Hospital job.

The electrical contractors on site, O'Donnell Griffin, had always used a Public Works crane with two dogmen for lifting their heavy drums.

As Clyde Frazer in Adelaide that won \$55. They ought to be organizing support and strike funds for every strike being won in the country, including the Latrobe Valley strikers. Instead they got John Halfington telling them the union movement would desert them if they didn't go back to work.

They could be making a big push in support of those who actually taking place at the moment for higher wages - like the fight.

Adelaide

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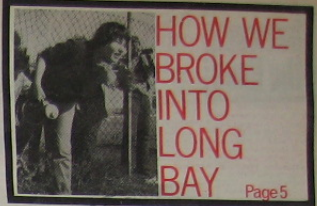
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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

ASBESTOS IMPROVED

Power Worker tells...

INTERVIEW STEVE MORGAN

SAVED BY THE MEN FROM MARRS

HARRY Dowdall was a man who loved sport and dancing.

"Today he is an industrial cripple. He is often unable to work he can't climb stairs without having dizzy spells; he couldn't walk a 100 yards for a kid's range. Harry Dowdall is a victim of asbestos."



HARRY DOWDALL: His life has been wrecked by asbestos. Notice the clubbing of his fingers, caused by lack of oxygen

"I've now, after 30 years since having asbestos confirmed, I'm still, in the best of my mind, thinking that only the BLF and I'll one day be it."

"As soon as I start walking up a small hill, I'm gasping."

most deadly, continued to be used up to 1978. Recently there have been one day stoppages at Maroochydore and Coolum to only identify asbestos dusted off asbestos. As if washing a work mask didn't do anything for the asbestos. As if some man could, by some magical, supernatural change in work conditions, make and bring of the pleasure in life, not cause it.

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INSIDE All the news on the BLF election

Between the lines

FEMINIST ORGANISE

ON 19th May, 100 feminists had the first of a series of planned monthly meetings to discuss the struggle for Women's Liberation in Queensland.

177 Minutes announcements were made to an audience of 1500. The meeting was held in the premises of the Queensland Women's Association.

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American bases in Australia is going on all the time under a government which is too scared to ask Washington what the hell is going on.

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Information that the base in Queensland is being expanded as part of a re-usable defence communication system is available in the following form:

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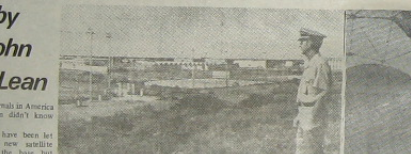
The conference was well organised, especially child-care, but there was too little time to discuss other issues raised in the sessions. The most interesting session was women and work. It was useful for assessing the involvement of the women's movement in the struggles of working women.

WOMEN'S STRIKES

by John McLean

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BY JANEY STONE

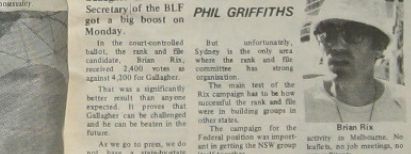
FROM July there will be some small but important changes in Medicare.

We will be refunded only 75% instead of 85% of the cost of hospital care. We will be refunded only 75% instead of 85% of the cost of hospital care.

Brian Rix gets 56%

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CRASHING OUTRAGE AT KANGAL JAIL

By Janet Vaux

IN yet another outrage against human rights, warders at Kangal systematically destroyed every prisoner in the jail.

On May 14, five prisoners organised a peaceful vigil, including a peaceful picket, in protest against the

continued use of the Kangal jail as a maximum security prison.

The warders attacked the protesters with tear gas.

MACE and C.S. gas. These gases cause nausea, vomiting, dizziness, difficulty in breathing, burning and stinging of the eyes. They can bring on attacks of asthma and

bronchitis and on the effects can last for several days.

The prisoner was badly hurt. The screws then beat and panned all the

remaining prisoners in Kangal, who were locked in their cells for several days.

They typed the names through the recreation system. The screws then wrote warning cards.

Years of this type are supposedly used to try to frighten (reads) their prisoners out of a particular one - but the prisoners would not react.

If the gas was used in this way, the prisoners should be given medical treatment. This involves the immediate removal of

prisoners into the fresh air. The Kangal prisoners remained locked in their cells.

There are no windows at Kangal.

The millionaires prison in Sydney has completely covered up news of this crime. The same people who report it as a principle to

the military of war workers are accused by the

millions of the slaves and the possibility of a day in

slugged.

Twelve of the fourteen prisoners in Kangal have written statements denouncing the attack. These letters were smuggled out and reached the Close

Prisoners' Association in Sydney.

"Get those blankets off or we'll shoot you"

HERES how one prisoner, James Francis Smith, described the attack. It was one of the five prison attacks that took part in the six

months that night, probably about midnight. I was wakened up and the yard lights were on. I heard someone yell out from above. I think it was McGeorge from the Special Operations Division. "Get those blankets off or we'll shoot you."

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MEANWHILE, THE FIGHT TO CLOSE THE JAIL GOES ON

FIFTEEN people have invaded Sydney's Long Bay jail as part of the Close Kangal campaign.

On Sunday May 21, about 15 men went to the edge of the Kangal farm in the middle of Long Bay. Twelve men were arrested and charged with trespass under the Prison

Act. They are to remain in custody in Central Sydney Court on Tuesday.

The evening of Long Bay prison was planned with the intention of making the night more dramatic. At 11.30 men left in various directions and all were in possession of the Kangal complex where there were buses in the

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"I was unable to breathe properly"

WILLIAM Lewis Sutton is another prisoner who was locked in his cell at the time of the gassing.

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FLM detachment in West Irian.

INDONESIA'S SECRET WAR

by Steve Morgan

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The economy, schools and roads were run down. There were acute food shortages. Indonesian officials shipped their goods back to the black markets in Jakarta.

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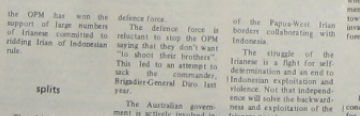
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African compromise crumbles

PEOPLE will with billions in "peaceful settlements" for Southern Africa got a rude shock on May 4.

Early in the day South African troops entered Angola from the south. They were met by the Angolans who were fighting against the South African troops.

"INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY"

Practical

This week, Don Dunstan and the South Australian government are running a seminar on "Industrial Democracy". But their aim is not more power for the workers, but tying the working class to their bosses and the capitalist state.

Here, Alan Briggs, an apprentice at GMH in Woodville, examines Dunstan's movement for "Industrial Democracy" and what really lies in store if we accept it.

By Alan Briggs (AMWSU)

THE ACTU is beginning negotiations to introduce "Industrial Democracy" into some companies in Australia.

The ACTU Executive decided in March that 3 major companies be approached to discuss the issue. Now negotiations are going on with two, as yet unnamed, companies.

The South Australian Government is also keen on bringing in worker participation in public enterprises in the State.

Don Dunstan has recently moved the *Unit for Industrial Democracy* from the Department of Labour to the Premier's Department, so as to bring it under his personal supervision.

The first application of "industrial democracy" has been in the State Housing Trust. The proposed scheme has met with many objections.

Typical of many such schemes in other countries, the

17 member Joint Management Council did not have the final decision making power.

Nevertheless, Dunstan believes that the scheme can work, and he wants to expand it to include such workers as the State Savings Bank, the Electricity Trust, and the State Government Insurance Commission.

The ACTU's policy on Industrial Democracy is just as bold as Dunstan's.

If it is concerned with "equalising" power within the workplace, redistributing it in the power hierarchy.

slowly

Industrial Democracy should only be introduced slowly, the ACTU believes, because the workers have been alienated from the decision making process throughout the history of capitalism.

The forces of resistance within society, says the ACTU, will not allow anything but

gradual change.

This trend of Industrial Democracy must be resisted, because if it is introduced seriously in Australia, it will be a major setback for trade union organisation on the shop floor.

Workers Participation means taking the struggle workers are waging today, off the shopfloor and into the boardrooms and managers offices.

It means further integration of the Trade Union bureaucracy and the shop stewards into the state and the management.

A good example of how Workers Participation schemes destroy the shop floor organisation is the situation at Leyland in England.

Here there are Joint Management Councils. But the workers, they are the Senior Shop Stewards — employees who have no specific job in the workplace but work full time as union reps.

They are provided with office facilities by the company, and

are not subject to the same pressures of work as those they are representing.

They are completely divorced from the rank and file, in fact they usually spend more time with the management than the workers.

Workers' Participation" exists at Leyland in name only, there is no participation at all by the rank and file.

report

There is no report-back meetings by the delegates, and no job meetings to discuss business for the coming meetings. And the formation of the scheme was finalised without the rank and file having any say.

The structure of the participation scheme is 3-tier, with committees at plant, division and national level. Only senior stewards and staff reps sit on the top two tiers.

At plant level, senior stewards

have automatic places while other reps are elected.

There is no voting on Joint Management Councils. Instead they try to reach "mutual agreement", while recognizing, just as in Dunstan's Housing Trust scheme, that management

has the final say.

It is no surprise that the rank and file workers received this scheme with great suspicion. Several plants voted not to get involved, and many more would have rejected it but did not have a chance, because a ballot was not held.

Before participation, the bosses used to put out propaganda complaining about industrial activity, low production, and the like. The situation now is that the senior stewards

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The destruction of the shop floor organisation is so great that the senior shop stewards actually opposed a strike by toolmakers in early 1977, and supported the bosses' threat to sack the strikers.

They also played a crucial role in defusing the shopfloor protests against work control in February 1977.



Wobes, Villiers-Triumph co-operative admire the product of their labour

Frans meant that Leyland have less force in figures.

Reckless shop stewards independent first, they tend on the shopfloor singularly follow pilot thousands of work.

All of Industrial Dept Co-operative

What's more, the co-operative is usually formed out of an already bankrupt industry, creating additional problems for the workers, such as at the Norton Villiers Triumph factory at Mendon, England.

Here the Government let the workers the money to buy

alternative to nationalisation. A co-operative involves the ownership of the company by the workers. But the company still has to compete on the capitalist market.

Just as capitalism works on the exploitation of the working class, so must a co-operative company exploit its workers. In fact, the workers are forced to

exploit themselves.

The above two examples relate to companies that were bankrupt or near to collapse, and Industrial Democracy was seen as a way to keep them in business and to save the workers jobs.

It may have helped the

plant and equipment to start the co-operative.

But because they found themselves taking over a bankrupt industry in a fierce market, the workers found they had to increase their productivity by 85%.

And the Labor Government loan had many strings attached, including wage limits and the right to appoint a manager as an adviser.

As can be seen at Leyland, Worker Participation has destroyed the trade union organisation on the shop floor. This is one reason.

But the schemes also tend to increase profits, as at Lev Pei Food company in Sydney. One of its owners, Louise Powrie,

claims that since experiments in 1970 with worker participation and job enrichment, labour turnover, absenteeism, and costs have decreased while productivity rose.

But in 1972, when the scheme was abolished, the plant was forced to close down.

There's a deeper reason why the bosses want Industrial Democracy.

If they do not buy the workers off with some sort of participation scheme, they are scared they will some day try more drastic means to gain control over their workplaces.

The employees' Central Industrial Secretariat puts it like

this: "If management were not prepared to take the initiative in this area they might eventually be confronted with a strongly organized structure, which could seriously hinder the development and stability of private enterprise."

We all know where the fight to increase our living standards can be won — on the shop floor.

At Vauxhall in England, the company for years controlled the shop floor by means of Management Advisory Committees, a form of participation scheme.

But the workers there built up a shop steward organisation which successfully challenged the domination of these councils.

And in Germany, since the war, the management dominated Work Councils have been the sole representatives of the workers.

Now the workers are beginning to organize with shop stewards because "rank and file action is the only way to deal with the bosses."

We must fight to defend Trade Union organization on the shop floor. Any move the bosses or the Government make to weaken rank and file action must be resisted, and this includes Workers Participation.

We cannot give promises to profits and competition, and still fight for better conditions and pay in our workplaces.

control

What we really need is worker control.

Not just control over a few industrial workplaces, but control over the whole of society, based on a system of Workers Councils and operating under a planned economy.

But without the overthrow of the bourgeoisie, we will never achieve the unity needed to attain that goal. And Workers Participation Schemes are a means of preventing the organisation.

Members of the Canino Workers Commission in Portugal. Following the overthrow of fascism in 1974 the Portuguese workers set up real organs of industrial democracy, the workers' commissions. And like Danny Dunstan, the leaders in Portugal were scared of the power that real workers commissions exert.

The bosses and their allies in Portugal's Socialist Party have been trying to crush the organisations ever since.

"THE co-operative movement will never transform capitalist society.

To convert social production into one large and harmonious system of free and co-operative labour general changes are needed, changes . . .

Never to be realised save by the transfer of state power, from the capitalists and land lords to the producers themselves.

KARL MARX



Leyland workers march for higher wages. Trade Union Bureaucrats Participation in management hasn't helped their struggle for a decent standard of living.



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Battle Black

The Gallagher-Bleddin in the NSW BLF has decided to pretend the court-controlled election isn't happening.

BLF members showed what they think of black ballot papers. They made a host of holes through them.

Black's ballot is certain to be rejected by the State Electoral Commission. It is expected to die like the real ballot.

Who is worse, it's going to come a bit of confusion among members who will get their own ballot papers.

Some are angry at all this. They are angry at all this. They are angry at all this. They are angry at all this.

The leadership isn't trying to hide the fact that it's a trap.

Officials ban election rally

ON the 24th May, both Party, A BLF for Democratic Central election candidate, tried to set up a site meeting at Westmead, where he works as a technician.

It was only because of the fact that the police were not allowed to enter the site.

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They are willing to the BLF for Democratic Central candidate, telling them about the ballot, at the site of the 22nd May. The signpost invited candidates to send their envelopes along to surprise the purport of ballot.

But the ballot papers were actually put out at four o'clock on the same day - before any of the signpost were there.

Merrillite it seems like Black doesn't want to be forgotten.

Someone rang the cops just before the ballot papers were burnt at Orlana.

It must be someone who doesn't care to go on the site much more, as the riggers' stand moved a few months back.

Builders' Labourers burn the ballot papers for the rigged election the Black Gallagher officials are trying to run.



while PROFITS SOAR of SPORTSGIRLS

INDUSTRIAL made in this country is something that is not to be taken for granted.

The maximum penalty for companies under NSW law is \$500 the actual cost of the accident and the company's record if the injury is severe.

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Pig sty Westfield

The Westfield site at Hurstville Sydney biggest job. All in all there are about 150 workers including 50 or so BLF members.

You would think that with all the money that is being poured into the job to get it done as fast as possible.

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WORKERS at John's Sandringham plant in Melbourne were cracked for a victory over the bosses.

After three weeks out of the factory, they forced the company to surrender and grant a 10 per cent wage rise and increase in service pay.

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MEATIES, STRIKE BEATS J&W



Johns and Woywood picketers turn away a truck. They get good co-operation from all but one driver.

Meaties won in 15 mins. Took only five minutes for the leading team to block off their overtime payments at Simpson's Dismantlers works last week.

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So a leadership meeting was held to discuss the situation and to plan for the future.

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We oppose this wage rise!

HERE'S one wage rise the Battler doesn't support. The growing array of such on the supposedly black-owned Power Station site in Melbourne.

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POWER BANS SPREADING

THE campaign by Queensland power workers for their log of claims is spreading.

Maintenance workers from the ETU, FIA, FEDFA, AMWSU and building trades unions at four other Queensland power stations have joined Swanbank workers in imposing overtime and call-out bans.

And not before time, in the view of the Swanbank workers. After having waited for months for action over their log of claims, it took a mass meeting at Swanbank to impose the bans to get the ball rolling.

The delegates then contacted other power stations, informed them of their action, and asked for their support.

Initially there were some sceptical officials. Delegates received contradictory information about the progress of their log of claims.

Then ETU members found that Roy Dempsey, ETU assistant state secretary, had notified the radio and newspapers that they had been fired.

The cause of confusion in at least two power stations - Bulimba and Tennyson, both in Brisbane. They thought their names because they fired Swanbank had caused confusion. Although fired, Bulimba and Tennyson, both state government workers, notified of the misleading statement by Dempsey.

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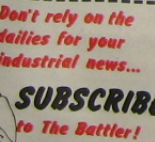
The Mr Dempsey, fronted up at Swanbank. He pleaded ignorance to both the news and radio reports, stewards to let his overtime ban.

The shop stewards rebuffed him in no uncertain terms.

At the same time, AMWSU state secretary Vaughan went to Bulimba and demanded the men there to lift their bans.

At one power workers' meeting on the power shortage, "Who needs overtime? Who makes money? Show us how you are overworked in Victoria work meeting?"

At a meeting of the Swan-



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VICTORY AT VICKERS

OVER one hundred metal tradesmen packed into the arbitration court last week to hear the Vickers company try their pay claim.

The tradesmen won five dollars across-the-board for the whole week. The claim was basically to catch up with other metal shops doing who were getting around \$184. Vickers was only paying the tradesmen at its Richmond plant \$179. Before the strike, the company wasn't even prepared to offer a raise to the workers with empty promises.



Vickers workers discuss tactics during a mass meeting at the plant.

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The "vote" was a joke. The committee suggested a boycott of it and burned the ballot papers.

This Black opened a heated meeting to try and get the ball rolling.

Then he tells us it's a meeting for the whole country. Except that we're all going to be paying round 10 per cent more for meat as a result.

Marvelous, isn't it. On top of every other cut we've had to take in the last three years - to Medicare, wages, education, hospitals - we're triumph for the whole country.

Doug Anthony was of course reasoning about it all.

The real scandal is that both the Australian and American beef industries have been running down their herds for the last few years to try and force prices up.

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STOP PRESS



Duncan Williams

BL CAND. SACKED

THERE'S no end to the dirty tricks being played in the NSW BL election.

Bank and the candidate for organizer, Duncan Williams, has been sacked from his job on the Executive.

Williams was addressing the committee meeting at the Commonwealth Bank in Canberra. He was talking to workers' labourers employed by A.V. Edwards at 7pm when two bosses from the Dillingham company turned up.

The bosses, John Powell and Ross Martin, decided to raise a few other inquiries at the meeting.

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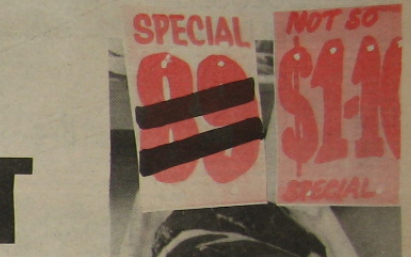
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by Alec Kahn

"I hope that people, if they do have to pay higher prices for meat, they'll remember that the beef producers of this country have been on a very low income on a negative income situation for about three or four years."

Who is Anthony trying to kill? The real winners are going to be his mates in the meat processing and export industry.

Boson, like Gilbertson, Metro Meat, and the hated J.H. Kebab - and the goat beef industry have been running down their herds for the last few years to try and force prices up.

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And then he's getting them to do nearly twice as much work.

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FRASER'S 1984 VISION

THE hysteria and security bozzaz which followed the earlier this year could become a permanent feature of life in Australia if uranium mining goes ahead.

The Fraser government's Nuclear Code Act is here and open to wide interpretation. Under section 13 of the Act the Government can create a state of emergency with a stroke of a pen.

The Minister

only to satisfy (and health and safety of people, or the environment).

It may be to be feared by a quarter reading from a nuclear activity and the existing laws are considered not effective.

By order, authorize a member... in the much divert and take such action as... the Minister

But the term "radioactive" is in the Act includes just about anything he do with uranium of nuclear power, in which the Commonwealth government has any involvement.

It does not say that the "radioactive" should be the only way to control the uranium. It is a general statement which says that the government controls the uranium. It is a general statement which says that the government controls the uranium. It is a general statement which says that the government controls the uranium.

Report Steve Morgan

Australian Uranium? THE NEW LAWS: WHAT THEY MEAN



RIGHT: British anti-uranium activists battling the "Act One" ship at London. The "Act One" was loaded with Uraly yellowcake.



BELOW: Anti-uranium protest, Kawhazaki, Japan



ABOVE: Neville Cookson speaking at the Williamson (VIC) Naval Dockyard anti-uranium meeting.

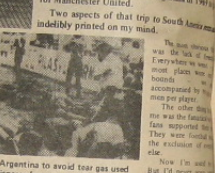
Hiroshima Days: August 4-6

ANTI-URANIUM groups in Australia are gearing up for **democratic elections on 6 August.**

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HOW THEY BROUGHT POLITICS INTO OUR SPORT

By Paddy Creaney, ex Manchester United and Celtic



I WENT to Buenos Aires in Argentina in 1983 for Manchester United.

Two aspects of that trip to South America are indelibly printed on my mind.

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World Cup or not.... YOU CAN'T GET THESE CRIMES

By David Lockwood

And it's only during an event like the World Cup - when most attention is focused on the pitch, that they can achieve this. The rest of the time the realities of Argentina are all too clear.

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PROFIT

Tom O'Lincoln looks at fascism and the National Front

In Britain, they're the new nazis

The British National Front is a fascist party. Its aim is to smash the organised working class, take state power and carry out policies just like those of Hitler.

By Martin Tomkinson, who has written a book about the National Front



ENOCH POWELL: His responsible riot speeches inspired the National Front.

It is the aim of Hitler to press the masses into Germany, and it is the aim of the National Front to press the masses into Britain. The first of the latter is a movement of British fascist youth, the most famous was the British Union of Fascists, headed by Oswald Mosley. At the same time there existed a rival Imperial Fascist League. This was headed by Kenneth Mackay, later, who 'youth took'. After the war, latter left fascist ideas alone and passed them on to Colin Jordan. Jordan helped to found the White Defence League which was active in the violence of Nottingham. He in 1959, he attracted his own militia, the John Tyndal and Martin Webster respectively, whom he national activities organizer of today's National Front.

In 1952 Jordan formed a Socialist Movement, the National Front in operation and political. The ideas of the NF can be outlined from the following statements by John Tyndal to an anti-racist meeting in London: The political ideas of the National Front are not a mixture of fascist ideas and ideas of the League of Nations. It is the most important of the National Front's ideas. It is to have a state which is based on the ideas of Hitler, and the ideas of Hitler were to create a

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fascist policies for Britain. In fact nothing has changed. Webster says today, "We need to kick our way into the headlines."

The real face of the Nazi National Front was shown at their scheduled election meeting in Brighton where the mere presence of black people drew them into paroxysms of rage and violence. There, stopped, he, in National Front policy to violence against black people, Jews, Muslims and trade unions. That is the truth behind the hundreds of words in the



The ransacked offices of Dan Perret, Britain's most important Frontist slogans were painted on the walls following an Enoch Powell speech in town weeks earlier.

speeches about a 'world economy power'. The NF leadership makes a great show of disciplinary publically humiliating members who are violent. But the offenders know that this is just political theatre within the Front because they have tried to do these things in the past. They know that the NF has tried to do these things in the past. They know that the NF has tried to do these things in the past.

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holds up South Africa as a model. The NF is opposed to legalism, homosexuality, and will undoubtedly join the growing chorus of union-busters in Australia.

What is more, it may grow. If it looks at all viable, the collection of outlawed offshoot which has hung around groups like the Nazi Party will probably pour into it. Like any small right wing group, it could become dangerous.

twits

For the moment, however, it is just a little group of upper class twits and their hangers-on, who get a bang out of playing Panther. And so far at least, they are too afraid of the left to hold public meetings.

But since the National Front is new, it is worth discussing the question of fascism. For the past few years in Britain, not to speak of the crimes of the Chinese junta, prove that fascism is not just an historical curiosity.

Fascism is a product of capitalist crisis. In a crisis, society is polarised between the two great social classes — capital and labour. We got our first record indication of this polarisation during the Constitutional Crisis of 1975.

In between the capitalist class and the working class are many middle layers: shopkeepers, doctors and lawyers, students, and the better paid white collar workers. Because they have very little power, they are often the first to be ruined by a crisis. As a result they can become very radical.

Any serious strategy for socialist revolution involves winning over a large part of the middle classes to the side of the



Colonel Eric Campbell, addressing a respectable New Guard meeting in Sydney Town Hall, September 1971. Fascism arose naturally as the product of the great crisis of the 1930's. In all countries including Australia, it represented the bosses' ultimate weapon for disciplining the working class.

WHAT WE THINK

backward workers, as shock troops to smash working class organisation.

If the employers in this country become that desperate, groups like the National Front can develop into a mass movement.

For that reason, it is important to smash rightwing groups wherever they try to mobilise. One reason the Australian Nazis have been inconspicuous in recent years is that they had their Melbourne headquarters wrecked by demonstrators in 1972. And the powerful anti-National Front mobilisations in Britain have led to a sharp decline in the NF vote in recent elections. But for us today, fighting the fascists is hardly the main emphasis.

Serious

If things become serious enough, the employers have to consider building a fascist movement. This is when the right wing groups become really dangerous. It was when the German bosses began to finance Hitler that he was on his way to the top. The employers used sections of the left and centre, and the most

majority of workers are not prepared to trust those leaders.

The economic crisis is not serious enough, the radicalisation of workers is not great enough to make anything resembling fascist measures necessary.

The danger today is not the Australian National Front. There are many large organisations, all of them racist, sexist and anti-working class. There is the British National Civic Council and the Baler's League of Rights for example.

Liberal

And above all there is the Liberal Party, established by the late uninfamed fascist sympathiser, Robert Menzies. To be sure, we don't expect the Ag to attack them. But we can attack them, and most.

And for the time being, a situation devoted to our own fascist interests at the expense of that most important right could be a very damaging waste of time and resources.

Trade union officials, right wing left and centre, are prepared to let us out often enough, and

THE REAL MENACE



Today the employers have plenty of less drastic measures up their sleeve. The ordinary methods like anti-union laws, police intervention and picket lines and press slander are still viable.

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JUST FASCISM? HERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE HE SHOULD BE IT.



LANG HANCOCK, The money behind the Workers Party, the Liberal Students attack on ALP and more worthy ultraright wing cause.

The National Civic Council of So William Hall of the RSL. Jennifer MacCallum, the 'ordinary housewife', I married to an anti-fascist officer, who runs People Against Communism.

The League of Rights Eric Butler with a neo-fascist banner, last month of Brisbane. Butler's group is country based and includes a paramilitary organisation.

"We've been caged!"

GMH for gimme

WORKERS at Queensland's Swainbank power station are picketed.

They have been locked out of their jobs since the strike began. The picketers are demanding a 10% wage increase and a 4% cost-of-living allowance.

The Queensland Government has refused to negotiate with the workers. The picketers are now on their 10th day of picketing.

original

Yet of the 100,000 jobs in the state, only 10,000 were created. The government is accused of mismanaging the economy.

Qld power workers sold out

The Queensland Government has sold out the power workers. The workers are demanding a 10% wage increase and a 4% cost-of-living allowance.



At the Queensland Government's Swainbank power station, workers are picketed.

CONDOR JOB FIGHT

ANWSU members at Condor Steel in Campbelltown, NSW, went out to the gate over the sackings of a boiler maker.

sacked

Lloyd Caldwell was sacked on Thursday May 10, the day he was the victim of a new form of work stoppage. The men don't think much of the form's performance.

SEMINAR

SHIPPING clerks at White Bay in Sydney, are taking a firm stand against wet weather work.

CLERKS making a pay claim

The union is demanding a 10% wage increase and a 4% cost-of-living allowance. The clerks are also demanding better working conditions.

Qld unemployed teachers picket

On June 1, members of the Unemployed Teachers' Coordinating Committee held a hunger picket outside the office of the Queensland State Department of Education.

By Kate Boulton

The government is not even replacing those teachers who have been dismissed. The picketers are demanding a 10% wage increase and a 4% cost-of-living allowance.

POWER workers in the NSW Electricity Commission are getting ready for a fight against submission to the power authority.

The Federal Energy Commission (FEC) is planning a campaign to persuade workers to join the power authority.

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A CRIPPLING INDUSTRIAL DISEASE P.6

J&W BEATEN AGAIN

LAST issue we reported how a strike at John & Waywood engineering in Sandringham (Melbourne) had won \$5. Now the workers at the Clayton plant a few miles away have won \$1000 after one week out on strike.

John Tully, the AMPSU steward at the Clayton plant, told us that the company had offered them three dollars during the strike at Sandringham.

But last Friday at a meeting at morning tea, the 130 men and women at Clayton decided to go out on strike \$240 to keep them up. The new offer was \$1000 a day, the company offered a further dollar as an advance for cleaning contracts.

The way good enough to the workers stayed out. After another three days the company offered a further dollar.

None was going to quibble over the last \$1000 until the workers went to the office. A worker in the machine shop told us that earlier John and Waywood were saying that the initial three dollar was enough.

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Hatrick - Back for a second innings

"WE'VE won. The men have been reinstated at Hatrick Chemicals after only a week and a half on strike."

Hatrick Chemicals last month sacked six men because "there was not enough work for them". The company was in fact understaffed. Men would stand in the stores and back, to keep the place running.

A week ago at a strike meeting the men voted to stay out the gate. "The company hasn't changed its mind - why the hell should we?"

The company offered an alternative - put two men on shift work to allow two of the sacked men to go back to work.

Nobody would cop this and it was proposed to stay out for another week. The majority agreed. But, just a couple of days into the second week of the strike, the company gave the men their jobs back. Unfortunately two had quit and gone to find other jobs.

But it was a great victory all the same. United action by the blokes won the day (and clean - bowled the boss).

It's latest acts include:
1) Taking receipt books off delegates who support BLF for Democratic control - e.g. Reserve Bank, Contains all Harparks.
2) Putting out a fake letter supposedly signed by 95 delegates. This had a complete fraud.
3) The BLF after hours service. Officials visiting members at night to "assist" them to fill in ballot papers in the hospital election block in 22.

By Pam Townsend

ALL THE NEWS ON THE BLF ELECTIONS
More dirty tricks from Black

By David Shaw, BLF

never tried to sack me. Instead I got handed off every site where Benjays had subcontractors. In the end they had nowhere to send me.

What did the BLF officials do? BLF officials do BLF office boy. John Kelly, told my delegate that none of the contractors had time to deal with my case. No doubt they were busy arranging for other workers to be reinstated. Meanwhile the BLF for Democratic Control will be organising for the next election, how under the control of the Federal Court. We hope that will come in a few weeks. The Federal Court has issued orders to prevent the Gallagher-Black officials continuing with their signed election or sacking the result. The court has also ordered Australia Post to

freeze postal boxes being used for the election.

It appears that Steve Black could defy these orders and try to get himself elected to make a martyr of himself.

He has already one lot of writ back to the court with "let Nick" written on them. It's a pity the Gallagher officials never show the same militancy when it comes to defending their own members.

INSIDE
OUT THE GATE AT QANTAS

IN THE BATTLE EVERY FORTNIGHT

STRIKE FLATTEN RESCHS

WORKERS at Resch's brewery in Melbourne forced the company to return workers sacked last week.

On Tuesday night a Liquor Trades Union was sacked a time he refused to do maintenance on a letter's job.

The whole brewery came out on strike in his support. A hitman named Jim explained the reasons for the sackings. "They were normal. They were not there."

No sooner had the workers voted to go back to work on Friday morning, the company sacked a FEDFA member, Johnny Gregory.

The excuse this time supposedly refusing to clean a machine.

According to FEDFA delegate Jim and Bill Cook, Johnny had no hope of cleaning the engine. Jim Cook says, "He was the outside greaser and his duties were to look after the cylinders. "Johnny got the right shaft. He was handy in the engine room at all."

So how the hell could he be outside and cleaning the machines at the same time? "In my city, he'd been rotated off on the Tuesday and Wednesday, and was on strike on Thursday. And over the long weekend there."

STRIKE THE KILLER CUTS!

Don't plan on getting sick this year.

It's going to hurt a lot more than you think. Malcolm Fraser the man who has raised curbs to new heights, is cutting Medbank and Hospital rebates to shreds. Don't plan on having kids any more. The Federal government is sending our schools back to the nineteenth century.

And it has now cut \$1.5 million more from the funds used to run child care centres.

Try not to have any accidents this year. You may have trouble getting it. Welfare housing grants are

By Phil Griffiths

Malcolm Fraser has decided that the deficit is to be reduced by scrapping all hospital projects except one in Tasmania.

Try not to be poor or disadvantaged this year - if you can help it. Welfare housing grants are

s slashed by another \$70 million. Drive your car anywhere and you will. Liberal Transport grants are cut and \$19 million has come out of the community health program.

But the sickness thing about it is that the government's economic strategy is not going to work. It was tried in the 1930s and failed. The price we paid then was 33 per cent unemployment.

It's been tried here for the last three years. First by the Whitlam government in 1975 and now Fraser and it's falling apart. Wages have been cut,

government spending has been cut and unemployment still rises.

Even the Liberal Promises are upset about it - Charles Court says it's a recipe for recession. This is to be Malcolm Fraser's Australia. A land of sickness, poverty, shame and ill-health amidst the enormous wealth of a few. A land of people whose jobs are being stolen by the march of "efficiency and progress". A great price to live if you're a millionaire capitalist. But it can be stopped. Abolish Medbank. Action



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NURSES SAY "WE WON'T PAY"

from a Brisbane nurse

ON JUNE 22, sixty nurses staged a spirited picket outside Brisbane's Health Administration building.

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We have three answers to the question: Why is the public so interested in the uranium industry? The first is that the uranium industry is a multi-billion dollar industry. The second is that the uranium industry is a multi-national industry. The third is that the uranium industry is a multi-ethnic industry.

COALITION BACKED FOR WEARING A STICKER

PUBLIC SERVANTS will soon vote on their union's policy towards uranium mining. Members of the 48,000 union Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association (ACOA) will be voting on a motion to determine the union's policy towards uranium mining and ACTU affiliation.

ALL THE NEWS ON THE URANIUM STRUGGLE

The ACTU will be the first time ACOA members will have the opportunity to vote on major policy items by rank-and-file members.

EVERY FORTNIGHT IN THE BATTLE

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COMMONWEALTH cops arrested twenty Malaysian workers at the Repco PBR factory in East Bentleigh in Melbourne.

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SYDNEY COPS GO BESERK

SYDNEY cops went crazy in a gay-bashing riot last Saturday night. At least 200 persons were thrown bodily across Durlach Road by three police officers who were using their batons and clubs to attack a lot of people.

Many more were rescued from the riot. The rioters had turned on people throwing them into public squares where there were more police and breaking several windows in the process.

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At Facebook on the Rocks in cut their pay

Sydney waitresses are fighting through the courts to have their pay restored to the level of 1974.

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Liberal scabs lose at ANU

THREE Liberal students at the Australian National University in Canberra are refusing to pay union fees.

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LEGAL....

Fight goes on at Renault

Elections come and go, but the need to fight for wages and conditions remains.

That's the lesson that workers in France's Renault auto plants are teaching the rest of the country.

Workers here occupied the second largest car factory in France last October. They took out of the plant Twenty Thousand work hours.



potential strike because then the French government was elected, and then what it could do. Of course, they were not in this attitude by the Left Parties—the Communists and Socialists.

But when the Left was beaten, the workers went with no longer. They had to start taking action on their own behalf.

The Renault strikers began a car near Paris, but they are serving. Seventy-five miles away from Renault, another Renault factory is under occupation. Its strike of about 100 workers has been over two weeks.

At the same time before the French elections in March this year, workers were unwilling to take industrial action—they preferred to wait and see whether a Left

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Revolution grinds to a halt

What went wrong in Portugal?

Three years after the revolution many of the gains have been rolled back.

PORTUGAL 1976, saw the overthrow of Salazar. Portuguese workers and peasants moved into action. Factories were occupied, but was taken over. The house were thrown out. For the first time, the workers and peasants started running their own lives and the country was being run by the people.

PORTUGAL 1976 saw unemployment running at 12% and the currency worth 15% of its value every month. The country is now ruled by a right-wing, neo-fascist, "democratic" coalition. The workers and peasants have returned to their "legitimate" owners. The houses are back.

War happened!

The Portuguese revolution began on April 25, 1974. A group of officers in the Portuguese army forced the retirement of the Armed Forces (MFA). They had enough of a front but had to go to Africa.

The actions followed the steps in the months that followed, massive strikes struck the country. The workers kicked out the fascist leaders, demanded the government to stop the war, to bring back the workers and peasants.

Other factories were occupied and the workers' control was established. The military not only professed the good, they arranged the distribution and found the prices according to what was needed in production.

discipline

Administrative workers took over the land and agricultural production. Hospitals, schools, and universities were set up and run for the first time.

In the army, officers were kicked out. Officers were no longer allowed to enter barracks. They were being ordered to go out to work.

Portugal should have made its own decisions. It remained under the thumb of the world super powers. The revolution of 1976 was not a revolution. It was a change of guard. The Portuguese revolution was a change of guard.

By Nicholas Catesby

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Below: The workers, soldiers and farmers he sold out.



Thousands of workers went to the streets to demand that if they would have to take over the running of the country.

But the military administration that took over the country had a man party with 200,000 members. The military administration that took over the country had a man party with 200,000 members.

The strategy party of the left, the Communist Party, entered the government. To stay there, it had to give up its revolutionary goals.

Finally on 25 November 1975 the right wing government, a coup d'état, took power. The military not only professed the good, they arranged the distribution and found the prices according to what was needed in production.

Above: Portuguese Socialist party leader, Mario Soares.



Shah feels the carpet begin to slip

"NOBODY can overthrow me," the Shah of Iran told us last week.

By David Lockwood

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Memorable is the Shah's family and other parasites, rest their hands on the Shah's wages.

And I suppose if you had ruthlessly crushed all opposition, had tens of thousands of political prisoners rotting in jail and maintained your control through a Goussipist secret police, you'd feel pretty good.

The Shah was giving an interview to an American magazine. He said, "I have the support of 700,000 men, all the workers and most of the counter-revolutionaries."

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category, how does he know he has all this support? After all, he's never bothered to ask anyone.

And life in Iran under the Shah isn't all that good. At all with repression, living standards are falling.

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"I have the support of 700,000 troops"

Since the beginning of this year, there have been a series of demonstrations against the regime. The demonstrators are demanding that the Shah should step down.

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I HATE it. Shiftwork totally screws up my body, my social life and my family life.

That's the standard response when you ask nurses how they like shiftwork—particularly night shift.

"When shift just turns me into a vegetable. All I want is to sleep and sleep and I feel permanently exhausted. Even on my day off I can't sleep at all. I'm mostly done in blocks of one month. The Nurse Association says that a nurse must have at least the same length of time before starting night duty again.

This ward is frequently broken when nurses change from one ward to another.

"I've only had seven days in between." This was said enough to get back to the old driving pattern. "I'm back on night duty. I didn't know it was fixed. It happens every day."

clock

Shift work does screw your body up. It's not just your mind and emotions. Your bodies are governed by a 24-hour clock. This clock controls our metabolic rate, our temperature and blood pressure.

Our bodies are geared to a 24-hour cycle. The sun during the day, sleep at night. When this routine is interrupted, our bodies suffer.

Most nurses who work on night duty are not provided by the hospital with any kind of a meal and kept hot and cold.

Many women experience a change in their menstrual cycle. This can be worsened by the stress of the job and the lack of sleep.

Shiftwork is a health hazard. It causes stress, depression, and a variety of other health problems.

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Special Report: Pam Townsend

who worked in at Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Many people feel chronically cold and yet can't seem to sleep because of noise during the day. Telephone rings, people drop by and the light—all keep you from sleeping.

Many trained nurses work permanent night shifts so they can look after their children during the day. Some nurses' husbands only get 3-5 hours sleep per day after their husband's come home.

duty

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WHEN CAPITALISM WAS REVOLUTIONARY...

JULY is a revolutionary month.

In ten days of each other, the American independence struggle on July 4, and the earth-shaking events capped by the storming of the Bastille in France on July 14.

Both the American and the French revolutions were milestones in the creation of modern democracy. Today, capitalism is an obstacle to human progress and freedom. But in the 18th century, the capitalist system was a vast improvement over feudalism.

The greatest beneficiaries of both revolutions were the capitalists themselves. Predictably they try to rewrite history to suit themselves.

History books concentrate on individuals rather than the masses: George Washington, Lafayette, Robespierre. Almost always they hold up the importance of the rich landowners and merchants. Almost always they ignore the role of the workers, the farmers, and the role of women.

But at the key turning points, it was the poor masses who took the lead, and often it was the women.

The militant striking force of the American revolution were the Sons and Daughters of Liberty. Led by a militant lawyer, Sam Adams, their members were mostly poor people: mechanics, carpenters, day labourers, seamen. There were also blacks among

Tom O'Lincoln writes on the anniversary of two great revolutions: July 4: American Independence July 14: French Revolution

them. Their bold actions shocked the rich nations. At one point they marched right onto a British warship in New York, and insisted on the surrender of an officer who had insulted them. They stood ready to fight the British troops.

led

Crispus Attucks, an ex-slave from Massachusetts, led a crowd of sailors and porters against the British troops in Boston, and fell in the first revolutionary martyr at the "Boston Massacre". Another key figure, seldom mentioned, was a woman named Mercy Otis Warren — a poetess and playwright whose home

became an organizing centre for the revolutionaries. Her plays, widely read throughout the colonies, created a ferment of hostility to the British rulers.

The French revolution really began not with the middle class deputies assembled in Paris in 1789, but with the food riots of the previous summer. Although a working class as we know it was only beginning to develop, arrest records indicate that about half the rioters were wage earners.

In the following April, thousands of workers took to the streets, when two employers made speeches demonstrating that wages were too high. The demonstrations turned into full scale rioting throughout the suburb of Saint Antoin. Troops dispersed them with many dead.



In the summer of the same year, matters came to a head with the capture of the king at Versailles and the storming of the Bastille.

The march to Versailles was begun by a small girl beating a drum, and led by thousands of angry women of the working classes. The disturbances leading up to the march, too, were led by

FROM THE SHELF

"LOVE OF WORKER" Alexandra Kollantai.

Love of Worker Here is a collection of "writings" and "speeches" by "Alexandra Kollantai" — "Three Generations" and "The Revolution".

"Sister" Alexandra Kollantai writes them in 1922 and when published in England they were greatly appreciated with some precepted with sexual freedom.

For the reader in 1978.

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Valentina was the great love of Vladimir. They were married just after the Russian Revolution. Vladimir was an anarchist who eventually joined the Bolshevik Party but was always in her own way with the Party committees.

During the Civil War from 1918-1921, Valdas was in her home and set up a communal household. Though for better working conditions with her comrades (mostly women).

Vladimir was in Leningrad, where he was

greater interest and commitment to women workers' demands within the Communist Party. She knew that an economic revolution would not reduce women from their subordinate position.

Women and men must actively build towards a fundamental restructuring of our present society. Autobiography of (Alexandra Kollantai, Emancipated Woman).

In Love of Worker Here we are given a vivid, lively feel of how it was to be a woman in the first years after the revolution.

We see the beginning of the downfall of the Revolution and the people involved — NEP men, Party bosses, the old bourgeoisie, the idealists and the fighters.

By Pam Townshend

GOD IS A GOOD HUSBAND WHO COULD BE THE OLD

A hospital is a peculiarly suitable place to set a thriller. The strange equipment, the long empty corridors, the dead bodies in the morgue form an ideal background.

Even thinking of an infection is enough to send a shiver down most people's spines. Incomprehensible technical know-how adds to the mystery of medicine and the young recruits in training discover that there have been a number of unexplained deaths in the past few years.

It is hoped your body doesn't belong to you. It belongs to the doctor. As it does you about one cent per cent of your body material.

When Dr Harris, the Head of Surgery, explains himself to the end of The Doctor we see merely his will through the end of The Doctor.

The hospital is the modern equivalent of the doctor. Most doctors do think they are God or at least they are to be feared and their children by far are made doctors for them.

These are not patently obvious signs of greatness. Doctors actually have not proved to make decisions involving radical changes in people's lives. The power comes from the way they think. This reflects the new medical dogma, health care is really more of the patient care in an era when hospitals are run by doctors. Hospitals are run by doctors.

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THE NEW OLD LEADERS

Arthur Calwell was typical of the Irish-Australian politicians who dominated the ALP between the two great splits of World War I and the mid-fifties.

Involved in the Young Ireland Society he was radicalized by the crushing of the 1916 Easter rising in Dublin by British troops. He became active in the anti-socialist campaign and joined the ALP. Calwell was to remain a life long socialist.

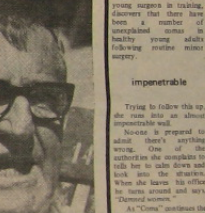
By many people today are supposed that Calwell and Pat Kennedy did not get on well. After all Calwell was not exactly a friend of the communist and had wavered over Menzies' attempt to lead the CPA.

By Mick Armstrong

problem in the Vietnam war. The war was still then popular and the Liberals had landslide victory.

Colin Kinnear's biography is basically an apology for Calwell. Yet it gives some interesting insights into the man and what paved an isolation in the ALP for forty years.

Calwell was aware of the importance that capitalism imposed on workers. He believed that those could be overcome by relying on a left government rather than the organized strength of the working class. His own career shows the importance of his approach.



Arthur Calwell supported bank nationalisation — and breaking the miners' strike with troops.

fanatical

Calwell was one of the different genera of Irish Catholics in the "provers". He could not understand their fanatical opposition to communism which he did not see as a threat to socialism.

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Dr Susan Wheeler discovers that in a hospital, your body doesn't belong to you.

LAST Saturday, a few of us had the opportunity to play Doolittle and talk to the animals. We were in a party four footballers from St. Kilda's Football Club.

For those of you who don't follow Victorian football, St. Kilda got named as animals after a particularly violent match a few weeks ago. The club president named Gary did their level last but Sunday.

As the official and league footballers.

A few hours before the party Kilda had been broken by the animals. They were angry because they decided to abuse this as an extremely nice fashion, it is the only way that they could prove that they were men by humiliating women.

Unfortunately, a bit of

And if they had behaved like human instead of animals and approached the women present as human instead of sex objects, they may have found some company for the evening.

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Here is how Karl Marx described the capitalists of his time:

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The only difference is that usually this is a Victorian man, that event was the same. The event was the same. The event was the same.

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This is not only a question of the body but of the mind. It is also an issue of the mind. It is also an issue of the mind. It is also an issue of the mind.

It is the reason why we are here. It is the reason why we are here. It is the reason why we are here.

The reason why we are here is because we are here. The reason why we are here is because we are here. The reason why we are here is because we are here.

Fifth week out

2000 MINERS FIGHT PAY CUT

INSIDE:
The bigots who want to ban abortion



Utah miners have another fight on their hands as well. The Federal Government is going to tax their first subsides - effectively a wage cut of about \$40. This protest march took place in Moremaban.

TWO thousand Central Queensland miners are now locked in a bitter struggle with Utah, Australia's biggest company.

If they win, it will mean a smashing blow against the indexation guidelines. But they are up against a multinational giant that made \$182 million last year. Utah is trying to force a seven day roster on the miners. It is demanding the miners accept this disruption of their home and community life, before it will raise over-ward payments from since 1972.

Fraser calls in Hawke

Max Terner says, "I don't know how many of you know that Fraser called in Hawke to discuss the miners' wages. Fraser is now in Australia and Hawke is in New Zealand. Fraser is now in Australia and Hawke is in New Zealand. Fraser is now in Australia and Hawke is in New Zealand."

Both Hawke and the ACTU are now interested in the dispute, which has stopped Utah's coal exports. The miners didn't invite Hawke in. It was Malcolm Fraser - after an approach and determination the miners are will have trouble making their wages a cut."



SANYO SIT-IN CRUSHED

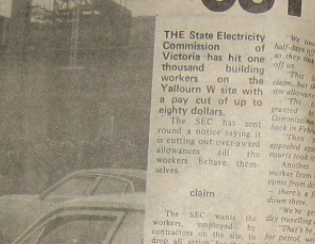
By Steve Morgan

The Sanyo workers at the jobs by the workers at the Sanyo colour TV factory in Woodbridge (QLD) has been defeated.

The Sanyo workers' badge, they were told, financial crisis were mounting and the only help was supporting the game, which you can't win. The worker said, "I don't want to be taken over by a multinational giant. I don't want to be taken over by a multinational giant. I don't want to be taken over by a multinational giant."

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WORKERS FIGHT PAY CUT



Construction workers meet beside the Yallourn W power station site to fight the pay cut.

New election ordered for meatworkers

THERE is to be another election for Queensland workers.

After we waited weeks and weeks for a decision, the Federal Court last Thursday finally ruled there had been an invalidity in the last AMIEU ballot.

The former president and his opponents, all Reform candidates, have been reinstated.

ACTU CRECHE: START - OR JUST A TOKEN?

The ACTU is trying to get a creche established for workers in Moremaban, a Melbourne suburb.

A few filled in the form even though their children go to school. This is because some mothers want their children minded before and after school.

After all, the morning shift at Philip Morris starts at 7.10 and 7.45 am. Government to fund a creche for workers in Moremaban.

Not yet been made clear, but it is probably going to be set up in Moremaban with about twenty places.

Parents now worry if the creche will provide for all or just a lucky few. Will it open early enough? Will it be open for all parents? This is especially important if the parents want to leave the factory and check on a sick child at handtime.

Sacked? They've got to be joking!

IRONWORKERS at Steelmains in Brisbane have been on strike for almost two weeks to prevent the sacking of a worker for "burping".

The sacked worker, Dave Dunleavy, made the mistake of playing a harmless practical joke.

One is a father with a three-year-old child, the other a mother with a year-old baby.

At Philip Morris, the biggest employer in the area, between forty and fifty forms were sent back.

He threw a lighted piece of paper into a toilet outside where he thought a friend had gone.

As it turned out, the occupant of the outside was the foreman promptly threatened to sack Dave in the month. Then he arranged for Dave to get the sack.

One day Dave saw a newspaper clipping about a man who had been sacked for burping. He thought, "I've got to be joking!"

They were pushing an estimate \$15 wage claim. But the company stubborn in that it is unwilling to discuss the wage and present their own list of claims.

Clerks give air lines the bird

AIRLINE clerks in Sydney are waging a series of lightning strikes against TAA and Ansett.

At a stop work meeting at Mascot last Wednesday they voted overwhelmingly for industrial strike action in support of improved conditions.

The main claims are for improvements in their grading system, job reviews and increased travelling money.

When they went back to work after Wednesday's meeting, the clerks came to the bus stop and found that the bus was full. They were told that the bus was full and they were not to get on.

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FRENCH WORKERS FIGHT THE SLAVE DRIVERS



The women workers of the French company Moulinex are part of a great wave of strikes which has spread through out the whole of Northern France.

Moulinex, owner of a chain of factories in this area, mainly producing kitchen equipment.

The women in the press shop at Alençon are charged by their machine-room men.

The work log hours in appalling conditions. If they are not working they are paid nothing. When they are not working they are paid nothing.

On June 17 the Alençon women occupied their factory. They demanded an extra 500 franc a month, retirement at 45, a forty hour week without pay reduction, and a paid holiday.

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There's no way out for the Third World

THE economically advanced countries all watched nervously last month when the member nations of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) held their biannual meeting.

But they needn't have worried. For the third time, OPEC decided not to raise the price of oil — in spite of world wide inflation and a staggering American dollar which has lost about one-third its purchasing power since 1971.

Some of the members, like Iraq, Libya and Algeria, demanded that when the price of oil rose it should be shared equally by all OPEC countries. The other members, including Saudi Arabia, Iran, Kuwait, Iraq, Iraq, and the United Arab Emirates, demanded that when the price of oil rose it should be shared equally by all OPEC countries.

They rejected their own bid by 253 and then raised the price of crude oil by 12%. The OPEC nations are now more united than ever. The price of oil will rise again in 1975.

Everybody started talking about the "energy crisis" and complaining that the OPEC countries are becoming almost as powerful as the industrial nations. The price of oil will rise again in 1975.

It seemed as though, after years of exploitation by others, that the OPEC countries do not, and never have, controlled their own oil.

The world oil industry is dominated by seven immense corporations: the "Seven Sisters". They are Exxon, British Petroleum, Gulf Oil, Mobil Oil, Shell and Texaco. They have controlled the industry since the 1920's.

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THE SITE TAKEOVER

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They are now vying to raise their prices in case they damage those economies. The price of oil will rise again in 1975.

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THE BIGOTS WANT TO BAN ABORTION

THESE middle-class bigots are on the march — to take away woman's rights to abortion.

By Alec Kahn

There, they've had abortion almost totally banned. Except if you get an abortion.

Your life or health has to be in serious danger, and even then, you can only get an abortion if there is no other means of saving your life.

The result? Every month, between 200 and 300 New Zealand women are spending hundreds of dollars each to cross across to Australia to get an abortion.

The ban is so strict that it's almost impossible to get an abortion. The ban is so strict that it's almost impossible to get an abortion.

Delegates to OPEC

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"Golds" — propositioned on the operating table by illegal abortionists.

Stop the Right To Life!

GET YOUR PRO-ABORTION BADGE

FREE ABORTION ON DEMAND

Stranglehold in the west

THEY'VE TRIED DISRUPTION, VOTE-STACKING, FIRE-BOMBS — AND THEY'VE GOT THE CHURCH TO BACK THEM UP

They've tried disruption, vote-stacking, fire-bombs — and they've got the Church to back them up.

By Judy McVey

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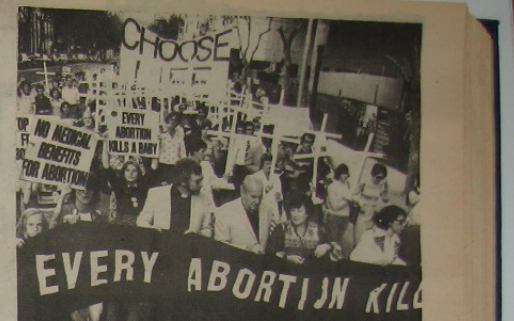
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A magnificent fight for jobs

THE Sanyo 'WORK-IN'

WORKERS at Sanyo's colour TV factory in Wodonga, Victoria, in an unprecedented fight for jobs in this country refused to accept the sack, occupied the factory canteen and started a "work-in" to save their jobs.

After 10 days, they were beaten. But their fight had paved a new road. Everywhere throughout Australia, workers are sacrificed on the altar of company profits in the name of economic recovery.

Until now the only fight back has been some fake militant rhetoric from union officials.

When the crunch comes, like at the Chrysler car plant earlier this year, the officials chucked on any move to occupy the plant. Hundreds of car workers lost their jobs and in despair chucked it in with "But what could we do?"

Now the workers at Sanyo have shown the way. Here's how they fought.

The workers began occupying the factory canteen on Wednesday June 28, after they found out that Sanyo planned to sack up to thirty workers.

They worked normally during the day and about 70 of the 140 workers slept in at night. The company was so shaken that it was forced to reduce the sackings from 30 to 19 (17 women and 2 men).

On Friday, the 140 workers marched to the administration building and negotiated an interim act of solidarity with the sacked workers.

They refused to accept the sacking, and that afternoon burned the dismissal notices to prevent the company locking them out, the workers voted to stay the weekend.

On Friday night, the Sanyo bosses tried to force them out. They cut off the electricity to the canteen, locked up the work areas and locked the gates.

gates

But when the gates were opened to let the bosses' cars out, the workers kept them open and placed a car strategically so they couldn't be shut again.

In less than two hours of the electricity being cut off, the canteen resembled a camp site. Workers brought in hundreds of candles, gas lights and stoves, and from food stores and bakeries loads of food piled in.

Sanyo workers told The Battler that this was the fourth retrenchment since October last year. The workforce has been ruthlessly pruned from over 300 workers to the present 140 in the bosses' bid to keep up profits in a flagging market for TVs and electronic goods.

Beverly Brew, ETU shop steward explained why they took action.

"We've already accepted it three times with conditions that last time there'll be no more retrenchments. Each time that has been a great big lie, and now we're on for the fourth time. And this time we're not going to open it.

"We needed strong and positive action. Not only to try to free the hand of the company but also

bosses power to sack them.

Undermined by the sacking the workers' power on Monday morning. The "work-in" was a

normal fight by the Sanyo

Stories from on the spot reporters, Steve and Jeff Wallman.

At the 7:30 starting time all but one of the sacked workers were gathered in the canteen waiting with the rest. There was a meeting at which all voted to start work doing only the jobs they normally would.

The factory doors had opened and they all went in. During the day union officials and worker reps met with the bosses. But for those who were sacked the tension was never waning.

Lesley Clark, one of the 17 sacked women talked about her

spirits

On Monday evening spirits were high and it seemed it would end the next day. It looked like Sanyo would accept nine voluntary retrenchments.

Some of the nine volunteers were leaving the district soon, others were pregnant. A few were fed up with the company and just wanted out — but they did want to keep working.

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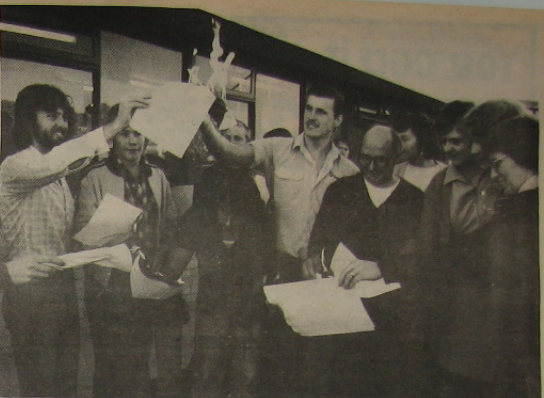
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Defiantly the workers burn the lists of those being sacked. Unable to serve the dismissal notices on the individual workers the company sent out telegrams. Many workers refused to even open the telegrams.

WHAT WE THINK

THE "work-in" by the Sanyo workers was a magnificent example to us all.

It showed that a militant fight against sackings is possible — even in this period of mass unemployment and recession.

For ten days, the 140 workers held out to save their fellow workers' jobs. They were beaten, not through any lack of determination but because of their isolation and the failure to build support for this struggle.

Any large company like Sanyo that is thinking of sacking workers in a period of economic recession can easily withstand occupying one factory. That is why the Sanyo workers decided to "work-in" and demand to be paid, rather than go on strike.

But that is not going to affect a large company with large stockpiles, many plants and retail outlets. The fight must be spread. Workers at other plants, in warehouses and on the wharves must be told and asked for help.

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"A 'work-in' can put moral pressure on a company to withdraw its sackings. But moral pressure is rarely enough.

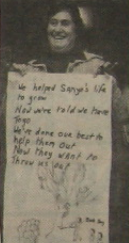
Companies like Sanyo have no morality anyway.

That is why it is so important to occupy the work areas of the factory. With their precious machinery suddenly at risk, bosses become a lot more unsettled.

The question of putting out a leaflet for workers did come up during the dispute. But even a week after the strike started, the union officials were split on the idea. The workers went ahead and produced one anyway.

By then it was too late. With the officials chasing the mirage of tariff protection and looking for conventional, morale sacking, it would be wrong to pretend that the Sanyo struggle was in any way a victory. But by their courage and resourcefulness, the Sanyo workers have shown us a way to fight.

If we follow their example — and learn the lessons from it — their struggle won't be in vain.



The workers fought a power war with the bosses. Don Drage holds a poem poster he wrote after Sanyo's knife in the back on Tuesday morning.



Friday — 10 pm. Over forty people huddle together around tables in an air thickening with the warming smell of kare heaters. Gas lights and candlelight make a cosy atmosphere with workers playing chess, cards or simply talking by the dim light. There is a feeling of strength and good humour. Many are smiling, confident and determined to win.



Beverly Brew

to draw the attention of the media to the plight of the industry at the moment and how the average worker is suffering.

"And we need to draw as much attention to it and that is the only way we could achieve our aim."

Sandra Macintosh, a member of the organising committee who is one of the 19 facing retrenchment, said:

"At first it (the work-in) showed we wanted to work and at that time we didn't know who was going to be retrenched. I think it showed everybody we want our jobs we were losing our jobs."

Sanders said that the first job of the organising committee "was to work out a plan of action. We



Sandra Macintosh

feelings.

"I feel sick. You don't know when someone is going to tap you on the back, or drag you out by the hair.

"I really wanted to go in there and tell them to stuff it, but now some more rabbits on the scene wouldn't go amiss. Really!"

But the boss's war of nerves, far from weakening the fighting spirit, only hardened it for people like Lesley. "I'm going to stay in. Not going to give up now."

The Sanyo factory opened in 1974 when the Albion Wodonga



1. All workers voted to resign in solidarity with those sacked.

2. The organising committee meeting in canteen.

3. The committee occupies the canteen over the weekend.

4. The bosses had turned off the power and locked the gates. But when they attempted to leave workers rushed the gates, held them open and placed their cars strategically blocking the gates open.

QUALITY... 'S THE EA... 'S WAY ON

TRAIN drivers and firemen have voted to return to work after a two day strike in all areas except West Australia.

The strike was called by the Australian Federal Union of Locomotive Engineers (AFULE) to catch up on work lost by partial industrial action.

After the Melbourne drivers' strike... The union is in a bind to have to go to the... The union is in a bind to have to go to the...

demands... But they could start... But they could start... But they could start...

Store strike - it could have been won... by Mick Armstrong... AFTER three weeks on strike, storemen and packers at Flemings and Woodwards warehouses in Sydney have returned to work.

The strike was for a return of a paid meal break granted to women at retail outlets.

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the... This small illustration reports on current drug prices for health and safety. It lists various medicines and their prices.

Melbourne AFULE members read the official motion.

that "if they don't meet our demands in three weeks we will strike again."

by Jeff Wallman... The men wanted the strike to go on for another day.

The Sydney meeting also resolved the official motion to go back to work at midnight.

One worker said "I'm not going to be a strike breaker."

He related the criticism... He related the criticism... He related the criticism...

QUEENSLAND plumbers have put back on all major building sites in and around Brisbane.

The dispute began when the Queensland plumbers were granted an award increase by Federal Arbitration.

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Showpiece school - no teacher!... NORTHOTE Technical School is one of the Victorian Education Department showpieces.

It's only four years old, with buildings full of expensive audio-visual equipment and even an indoor swimming pool.

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Nothing so beautiful as sunlit smog... Dave Nadel's SHOT SHOT SHOT

People live further from the smog than they do from the sun... Dave Nadel's SHOT SHOT SHOT

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GMH still refuses to budge

WE NEED A FIGHTING CAMPAIGN

The national 24 hour strike by seven car industry unions has failed to force any more offers from GMH. GMH has put a "package deal" to us. This means that we will only get the claims agreed to by Holden if other points raised by the company are included.

GMH's main ploy is a three year life of the award which is just not on. So in effect, Holden has offered nothing that can be accepted.

The main areas where they have made offers are in job security, position, average pay and sick leave. The offer on average pay is one's basic for each year of service, up to a maximum of 35 weeks. Holden is also willing to pay a 10 per cent statutory deduction (signed by 175 instead of a doctor's certificate) for sick leave. And even though the value of one position has eroded over 200% since 1965, Holden has offered only a 25% increase.

By Alan Briggs
AMWSU/GMH

Offers must be made the "aggressive state of the economy". Apparently we must place Holden at a disadvantage to its competitors.

A strong campaign of industrial action will shift the company from these views, and get some decent improvements in the award.

It is important to involve all the unions. The Vehicle Builders Union has informally refused to join the seven other unions to build combined support meetings.

This resulted in many thousands of VBU members being stood down for the 24 hour stoppage.

The result of giving support to the VBU' officials is that they are continually standing us for "putting their members out of work".

GMH boss Charles Chapman - as usual, sticking his tongue out at workers.

All in all, so great things have been achieved. The General Motors has continually stand us for "putting their members out of work".

claims

We have won some of the major claims - including eight increments in the annual leave under certain conditions.

Canberra cleaners sweep to victory

CANBERRA public service cleaners have won a 10% pay rise.

Three months ago, the Department of Defence and Administrative Services announced they were going to relet cleaning contracts for their offices.

The new contracts made no provision for continuity - of employment, over-award agreements, pro-rata long service leave or sick leave credits. There was also the threat of sackings.

The cleaners, members of the Mac-

garbanne Workers Union, went on indefinite strike.

Garbage piled up in the offices. Toilets went uncleaned. The offices became unfit to work in.

The departments backed down. Details of the agreement were released a couple of weeks ago.

The present contracts will go for another five years. Two cleaners who were to be sacked will stay on. Over-award agreements will be maintained with no loss of earnings, and enough part-time work is guaranteed to employ everyone.

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March on Hiroshima Day

SYDNEY Saturday August 5, 10.30 am, Circular Quay Park
MELBOURNE Saturday August 5, 1.00 pm, Parliament House
BRISBANE Saturday August 5, 10.00 am, King George Square
ADELAIDE Saturday August 5, 10.30 am, Victoria Square
HOBART Friday August 4, 5.00 pm, Royal Hobart Hospital
CANTBERRA Sunday August 6, 1.00 pm, Forum at Environment Centre, Kingsley St.

ALL THE NEWS ON THE BLF ELECTIONS

COSTLY ERROR AT QANTA

"WE'LL never make the mistake of trusting the courts again, that's for sure. Next time someone's sacked, it'll be out the gate till we win."

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That was the mood of militants on the Qantas site after a badly judged "tactical" decision - to return to work and abide by a Commissioner's decision - resulted in defeat.

The defeat meant the loss of his job for Duncan Williams. Duncan is a rank and file candidate and organiser in the BLF election.

He was sacked by Dillingham for addressing an election meeting on another site when he'd phoned in to work.

After the men had been out for two weeks over Duncan's sacking, Commissioner Hoffmann began trying to make a show of strength.

At a first meeting decided, against a lot of opposition, to accept a return to work.

The terms were that Duncan keep his job while the hearing continued, but

that the Commission find fault with the Commission's decision. Hoffmann soon disposed of the men who said that they were not returning to work until they were paid for the day after the commission finding was made.

A further week's communication was narrowly won.

Hoffmann is supposed to be a "modest" but he's hilariously stupid and bossy in the dispute.



Qantas site building workers meet during the strike

Now for the real BLF election

The real NSW BLF branch elections start on July 17th and run to August 4th.

Builders Members have been waiting for the Electoral Office to announce the date for many weeks. Now the date has been announced, the election campaign is really hot up.

Already the Callaghan-Black officials are dropping hints about their campaign of misdirection.

Three BLF for Democratic Control members were attacked by

By David Shaw, BLF supporter at the Hornsbrooks job in Maitland that they would not accept the result of the ballot, if it did not match their own budgeting habit.

The coming weeks are the most crucial for the campaign. Let's see them to get the final tally in Steve Black's outfit.

THE NEW URANIUM DEALS.... FINLAND.... BRITAIN....



FOR gruesome timing, you have to hand it to Malcolm Fraser.

He has given the go-ahead to two uranium contracts - both within a fortnight of Hiroshima Day.

Just as we're remembering the mass slaughter of the first nuclear bomb, Fraser tears up his "peace" safeguards policy to sell uranium to Britain and Finland.

The Finland deal signed by modest cowboy Doug Anthony has been made fully public. And it is a scandal.

Recognising - which is a hard-on in itself and opens the door to the highly-dangerous Lenin Brothers reactors - is no longer handed outright.

In a letter accompanying the contract, the government even said it was willing to agree years in advance to enrichment, conversion and fuel fabrication. Enrichment means a country can readily produce nuclear weapons.

Fraser has followed suit.

The who's-ifs and what-ifs make a clear Australian uranium policy is not some "modesty" by the Government.

It is the logical result of selling materials on the capitalist market - of putting profits ahead of the safety of humanity.

By
Alec Kahn

model

Since the Finland contract is a model for others to come, that means the same loophole will be there for everyone else.

How is Australia going to check that Finland is complying with the safeguards that do exist?

Through the International Atomic Energy Agency - which has already been exposed by the Australian Government Accounting Office as negligent in its checking procedures.

Any safeguard not dropped by mutual consent between Finland and the Australian Government of the day.

The details of the British deal are not yet fully public, but it looks like they will be even worse.

fab

The only reason Malcolm Fraser actually has to go through all these elaborate pretenses to try and fool us off, is the strength of the anti-uranium movement.

On August 5 and 6, Hiroshima Day, we've got another chance to tell him we don't want uranium mining.

Malcolm Fraser can keep his Contracts of Death. Our safety and the safety of the rest of the world - a more important.

The Agency of Hiroshima - page 6,7

FRASER'S CONTRACT OF DEATH

Anti-uranium activists visited the Finnish Consul's house in the path Malcolm suburbs at Tokoro after the deal with Finland was announced.

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The Agony of Hiroshima

AMERICA

THIRTY-three years ago, at 8:15 am on Sunday August 6, 1945, an American plane flew over Hiroshima and dropped the first atomic bomb.

It fell in an attitude of 2000 feet, then exploded, unleashing a blinding flash, deadly radiation and heat of up to 7000 degrees Centigrade. Within seconds, thousands were dead. Thousands more were to die in the next few days from their injuries. In all, the death toll was around 200,000 from that one explosion.

Three days later, America dropped another bomb on Nagasaki. Only 100,000 died this time.

Obviously, the Americans claimed the bombs helped end the war quicker. But Japan was already close to defeat. Fleet Admiral W.F. Halsey, Jr. (head of the Pacific Fleet) later admitted, "The first atomic bomb was an unnecessary explosion."

In fact, the real aim was to gain a favourable position for the US in the coming "Cold War" with Russia.

Now the major imperialist countries all have atomic bombs in their arsenals - each with between fifty and five

thousand times the explosive power of the Hiroshima bomb. So before Australia lets the rest of the world have uranium to build arsenals even further, let's consider the words of a survivor of Hiroshima who describes what it was like.

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by turning in the direction she pointed. Just at that moment, the sky I was facing flared. "I do not know how to describe that light. I witnessed it as if a fire had been set in my eyes. It was something like an ominous purple-like color of sparks caused by a streetcar at night - only some billion times stronger."

"I don't remember which came first - the flash of light or the sound of an explosion that roared down to my belly. Anyhow, the next moment I was knocked down flat on the

ground.

"Immediately things started falling down around my head and shoulders. I couldn't see anything. It seemed pitch dark. I thought the destined final moment had now come.

"Soon I noticed that the air smelled terrible. Thinking that the bomb that hit us might be yellow phosphorus incendiary bombs, I instinctively rubbed my nose and mouth hard with my tongue (a Japanese handkerchief) that was tucked in my belt.

strange

"I felt something strange with my face. Then I was shocked by the feeling that my skin of my face had come off on the trunks.

"Ah, then, the hands and arms too. Starting from the

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"My burns started paying me. It was a kind of pain different from any ordinary burn which might be unbearable. Mine was a dull pain that was coming from somewhere far apart from my body.

"A yellow secretion oozed from my hands. I imagined that my face also must be in a

similar state. I was feeling flattered. The skin on my left hand all five fingers, also came off."

"What happened to the sky that had been back a clear blue one only a moment ago? It was now dark, like dusk. Everything was vague and hazy, as if mist covered up my eyes."

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"A mother, stained heavily with blood from her face to shoulder, was crying, 'My boy, my dear and essentially tried to run into a house that was aflame.

"She was restrained firmly by a man, but she still cried and looked like a demon in a fury. It was a heart-rending scene indeed."

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Above left: Utter devastation as far as the eye can see - the scene after the Hiroshima bomb. The building in the foreground was directly underneath the explosion. It received only perpendicular rays of force, so remained relatively intact. Above right: Three hours after the explosion, a mile and a half from the centre of the blast. "They looked as though their souls had left their bodies," said Yoshio Matsuyaga, who took this photo. "When I looked into the viewfinder, the figures I wanted to photograph were blurred and faint because of my tears."

How do you safeguard against this?

AMAZINGLY, the people who want to develop nuclear power still haven't worked out what they're going to do with the waste.

After 1945, Britain and America tried dumping their highly radioactive wastes in the Atlantic Ocean. Tens of thousands of tons of waste were dumped. "I don't know at whom I should direct this rage. I could do nothing for them but watch them die one by one, scolding their mothers in vain."

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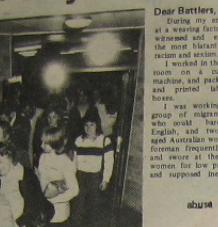
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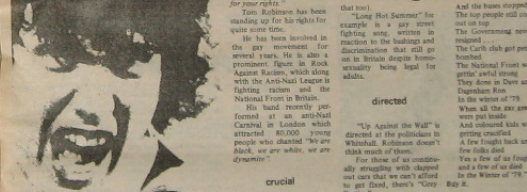


TOM ROBINSON Standing up for his rights

The new album from the Tom Robinson Band, "Power in the Darkness" has a clenched fist on the cover. It is an appropriate symbol.

It's a bit of the many New Wave bands around at the moment. Their music is loud, catchy and forceful. In Tom Robinson's case, it is also angry and political.

Tom Robinson, 21, is a greater extent than many other New Wave bands, has his music as a means of communication, of breaking down barriers (mainly racial and sexual) between people, and uniting them against racism.



"I've always had a great love of music, and I've always been interested in politics. I think music is a great way to express your feelings and to communicate with other people."

Tom Robinson is a young man who has been active in the anti-racist movement. He has been involved in the gay movement for several years. He is also a prominent figure in the Rock Against Racism, which along with the Anti-Nazi League is fighting racism and the National Front in Britain.

He had recently performed at an anti-Nazi Carnival in London which attracted 80,000 young people who danced all day. "I'm glad we're all here, we're all together."

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FROM THE SHELF Bobbin Up

It's in the new paperback series of books from the 1950s, "Bobbin Up" is a word which goes through the manual and personal lives of a group of social workers.

Employed at the Adelaide Trade Union and member of the Communist Party, he has decided how to spend his time of the kind of the Communist working class.

I worked for twenty-eight years in a social work, as naturally I must have been through to see the workers in their struggle. Not all the characters are shown as lovable, but they all seem happy and content.

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School leavers in a bind

They have been travelling from Sunshine to Free Tree City to get work for the last three days. They have been working for ten hours a day for \$20 to try and avoid the stigma of being called a "trade bludge".

Mark and Willie are two who have been out of work for several months. They have not had any success in finding work. They are now in a bind.

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SPRING
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WORKERS OUT TO SHEET METAL BEATERS BY SCAB

THE NEW Master Builders Association is applying for the Arbitration Commission to set an award of approximately wages amounting of \$25.54 to \$49.81.

The MBA says that this would enable them to meet more competition in the industry.

But the MBA's own publicists are the ones that are most vehemently opposing the award. They are already working to get the award set back to the old level. On most of the sites the boss men are in a state of

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A militant worker talking to the Barler, gave two reasons for the failure of the strike.

Firstly, there was lack of support from the AMBSU. The BLF officials actually had to be taken part in the stoppage organized by the union.

NURSES FIGHT SOARING RENT

QUEENSLAND nurses are confident that the proposed transfer of their rent and meal charges in public hospitals should be stopped.

Earlier this month a Queensland Health Department spokesman said that the transfer would be necessary.

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10,000 RAILWAY JOBS ON THE LINE

THE Public Transport Commission has hush-hush plans to modernise its railways at the cost of at least 10,000 jobs.

Hundreds of skilled jobs will be downgraded to process-type work, and conditions generally will be deteriorated.

Bank and the members of the RTBU have been picketing the details in order to fight the attack on jobs and labour conditions.

One worker said: "The plan is to take the jobs of the skilled workers and put them on process-type work. This will mean a loss of 10,000 jobs."



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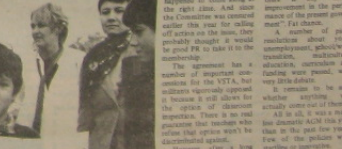
200 march against cuts

TEACHERS and parents marched to protest against the Victorian Government's plan to cut 200 jobs in secondary schools.

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GMH declare full scale war

GENERAL Motors Holden has declared all out war on current log-claims campaign, GMH has sacked workers and taken away annual leave entitlements worth over \$400 in retaliation against unionists involved in action in the campaign.

By Alan Briggs, AMWSU/GMH.



Flashback to last year's strike on the Eastern Suburbs Railway. Left: Max Callaghan and fellow workers march on the Minister's office. Right: Tony Perera addresses a mass meeting.

THE NSW BLF elections started last Monday and are now in full swing.

Black and Co. are trying every dirty trick in the book to win votes. Our battlers however said in the poll this week: "The BLF is the alternative branch of the Temperance Union."

By David Shaw, BLF

Many workers have moved how to vote since the last ballot papers. The reason is simple: Black's have been using ballot papers out of letter boxes.

On Wednesday they arrived to get the papers. But no one came out to meet them in the carpark.

At Westfield Hurstville, the BLF "voting day" fell through completely. Noel O'Leary addressed a stop-work meeting on site.

At Hornsby, the BLF branch, including Black himself, fronted on the job on Wednesday morning to try to stage a voting day.

Steve Black never got to talk to many workers except the crane crew - and they threw him off the job.

The officials left "Ratley" Rife to conduct the voting day on the site. Rife wanted workers to bring their ballot papers to the car park at 12.30.

By the time of two hundred B.L.s on the site, not one turned up. Ratley was seen leaving the job looking sorry for himself. Head down, tail between his legs, and his ballot paper tucked in his pocket.

IN BLF POLL

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NSW Labor arrests Storemen militants

The NSW Public Transport Commission brought in the cops to arrest A.W.U. delegates Max Callaghan and Tony Perera, after they addressed a job meeting at Keirrabah.

By Phil Lee

NSW is alleged to have told Max "They take that fucking piece of paper, when the formers tried to give him a letter of dismissal."

FOR workers at Plumrose Foods in Moorbin (Vic), July was quite a striking month.

Pat Thompson, an organizer from the Food Processors Union, suggested we should put in for a strike while we were alone at the time.

NOT SO TRICKIE DICKIE

VICTORIAN workers are enjoying the spectacle of the Labor Government publicly falling apart.

Next is the wake of the Labor Party making Public Works Minister Robert Dunstan become "fired and reappointed" and resign the department, and resign the department, and resign the department.

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The Budget proves it...

THE ISSUE in Fraser's Budget is not how bad it is.

There's hardly a newspaper in the country that hasn't admitted that it's the most brutal attack on working class conditions for thirty years.

There is now only one issue for us: How do we stop it and get rid of the bastard who did it?

The morning after the Budget, 400 construction workers marched on Trades Hall and the Commonwealth Government Centre in Melbourne.

There were chants of "Fraser Out" and many workers called for a general strike. A motion was even moved, but never put.

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FRASER MUST GO!

THE Medbank General Strike in 1976. Now it's time we look Fraser on again.



just on his honesty and start matching his power with his power. Because it's our food, our housing, our clothes, our kids' education, our holidays and our very livelihood he's attacking. Why?

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It's simply because we let them get away with it. They can stop our wages because not one single union has bothered to organize a serious fight against the inflationary guidelines.

A General Strike... The way to do it

Don't rely on the dailies for news... industrial news... SUBSCRIBE to The Battler!

between the lines

THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD



State Public Servants march in Melbourne on Hiroshima Day.

Indo-Chinese Refugees

LET'S GET THEM A GO!

ATTACKS on Indo-Chinese refugees are still coming from left-wingers who ought to know better.

Frankly I laugh from a two week trip to Vietnam where so many of us did the dirty work in the state of Indochina. It is obvious that a lot of people that are coming out of Indochina are not the same as the refugees who were once the victims of the American war in Vietnam.

A lot are coming here for the better life. An Australian left wing has done nothing to help them. The Indo-Chinese (not just Vietnamese) refugees themselves think about Communism, about unions, about their reasons for coming to Australia.

It is only plain that the people in this country are not the same as the refugees who were once the victims of the American war in Vietnam. I mean, if the Indo-Chinese workers strike, what's the new Russian system going to do? And what is the Party going to say? It could cause a diplomatic incident.

Paul Kelly, a Melbourne school-teacher, has worked with many Indo-Chinese refugees, helping them find jobs and housing, and speaking out for their rights. As Labor, we are opposed to the Indo-Chinese development in Vietnam.

"I'd love you to go to refugees. I believe that we would take any refugees, no matter where they come from."

Paula Kelly with Morris and Bill, two of her adopted children.

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What do we do next?

That's the question now being asked in the uranium movement. The uranium movement is the uranium movement.

Ho Chi Minh Day is being celebrated in Melbourne. The uranium movement is the uranium movement.

But despite its obvious rise, the uranium movement is clearly not strong enough at present to stop uranium exports. The uranium movement is the uranium movement.

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REG WILKINSONS WHILE FRASER SLIT THROATS

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Hayden razes Kane in Qld ALP

QUEENSLAND ALP Central Executive member Neil Kane's public call for Hayden to stand down as Federal leader has proved to be the straw that broke the camel's back.

Kane has claimed that the Reform Group have at least tried to prod the party into some action.

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One year later - and we're still marching, Bielke!

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By Carole Ferrier

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"We have gone beyond merely declaring protest"

I want to join the International Socialists

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Czechoslovakia 1968

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SOCIALISM with a human face

That thought captivated the minds of millions during the spring and summer of 1968. The repressive regimes set up in Eastern Europe after World War II had made a bitter mockery of the word "socialism."

They smothered democratic rights, and exploited the workers much like the old capitalist society before them.

But in Czechoslovakia a great experiment in socialist democracy seemed to be underway. Censorship was ended, a new economic policy announced, and a ferment of discussion had begun.

In August 1968 the Russian Army, backed by the armies of its puppets throughout Eastern Europe, marched in to destroy the dream.

The great "liberation" in the Czech government, led by Alexander Dubcek, did nothing to rest. In fact, they cooperated fully with the new leadership installed by the Russians.

smashed

How were the hopes of millions of Czechoslovaks smashed so easily?

Dubcek and his followers had begun a program of liberalization, not to transform Czechoslovakia into a society, but as part of a bourgeois power struggle.

The economy was in trouble. Foreign trade, the life-blood of Czechoslovakia's economy, was in decline. Real wages began to fall for the first time in years.

In the mid-60s, the job of finding

Tom O'Lincoln recalls the Russian invasion of August 20, 1968.

a way out.

Six proposed to streamline the economy. More backward sections of industry were to be scrapped. Workers were to face speed-up and wage cuts.

The proposals were resisted by entrenched sections of the bureaucracy. In the area where Six proposed to wield the knife, the new economic policy was stalled, and discontent grew in society as a whole, especially among intellectuals.

Dubcek, Six and his supporters were determined on a daring move. They deliberately appealed to the disaffected intellectuals and students, and used them as a battering ram to force changes in the government.

And they were successful. The old Novotny government fell, and Dubcek now took unchallenged



Above: Prague 1968 — angry Czechs stone a Russian tank. Below: Special issue of Tribune, the CPA's newspaper, condemning the invasion.

Tribune

SPECIAL

Czechoslovakia: Aust. Communists protest

...the invasion of the Czech Republic by the Soviet Union...

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Nevertheless, strikes occurred as wages at first, then gradually began to include demands for worker control.

The trade union machinery designed to maintain a monopoly of control through the factories was in ferment.

In a resolution passed by 40,000 Stokola workers, Dubcek was accused of "betraying" the workers to the Russians.

In the winter of 1968, hundreds of thousands of workers demonstrated against the Soviet occupation and the return to normal political life.

Printing workers refused to handle a new weekly paper. The government claimed that it's only setting someone up.

But the workers had no political leadership of their own. The struggle was mainly largely maintaining the liberal Dubcek supporters in office.

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Other liberal leaders actively backed the new right wing forces, even while it was victimizing them.

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The intellectuals were excited by the expansion of civil liberties. But the workers remembered that Ota Six's economic program promised them harder work and lower wages.

They helped slow the work of further resistance in Poland and East Germany, including the major strike struggles in Polish shipyards in the seventies.

In the West, the impact of the Prague Spring was striking. Communist movements were beginning to liberalize their own organizations. Communists were caught up in heated debates over the Prague Spring.

In Australia, the Communist Party spoke out against the Soviet invasion at mass meetings, an action which helped precipitate an action split in Party ranks.

It was equally important, perhaps, that the events of Czechoslovakia remained alive in the minds of young radicals. It was equally important, perhaps, that it could only be won through militant struggle, not through the capitalist regimes of the world, but also against their representative in the East.

Vietnam vs Cambodia THE REAL SOCIALISTS PLEASE STAND UP?

In April 1975, the city of Saigon fell to the Vietnamese National Liberation Front. In the same month, Cambodia captured Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. It was the end of the Second Indochina War, and the beginning, many believed, of a new era of peace and socialism in South East Asia.

By Andy Milner

The first capitalist countries, in Europe and North America, were only able to establish a natural market. Their dominance was only made possible for other countries to follow the same old.

The second generation capitalist countries, namely Germany and Japan, were only able to establish the full strength of creative forces in their economies.

Only complete state capitalism enabled France and some of the Latin American countries to industrialize.

And today, even that road is blocked. China, for example, after nearly thirty years of state capitalism, is quite incapable of competing with other Asian or Western nations in military or economic terms.

But for Vietnam and Cambodia the situation was even worse. Both countries are desperately poor, both were devastated by the American war.

How could their new governments possibly hope to advance their countries without first having to deal with the wreckage of the American war?

There were only limited resources. Both Vietnam and Cambodia have been invaded by forces from the West.

But the struggle which was unleashed in the wake of the American war in Vietnam and Cambodia was not a struggle for the survival of the state.

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Chinese refugees expelled from Vietnam walk across the Nambo River into China. If China, Cambodia and Vietnam are all socialist, how come they're at each other's throats?

demanded further sacrifices in the name of patriotism. Trapped between Russian-Chinese rivalry on the one side, and the pressure of the world market on the other, the new ruling classes of Vietnam and Cambodia have been led towards war and aggression.

There is a need to describe the situation, and that need is imperative. Vietnam and Cambodia may have been a battle in the war against imperialism, but it was only a battle and not the whole war.

That war can only be won in the heartlands of the imperialist system. In Korea, in Western Europe, in North America, and here, too, in Australia.

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Namibia: South Africa's piece - keeping force

If the Australian army's feeling at a loose end, there is Southern Africa. It would be a job for the over-the-hill troops.

It was reported last week that Australia was to send a unit to help police a United Nations peace settlement in Namibia. South West Africa.

Despite UN resolutions the South African refusal to hand over the territory is a major obstacle to the peace process. South West Africa.

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Dave Nadell's MY SHOOT

The most remarkable aspect of the child's birth (about which the papers and nothing is that it was the first conception without intercourse for nearly two thousand years. This male child - known as the daughter of God!

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The height of synthetic entertainment appeared on TV two days before the premiere of *Grease*. A full hour of prime time TV devoted to *Grease*.

This special was not on the making the movie, highlights from the picture itself or anything half way interesting like that. No, this was film of the stars standing by Los Angeles.

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THE GAS BILL SCANDAL

"pulled my kids out of school to pay the bills."

Jeanette Croxford is one of the victims of Malcolm Fraser's Australia. Unable to walk properly, and wracked by a chest complaint, she has been battling to bring up her four teenage boys on an invalid pension of \$130 a week.

But now Jeanette — and a hundred other residents in Housing Commission flats in Kensington, a working-class Melbourne suburb, — have had enough.

The last straw was an amazing seven per cent rise in their gas bills from \$30 for two months, now Jeanette has to pay \$95. A rise of \$500 in just half a year.

And everyone else's gas bills have at least doubled.

Jeanette and the other residents are refusing to take it. They're hitting the Gas and Fuel Corporation and the Housing Commission to go to hell.

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The Gas and Fuel Corporation put in three tanks on the roof in their place.

They were hopelessly inefficient. "If you're very lucky, you might get hot water two or three hours a week."

You either have a cold shower and catch your death of cold, or stay dry.

But losing their hot water wasn't the only shock for the tenants. When they got their first gas bills after the new system, they were amazed.

"I used to only get \$20 for everything for two months. Now it's \$45 just for hot water. Now it's \$95. You don't get it."

Fraser's total bill was \$95. Everyone else in the flats had outrageous bills too.

"The woman upstairs, she was less than I do. She was \$157."

"And another woman was away in Queensland most of the time, her place was looked up. I had her key. My bill was \$38. How do you work it out?"

"Something had to be done. If you get under the shower, you'd need to be a multi-millionaire."

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Jeanette Croxford and two of her sons, David (left) and Michael (right). They are determined to stay put if the Housing Commission tries to evict them for speaking out.

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"So we wrote out a pamphlet and delivered it around, and we got a lot more the second time."

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Reports:
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It Hirst says the Housing Commission Tenants Union has grown in strength from the struggle. The jail-like block of flats behind him houses morty single parent families.

The latest group to feel sting of Malcolm Fraser's attacks are Housing Commission tenants.

Malcolm stays in a night hotel suite at expense, they are being hit an extra six dollars by Fraser's eager allies to evict them.

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THE RENT REBELLION

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"They don't say they power up now."

"The Housing Commission Tenants Union has grown in strength already from the struggle."

"It's been the biggest boost for the union so far. Our membership has gone up 2500."

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Maintenance workers catch the falling in the concrete are running down the flats and many residents are ill from damp walls.

Who really came out best?

WHO needs to win the Poo? Not the shareholders in Utah.

Because now that all the dust has settled down, it's clear that Utah are the big winners from the recent coal walk out.

Utah's coal industry made \$100 million profit, after claims made over every dollar in its employees. So it was the most demanded for higher pay.

These days' had a true sense of the original Utah spirit was described as: "I'm not!"

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RMIT cleaners win 36hr week

CLEANERS and maintenance workers at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology have won a 36-hour week.

The campaign started with a 11.8% stoppage on June 18. This followed work

rolling stoppages and overtime bans, and a protest picket on July 20.

Thirty per cent of the staff at RMIT already had a 36-hour week. They were in direct administrative and educational areas.

The move provoked the first strike.

The RMIT Council is worried about the loss of income. They have negotiated a six-day fortnight to try and obscure the victory.

By Tom Freeman

Over 90% of staff of RMIT work a 36-hour week. 10% work 40 hours. WHY?

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DIYERS WIN SET PAY

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BUS CREWS WANT FARE GO

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200 march on steel works

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PHILIPS: 300 FACE SACK

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TELECOM GIVES FOR GENERAL CASH

TELECOM is setting the stage for a massive industrial confrontation with its application for the general powers clause to be used against the ATEA.

Telcom is refusing to negotiate and has now about done over 2,000 telegrams and sent crash notes here and there since some time ago April. The have been going down from STD calls all over Australia and have cost Telcom millions.

The ATEA technicians plan the loss because of the threat to jobs and will make a new grading system.

Instead, Telcom will reward skills with computerized equipment. These will go to the industrial grades which require academic qualifications.

Telcom claims that many are holding courses about industries to become technical officers.

But there are less than 100 course placements for a workforce of 10,000 technicians and assistants.

In the meantime, Telcom has classified the grade of technicians as "hold-overs", which means no tradesman can advance to it.

Telcom is prepared to wait up to three years until technicians in that grade retire and it is abolished.

The total cause application by Telcom is a direct threat to every Australian worker.

In fact, it demands, if it is not withdrawn, that Telcom pay 100,000 a year back pay after seven years. But he will be able to advance to the higher grade of technician as technical officer.

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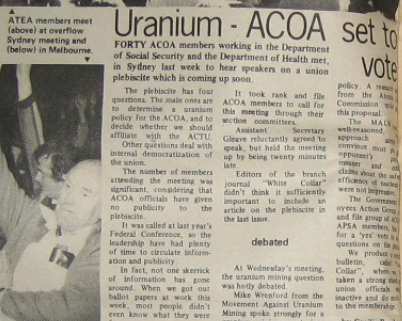
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STOP THE POLICE ATTACKS

ATTACKS by police have reached a new high in recent weeks.

In New South Wales, the police have launched an assault on the gay rights movement, culminating in 101 arrests at a peaceful march along the footpath.

In Queensland, the cops arrested 121 marchers at a Trades and Labour Council rally. Then on September 6, they arrested five people at a peaceful picket — one for 'addressing a public meeting'!

The representative police order France, police forces are feeling more and more cocky about flexing their muscles.

In Queensland, the harassment of left-wingers has not become a day-to-day affair. And police recently hauled and arrested workpiece organizers at a peaceful punk rock stadium (story page 2).

In the Sydney attack on the gay rights march, five hundred police were brought out to break up the demonstrators by three hundred police.

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CYSS DEMO SACKING

SHELLEY Jackson, a worker for the Community Youth Support Scheme in Sydney, has been sacked following her attendance at a demonstration.

The demonstration was against stringent guidelines recently introduced by CYSS.

Denton's local CYSS committee, advised, at first refused to give reasons for sacking her. They told her: 'I might embarrass you.' Later they gave a number of reasons, including vague charges of insubordination and failure to do her job.

She also charged her with 'not motivating participants (employed) people in the CYSS clients' activity group'.

She ignored the fact that she's not enough for jobs for people especially in the Western Suburbs.

The new guidelines in CYSS say that 'no job available and CYSS can't do anything about that'.

But there was still some point, because of what's going on in the hills. Getting out of their homes, giving them freedom, when Max and Tony tried to report on the results of a job meeting, and Addison tried to hand Max a letter giving him a sack.

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BEHIND THE LINES

ACTU SELLS OUT

THANKS to a display of its own strength, the ACTU has been able to force the Government to accept its demands for a 10 per cent wage increase. It has also won the right to set its own agenda for the next few weeks. This is a significant achievement for the union.

The ACTU's success is due to its ability to mobilize its members and to its strategic use of public opinion. It has shown that it is not just a collection of shop stewards but a powerful force in its own right.

The union's success has also led to a change in the way the Government views unions. It is now more likely to negotiate with them rather than trying to force its will through legislation.

Stewards vote for a fight

A Jarring crowd greets Fraser at the Melbourne Hilton two days after the Budget

After the initial burst of outrage against Fraser, shop stewards rallied in Melbourne to work out further action against the Budget. The Trades Hall Council, on behalf of all unions, proposed to convene an ACTU meeting to discuss the proposed action.

The first, paid for by John Gorton and the AWSU, aimed for weekly half-day general strikes.

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4,000 RALLY

POLICE BUST UP PUNK DANCE

The campaign of mass defiance against Queensland's right to branch laws got another boost on August 21.

4000 Trade unionists and supporters protested against the Budget and state government policies.

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Even the weaker sections of the ruling class were unhappy with the Budget. They are waiting to see what the Government does next.

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"Give us a clarification call"

But all that Bob Hawke did was to go back up to the Arbitration Commission, promising to try his defence against the Government's proposals.

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Tenants fight on

HOUSING Commission tenants in Melbourne are still fighting the state government on two fronts.

Tenants in Kensington who fight against higher rents have reported in the last fortnight have now received an answer from the Gas and Fuel Corporation following their demonstration at its headquarters.

DEFEND THE 10

TEN PEOPLE face grave police charges at a result of the march on the Sydney Stock Exchange.

Two workers face charges that they did over \$6,000 worth of damage. These charges are frame ups.

These militants must be defended.

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Shown: Cops hot on demonstrators at the Sydney Stock Exchange. But they couldn't stop the damage. Above that: Top High: ACTU junior vice president Jim Routledge addresses the Melbourne rally.

The great Stock Exchange crash

The most spectacular demonstration against the Budget came in Sydney.

About 10,000 gathered to hear Neville Wran and Bob Hawke. They were angry at the Government's policies and the way they were being handled.

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WHITE COLLAR WORKERS REBEL

ONE of the big signs from the Budget struggle was the large number of white-collar workers who joined the ACTU.

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LIBERALS RIG URANIUM CONTRACT

FRASER's campaign to mine and export uranium faces a crucial test this coming week.

On September 19-21, the Northern Lands Council will meet to discuss the tentative agreement reached between their negotiator and the government.

Public Servants take a stand

In April this year Public Servants Against Unions Meeting (P.S.A.U.M.) was organized in Canberra.

The group consists of Public Servants concerned about unionism who want to do something about it.

STOP THE WHITEHOUSE TOUR!

MELBOURNE:
Anti-Whitehouse Public Meeting Sat. Mon 11 Sept.
1988 building Melbourne Sports College
Courtroom demonstration at Whitehouse Rally Tom.
Sun 17 Sept at Festival Hall

SYDNEY:
Counter demonstration before Whitehouse rally
10am, Sat 23 Sept, Town Hall Square
Whitehouse Rally scheduled for Sun, Sunday 24
Sept at Town Hall

WOMEN'S

Mary Whitehouse, Britain's self-appointed Women-in-Chief, started out fifteen years ago when she was already a grey-haired grandmother.

At her first public appearance, she wore a hat decorated with plastic lilies of the valley. Today she still bears an unenviable resemblance to Edna Everage.

Mary Whitehouse mostly campaigns against the TV portrayal of sex and violence. She formed the Women and Liaisons Association (VALA) in Britain in 1964.

VALA's aim was 'to promote the moral and religious welfare of the community by opposing all materialist, secularist and materialist Christian influences in broadcasting.'

VALA has won damages from the Daily Mail and from John Wright, the writer of the TV show 'The Devils in the Den'. Mary Whitehouse organised a 'strong protest against a line in a sitcom which called God a 'tummy bandaid'.

In 1971, Mary Whitehouse, Malcolm Muggeridge, Cliff Richard and others held a rally of over 50,000 people to form the Festival of Light in Britain.

Last year, Mary Whitehouse brought a private prosecution against Gay News for publishing a homosexual poem about Peter. The editor was convicted of blasphemous libel, which makes blasphemy a criminal offence. This controversial law hasn't been used for 150 years. Most recently, she has won a successful campaign against child pornography. Here, of course, she had backed an issue where most people, including

A special report by Janey Stone

socialists, are in agreement. But for Mary Whitehouse, the issue of protection of children is just a convenient excuse. She and her friends are using moralistic and emotive arguments to organize a man, rightwing parliamentarian Mackinnon.

Their real aim is to smash plans made by the women's and gay movements - such as an equal rights bill, the Equal Rights Act and her friends are using moralistic and emotive arguments to organize a man, rightwing parliamentarian Mackinnon.

For example, Mary Whitehouse protests against the famous TV drama 'Nasty, Naughty Boys'. This was a serious depiction of the devastating effect of homelessness on a family life - the very thing Whitehouse says she is outraged about.

All she could say was that the program 'showed adult workers in a bad light'.

"When the history of this century is written, they will look back on the 1960's and 1970's as an aberration, a return to a pre-Christian age, a return to pre-civilization."



Gay Rights demonstrators outside the court during Mary Whitehouse's successful blasphemy case against 'Gay News' in Britain.

Their cry of 'moral pollution' makes life safer for the taking class. Today, Mary Whitehouse is gaining in influence. Reporters ring her daily for comment - she makes great controversial copy. The head of British Parliamentary subcommittee on broadcasting, Lord Amery, says, 'I have considerable respect for Mary Whitehouse.'

Mary Whitehouse is a clever woman, and a professional agitator. In debate she knows how to avoid difficult

Thoughts of Chairman Mary

On Opponents of Censorship:
"A degree of censorship is absolutely vital in a free society."
"I think this type of reader has a child attitude - if I want something I must have it."

On Homosexuality:
"The greatest danger, especially to the young, is that we come to accept as normal what is in fact exceptional and vital."
"What is wrong with it is that you deprive the young of becoming mature people with heterosexual partners."

On Sexuality:
"You don't want all the bedroom door open."
"There is something very wonderful about keeping oneself a virgin, making one's virginity a gift to the man one loves."
"Pornography destroys marriage."

On Religion:
"If you destroy the church, you destroy the moral standards and the values and negate Christian standards. Society will collapse - without the moral law you cannot have a stable society."



Peddling a phoney myth of the family

Because the man's was to be regular, the family comes down to the 1950's, the year of the family they had in mind.

Daddy goes to work every day with a small wife and a small child. Mommy stays home with a small and a broom. The children, John and Mary, play with the dog Spot and the dog Spotter. That's the way it was.

Let's have some fun! Moment whether such a family is really happy or desirable. Mary Whitehouse likes to pretend this is the 'permitted' way of life.

And she appeals to the people who yearn for a 'good old day'.

But families that really only existed for a short time during the economic boom of the 1950s.

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A FESTIVAL OF REPRESSION ...

"Mary Whitehouse is a lightbulb!"
So goes the Festival of Light, who are sponsoring her one candidate "Bill a Queen for Christ". At his one man last here in 1973, she helped set up the Festival of Light. This time, they hope to use her for their own purposes - the campaign for TV censorship that has been so successful in Britain.

Moralists, puritans and women in general are organized in an interlocking chain of groups, all dedicated to the same thing.

Officially they aim at "the moral standards and the values and negate Christian standards. Society will collapse - without the moral law you cannot have a stable society."

They are not up against small groups of many liberals. They are fighting tightly organized groups who want to preserve the authoritarianism of capitalism, and will use whatever force is necessary to do so.

Slow motion, they want to turn them into a militant mass movement, and our leaders have to be aware of this.

... that we've been fighting for 100 years



Margaret Sangster sitting for 'Birth Control Reversal' in the streets of New York in 1915.

The fight against the Mary Whitehouse and for personal sexual liberation is not a new one.

Ever last century, there was a major movement in Britain against repressive Victorian legislation.

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YES, "JIMMIE BLACKSMITH" IS RACIST

Dear Battlers,
 I am sorry to hear that you are not reading "Jimmie Blacksmith". It is a novel which should be read by every worker who is interested in the struggle between labour and capital.

The author, Mark Twain, is a white man, and he is a racist. He is a racist because he is a white man and he is a racist because he is a white man.

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What We Stand For

Workers Power
 The struggle for workers power is the struggle for the abolition of the wage system. It is the struggle for the abolition of the wage system.

Revolution
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Smashing the Capitalist State
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Internationalism
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Full Quality and Liberation
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Revolutionary Party
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Workers and Share Operation
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RETHINK YOUR OBJECTIVES

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PTC workers fight to save delegates

RANK and file Public Transport Commission (PTC) workers in Sydney are engaging a campaign of bans and stoppages in support of AWU delegates, Max Callaghan and Tony Perera.

As we reported in recent Batters, Max and Tony were taken to court for swearing at a Foreman.

PTC workers are also demanding the reinstatement of Max Callaghan who was dismissed for using offensive language.

Commenting on the reinstatement of Max Callaghan, AWU delegates said: "The PTC is determined not to give any more jobs to Max Callaghan."

By Janet Vaux
back because they want to impose their authoritarian form of discipline on the workers' rights. The PTC is prepared to waste its money on a strike.

BETRAYAL AT GMH

TWENTY four GMH members look like they will lose their jobs in the GMH award campaign.

Holdings have been made in the award campaign and seeking written agreement to be involved in industrial action.

While all the other unions in the award campaign have accepted the new award, GMH workers are not accepting it. They believe they should be in the same position themselves in the future.

But the rank and file PTC workers are supporting Max and Tony because they realize they could be in the same position themselves in the future.

Strike for better deal

"BUGGER those bleeding capitalist pigs down in the office... they're worried about losing their pockets and now I'm worried about mine."

They want what any worker would ask about the bosses at the Thrusbury strike at Bradford Keady from Pam Townsend

It was quite obvious, partly because it was raining and people had trouble hearing and understanding what was going on. The strikers didn't help much. They weren't too sure of their own proposal.

One worker said "I've come out to work and go back to work and go into the hands of the boss."

ONE-HEADED FOR A STORM

THEY said they were fighting the others... they said they were fighting the others... they said they were fighting the others...

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PUT THIS IN YOUR PIPELINE AND SMOKE IT

"WE've got to strike while the iron's hot. If we give the bosses another week, they will think we are prepared to wait for ever."

The men working on the Silverwater to Botany Bay (SBB) Pipeline decided to stay on the job for the two days it would take the bosses to look at their job of dams.

The job has been going for 6 weeks and is progressing quite quickly. Workers complained "we'd have to go our own way... we'd have to go our own way... we'd have to go our own way..."

The job is to be ready to start in the next few weeks.

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The men are not behind with protective rejection. Instead they are given little wages, which is not what they had expected.

The quality control of the work is not what they had expected. They had expected a better job.

As if they would fall for the same old same old.

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MEMBERS of the Fire union at Resch's brewery have again managed to beat the bosses.

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TRAWERS GIVE BIGGS THE BOOT

PAUL Krutulis may be dead — but his scabby spirit lingers on. Barbara Biggs, a new recruit 21 years old from Queensland, has decided to try and break the Traways Union in Melbourne by refusing to join. And 1,000 trawlers are out for a week to make sure she fails.

Biggs, who came to Melbourne from Sydney a little over a month ago after extensive time in Japan, says she has "democratic rights" but to join a union.

But one angry trawler said at Monday's meeting: "What about the rights of those thousands of workers who refuse to work with a scab?"

Biggs claims that "even if someone did completely accept the union, it would keep this strength of support needed to join." Maybe she should and that is the thousands of workers who already have their strike understood by staff.

And in Tom Kelly, the anti-union deputy who refused to work with Biggs in the first place, was at the first meeting.

"She's prepared to take what she wants, but she's not prepared to help help help help."

Barbara Biggs wanted the man in charge to tell her "no" even though she said "no" to the scab.

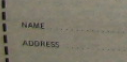
But when union secretary John Kelly asked if she'd accept the meeting, she said "no".

She says everyone knew her opinion — she's been on the front pages of every paper for days.

But Barbara Biggs is a woman for more powerful rights than what is usually granted to women who want to work in a competitive industry.

She's already admitted she has initiated the aid and the People Action Committee.

She's prepared to take what we've won



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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS



By Nicola Catesby

support

When the Brunswick trawlers came out in Kelly's support, the Trawways think executive said to keep the dispute confined to Brunswick.

But they were found out when the workers at the depot, as strongly as they could, told Harper from the back of the room.

"I'm not a scab, but I'm not a Communist Party member either."

"So the Brunswick trawlers should support them."

By the time the stop work meeting occurred on September 4, most trawlers wanted action — this was shown by the record attendance of about 1500.

It was not only the Trawways who were outraged, but also the Brunswick workers should feel that way.

But the political climate then, that most workers should support them.

But now active proposals were put by the rank and file.

One was that Tom Kelly should be allowed to work for one and for all.

Another was that the ATIA be allowed to join the ATIA.

Others wanted a total stoppage until Biggs either joined the union or left. It was argued at the stop work that she's also being backed by the ATIA.

"The ATIA is a disgrace of the union officials," said Harper, told the meeting, "and every one of our most participants. It's our job."

Bill Donnelly from Donnelly's report for a strong stand.

"We're going to look for support from other workers," he said, "we're going to go to it by backing off today."

And the union may well need this help. Biggs has been a bit more than Paul Krutulis — she has obtained the conspicuous objectives committee.

In the end, the meeting threw out the executive recommendation to confine the dispute to Brunswick Depot.

They voted to go out until Biggs either joined the union or was asked (preferably the latter).

Which really gave the ATIA a bit more of a headache, and are manipulated by militant Communist Party members.

But if it was such a great victory — how come the substantial minorities of the membership voted against the deal?

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Brunswick trawmer workers prevent scab Barbara Biggs (centre) from entering the depot to start work

ATIA hang up

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By Alec Kahn

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One care call it

A Battler Special Report

LES Hosking died on September 14. His death was another of the Silent Murders. Les was killed by the lack of safety and the shoddy cutting that Platers' Australian industry.

Of course, that wasn't the official reason for his death. The story that went out to the Press was that a wall had "accidentally" collapsed on him.

Les Hosking had worked for the Victorian Government Housing Commission as a construction worker for 20 years. He was sixty-one and looking forward to a well-earned retirement.

Les and his workmates were in a construction crew — at the Watt Meadows estate in the northern suburbs of Melbourne.

They had long complained about the shoddy materials that they were being given.

On September 14, they were erecting flats, bolting prefabricated concrete walls together.

One of the walls was the wrong size. The crew noticed it — but in trying to fix it into position, bolts were loosened in the wall and fell on Les.

Mr Eileen Hosking, Les Hosking's daughter-in-law, told The Battler that a similar accident had happened a year ago in Bendigo. Another worker was killed.

She said that the flat had been "a total shambles from the beginning. The floor wasn't aligned and all the steelwork was crooked."

Now the Victorian Government Housing Commission has tried to

cover up the facts of the accident. "Les" workmates stopped work when he was killed and stayed off the job the next day as well.

The Housing Commission moved to another gang, without telling them of the accident, to rebuild the wall and remove any evidence of this negligence.

A television news report on Channel 9 the night of the accident, claimed that the wind had blown another wall on the one which fell, causing the accident.

Eileen Hosking says that the wall which fell was a steel wall and that none of the workers on the site had mentioned the wind in talking what happened.

She said, "I know just what they thought was trying to make it look like a freak of nature."

We truly had a number back to the Westgate Bridge disaster to understate the real reason for so many industrial accidents.

skipping

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One of the ten arrested at the Sydney Stock Exchange

Aust. worker held in Israel

FAWZI Khalid, a Palestinian-born Australian citizen, has been arrested in Israel. Khalid was arrested on his way to work at the Tel Aviv airport. He is being held without trial. The Australian Government is making every effort to get him home.

DOUG Jennings, the right wing Victorian State Parliamentarian expelled from the Liberal Party for disloyalty, has expressed a wish which just might finish off the Hamer Government.

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accused

Most of the politicians accused of direct participation in the Liberal Party's expulsion of Jennings have been named. The names are: ...

DOUG Jennings - spilling the beans on the Liberal Deal

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SUPPORT THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Build the defence campaign

TEN activists are on trial in Sydney for doing what every militant worker dreams of: confronting the bosses in their own den at the Stock Exchange. They were part of a peaceful, non-violent demonstration that took place on Monday 21st August.

The march was led by construction workers from the I.C.U. Builders site and included workers from many other unions and jobs. As a result of the incident in the Stock Exchange police arrested ten people, including union leaders, builders, labourers and students.

Two of those arrested Phil Lee, a student and ...

WGLBS

The Jennings pennings ... do they spell the end for Hamer?

by Dave Nadel

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Some of Jennings' accusations are ...

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The dole bludgeon gets worse

There will be a higher drop-out rate from the dole and more people will be frightened away from putting in an application which is one way of lowering the official unemployment figure.

Many people on the dole will be intimidated just by the prospect of attending interviews, let alone by the prospect of being interviewed. How many people are being interviewed? How many people are being interviewed?

THE FIGHT TO STOP URANIUM

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Will Donald duck on U-plant?



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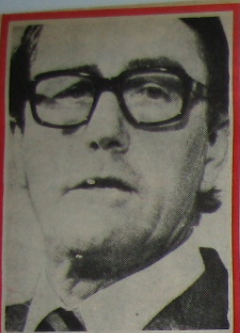
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Uranium Film
 "SENTENCE TO SUCCESS"
 A film about health hazards in the nuclear industry
 Adelaide, Trades Hall, South Terrace, Adelaide
 (In the meeting room adjoining the bar)
 7.30 pm, Wednesday October 11
 An important meeting for all trade unionists

Aurukun set-out
 BLACKS at Aurukun and Mornington Island were ...
 Department of Aboriginal and Island Affairs attempted ...
 It is urged against the construction of a uranium enrichment plant at Aurukun ...
 The mining companies who they need labour ...
 The same assumptions, we've got the chance to grab them both by the throat.

WRA... AND THE ALSO



Labor's Lib

The Labor election campaign has scarcely mentioned the Labor Party. It has revolved around Neville Wran's "Wran's own man".

Wran's personal influence has also been central in the two years of Labor state government.

He promoted an action and sweeping reform in 1976. But two years later he has done very little, and has become the man of "moderation and stability".

The truth is that Wran was never interested in reform, in an interview with the National Times in August 1976, he said frankly that what he was offering were "life style reforms which don't cost a great deal".

Wran has always been a conservative. A few years ago, when he was acting as lawyer for the Teachers Federation, he was asked for being too conservative. But it seems that the Police Association, for whom he also acted, had no complaints.

And he has many in his cabinet who are even more conservative than him. As State Secretary Richardson said, "There's a lot of people in the Wran cabinet with whom the Federal Light could find little or no argument. It's hard to argue that we're enemies of family life when you're arguing with Peter Cox, Kevin Stewart and Ron Malock."

EVERYBODY knew for weeks beforehand that Neville Wran was going to call an early election for October 7.

The thing that finally made up his mind was the Federal Budget.

That guaranteed the working-class anger which, together with the middle-class vote who has been so carefully cultivating, would make Wran a sure-fire winner in an early election.

It meant he wouldn't have to promise anything expensive and "economically irresponsible" to win votes. He could get re-elected simply by not belonging to the same party as Malcolm Fraser.

By Janet Vaux and Mick Armstrong

Wran has probably been even more successful than Donny Dunstun in South Australia when it comes to grabbing the "middle ground" in politics.

He has been such a picture of "moderation and stability" - to quote his election ads - that Labor's traditional enemy, the Press, has been right behind him.

And Wran has aggressively gone after the country vote with moves like the dropping of death duties.

All of this has squeezed the Liberals out of the middle ground and off to the right. Not that the ruling class - particularly minds that anyway.

Coleman's campaign has reflected the Liberal's desperation, as he frantically tries to appeal to right-wing sentiments.

establishment

Labor State Secretary, Graham Richardson, can even say, "We are the establishment."

It would take a revolution to knock us off."

The only thing that has had

THE NSW ELECTION: A chance to get back at Fraser



Labor is in any trouble has been the law-and-order issue.

The Liberals cleverly used the wander-provoked Long Bay prison riot and the attack on the Sydney Stock Exchange to paint Wran as "soft" on law-and-order.

defuse

But Wran has managed to defuse that one too by turning a blind eye to the recent police attacks on the gay movement.

Not that Wran has much inclination to crack down on the cops anyway - they've got too much dirt on prominent Labor politicians like Jackey, Jensen and Hill.

But while the first attack on the gays was probably an embarrassment for him, they're now at most certainly something he welcomes.

WHAT WE THINK

AN OVERWHELMING victory for the Wran Labor government will be a boost for every worker and union under attack from Fraser.

The NSW poll will be seen partly as a test of the Federal Government's popularity. Fraser and his Ministers obviously see it that way themselves - they have spent more time in Parliament attacking Wran than they have spent on any national issue.

The fact that Wran is trying to limit the campaign to state issues does not mean it will not be seen by tens of thousands as a chance to vote against the union-bashers and budget-cutters in Canberra.

The big upsurge in struggle among the Budget proves that the Australian working class is not lulled yet - not by a long shot.

A big defeat for the Liberals in the NSW elections will be another blow against Fraser. Together with the crumbling of the Harmer ministry in Victoria and the growing opposition to Bjelke Petersen in Queensland, it will add to the problems in the Liberal camp.

defeat

With Harmer facing a likely defeat in Victoria next year, Fraser will really start to look on the skids.

Seeing the Liberals' copy book likely nose could well speak an omen in industrial action - and not just in New South Wales. Workers all over Australia will be following this State election.

And all of us will draw confidence from seeing the Liberals getting smothered.

If Wran gains a big majority, and control of the Upper House, people's expectations will rise. He will have more of the excuse he had until now for doing nothing, and for letting the police run riot.

Wran will disappoint those expectations. And he will turn sharply on unions and strikers attacked by his victory. That is why voting Labor, is not enough.

What is desperately needed is a fighting alternative to the politics Wran represents. But a labor victory will provide one of the polls in which that alternative can grow.

Peter Who?

Peter Coleman is sure to lose the election - he may even lose his seat in parliament.

He's the man that nobody knows - while every school-children recognize Wran when they see him in the street. He's a talented parliamentarian who is nonetheless totally outclassed by Wran's performance on the floor.

Coleman is something of a crusader in right-wing circles. He's careful to keep his distance from the extreme right of the Liberty Party - like Ashley Kiddie and others who recently tried to take over the Rose Bay branch of the Liberal Party in the name of "the queen, the church, the judiciary and the services."

But he has fought hard for conservatism, to stem the tide of the new pornography. He battled against the influence of "communism" in the metropolitan movement, and got himself embroiled in a scandal about the use of ASD material in a projected newspaper.

When he couldn't make it in the recent Killy to Life Rally, in Sydney, he was concerned enough to send along a personal representative. Other shrewd politicians just went spooling.

Wran's record - backdown and betrayal



WHEN Neville Wran came to power in NSW in 1976, it was a time of rising prices and soaring unemployment.

It still is. And in the meantime, the Wran Labor Government has done precious little to ease the burden for NSW workers.

Like all Labor Governments, it has been trapped by the time discipline of the capitalist economy. The mask and mild reforms that Labor voters hoped for have mostly not occurred - victims of the world-wide recession and the setbacks of the Fraser Government.

But the NSW Labor Government's policies have made any attempt to fight the federal policies, or even to soften them - that from a cynically lined package of election promises.

Wran willfully went along with Fraser's decision to chop thousands of jobs in the Newcastle Docks. He even went so far personally to set things out when the workers tried to fish back.

In fact, Wran himself has more given much help to the struggle. He has been known to comment that increases in workers' wages in 1974 were too great.

members

A hospital workers' union, representing members of the government about the dispute, drop-back - in hospital employees' wages, reported. We got a good hearing from Strikers and Mills, but Wran and

The Liberal 'alternative' - we've seen before



Wran's record in action. ABOVE, arresting a gay night marcher. BELOW, getting stuck into a picket during the Fairfax strike.

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So pigs can fly

With cases that they are with pigs in short supply. It's nice to know it's really cheap to fly.

Roger Sencaubaugh Queensland



What We Stand For

Workers' Power... The value of power... the value of power... the value of power...

Revolution, not Reform... The revolution is not... the revolution is not... the revolution is not...

Smashing the Capitalist State... The state is a... the state is a... the state is a...

Internationalism... The international... the international... the international...

Full Equality and Liberation... For women, blacks... for women, blacks... for women, blacks...

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Strikes and File Organization... Workers need to... workers need to... workers need to...

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Dear Battlers,

STOP THE TORTURE AND HARASSMENT!

Dear Battlers, In Northern Ireland the... the value of power... the value of power...

The prisoners have... the prisoners have... the prisoners have...

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Don't be so negative

Dear Battlers, I thought the article... the value of power... the value of power...

China's no model for us

Dear Battlers, So your correspondent... the value of power... the value of power...

But that's exactly... the value of power... the value of power...

I suspect... the value of power... the value of power...

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Dear Battlers, Hitler, who used... the value of power... the value of power...

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Good politics, but this convict drama moves like it's wearing a ball-and-chain

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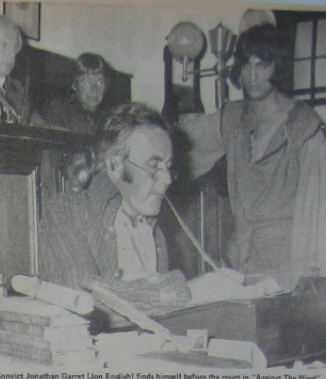
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Convict Jonathan Carr (Jon English) finds himself before the court in 'Against The Wind'.

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Computers vs Journals

THERE are signs that the newspaper companies have almost always sided with the printers in disputes over equipment, but now they are beginning a rethink.

At the Victorian branch annual meeting, the Australian Printers' Association said it would like to see the introduction of a new technology. The association is a member of the IATA.

The Victorian branch is not alone. In Queensland, the Queensland Printers' Association has also expressed interest in new technology. It is the need for such technology that has led to the formation of the IATA.

aims

One of the objectives of the IATA is to provide a forum for the printer and the publisher to discuss the use of new technology.

The IATA will also be concerned with the development of new technology. It will also be concerned with the development of new technology.

\$5 W/N-BUT AT A PRICE...

DISPUTE at the Silverwater Botany (State) pipeline is now over after a string of five lost work days by the welders, confusion and splits among the rest of the workforce.

Responsibility for the confusion rests with the union organisers who couldn't wait for the workers to back and had to take the matter into their own hands.

After the whole had been sorted out for less than a week a vote to back was taken at a ten minute meeting.

At later meetings there was an anger about this and a decision to stay at work was only narrowly won. It was only after the first shift on the start was a disappointing failure.

The welders, all AMSSU members, did not vote with the rest of the meeting, which was held by the AMSSU national policy committee work. This meant they would not rely on the support to win for them but would rely on the pressure in the bon with industrial union.

strategy
A lot of the men in other areas felt that the metalworkers' strike had to be supported, and also that the right strategy was needed. It was felt that the welders, who had worked in the pipeline, could be used as a lever to win support.

Daywork shifted by Fairfax
ENGINEERS and fitters at Fairfax have defied the company after a couple of short stoppages, on for 24 hours and the other for 48 hours.

The issue was the use of day-work fitting a production area which is normally on shift rates.

The long ending practice of fitting these areas at night was the subject of an Agreement before the Arbitration Commission in 1972.

MANAGEMENT at Bradford and Kendall's foundry in Sydney stopped to one of the most dirty risks when they sent threatening letter to the workers.

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Let's get rid of the sell-outs

and I will be informed as to how to get in to Trade Hall.

What's On?

ACEL THU 3 OCT
General Meeting of the Victorian Education Department.

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General Meeting of the Victorian Education Department.

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General Meeting of the Victorian Education Department.

BRIS WED 10 OCT
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Westmead workers washed out

San Brennan (left), one of the organisers who kept the workers in the dark, at the meeting at Trades Hall.

YOU can write a two-line story on this dispute, once again. The union leadership has done us in.

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LAST STRAW AT C

The John and Waygood workers on the LD prophane site had enough. They are on indefinitely.

Then the company decided to meet an agreement on wet weather and safety boots. On top of that, the company had the workers who had the safety boots.

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THE NEW GUNLINES

The Great Inflation Pay Robbery has got even worse.

The Arbitration Commission has decided to throw an extra \$100 million into the pot from partial wage indexation only once every six months.

By Alec Kahn

The increase must be one only way.

Some commentaries have been to say that a "sequity" or "equity" is for a while.

When you allow for the consumer price index, there are some who would like to see the index used to adjust the wages and to pay for the cost of living. It is the Arbitration Commission which is in control.

In the metal industry, for example, many claims have been made by workers to have their wages paid and demanding to get the "sequity".

The Arbitration Commission would do well to have these workers under its control.

Oil workers mount the first challenge

On the first day of the process workers, from one union to another.

The "sequity" claim is designed to do that. The idea is to pay workers to pay on a "sequity" cost case, instead of their own costs, to improve their lives.

Only now we'll have to prove to the judges that it is not just for better work, and that there's no other way.

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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

Maternity leave DON'T EXPECT MUCH, SAYS ACTU



Jan Marsh, the ACTU's industrial advocate. Why isn't the ACTU asking for paid maternity leave?

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STOP PRESS

41 picketers arrested

A MILITANT group of about five hundred picketers in Brisbane carried out a sit-in at the Brisbane office of the Queensland Government. The picketers were arrested by police.

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PTC TRICKS STALL

ON September 13, more than five hundred Public Transport Commission construction workers met in Sydney to support AWU delegates Max Callaghan and Tony Ferrer.

Max and Tony were arrested and charged with using obscene language by cops, who came on to the Sydney Eastern Suburbs Railway site after a job site meeting. Max has also been charged.

The P.T.C. workers, all A.W.U. members, were in force. But union officials wanted to see that no action came out of the meeting.

Early in the meeting, the A.W.U. began to negotiate a Committee pay for a motion, with a number of points, including a call for the change of the contract.

But when you read the first part of the meeting, the A.W.U. was not in a position to do anything.

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PTC FIGHT

PTC workers meeting to discuss the campaign against the arrest. But tricks by the officials prevented any action.

At least he'd become aware of the occupation. Most of the T.P.C. and A.W.U. representatives had a delegation of representatives of the railway union to see the Commission. Max and Tony were invited to meet.

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Pan (centre) and supporters picket the Mudgee Restaurant.

SACKED - because she didn't wear make-up!

I had a job as a lunch waitress in the Mudgee restaurant in Mudgee, Sydney. This restaurant specialises in "businessmen's lunches".

That is, it caters to suited gents who can indulge in two hour meals and charge it up on their American Express cards.

I am always clean and neat and even the boss said I was a good worker. This was obviously not enough.

They wanted me to parade around in make up and panders to the businessmen's taste for a "real woman" should look like.

It should be a matter of personal choice what I do with my face. Make up certainly doesn't affect the quality of the service.

Because I was employed as a casual waitress, I was not entitled to any notice.

Myself and fifty friends stayed at the picket outside the restaurant on Friday 13th.

The owners didn't show us what hit them. They called the cops and had us arrested several times.

We managed to convince a few customers not to go in and eat the "Mudgee Food".

Eventually one of the owners came out and said "You've done your bit. Go home now."

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CRUMBLING IN THREE STATES

"The crunch point will come in Victoria. Dick will get mauled ... but the question is the degree of it. If he's badly mauled, the unrest could become potentially more dangerous."

That was how an unnamed Federal back-bencher described the feeling in the Liberal party since the NSW elections.

The Liberals are worried. And they have good reason to be.

In NSW they have received a record swing. They leader, Peter Coleman was unceremoniously sacked out. Political commentators are predicting a return of Labor.

It is now one week later and it still hasn't got my, despite going back four times to get it!

When I realised that they were trying to get off without paying me.

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CAGEO defies vote for action

By Peter Elliott, ACOA

WHILE collar union officials are defying a vote by rank-and-file members for action against the Federal Budget.

On 31 August, the Victorian CAGEO (Council of Australian Government Employees Organisation) called a mass meeting at the Melbourne Town Hall to protest against the budget.

The meeting went beyond the official protest and called for four hour stoppages in conjunction with mass meetings in Melbourne.

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THE LIBERAL CRACK

Between the Lines

AFTER North's first bid in 1971, the Liberal Party had to find his confidence in the fact that he was a public relation man.

All the while the election has been a success because of a proposal to build a nuclear power station in Cape Horn.

It will announce to the appropriate Communist propaganda but the details behind the scenes.

WELL, now we've had two years of it. The Liberal Party has made this one before the 1971 election. It was the 700 million dollar bid to build a nuclear power station in Cape Horn. It was the 700 million dollar bid to build a nuclear power station in Cape Horn. It was the 700 million dollar bid to build a nuclear power station in Cape Horn.

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DEFEND THE

TEN PEOPLE face grave police charges as a result of the march on the Sydney Stock Exchange.

Two workers face charges that they did so \$6,000 worth of damage. These charges in frame up.

These militants must be defended. Resolutions of support, money and often assistance should be sent to:

Stock Exchange Ten Defense Fund
P.O. Box 8
Newtown South, NSW 2042

Knox knocked off

AFTER a year of rumbling the volcano has erupted. The Queensland Liberal party has finally rejected its lack-lustre leader, Bill Knox.

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And then there is unemployment. It is not a new problem. It has been a problem for many years. It is not a new problem. It has been a problem for many years.



Sacked for telling the truth

A trustee (teacher) was sacked from an school and almost out of her course, in Sydney last week.

Her crime? She dared to answer questions from kids about what life is like in the inner city.

Christie Cromer was told and 'Marxist' (sic) 'we are part of our class' and 'we are part of our class'.

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Evicted - on 15 mins notice

A Federal housing project that can evict tenants at a week's notice - and recently used the cops to evict a group of tenants with only fifteen minutes notice.

This is the situation in the Circle Estate in Sydney, where a group of tenants were evicted from their houses on the grounds that they were 'trespassing'.

The Circle Estate office and Commercially owned flats are being taken over by the State.

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The Petrov Affair in 1954 - ASIO's greatest exploit. LEFT: Petrov gets into the car of G.R. Richards, Deputy-General of ASIO, to finalize details of his defection. CENTRE: A distressed...

...as he crosses the tarmac of Mascot Airport by Russian officials.

RIGHT: A demonstrator grapples with a Russian official as they board the plane.

NOT SO JOE SERVICE

THE Whitlam Labor government really sacked ASIO Director-General Peter Barbour in 1975 because the KGB had 'penetrated' ASIO.

No claims Richard Hall in his new book 'The Secret State: Australia's Spy Industry'.

Probably most people know that information from the book and so forth.

By Rob Albert

In 1954, the capital of Chile. He asked them to do a... despite the fact that he... ASIO chief at the time of the Petrov Affair, Charles Derry. Below: Major William Thornby Bridges, Australia's first spy in 1903.

New book's revelations blow the cover of ASIO

of the new government are believed to have been received about... ASIO although some of the... of the House of Representatives were not then being provided.



The US spy base at North West Cape

power
But according to an ASIO lawyer, the Act establishing ASIO enabled it to tell the government wherever it pleased and that Murphy had no jurisdiction or power over the organisation.
Since the ASIO act of 1956, it has been the done thing to 'vet' everyone entering the Commonwealth Public Service between 1970 and 1974, an average of 60,000 people a year were checked for security clearances.
Besides obvious activities like involvement in left wing political groups or movements like the Vietnam Movement, people can be caught out by having the wrong workmates, friends or relatives, going back as far as two generations.
A university graduate was knocked back for a Department 1972 because of involvement in schoolboy demonstrations.
Herald Holt attacked a schoolboy who refused to do a cadet service by using an ASIO file on his mother.
Sometimes the vetting takes an extraordinarily long time.
Jim Stynes, now an Arbitration Court judge, had been working

in Industries of the World.
A departed by the Investigating of the Attorney Department in 1977.
The CIA became very jumpy about the possibility of the Labor government terminating the agreement for continuing Pine Gap and other US bases in Australia.
After all, according to Hall, 'The central concern of American foreign policy in relation to Australia has been the maintenance of its bases in this country.'
Without them, the American would be able to communicate with their Polish submarines, spy on French nuclear testing.
The Pine Gap base is particularly important because from 1971 onwards, it has been vital for the functioning of America's new spy satellites.
Hall takes a whole page to list in the briefest terms the army of international agents who infiltrated Canberra alone; at least 25 agencies and he knows how many agencies are spying on each other.
Hall is obvious that a whole international industry, spurred on by the CIA, has established a secret organisation to maintain its control of society.
Complaining that security agencies have 'got out of control' is hardly the point. Even when they're under control, it's they're attacking!
Suspecting that ASIO can be reformed into something ineffective or even 'socially useful' - as Hall does, to justify the Army - it shows that Hall - as thousands of other Labor Party reformers - does not understand the true nature of the capitalist state.
Security organisations, but like the police, the courts and the machine, are deeply repressive instruments of capitalist class rule. They are the iron fist behind the façade of parliament.
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We will never be safe from them until they are totally abolished, and we have established a workers' state to take their place.

between the two organisations. But ASIO cannot be abolished, because the executive would stand for it, as it is.
For him, there is a need to defend Australia's 'national interest' against groups who are disposed to violence. He lists:
The Worker - Student Alliance, because of its exposure of violence and quality as do the Nazi Party, the Christian Socialist Party, and perhaps the Palestinian because of potential PLO terrorist connections.
A telegram was fired off to ASIO (which said no Labor minister should be informed of the content) threatening to break off the intelligence pipeline between Australia and the US.
They didn't worry for long. Kerr sacked the government four days later.
The catalogue of security organisations have had behind-the-scenes contact with the CIA and SIS for decades.
In 1947, those links were formalised in the UKUSA Agreement, which also included Canada and New Zealand. Links have also been maintained with South Africa's Bureau of State Security among others.
The catalogue of spy satellites, international electronic eavesdropping, and 'friendly' nationalism and set-up new hidden agencies to spy on the same groups it always has?

WHAT WE THINK

RICHARD HALL'S book is a valuable catalogue of the range of dirty tricks and deception that the bosses use to spy on us.

But Hall himself cannot escape from the feeling common to much of the Labor Party that ASIO is a vast waste of money 'paying loony right wingers to hunt loony left wingers, which by Hall appears to mean everyone to the left of the parliamentary Labor Party'.

Hall's objection is that they victimise innocent people in the process - that is, people like Hall and other 'rational' ALP supporters.
It was doubtful people of his mind who narrowly defeated a motion at the 1971 ALP Federal Conference to have ASIO abolished.
Because despite his expose of ASIO, Hall accepts that some form of security is necessary to protect the 'national interest'.
But just whose interest is the 'national interest' in a capitalist society like Australia? Clearly the interest of the capitalist class.
The body of Hall's book is testament to the fact that in every nation the ruling class has established a secret organisation to maintain its control of society.
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ABOVE: ASIO chief at the time of the Petrov Affair, Charles Derry. BELOW: Major William Thornby Bridges, Australia's first spy in 1903.



Working equipment at North West Cape.

TELEWORKERS

NEWCASTLE and **GLASGOW** are Sydney area teleworkers who work a 10 to 4 week, six after a night two-day week.

The workers, members of the Transport and Allied Industries Union, have been asked to attend a meeting of the NSW Teleworkers Union, which is to be held on October 11 at the Sydney Convention Centre.

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Fio Young (left) and Veronica Fitter

Postal workers put on the heat

AS Spring temperatures edge up in Victoria, Postal and Telecom workers are voting to put the heat on industrial action.

About 75% of APTU members have answered Yes to a union survey calling for industrial action for a 10 day wage increase.

The last time we had one was back in 1973. Since then, a mail officer for example has had \$532 a year.

Following calls by both parties for a lunch time special meeting to discuss our wages and conditions down Spencer Street at Unley Hill.

Beer claims get a flat "No"

company won't even discuss a 10% wage increase. Meanwhile, the pubs are just about dry. They are asking for a 10% wage increase, but the beer is being sold at a 10% discount.

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The day a leading hand got out of hand...

PERHAPS the heading for this story should be "Don't overdo it" - had to hell with the workers." Of the two lines in production in the jam room at Henry Jones Food Processors, one is fully mechanised. The other is a mix of manual and mechanical. The workers operate the manual line. The mechanised machine has all the workers and the manual line has only a few. The workers are being asked to attend a meeting of the NSW Teleworkers Union, which is to be held on October 11 at the Sydney Convention Centre.



APF Botany workers gather to collect their pay at the factory.

APF BOTS PUT ON THE HEAT

Rheem hot up

A MASS meeting of workers at Rheem Australia (Belconnen, Qld) has decided to launch a campaign for a wage increase.

The recent horrific budget brought down by the Fraser government was seen by the workers as a further indication of the working class standard of living, in order to maintain the wealthy in the style to which they are accustomed.

W&W workers stand firm

Printers face sack

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Nobby's Nuts refuse to shell out

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AWAKE AGAINST OH!

"THERE will be no march. If they are out to make trouble, they must expect that the law will be upheld...."

So says Queensland premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen about the coming Civil Liberties march on October 30.

True it is true, his government will be spending almost a thousand police in the streets of Brisbane to make sure there is no trouble. George, George, Luke, George from Queensland, will lead the march which starts at 3.30 pm in the City Square.

Attend
George is the main instigator of the march, and large numbers of ALP members are expected to attend. This is an important step forward. Since the march has some 3000 members of the ALP has rebuffed Petersen's mounting opposition.

But up till now, Labor leaders have refused to draw their opposition to a 60% now oppose march ban

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March on October 30

Since the Civil Liberties campaign first took Bjelke's power, Queensland has been rocked by scandals after scandal. The small, of occupation hangs very heavily over the National Party.

And, the Liberals have just dumped Bill "Spooks" Knox as leader.

Bjelke-Petersen is now poised to bring in "Right to Work" legislation to protect jobs. If Bjelke-Petersen (read also the Zaphir Case in Queensland last year see any guide) his attack on closed shops will produce an angry work-increase response.

The Civil Liberties movement has already commenced its new attack with the right-speech law. They are both part of a general drive against union and democratic rights.

If Bjelke-Petersen (read also with his sack legislation) he could easily spurn off a movement that will not only smash the "Right to Work" laws, but the march as well.

WHEN he first became Premier, Joh was seen as a prime ideal. From his party thought to end and break it up. Joh only won his seat as chairman of a voting bloc naturally.

Since then, Joh has become renowned for his dirty tricks. He uses the Liberal branch to collect dirt on his opponents. He has kept them in line.

Now since the election, and the beginning of the civil liberties campaign, Joh has dragged them from behind the scenes. Now, known as the Liberal, he has finally bitten the dust.



Is Queensland "different"?

A lot of people in Queensland argue that Queenslanders are somehow different.

That's why Bjelke-Petersen has been prime minister. They think that it's virtually impossible to get rid of him. But let's look at a few facts.

Australia is the most advanced country in the world - most of the population lives in a few capital cities. The rural population, traditionally a bastion of conservatism - is tiny.

This may be true so in Queensland - but not much. Nearly half the population of the state lives in Brisbane, and the figure is even higher if you include near Brisbane centres like Ipswich, Toowoomba and the South Coast.

Some of the larger factors in Australia are found in Queensland like the Gladstone shipping refinery.

But only just enough, the decline of the wool, the Labor party and the Communist Party. Labor governments rigned elections to Group country seats, and the backbenches.

Over 50% of the work force are in unions - that's higher than Britain's higher than the US. That's true in Queensland as well.



At civil liberties rallies there has been conspicuous strength in the Liberal party. Burns has been a vocal supporter of a "moderate" image - he was a moderate and wasn't dark skin.

While he's been seen there has been a state budget, a Liberal change of leadership and a re-election. In coming up in short order.

The question is, will he return - and will it make any difference?

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WHO ARE THE REAL BUDGERS?

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Which sounds rather like a normal day in the life of a great many workers (except they don't get a (one plane ride).

Langan was also at pains to point out that the payments were unusual, normally pensioners are "only" paid about \$300 a day for taking part - on top of their professional salaries.

All sounds very different from that of Social Security Department that most of us are familiar with.

The Department that begrudgingly hands out the miserable pensions known as the dole.

The Department that harnesses the unemployed - and was given

Wild scenes from the Brisbane meat-workers' picket, as cops make 45 arrests to get five exports through. For an eyewitness account - turn to page 12.

sector
Since 1966, manufacturing has been some percentage of the total sector. But manufacturing is not doing a good thing for job seekers. A company like IBM is powerful, its workers are powerful too. Unlike other workers have general power.

In fact the strength of the labor workers in a world threat to the stability of the Queensland government.

The heart of job's vital artificial in manufacturing industry, in power by right to elect.

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INSIDE: Hawke's business capers

\$500 a day - from the Social Security Department.

Sounds like a dream! But it was a dream come true - not for one of the 500,000 unemployed, but for two university academics.

The Department of Social Security told a Senate Committee that they paid Professor John Hare and a Professor Knowles \$500 a day each for lecturing their staff members.

The money was over and above their normal salaries, which are also paid by taxpayers.

They got \$750 for attending five management training conferences.

Knowles was paid \$1050 for a staff training conference over two days.

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Worker bashed in Israeli jail

FAWZI KHALID ALI, a Palestinian born Australian, was beaten up by Israeli custodians while held without trial for over two months.

Fawzi, a member of the AWPDS, was arrested when he went to visit his parents in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan. No reason was given, and he was not returned until October 15.

Fawzi told the press that while under interrogation by the Israeli secret police, he was threatened with a gun, and forced to stand for long periods with his hands behind his back and he had been covered in it.

It is possible that Fawzi was arrested because of his involvement in the Palestinian campaign in Israel. The Israeli government is keen on the activities of Palestinians in Israel.

As the Israeli ambassador to Australia said: "It is not found that people who are suspected of these things have been very helpful in demonstrating their loyalty to Israel."

Australian Embassy official.



Between the lines

The Bureau of the Line... the distribution of... the people behind the scenes... the Health Department...



GOOD ARGUMENTS AGAINST SOCIALISM No. 1

IT HAS been said on the... 177-letters... National Board of Health and Safety...

UNDER SOCIALISM THEY'RE MAKE US ALL THE SAME...

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Work out Hamer - the end is near

WHEN THE CRUNCH came it was worse than Hamer's worst enemies could have hoped.

Last month in the Victorian by-election for the Victorian state upper house seat of Ballarat, there was a 145-vote swing to the Liberal Government.

In the week before the by-election Labor began making excuses. Ballarat is a highly conservative area, where Labor has not done well even though national voting for Labor has risen to 59 per cent.

Part of the reason was the Frank Walker, Labor's controversial deputy, did not campaign well.

Who's the leader of the party? Hamer has certainly lost the seat. And he has every right to expect that his will be the next election which he will contest.

14% swing in Ballarat beats Libs

Adelaide women occupy

WOMEN from Mansfield Park Self Help Group in Adelaide have occupied a building due for demolition.

The women are fighting to get local premises for an unemployed youth centre and a women's shelter.

The concrete prefabricated classroom they are occupying was to be removed to make space for playing fields for the new 2500-bed community centre east door.

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Now We're Getting Somewhere!

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FOLLOWING the 288 arrests of the democratic rights rally in Brisbane on October 30, five hundred maritime men met at a network rally at Trades Hall on November 1.

They described it as the 'biggest meeting at the Trades Hall in years'.

As previous years, at the October 30th Queensland Labor Union George Grogan led the march to State Parliament.

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Hamer's Cabinet - more of the same

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NSW prisons - the bash goes on

THE NSW Corrective Services Department continues to avoid implementing the recommendations of the Nagle Report on the state's prisons.

The latest Cabinet decision to cut the women's prison at Long Bay at 1330 women for special sentencing in lock up with handicapped people, including pregnant women, by Steve Rathbone.

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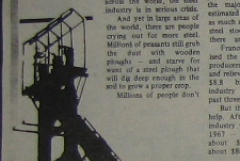
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FOR THE STEEL

IS there a steel glut?



Well, that's what they'd like to have us believe. There's no doubt that across the world, the steel industry is in serious crisis. And yet in large steel mills, there are people who would rather see a million tons of steel go to waste than see a single ton of it go to a proper use.

STEEL IS TRYING BLACKMAIL

The racist South African government is trying to use blackmail to avoid the threat of economic sanctions.

The Economic Affairs Minister, speaking in London, stated that South Africa would undertake the materials import from the Third World — thus pushing the underdeveloped countries to the edge of bankruptcy if sanctions were imposed.

The imposed threat of economic sanctions against South Africa because of South Africa's refusal to give up its "policy" of Apartheid in South Africa. The United States, France and West Germany have come up with a new plan — to hold UN super-legal elections after the South Africa poll. But once again, SWAPO has denounced the plan, and along with 41 African countries, has called for a meeting of the UN Security Council to consider economic action against the racist South Africa. The UN Security Council has agreed to the plan. The members decided to send a new ultimatum to the Government towards the Government of South Africa, which presumably would be about the same as the ultimatum of the Government's ultimatum. The ultimatum is to give up the apartheid system. If the Government does not give up the apartheid system, the UN will impose economic sanctions against South Africa. The ultimatum is to give up the apartheid system. If the Government does not give up the apartheid system, the UN will impose economic sanctions against South Africa.

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But in 1974, the price of steel fell sharply. In fact, it fell below the cost of production. The steel industry is now in a state of crisis. Demand for steel has fallen sharply. Profits are down. The steel industry is now in a state of crisis.

The British industry has about 14,000 jobs at risk. In France, it's the cutting of 10,000 more jobs — on top of the 16,000 already planned to go.

But that probably won't be the end of it. The British industry was nationalized in 1967 — and is now being sold for \$160 million. In Sweden, the industry has now set up a 75% share in the industry.

Spain's steel industry is again to be more efficient. It relies on exports. Due to price controls, particularly in Europe, it has had to build back. This means that out of a steel producing capacity of 10 million tonnes, only 10 million tonnes is used.

Meanwhile the American industry is only working at two-thirds of its capacity. The steel industry in the United States has 12,000 jobs at risk. In the last three months of 1977, the world economy went through a recession.

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When the Colonels' dictatorship was overthrown in Greece, the methods didn't disappear with them. The last twelve months have seen a steady increase in government attacks on workers' rights.

Yannis Serris is a metal worker who was active in the struggle against the military dictatorship. The Junta had him on their list of labor law violators. He was a member of an underground resistance group. He was a member of an underground resistance group.

Under a government desperate to put a stop to industrial action, Serris was shot dead for a crime he didn't commit. He was a member of an underground resistance group. He was a member of an underground resistance group.

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BARBERS SHUT ENTRIES PHANTOM

WASN'T there a lot of fuss about QANTAS helping the Syrian government put a ban on Jews flying through Syria? And so it might be. After all, bans against anyone just on the basis of race are reactionary.

On October 15, it was QANTAS apparently denied entry to London by Syria. QANTAS had stopped flying to London by Syria. QANTAS had stopped flying to London by Syria.

Senator Baume went as far as to accuse QANTAS of "commercial hostility". The matter ended. But one small point was almost overlooked by the press in the while after.

Early on October 18, they tried to fly to Syria. They were denied landing. They were denied landing. They were denied landing.

THE relocation of the Queen Victoria Hospital from the centre of Melbourne to the outskirts of Clayton is a headache for the Hamer government.

It recently they announced their latest plan — get an American company to build it. The plan was to build it. The plan was to build it.

Business hospitals have not, up to now, been in the USA. The plan was to build it. The plan was to build it.

HCA has more than 100 hospitals in the USA. The plan was to build it. The plan was to build it.

Mr Nixon President Assad found out that Zinat was in the area. The plan was to build it. The plan was to build it.

When challenged on this question, Assad said that he had no objection to the plan. The plan was to build it. The plan was to build it.

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Here's what's wrong with union businesses

WAS the original idea behind Bourke's and ACTU Enterprises a good one?

It is an accidental oversight. It is a deliberate policy. ACTU Enterprises explained as a business in 1973.

What about the workers at Bourke's? What did they gain out of the deal? The Federal Secretary of the Shop Assistant Union expressed Bourke's as an immediate financial reward for workers, a "five-day week" and conditions in advance of those the industry didn't have. Naturally it didn't happen. Conditions for the workers at Bourke's are still not adequate. The store makes a small profit each year. Bob Dyrk, Shop steward at Bourke's, told the Battler: "I'd just like working for a normal store under normal conditions. Bourke's are still on a forty-hour week. Apparently the ACTU doesn't even take to 35-hour week policy annually."

That is not accidental oversight. It is a deliberate policy. ACTU Enterprises explained as a business in 1973. The concept later in making retail purchases only made sense, unless you had a different definition of membership. It was not intended to be a financial reward for workers, a "five-day week" and conditions in advance of those the industry didn't have. Naturally it didn't happen. Conditions for the workers at Bourke's are still not adequate. The store makes a small profit each year. Bob Dyrk, Shop steward at Bourke's, told the Battler: "I'd just like working for a normal store under normal conditions. Bourke's are still on a forty-hour week. Apparently the ACTU doesn't even take to 35-hour week policy annually."

The idea that workers, by putting their money into a venture of their own, would present a challenge to the boss, is not even that new. In 1976, ACTU Bourke's put their staff to work through the Melbourne strike. Hardly an inspiring example to the rest of the nation. One of the worst things about the deal was that they offer no discounts for union members. Any non-union card comes in off the street and get low priced goods there, submitted by the ACTU.

Most common occurrence is in the selling of the goods. A trade association of the showrooms of these shops place a five year age on the stock at the Brunswick store.

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The messy saga of ACTU Enterprises

THE ACTU's lobby into the world of big business was born in a blaze of publicity. Bob Hawke's unannounced announcement in November 1970 that the ACTU had acquired a 50% share in Bourke's discount store in Melbourne created an instant furore. Everywhere where he was capable. The executive director of the NSW Retail Traders Association was typical. "Over a range of about 170 articles, more were cheaper at Bourke's, some cheaper at other stores, and the rest about equal in price. But, as the months went by, doubts and questions started to grow. The ACTU Executive maintained a shroud of secrecy over the profits at Bourke's and the director fees. Most of the early officials themselves. They were best placed to hear the rumours going around that the Bourke's store was not doing well.



Right winger Jack Egerton - former ACTU representative.

When Bob Hawke and Sir Peter Abeles announced in late 1972 that the ACTU was going into retail, the ACTU was going into retail. The extent to which these ventures are exact workers is minimal. Even though the ACTU has a 50% share in Bourke's, it does not provide any form of solution on a permanent basis to the problems of Australian workers. Jack Egerton argued, "If we become involved in economic enterprises, profit becomes the motive and the traditional trade union work becomes secondary." And the right wing Federal Clerk Union moved at the 1973 ACTU Congress that any enterprise undertaken or sponsored by the ACTU should be based on a cooperative principle and not on a capitalist structure. Despite the criticism, the 1973 Congress did support the retail venture. Bob Hawke also announced to the 1973 Congress that the Labor Government would make cheap John Halpin of the Victorian practically no response - maybe two inquiries among the 56,000 members in this State. In the first two years, the scheme lost \$200,000. The ACTU established a Leisure Club in conjunction with New World Travel. They claimed it had potential membership of two million. Two years after it was independent service station



Bob Hawke with Bourke's chief Lionel Revelman (centre) when ACTU Bourke's opened in January 1971. Response from unionists was established, its membership stood at 4693. An independent publishing company run by a Mr Ken Stephens printed 350,000 copies of a Leisure Club magazine in colour. Stephens told the Battler in 1975 that most of those were still lying around union offices, undistributed. Under the ACTU Travel setbacks, Bob Hawke next turned to petrol retailing. In 1974, with four other

What you like it or not, if you're a unionist then you're a shareholder ACTU Enterprises. So it's about time you got a decent report on what's going on in the ACTU's little business empire.

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A REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

by Alec Kahn

Price Check

How do prices at Bourke's compare? The Battler did a random spot check of a few articles from Myer's which we found:

	Bourke's	Myer's
Vulcan Tangi 3 heater	44.00	\$2.50
Melbourne clock	22.14	29.85
Withshire cook's knife	30.10	34.00
Japan rocker armbar	10.85	14.95
Start dismount	159.00	205.00
Kodak instamatic 7B camera	5.75	7.25
Black and white camera	15.20	20.00
Betty Crocker angel food cake mix	2.47	16.00
Elek cooler (email)	1.99	4.25
Sunbeam 2000 blender	2.70	27.00
Roman cigarette lighter (various items)	53.90	52.00
Krups automatic folding umbrella	9.86	9.95
	18.60	25.50

These results confirm the surveys done years ago, which showed that Bourke's was usually cheaper than its competitors. On the other hand, they also suggest that Bourke's does not achieve one of its major aims - forcing other retailers to reduce their prices. So if you live in Melbourne and you are bothered making the three extra blocks to shop at Bourke's, you'll probably make a few savings. On the other hand, if you work there, if you live outside Melbourne, then Bourke's is no value to you at all.



Yoram Medal, Histadrut president and head of its business empire, with Israeli PM Begin.

Hawke's ideal - the Histadrut

BOB Hawke's ideas about ACTU Enterprises are largely inspired by the Israeli trade union movement, the Histadrut. The Histadrut owns industries generating 13% of Israel's gross national product and employing 24% of the workforce. Hospitals, newspapers, medical clinics, banks, the Histadrut has them all. It owns Soltz Boneh, Israel's largest building contractor, and has major interests in electronics, cement and tyres. Not surprisingly, the Histadrut is also one of the most bureaucratic labour movements in the world. In fact, it operates more as a trade union of the State than as a trade union. In 1975, 80% of Israeli workers were without a strike, taking place against Histadrut rules. The Histadrut only built its empire because it got to the ground floor, when Israeli capitalism started in 1948. The ACTU, by contrast, has given a handful years in Israel's Australian capital.

Presently, this is the sort of bureaucratic travesty that Bob Hawke wants to create for Australia as well. Fortunately he won't succeed. The Histadrut only built its empire because it got to the ground floor, when Israeli capitalism started in 1948. The ACTU, by contrast, has given a handful years in Israel's Australian capital.



Sold out by the Histadrut - budgeted Israeli workers come home after spending four long hours for three weeks during a mid-winter strike in 1975.

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ACOA's one day of the year

The Annual General Meeting of ACOA got off to an auspicious start in Sydney last month.

It was a day of half a century, if not a full one, for the institution of 30 to be recalled.

The formal, but casual, part of the meeting began at 10.30 in the morning at the Sydney Club.

Then came the business of the day, which was the presentation of a scroll to the Sydney Club, and the award of a scroll to the Sydney Club.

The first of these was an affirmation of a policy of active support, already being made in a different way on the part of the club.

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APM workers battle on

WORKERS at Australian Paper Manufacturers (APM) in Botany (NSW) have been on strike since October 3rd, when the company tried to sack 403 workers.

At a meeting on October 31st they were still looking to a long strike with the next meeting fixed for ten days time.

The strike is being driven by the union, the APMU. In fact, the ACTU has made almost no change in its company position.

The union has been demanding that the company be forced to reinstate the 403 workers. The ACTU has refused to do this, and has instead been demanding that the company be forced to reinstate the 403 workers.

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THE BRIDGE

The Brewery strike in Brisbane involving 620 Castlemaine Perkins and Carlton workers is now in its third month.

The workers are solidly united around their demands for wage increases to make up the 125 lost through inflation.

It is expected that the original claim for \$2.2 a week, the bonus offered last year, will be met.

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Brewery strikers fight bosses' lies

By Carol Ferrier

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Ampol jobs fight

OVER four hundred workers at the Ampol Refinery at Lynton, Brisbane are on strike in support of a rate of one shilling per hour.

The strike began on October 24 because the company had not paid the workers for the week of 10th to 17th.

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Scaffold chaos

The rigging and scaffolding industry in Sydney is in a mess. A bid payment is now the norm. That means no work for one of the most dangerous jobs in construction.

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THE BRIDGE OF DEATH

AT 11am on November 15, Victoria's Premier Rupert (Dick) Hamer will open Melbourne's Westgate bridge.

Three years ago, the bridge - built as Melbourne's 'gateway to the West' - was killed by five workers.

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Canberra	44.00
Melbourne Car Rally	11.10
ACTU	11.10
ACTU NW Grand Final Party	12.00
Weed	2.50
Sydney Posters & Badges	32.00
Sydney Play	10.50
Brisbane Branch	2.00
TOTAL	235.55

Union conditions suspended

THEY have suspended their own conditions in support of the ACTU's decision to suspend its own conditions.

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How the cops lashed into our picket



Bombay cops drag off one of the 45 arrested.

IT was only about a week or so before the picket that I heard about the export of five cartons to Japan.

Alan Hughes, our Union rep, told us a picket was going to take place at the wharves where the cartons were to be loaded.

So, being really disgusted and annoyed by the fact that my job and fellow workers' jobs were to be shared overseas, I offered my services. By 9:30 am, Monday night I got a call from a woman asking me to be at the wharf by 5 am, the next morning.

The response to the news was good and a lot of the workers from Northwick were there to protest against the agreement.

We all knew the Warehouse Workers and Transport Union were not on with us at the time, but this did not stop the action which we decided to take. We were very peaceful, non-violent pickets.

We were angry and we were determined to win. The truck of some good through and at this point

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Cops rush in to arrest picketers getting at a scab truck.

one got to the front. The police, as usual, went crazy.

Most from the sheds were utterly shocked by women who proved themselves to be as militant and prepared to get arrested as they were. The next truck came about one and a half hours after the first. People ran across the road again only to be fished by police as before.

A policeman grabbed me and arrested me for something I had said.

Later on at the watch-house I was joined by two other women, one of whom I knew was a very angry woman. A woman was shouting a slogan and a woman was shouting a slogan.

After all this, the women who had been arrested were taken to the Victoria Police Station. They were all charged with obstructing traffic.

Vic teachers tackle the tribunal

High school teachers in Victoria are fed up with their Teachers' Tribunal.

And they have called a three-day strike to protest about it.

The Tribunal has been set up by the Victorian Government to deal with disputes between teachers and the State government.

So far, the Tribunal has been a failure. It has not been able to resolve any of the disputes.

The teachers are determined to win their case. They are planning a long-term struggle.

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Special Bumper MarXmas Issue

Fraser's message to school leavers



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. Meanwhile, just enjoy the summer - with no money, no job, and probably no future.

Fraser considers a "long, long while" to be. But the PM did have a solution. Unemployment, he told us, could be reduced if only unions would make wage demands.

"If wages go up too much, they take jobs away from other people."

And it might seem plausible - except for one thing. It has always been the policy of the Fraser government to reduce real wages. Ever since they decided - mainly through the co-operation of "mutual selection" - that unemployment must be reduced as a result. It is there any hope that it will be in the future? Of course not. And what's more, Fraser admits it.

Unemployment is rising wages are not. It's simple as that.

Nurses organize

Over one thousand nurses recently attended a national student nurse conference in Adelaide.

The conference was the transfer of nurses from the hospital-based system to a system of advanced education.

At several hospitals, small groups met and complained to the committees about our poor conditions.

The next court hearing will be on November 20 in Brisbane. Many nurses will be there again to show that opposition to the increases has not died.

If the decision is against us, the government will be facing hundreds of angry and determined nurses throughout the state.

Traditionally nurses have been seen as the most of health care. This attitude is changing, especially with the growth of health care services. Nurses are now seen as a profession in their own right.

Without the advancement of health care, the health care system would be in a very real predicament for some time.

There is no hope for a quick improvement over a long, long while.

Which is more like the real situation. Many of those hospital school leavers get a job this year, or the next - or for how long?

I&W WORKERS MEER OFFICIAL

The John & Wages dispute in Sydney is over.

The employers and the right wing I&W clearly used the threat of stand-down to encourage workers to win the day.

After four weeks on the grout, we were still out. We had just got our wages dispute pay and the bank here at ICI (Boronia) was still holding.

Then I&W, the contractor on the job, announced they were going to stand down all their workers.

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"WELCOME TO THE TOILETS"

Union leaders like Peter Wilton opposed the motion, saying it was "brilliant" to keep working through the strike.

But now Vaughan Co. have got on their feet. I&W is the months ago. I&W is the months ago. I&W is the months ago.

Jack Black, the Department's representative, has begun referring to the I&W as "brilliant" and "brilliant" to attend court proceedings.

What's more, he claims the I&W is a disgrace. It is a mockery of justice. It is a tool of the government to oppress teachers.

Of course, in the old days, lucky school-leavers actually got jobs at this time of year. But times are hard, and we all have to make sacrifices. Especially you.

Some young people are still lucky though - and Fraser was talking to a bunch of them recently at the annual conference of the Victorian Young Liberals.

Very confidently, he ridiculed claims that the young minority were a "lost generation".

"It is not the whole generation," he said, "nor the whole age group. It is a segment of the generation, a segment of the age group."

It's unlikely that any of that segment were in the same room listening to him. (After all, Young Liberals can always get a position comes to the words).

But later, on television, Fraser chatted his line. After all, you can fool some of the Young Libs all the time, but it's harder on TV.

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J&W ICI WORKERS say THANKS for your SUPPORT

A special thank you goes to John & Wages workers in Melbourne. They have been leading most of us today since it is crucial time in the dispute.

All is not complete, however. More John & Wages workers must be reinstated with jobs on the next couple of weeks.

Thank you also go to those who are helping us to win this case and who are helping us to win this case.

ALICE KERRILL
Christy Turner, Reserve Bank, Mary O'Connell and Kerry, Barbara Wilby, Books Brewery, Lindsay E.G.L., Alan, World Workers, Industrial Union, Philip, Peter, Anthony, Hamilton, Dale, Mary.

On top of that, the banks will think twice about the strike.

They might have won the case but it is our three weeks of production and thousands of jobs.

By I&W member

Ranger bosses meeting fiasco

Anti-Union demonstration meeting and kept up a barrage the annual meeting of age of questions and back-
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Melbourne had a fiasco on 27 November 27.
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ABORIGINALS - BLACKS PUT THEIR CASE

ABORIGINALS from Arakun and Mornington Island have been touring the country to win support for their struggle against the Queensland Government.

The Queensland Government urged a takeover of the administration of this area to make sure they have access to the benefits and other services of the area.

Now the people from Arakun and Mornington Island are at the Federal Government to request the land in order to make their own laws.



Black representatives - Mackie from Arakun (left) and Darwin from Mornington

"Combined that gives us our father and mother... When people come to our land and take for sport, or money, compare it to the soil, they're digging into our mother's life."

Between Blacks

SOMEONE'S taken those Australia Post ads that... My intergalactic machine has been STUFFED with goodies for the Bumper Break-up for Bazaar issue.

Meanwhile in BANG KOK, another three enterprising Australians were languishing in an uncomfortable cell, charged with activities related to the smuggling of HEROIN.

One of them is a famous ratio personality. The LAW of the jungle for him is not nature's then. But they were so SIMPLETONS, I...

It was already DEAD. When John took his weekly latest ad copy from a neat artist, the support center had made sure that all copies of the KARATE BATES had been removed from the system and he had.

It was thought that he would be able to contact women from the States. It means that the author of the article may have been any of the many who have been LANSY they're been... the usual... the usual... the usual...

John Singleton

GOOD ARGUMENTS AGAINST SOCIALISM No 2

UNDER SOCIALISM, IF YOU WOULD BE TAKEN OFF YOU... OR SUPPOSE YOU HAD A FEW HUNDRED THOUSAND IN THE BANK - THEY'D HAVE THAT AND ALL...



Presumably someone who was duly impressed by letters to deal with the Federal Minister for Primary Industry.

IAN SINGLIER has opened up uncharted possibilities for his own company - and then claimed the lion as a tax device.

John Singleton



At last the Queensland Trades and Labour Council has decided to back a civil liberties march.

The T.L.C. has called on unionists to stop work and attend a rally and march on December 7.

A meeting of job delegates on November 29 will be asked to endorse this recommendation.

The rally is another blow against the Queensland government's ban on political street marches and attacks on civil liberties.

With other civil liberties rallies, there will be an attempt to march in defiance of Preen's ban.

What makes this march different from the others is that the T.L.C. has decided to back it.

John Minns

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BATTLER HOLIDAY SUPPLEMENT

What the bosses are buying for Xmas

Have you worked out your boss for Christmas?

They're settling at riskily company occasions at a banquet for the 1978... (New... value... Add for existing... clip...)

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Move over iz

At this time of the year all sorts of people are drawing up lists and making awards.

HERE'S OUR NEW YEAR'S HONORS LIST!

At the end of the year the Government... (The Queen will present new year honours...)

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THE REALITY OF CHRISTMAS

IN the Catholic primary school, I was taught that December 25 was Christ's Birthday, the season of Peace on Earth and Good Will Among Men. (The women did all the cooking.)

Christmas was trivial in importance for us only by Good Friday, when he died, and Easter, when he rose again.

Of course, we always preferred Christmas because this was the school holidays and we got presents.

As it turns out, no-one knows exactly when Christ was born. In fact, no-one can really prove that he was born at all.

But the Christmas ritual has been very useful to certain elements of society, and these days it makes lots of money for the capitalists, so who cares?

Christmas as such was first celebrated in Rome in 336 AD, when the Christians took over the old pagan ceremonies associated with this time of year.

In the northern hemisphere, December is midwinter and a fairly miserable time of year.

It was a lot worse in those days of course, without power, light and heat and various other comforts of life.

The midwinter solstice (shorter day of the year) was a good excuse to force your fate, and break out of the seasonal depression for a while.

The Romans had the Saturnalia, from December 17 to 24. They called the solstice the Day of the Inevitable Sun.

For the period of the Saturnalia, businesses, schools and law courts closed. Wild merry-making was the order of the day—feasting, drinking, dancing, gambling and sexual orgies.

The Cult of the Invisible Sun was very popular with the Roman

Thunder, and the use of evergreens, symbolising survival, as decoration.

In spite of this accommodation to local traditions, Christianity has had a hard time trying to enforce Christmas as a time of solemn religious celebration.

The midwinter need for merriment of some kind was strong. And the average person would rather go to an orgy than to mass.

puritans

In England during the middle ages, Christmas celebrations were so rowdy that the Puritans banned the observance of Christmas completely in 1643.

Some American colonists followed the English laws. The infamous Blue Laws of Massachusetts banned any non-English even outlawed mince pies!

The Christian Christmas, then, a bright winter came as they attempted to divert the population's attention to have fun into mystical beliefs!

The Church's main role in history has been to keep people in line by promoting fear of the hereafter.

Our Santa Claus originated with St Nicholas, a bishop of Myra. There are various other figures who have the same function

the image of the Church wants for Christmas—glorifying motherhood and virginity.

He's the one with the presents, but the children have to assure him that they've been 'good' (which usually translates as 'obedient') before he'll come across. A nice touch of reinforcement of authority.

With the triumph of capitalism, there came a change. By then the church wasn't quite necessary for keeping people in line.

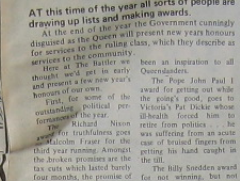
Darwin and technology were doing their bit to undermine its foundations, which why it's been slowly dying ever since, except in extremely underdeveloped countries.

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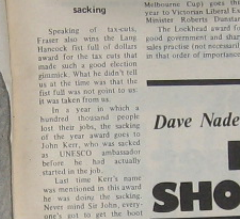
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These proved very popular, and today it's a status symbol: how many you send out. Keeping up with the Bellville's and all that sort of thing.

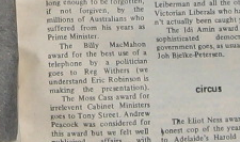
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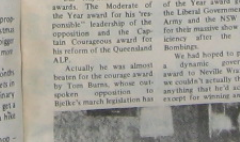
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Hiroshima Day - and 15,000 march against uranium in Melbourne



Christina Onassis got married, a couple of years ago, and the idiot prince Charles turned thirty.

The world crisis got deeper...

Reading most newspapers, that would just about sum up the world scene in 1978. But what really happened?

For most workers - everywhere - the most important thing about 1978 was the continuation of the world economic crisis.

The world economy kept slowing down and the fundamental problem of the boom's unwillingness to invest in America and Western Europe remained. This meant a continuing crisis for key industries - for example, shipbuilding, steel and textiles.

And it had led to a confrontation between the three strongest western economies - the US, West Germany and Japan.

It has also meant an increased attack on workers living standards all over the world.

But this hasn't gone unchallenged. The US saw a mighty outbreak of working class resistance at the beginning of this year, when the miners went on strike for three months.

By David Lockwood

In response to that, and other signs of movement in the working class, President Jimmy Carter introduced an 'anti-inflation' package at the end of October.

This probably, while its price controls are in place, will give rise to a 7 per cent Organized Labour in the US has already promised action against this plan.

Carter, though, has more problems of his own. His popularity fell because he was forced to raise the notorious 'Camp David' summit on the Middle East.

Ironically, the Camp David agreement saw an end to early 1978 Arab disunity - and it now seems that the Arab-minority Egypt, will try to present a united front against Israel.

Close by, the working class of Iran erupted into action against the Shah - just what those with investments in the oil were contemplating, theories on how stable it was.

batting

In Britain, the year began with the defeat of the women's strike. It will end with the food workers still battling the 'Labour' government.

The future staged a heroic sixteen week strike against the government's tax and social security wage increases. They were only beaten when their own leaders gave in.

The financial year, the government tried to cut the deficit down to five percent.

The trade union leaders, and Labour Party conference refused. The deficit's impact on the economy's real state of affairs had been made before.

That made it important was the workers at Ford coming out on strike for a 15% increase and one hour off the day.

This could be the beginning of the long awaited light back in Britain.

The sophisticated form of economic warfare known as 'Keynesianism' suggested from failure to failure in 1978.

The Union of the Left in France, against its production, managed to force itself against the March general elections.

The 'Union' an alliance of Radicals, Socialists and Communists, Socialists and Communists, was the strategy of 'Eurocommunism'.

In Italy, the Communist Party has been busy nipping up the post-war Communist Democratic government all year.

Having distinguished themselves by calling leader that anyone else for representation in the wake of the Aldo Moro assassination, they spent that rest of the year demanding hard work, wage restraint, larger profit margins - and everything else needed to restore the falling capitalist system.

As a result, they are losing support from the young unemployed, students, radical workers - and even the established unions. They made considerable losses in both the local and city elections.

The other major trouble spot for the West has been in Southern Africa.

Probably the most surprising thing to happen was in Rhodesia, where Ian Smith was able to cobble together an unlikely alliance known as the 'transitional government', with former militant nationalists Mawema and Sibeko.

Originally, this may have had some support in the black population.

But the refusal of the guerrilla leaders to come to terms with Smith, and the apparent failure of the transitional government to be anything but puppets of the white regime, has probably wiped this out.

Meanwhile, in the 'socialist' camp, things aren't all that rosy for the ruling classes either.

The Soviet Union, demonstrating that Carter or anyone else, believed a test case of these 'trial of dissidents'.

But it would seem that the dissident movement is growing nonetheless.

Early this year, an Association of Free Trade Unions of Workers was formed - which means that the movement is spreading beyond the borders of industrialists.

At the same time, Vietnam and Cambodia, formerly interchangeable allies, are regarded as a brother war, with the possibility of Chinese involvement in the Cambodian side.

It is a war that has moved to do with the problems of the communist French Communist Party's economies, than with either

side being more 'socialist' than the other.

Altogether, it's getting more and more difficult for those with sentimental attachments to the countries in the eastern bloc to maintain that 'socialism exists in any of them'.

In 1978, it became clearer than ever that we live in a world system, in which the component part - capitalist and state capitalist - is dependent on the others.

There is no possibility that any one country can 'opt out' of what Lenin described in 1922 as 'the world system, in which we are bound up, and from which we cannot escape'.

It's a world system, and it needs a world struggle to change it.



Brisbane police brutally arrest two more marchers



Shop stewards in Melbourne cheer a call for General Strike action against the Budget

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS

.. and in Australia, the Libs are starting to crack

1978 started out looking distinctly bleak for the Liberal Party.

Fresh from a second landslide election, the Fraser government seemed set to take the reins of the ACTU Special Union Conference added to the pain with its cowardly compromise on uranium exports.

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lost here by militant workers - to attack gays and women, proud to be a gay.

After small rallies in several places, met by militant demonstrators, she was humiliated at Sydney University, where 1000 demonstrators swarmed her small rally.

The next day demonstrators added insult to injury by holding picnics and cream teas in her once-again Sydney Town Hall.

And in Victoria, Dick Hurst was treated by new scandals. With Ministers being discriminated and resigning, Hurst was forced into a by-election in Ballarat.

By October, Liberal Party misadventures were being limited to Victoria.

thrashing

Neville Wain, who had managed to occupy not just the middle ground but the right wing as well, gave the NSW Libs the shattering of a million blows.

Liberal leader and ASIO consultant Peter Coleman lost his seat.

About the same time, Ted Knox was dumped as Liberal leader in Queensland. In Victoria, Labor got a present evening win in Ballarat.

In 1978 ends a lot more brightly than it began. Still there are difficult times ahead.

The Libs, though hurt at the state level, are still well under the ground and unscathed. The ground and unscathed. The Labor Party has won a few battles, but mostly by appealing to conservative instincts.



"She's anyone?" Tania Fraser in an unaccustomed role, at an auction at Narvon



An angry US miner works hours on the without contract proposed by the union leaders

LETTERS

By Nicola Cateby

Merzies was dead.
In the cold yet spartan atmosphere of his office, Scrogge MacFrazier brooded on that inescapable fact. Merzies, his senior partner, mentor and friend to the extent that Scrogge had friends, had passed away one evening, lovingly paying his private tax. And left him alone. Alone to face the unknown terrors of a strangling competition, grossly granting workers and unfair foreign competition.

But Scrogge hadn't just knuckled under. Braised each morning with a characteristic cold shower, hold built Liberal surgical supports to the girth into an aggressive modern form. A firm of which Merzies himself would have been justly proud. Economic, sleek, had reduced his workforce by half, by making those that remained work twice as hard. Now if only he could get rid of the red.

He was interrupted in this pleasant line of thought by a disturbance outside. His window was always open to let in characteristic fresh air. Looking through the December snow, he saw a motley group of caravans waiting away on the other side of the street.

By Nicola Cateby

Betty Cracet wasn't really interested in surgical supports—but she'd spent the best part of the last ten years making them.

At about the same time that Christmas, Betty was thinking about her job. Of course, you didn't get much time for thinking, what with working three levers and a foot pedal on the machine... But there were times, it wasn't a good job. There was no getting around it. It was a lousy job. Poor wages, bad conditions, long hours.

A story of Juliette struggles

All around the residents of Dingley-Dell were butting in and out of gaily decorated shops, clapping what meagre gifts they could afford.

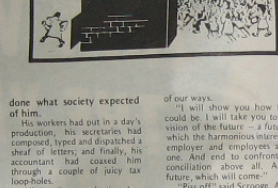
So, thought Scrogge grimly, it's that time of year again. He had mixed feelings about Christmas really. On the one hand, it meant more sales after all, what better gift than a merry surgical support? But on the other, it meant holidays for his workers—and so no production. Still, he'd been dithering for some time with no holidays at all. They'd been pretty quiet this year too. Maybe was the time to try it.

The last thing he did, before going for a character building pre-dinner drink, was to put a notice on the work noticeboard. It read simply:

"The management will make an announcement tomorrow (December 24) on the subject of work over Christmas."

He decided there and then to

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done what society expected of him. His workers had put in a day's production, his secretaries had composed, typed and dispatched a sheaf of letters; and finally, his accountant had coded him through a couple of juicy tax loop-holes.

All in all, a productive day, thought Scrogge. And with the prospect of cancelling Christmas holidays the next day, he felt really contented.

With that in mind, he retired early. After all, he wanted to be fresh for the fray. Not that there'd be much of it. He'd been so busy that he'd had to get a day's work over his shoulder. She opened her eyes to see a bearded figure, in Victorian dress and a strangely familiar face. Before she had a chance to speak he announced:

equal

Scrogge was asleep. A sound, dreamless sleep, which all things being equal, would last until morning. But things aren't equal as Scrogge of all people should have known.

His repose was shattered by a crash. Peering through the darkness, Scrogge could just make out the figure of a large portly man, who apparently had tripped over a chain that was wrapped around him—a chain rose, it appeared, out of ballast boxes.

"Merriss," he said, summoning all the power of his cold legs to bear the situation. "You're dead!" "Dead yes, but gone never!" said the figure, in the measured fluity (some would say pompous) voice reserved for addressing meetings of the stockholders.

"Gone but not forgotten. Hidden but still present. Departed but—"

"Yes," interrupted Scrogge. "But why do you disturb me?"

"I am condemned to haunt the leaders of my company that follow me, to show them the error of their ways."

"I will show you how things could be. I will take you to see a vision of the future—a future in which the harmonious interests of employer and employees are as one. And end in confrontation, conclusion above all. A ray future, which will come."

"Piss off," said Scrogge. And he turned over and went back to sleep.

In another part of town, Betty Cracet also slept. But it was a troubled sleep, filled with time clocks, overtime sheets, rapacious machines and angry foremen.

As if by cosmic coincidence, she was woken by a light tapping on the shoulder.

She opened her eyes to see a bearded figure, in Victorian dress and a strangely familiar face. Before she had a chance to speak he announced:

surprise

"When she did so she was told: 'You've just won a prize!'"



ABOVE: Workmates congratulate player Bill Laray on his Test selection. BELOW: Good fiddler! Tony candidate and snob 'Lord Ted' Dexter is brilliantly caught in a County game for three.

The Battler asks the question

IS IT REALLY CRICKET?

By Tony Roberts



A CHRISTMAS KARL CONT

WHO'S capturing the major cricket teams in Australia this summer?

Mike Brerley, Graham Yallop, Iain Chappell, Tony Greig, Alf Foster, public schoolboys, and Chappell and Yallop are company directors as well.

It's amazing how, for a moment that people of all classes slip and follow, the big fish can be caught firmly in the grip of the old school!

Bill Laray is about the only solid workmate, labour-saving contraption Australia has had in long memory. 'Lord Ted' Dexter said to make Brerley's remark about his character a joke.

Laray also supported the most humiliating career ever given to an Australian, the Australian Cricketers Board.

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He found after 50 years of representing Blackburn such as the Redoubt M.F.C. (founded by professional law firm in 1912) some of the most unrepresentative M.C.s and (unintentionally) increased in power. Until the late 1950s, all West Indian teams were captained by white plantation owners. Test Players actually owe their own

sovereigns

Naturally, the 1912 club was the weakest overseas club.

Public and club are not united in their support. The club is yet to gain a satisfactory. It grew from the fact that he had a big hand right through cricket.

consciousness

Suddenly, Betty began to recognize the factory—a and the people in it. And she began to see what it all meant. "Working class consciousness?" Just a fancy word to say that if you're attacked, you defend yourself. And if you're united you can't lose—no one can go on the offensive.

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Delegates at the railers

NSE railway construction workers have today against bureaucracy in the PTC.

Last year after the construction workers' meeting of the AWU, had won 32 hours of "normal" overtime that agreement with the same condition as public transport. This was agreed in a decision by State Transport Minister P. V. Narayana Murthy.

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Sub-Printhe addresses PTC workers during the Transport House occupation.

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abotaging

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Delegates cop \$464 costs

SYDNEY AWU delegates Max Callaghan and Tony Ferris have been charged \$464 costs in their court case.

The court case was over their alleged use of... to do a deal with the PTC officers. With the document still in the hands of the PTC, the Minister and we will be...

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ABC TO STRIKE AGAIN?

ABC Staff Association members in NSW are back at work after significant gains at this stage of the dispute.

At the start of the dispute is the demand for a... to do a deal with the PTC officers. With the document still in the hands of the PTC, the Minister and we will be...

Militant ABC workers meet in Sydney.

The ABC staff association... to do a deal with the PTC officers. With the document still in the hands of the PTC, the Minister and we will be...

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On Tuesday 22nd... to do a deal with the PTC officers. With the document still in the hands of the PTC, the Minister and we will be...

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Newlands

CLASSES in the laundry. A library that you can't use because lessons are being taken there and a 'soccer field' that hasn't even got soccer goals.

These are just a few of the complaints that have brought students back through Newlands High School.



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That's where from four girls to it they want to... to do a deal with the PTC officers. With the document still in the hands of the PTC, the Minister and we will be...

Out for a fair deal from the Government - striking Newlands High School students

The students have gone back for a week while they wait for an agreement to be made by the Minister for Education, Lindsay Donohoe.

Women unionists organise

ON Friday, 24th November, 40 women attendees... to do a deal with the PTC officers. With the document still in the hands of the PTC, the Minister and we will be...

STUDENTS at Albert Park High School work on strike against two of their migrant English teachers.

The school is one of the four migrant English teachers...

Albert Park

The migrant at Albert Park High School... to do a deal with the PTC officers. With the document still in the hands of the PTC, the Minister and we will be...

WORK FOR US

WORK FOR US has moved again as... to do a deal with the PTC officers. With the document still in the hands of the PTC, the Minister and we will be...

Clyde Master Misers

AFTER nearly four weeks of picking, misers... to do a deal with the PTC officers. With the document still in the hands of the PTC, the Minister and we will be...



ONCE OUT, ALL OUT!

"Once out, all out!" was the unanimous and traditional... to do a deal with the PTC officers. With the document still in the hands of the PTC, the Minister and we will be...

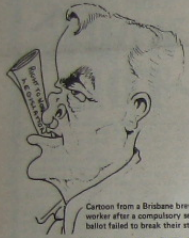
Luna Park not much fun

The union was trying to... to do a deal with the PTC officers. With the document still in the hands of the PTC, the Minister and we will be...

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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

BREWERS WORKERS SOLD OUT



WIVES ORGANISE

The wives of the striking brewery workers have formed a Strike Support Committee to help the other wives of the brewery workers.

"Our main aim is to show our husbands that they are not left alone," said one member of the Committee.

"We women feel that this more wives who become involved the better, and this will lead to a better understanding of the situation," she said.

The Committee is organising distribution of some of the money given by the AMEIJU, and the women are supporting the strike.

"They want equal pay to what other workers in the South receive."

"I had to make milk myself."

"We would rather our men have privileges and be able to return to work with their hands held high."



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Members of the brewery workers' Disputes Committee at a mass meeting. Worsnop is on the left.

through Worsnop claimed that eleven of the seventeen Disputes Committee had no right to be there. These men had worked for twelve weeks, with no help from the TLC or even from the officials of the unions involved. To raise money for the relief fund, to feed the workers, their wives and children.

When Worsnop felt the time was right to suggest for a return to work he simply drove their men off the Committee.

The agreement is for two years, one hour 55 increase in two years. Three years ago the brewery workers went on strike for one year agreement. Now Worsnop and Stone have slipped a two year agreement under the workers' noses. Worn, the Breweries have treated on four continuous shifts in the cold rooms.

This means that workers have had to work three weekends in four and will not have the option to work overtime.

After twelve weeks, this is intolerable. With Christmas approaching the breweries would have had a lot of pressure on them to settle for the ten dollar and get the beer out for Christmas trading.

Yes Worsnop and Stone agreed to go back - and this was the secret bait held out before, when over 556 of the workers voted to stay out.

The Disputes Committee had many times appealed for help from the TLC. Instead, the TLC took 1200 of their strike fund and gave them the smaller sum seen in Trades Hall as an office. But the majority of the Disputes Committee is not buyers yet.

They will continue to meet without Worsnop and they have learnt a lot from the experience. They will not allow themselves to be sold out again.

Meatworkers' Goosechase

ONCE again Queensland meatworkers have been led on a wild-goose chase by their own union.

A picket was planned by the meatworkers as part of the continuing campaign to stop the export of live cattle outside the quota established by the AMEIJU, and the Cattleman's Union.

The cattle were due to leave Brisbane on Wednesday 23rd November.

The union officer had conventionally forgotten to inform a number of shops of the picket, and they were stopped for the day.

The result was that when 13 trucks carrying the cattle arrived at the wharves they were met by a picket of only about 120 meatworkers.

Animal lovers demonstrate against meatworkers in Brisbane

The picket lines, at least one of the drivers had bought his T.W.U. ticket at Jam that same morning. Southern District Secretary, Ray Lettie (left) tried to tell the picket off, supposedly because he "didn't want to enchain the wharfie."

Two Demore workers officials discovered that some trucks were picking up more cattle than they should. Amherst from trucks owned by the Honey and Frazer companies.

But there were more surprises to come. When the meatworkers phoned the union to tell them of the extra loads they were told that the office didn't know. If they knew then why did they demand the picket, especially since some pickets had double that all

the cattle had arrived? There would have been plenty of time to get workers from shops all around Brisbane and march down to the wharves.

The driver might be contacted in a hufflet that some cattle picked up before the picket.

It was liked "Advice To Pickets" and contained such gems as:

"We don't want people to come to pickets if their intention is to stir up honey's nest for extermination reasons."

is Queensland of course, it is very difficult to hold a picket that doesn't weekly turn into a honey's nest.

How do the officials think they are going to stop the drivers? Certainly not by staying away from pickets - in Southern Dist



The fight against Job

URANIUM



Look who's pushing a se-i-out!

IRAN: The trant topples -6,7

SOUTH Australian Labor Premier Dunstan is about to undo all the hard work that opponents of uranium have put in across Australia.

Dunstan is trying to create a hole in the ALP's anti-uranium stance, by engineering a reversal of policy in South Australia.

Dunstan has gone off overseas on a "fact-finding mission" to check if uranium mining and enrichment is safe for all.

An ALP policy committee has already put together a document preparing the ground for a reversal of ALP policy on uranium.

When he returns, Dunstan will try to get a Special State ALP Conference to allow him to lead a referendum to approve uranium mining in South Australia.

Faced with the highest unemployment rate in Australia, Dunstan is grasping at uranium as the economic salvation for his state.

All South Australians have to

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Dunstan knows very well that in any referendum, the mining companies will have a massive propaganda advantage.

The day that his overseas trip was announced, the Adelaide press carried four prominent articles, plus a full-page ad in favour of mining.

Dunstan's fact-finding trip itself is a masterful cover-up, that his own office did not know the itinerary on the day it was announced.

The irony is that Dunstan was an architect of the ALP's anti-uranium policy adopted by the 1977 Federal Conference.

A switch in South Australia will probably tip the balance in the Federal ALP as well.

Dunstan can't stop if we wouldn't block him.

After all, it has been radioactive process in the uranium and the ALP that forced Labor to take a stand against uranium.

3. There will no mining or processing of uranium unless ratified by a referendum.

4. A State Labor Government will not build nuclear power plants.

5. There will not be any storage or depositing of nuclear waste in South Australia.

6. Nuclear powered vessels will not be allowed to visit South Australian ports.

petrochemical works - but may already be earmarked for the uranium enrichment plant.

The ALP Special Conference will be presented with five main arguments:

1. A State Labor Government should provide a balanced debate on the use of nuclear energy.

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Dunstan setting up stacked referendum

According to a well-planned banner source, Government money is being diverted so that these projects will be as "attractive" - it profitable as possible.

\$10 million is to be "saved" from the State Education budget alone.

It will possibly be spent on another Reddell project - a

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between the lines

ALONG all the articles in the Bureau that have been written, there is one which might have been written as early as the war was in progress. It was written by me, and it was published in the *Worker* in 1945. It was about the war and the war effort. It was about the war and the war effort. It was about the war and the war effort.

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"Old people tied down in front of TV all day"

By NURSE PAM TOWNSHEND

RECENTLY I had the good fortune to work as a casual nurse at the Windermere Nursing Home in Sydney.

This meant being on-site 4.00 am by phone and told to be at work by 6.30 am to replace sick staff.

I was looking forward to seeing what it was like there. I was horrified.

The conditions for both staff and patients were appalling. Those were times when no look after all patients - most of whom were bedridden.

As a result, the nurses were needed off their feet trying to take even the most basic care.

While one old man was being lowered into the bath, the best one was being lowered out of the bath to be washed.

STOP THIS SORT OF THING AT THE AGE OF 16!

blankets that were expected to comfort and warm.

Anyone who was able to sit up was taken by wheelchair to the TV room and left on a lounge chair where they stayed all day until after tea time.

The pathetic wail of "Don't go up, nurse, don't go up, nurse" was heard in the corridors to the wheelchair to wait outside the bathroom.

Needless to say, the staff were overworked and ill, and the nursing staff had to deliver them to the patients in their very low domestic staff beds.

The main thing that upset me was the squalid staffing. Nurses had time to sit and talk to people like to do. There was no time to take them to the toilet or to take them to the end of their journey or to take them to the end of their journey or to take them to the end of their journey.

The Boggo Rd hell hole

THERE are about 1,600 prisoners rotting in the Queensland jail system. Most of these are in a maximum security prison known to prisoners as just about the worst in Australia - Boggo Road.

Admission into Boggo Road is much the same as in any other jail in Australia. After every inch of your body has been photographed and fingerprinted, you are placed in a cell for a few days or more.

The chief has the power to strip a prisoner of solitary confinement using Deputy Superintendent or Prison Officer.

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John Ducker addresses the December 7 march



Picketers at Boggo Road in support of jailed marchers



Carol Peters - dissatisfied if she spoke out

Brisbane - the fight goes on

QUEENSLAND police now have warrants for the arrest of people refusing to pay their fines from the December 7 Civil Liberties march.

Many of the protesters got into paid public places for the campaign. The two best-known prisoners have been George Georges and Tom Lira.

Both these men, members of Maritime unions had a stoppage in protest of the jail.

Maritime unions have said that they will strike for a long as any of their members are in jail.

John Minns has said that no sooner had the Maritime unions struck in support of Georges, than Ed Casey came out publicly attacking them.

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For those whose fines have been paid, jail has been used to intimidate and humiliate them.

One of those who chose to go to jail, Carol Peters, told the *Battler*:

"Many of the prison officers have the most we were there and didn't let us go until we acknowledged your fines."

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Anyone who has eaten outside in Queensland knows that it doesn't take long to get the mosquitoes and the flies.

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PROSTITUTES FIGHT BACK

MELBOURNE's prostitutes have started to fight back against the new restrictive laws. The new laws are being introduced in the Victorian State Parliament.

Although just two weeks ago, the prostitutes were concerned about the new laws. They were angry because they were being treated as second-class citizens.

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SPECIAL BRANCH RATION CARD

TWO Sydney militants could face seven years jail, under charges laid this month that have rarely been used since 1952.

Last August, ten militants were arrested and charged with various offences after the anti-bug demonstration of the Sydney Stock Exchange.

In order to make the order charges stick, Special Branch would have had to prove that Martin and Phil did all the damage at the Sydney Stock Exchange.

Courts tend to believe more things that the police tell them. But the idea that these two blokes did all that damage all by themselves is simply impossible to believe, I'd have to say.



Martin Hirst (left) and Phil Lee seven years jail did any damage. All they have to do is prove that they were there when it happened.

The charge was widely present the case with the British authorities. During the London trial at the time of the 1952 Reform Bill - away with it!

ABORIGINALS IN NSW are upset at the Wran Government's attitude towards them. They are angry because they are being treated as second-class citizens.

SUPPORT THE STOCK EXCHANGE DEFENDENTS!

Send messages of support and donations to the Stock Exchange Ten Defence Committee, Box 118, Newtown South, NSW 2042.

Under the right-wing Health Government in Britain, during the early 1970s, the police started to use the old 'company' charge, which had also been used in this country.

And they were pretty damn sure that they were right. They were right because they were right.

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CHINA SAYS THE REAL

IN December, the Coca-Cola Company announced it was going to start selling in China.

It was a small event in itself, but it symbolised the gigantic changes that have swept China in the past few years.

The masses could not be treated like this for ever. Productivity declined, discipline grew. In the mid-1970s there were big strikes.

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The changes are so visible and dramatic that many people were led to believe that China's policy of self-reliance was a success on every level.

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Only the deterioration of imperialism itself can bring a better life for all of us in the third world or in Australia.

And that demands a struggle by workers everywhere. The Roman revolution had that kind of international perspective.

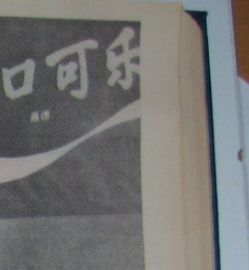
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"Teng po better with Coke." Coca-Cola chief Austin announces the start of Chinese operations.

THE seeds are being sown in Australia for a major race campaign against the refugees from Indochina.

Since the refugees started arriving here after 1975, a climate of quiet hysteria about them has been steadily mounting.

Most of the anti-refugee feeling comes from the right. The main National Alliance has taken up the anti-refugee slogan, aimed by their rallies for "Jobs Not Refugees".

But the real tragedy is that some actions of the labour movement are actually taking an anti-refugee stance.

It began last year when the South Coast TUC decided that the refugees were "obviously Western workers" and expressed concern that they might be a danger to the community.

And Australia as a whole has not been a success. It has a mixed record. It has a mixed record. It has a mixed record.

In this war, both sides are wrong

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Their opponents, the "Gang of Four", were denounced to the widespread delight of the Chinese masses. Material success was not restored.

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What will Year of the Child do for the starving kids of the Third World? Or the militant schoolchildren of Soweto, South Africa? Precious little says DOUG McCARTY...



YEAR OF THE CHILD

NO-ONE can really be against making life better for children. I mean some of them actually grew up to become socialists and Batter readers, so they can't be a bad...

So on the face of it the UN-Initiated International Year of the Child appears a good thing, and worth support.

But as usual, the people who will be making the most noise about it will be some pretty cunning hypocrites.

For instance, Federal Minister for School Leavers Who Can't Get the Dole, Margaret Guilfoyle, is also minister responsible for IYC matters in Australia.

And, by walking around Fremantle Oval, the Premier Most Likely to Spend State Money on Working Class Children, Sir Charles Court, helped launch the course-Australia walk organised by Freedom from Hunger and the like or not the 'Society for Those Who Have Less'.

Malcolm Fraser, too, has promised to help the IYC Committee if he can find time between sending out millions rednecking Federal money away from Government Schools and going to his wealthy industrial schools.

The Yit goes on and on. Twenty years ago the UN produced its Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

Like all UN pronouncements it

had to put in such general terms that practically any member state could agree to it.

In other words, nice sentiments, but no commitments, no concrete or specific actions. And it shouldn't cost very much.

The activities planned for the IYC take two main directions - doing things for children in Australia and doing things for children overseas, in the so-called Third World.

The official overseas charities will have a field day, trying to get children here going to poor kiddies of India or Bangladesh or wherever.

This was the theme of the Bee Gees concert in New York in the General Assembly.

But it will not be explained to them how the rich countries like Australia help to keep these countries relatively poor.

After all that's political, and children shouldn't be political. The activities planned in Australia are such goodies as "Kiddie Kids" on kite-making, the IYC being the theme of the Melbourne Festival, and "Children in Hospital Week".

Most of it is adults doing nice charitable things for children.

There is little room for children's own aspirations.

In Melbourne last year, there was a wave of student strikes. School pupils in several schools struck for up to a week, demanding better facilities, more migrant teachers, and an end to arbitrary teacher transfers.

Across the world in Soweto, South Africa, black school-kids have been protesting in riots



Children's rights in action: Students from Newland High School in Melbourne's northern suburbs went on strike over poor classrooms. Will the Year of the Child committee support them?

against oppression. Their demands to be taught in their own language helped trigger the massive upsurge of 1976. Most children have a very strong sense of fairness and justice. Many are well aware of how they are oppressed within their school systems.

Only very occasionally do they actually act on their own behalf.

But usually, children rebel as individuals. They talk in class, they walk out, they get cranky - all individual ways of rebelling against the privatised discipline of schools.

Developing Children's Rights means encouraging children to

take collective action on their own behalf, and for adults to take such action seriously.

Where do children get a say in what happens in schools? When are they given the chance to consider real alternatives of school organisation, or subjects, or teacher-student relationships?

Only in very isolated instances. Schooling, as the institution charged with making all children fit, capitalist society, cannot be turned over to them - that would be like worker-control in the factories.

They plan a photographic exhibition on Aboriginal children, but nothing to encourage Aboriginal independence.

They plan to reduce building trades apprentices to work on children's community projects, but nothing to provide more jobs for school-leavers in the building industry.

They plan to give attention to child abuse and neglect, but nothing to abolish the violence of caning in schools.

Such contradictions are to be expected when one aspect of society is taken in isolation as a "problem", without seeing it as part of a much greater problem - a problem called capitalism.

The bosses can make their token gestures to children for the next twelve months.

But working class children will only get their real rights in a workers' state, which they will help make.

We need only recall the school-children of Soweto to see that children are not just passive receivers, but will help to shape their own future.

As socialists, our job is to support children like everyone oppressed by capitalism in thinking and fighting on their own behalf.



Action from "The Wild Geese". But behind the bang-bang, there's a lousy political message.

The message is so clear that it has in London. They've all come from the same source. They want to get away from their wads, their bank-balance, and see the job they were trained for in three years of public service training.

The story is simple. It's about a British soldier, a rich British banker, a man of equal of aristocracy to the British banker, and the job they were trained for in three years of public service training.

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RACISTS GET A WHITE WASH

Jeff Goldhar takes a gander at "The Wild Geese"

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'Girlfriends' is a winner

By Tess Lee Ack

"GIRLFRIENDS" is something of a rarity among films. Not only is it about women, it is also produced and directed by a woman (Claudia Weill), the script was written by an unusually large number of women listed in the technical credits. That is itself in great contrast to the male-dominated film industry.

But most importantly, "Girlfriends" is an excellent film, which makes very important statements about relationships between people.

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"Socialism would just encourage slackers... nobody would want to do any work..."



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WATER FOR PIGS!

UNKNOWN to each other, two aboriginal women in inner-Sydney slum housing recently decided they'd had enough.

Slum tenants fight landlord agents

Val Murphy's two roomie house in Frodo Street, Newtown, has broken window frames, broken window panes and rotten light fittings.

And they both came up with the same solution to living in unrepentant, run-down houses. They wouldn't pay the rent till repairs were done.

pig sty

Luckily Val now has somewhere else to go and the said: "I'll be glad to get out of this place. It's a pig sty."

repairs

In fact, anyone could see at a glance that the property has been allowed to run down for years and

Right wing purges ABC office

AFTER five and a half years Andrew Watson, the ABC Staff Association Federal Industrial Officer has been sacked.

There is a petition circulating amongst staff to call a special conference. It is hoped that the decision can be overturned and Andrew reinstated.

Dunstan breaks teachers' promise

OVER 140 employed teachers turned up to a public meeting on February 1 in Adelaide.

promise

The cost of the broken promise is 150 jobs this year.

WOMEN PRISONERS WIN HUNGER STRIKE

WOMEN prisoners at Malawa in Sydney, Australia, have recently won a three day hunger strike over the treatment of these prisoners in their medical observation section.

They were especially annoyed about the condition of one woman, Tamara, who had refused food for four days.

She told the prisoners that she was planning to go to the medical observation section if they didn't change their minds.



Left: Street fighting in Tehran. Right: Demonstrators burn a picture of the Shah and his wife.

The Shah is gone, but... LONG LIVE KHOMENI???

THE Shah's puppet has gone. The man that the Shah left in charge when he fled the country - Bakhtiar - has in turn been overthrown by the massive anti-Shah opposition movement.

danger

Some in the anti-Shah movement were satisfied that the tyrant had been ousted.

consists

They called on all women to join the movement on the streets, reduced however they wished.

BRITAIN'S DAY OF ACTION

"If we don't get what we want, we'll go out for a week!"

believed

"I'm angry but I don't want to go out for two days," said a woman in observation, "I've got to go to work and I've got to go to school."

security

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WOBBLIES

DIRECT ACTION

WARI! WHAT FOR?



Direct Action, the IWW newspaper, greets the outbreak of World War

Nowadays, the revolutionary left in Australia is very small and very weak. But this hasn't always been the case. During the First World War, economic and political crisis caused an explosion of working-class militancy and revolutionary anger. And leading the explosion were the "Wobblies" — the Industrial Workers of the World.

With uncompromising militancy against the bosses, and seething propaganda against the imperialist bloodbath called "The Great War," the "Wobblies" quickly built the biggest revolutionary following in Australia's history.

Thus, almost as quickly, they were smashed. VERITY BURGIANN tells what made the "Wobblies" tick... how they grew... how they fought... how, in the end, they were beaten down.

JUST before the First World War, an Australian socialist group of the time cast a dubious eye over the Industrial Workers of the World, who had formed a few years earlier in America.

The workers' class here will never be led by wild men from Yankee lands. They confidently predicted. But large numbers of Australian workers were inspired by these "wild men". In 1914 the IWW launched their paper "Direct Action", and it steadily grew in popularity. Sales soon reached 16,000 a week.

By September of that year, the "Sydney Morning Herald" said it was "able to deny the force of and spread of the doctrine of the IWW... its more or less constant followers in Sydney alone number between 20,000 and 30,000, and they are in numbers in all the unions."

Less than a year later, "Direct Action" reported that their 500 capacity hall could never hold a quarter of the crowd that rolled up to their Sunday night lectures. Overflow meetings had to be held in Sussex Street outside.

According to Bill Beattie, an old "Wobbly", 55,000 membership cards were issued during the war. And only wage workers could be members, so their supporters would have been even more numerous.

The growth of the IWW was a sign of the times. Workers were more and more disillusioned with the Labor Party, and with the arbitration system.

They wanted direct action, and the Wobblies were ready to organize it. The organization was strong as a chain of local units. There was a Cairns local made up entirely of Russian cane workers.

In the Northern Territory, it was immigrant groups like the Chinese who were the backbone of support for the IWW.

That was because the Wobblies were dedicated internationalists, who took a firm stand against the racism which was rampant in the mainstream of the labour movement.

The IWW rallied that racism divided the workers, and benefited only the bosses.

"Direct Action" contrasted the narrow parochial outlook endorsed by the United Australia Party with the world-outlook of Karl Marx, when he said his former cry might have been: *Workers of All Countries Unite!*

Many people today think the Wobblies were anarchists. That is far from true.

Bill Beattie considered themselves Marxists, and they were much closer to the revolutionary spirit of Marx's teachings than other socialists of their day.

understood

For they understood that the workers needed revolutionary organization, and that the IWW had the revolutionary paper drawn together from all over.

No one in Australia said Marx's writings are unscientific, and that the IWW is "Capital" was always top of their list. They had weekly classes in localities and on the job, and in remote country areas.

Bill Beattie recalls

workers' smoking "Prolet's" while, Price and Frost" in shouting clubs and construction camps. They would talk it in turn to read his soul, and go over and over the hard parts till they got it straight.

If Wobblies began with Marxist economics, their practice was based on rank and file activity in the unions.

They aimed to build links between militants, keep the officials on their toes, and ultimately organize the workers into One Big Union.

resist

They believed that if workers were all in one union, instead of many separate ones, the bosses could not resist them. The revolution was a matter of organization.

The Wobblies had no language about organization. They knew the employers were ruthless and well-organized. The workers needed a disciplined organization to defeat them.

In the IWW all decisions were made by majority vote. The decision were binding on all.

The by-laws called for

Come with us, you workmen, and join the rebel host. Come you discontented ones, and give a helping hand. We march against the parasites to drive him from the land. **WINE ONE BIG INDUSTRIAL UNION!**

In factory and field and mine we gather in our might. We're on the job and know the way to win the battle. For the beacon that shall guide us out of darkness lies in **ONE BIG INDUSTRIAL UNION!**

Hurrari! hurrari! he's going to paint 'er red! Hurrari! hurrari! he's going to paint 'er red! We're gaining shop democracy and liberty and bread. **WINE ONE BIG INDUSTRIAL UNION!**

"I ain't fit" by Ralph Waldo Emerson from "Song to Fan the Flames of Love"

"discipline through the subjection of parts to the whole, and of the individual member to the body of which it is a part." It was this "non-political" wing that became a mass movement and it is this group that is usually meant by the name IWW today. But the IWW faculty

★ THE "Wobblies" got their nickname from the way that migrants to America mispronounced IWW.



The Wobbly contingent at the Sydney Domain on May Day, 1914

Fanning the flame of discontent

such on the Shavers — Let the Wobblies Win the Strike.

This reminder that nature would eventually force the squatters to give in craved the success of the strike. The shavers won a better wage than the established union rate.

The IWW were also experts at boycotts and go-downs — a "poor day's work for a poor day's wage."

On the Newcastle wharves, the Wobblies employed the tactic of intimidating the clumsy work of the sacks who had recently been used against them.

After many valuable packages had been dropped in the water, the employers gave up in a desperation and granted a wage rise.

The Wobblies drew the best crew — so crew that the focus of the recent strike were called in to deal with the menace. And it was at this point that a fatal weakness of the IWW was revealed.

While they had learned Marx's lessons about revolutionary organization, they were not clear on his analysis of the capitalist state.

The Wobblies looked at building One Big Union to deal a general strike. This was their strategy for revolution.

They did not take up the cause of the Industrial Workers of the World — the capitalist state machine.

A shavers' strike in Sydney was crushed. They planned the town with thousands of strikers which said simply, "Don't

In 1916 the government tried to introduce conscription by referendum. The IWW campaigned for a "no" vote, leading Prime Minister Hughes to try to stir the whole "no" campaign with the Wobbly brand.

To cap off the anti-IWW hysteria, before leading Wobblies were framed on a charge of arson.

They were blamed for numerous fires at Sydney workhouses and department stores. It is likely they were really burned as an insurance lobby by their owners.

Some of the trials were given sentences of up to fifteen years.

solidarity

There was a widespread solidarity throughout Australia, but it wasn't enough to stem the tide against the IWW. In December 1916 the Wobblies were made an illegal organization.

Most active Wobblies spent half of 1917 in jail. In 1917, "Direct Action" was suppressed and the printing equipment seized.

By the end of the year the IWW had been effectively smashed. But the idea of revolutionary industrial unionism remained in the minds of militants, and grew in response to the founding of the Communist Party.

The idea of a single union of the world remains one of the most inspiring parts of Australian labour tradition.

HOW THE IWW STARTED

WHO were these Wobblies? Where had they come from? What iron had enticed their souls that they turned their backs on the cause which the nation had made its own?

At the turn of the century, the copper bosses made the mine of Cripple Creek, Colorado, U.S.A. a living hell for the men whose labour they bought. The hours were long, the pay was low, the daily toil destroyed body and soul. When the dust got into their lungs gave out, men were tossed aside like the slag from the mines.

For ten years, the miners worked patiently and peacefully to lighten their burden by securing an eight-hour working day. They won legislation, but the Supreme Court of Colorado declared it unconstitutional.

They won a constitutional amendment, but the copper bosses bought the legislators and the new copper bosses struck work on July 3, 1903.

The mine owners persuaded the officials of Colorado to make the State militia available to break the strike. A thousand armed men moved into Cripple Creek and martial law was proclaimed. The Cripple Creek and martial law was proclaimed. The Cripple Creek and martial law was proclaimed.

Agents of the mine-owners ran the country, censured the local newspapers and news despatches, directed the operations of the State militia and their own private army of thugs.

The miners were beaten, but their leader, Big Bill Hayward, carried their organization into the revolutionary spirit of the Cripple Creek and martial law was proclaimed. The Cripple Creek and martial law was proclaimed.

The Chicago Wobblies set out to prosecute the revolutionary unionism to the workers.

Then they formed a Local Industrial Union — an organization which set out to bring together all the workers, regardless of their particular skills, who worked in the same industry. And then they called a strike.

Bill Beattie recalls



This cartoon in "Direct Action" earned editor Tom Barker 12 months hard labour.

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Dock fight goes into sixth week

THE workers at Williamstown Naval Dockyards in Melbourne are continuing their fight to defeat management's bid to take their jurisdiction over workers outside the gate.

After five weeks of rallies, mass meetings, walkouts, shop committee and Joint Industrial Committee meetings and management threats, the workers are even more determined than we were at the beginning.

Our only disagreements are on how we defeat the bosses.

There is no doubt in my mind that management have done everything in their power to promote industrial unrest in the yard.

We've been taking action to retaliate a builder-maker who was sacked under these circumstances worked to keep the chillers full.

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By Jeff Wallmann, AMWSU

Shop Committee Secretary Ron Carrington described the meeting at the dock as a "total success".

We presented a lot of claims, but most of the reason was about the current dispute.

After all this time, management have suddenly decided to change the reason for the sacking.

They say the worker concerned has a bad temper and is a bad time-keeper.

This is just another attempt at provocation, and we responded it as such. Now the question is how do we fight back.

When faced with a possible overtime ban, management threatened to sack.

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By a Brisbane Worker

down workers who make themselves available for a reasonable amount of overtime.

Most jobs that were available when we were available.

We fell for a while and took a backing and then when the help was available.

But then they kept on taking strike action which would be taken out of the yard.

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Charges laid against A.I.W.S.U...



Fraser wheels out the I.R.B.

Health Workers Fight Cuts P4

ALMOST ten years to the day since the jailing of Clarrie O'Shea, Malcolm Fraser's Industrial Relations Bureau has taken the first big step towards jailing another trade unionist.

The I.R.B. has issued a Federal Court Summons against the AMWSU over the Melbourne City Council. Frank Kane dispute last year.

The AMWSU intends to defy the summons. This will almost certainly lead to the arrest and jailing of John Halpenny, Victorian State Secretary of the union.

If this happens, every unionist in Australia will be demanding a General Strike.

provoked

The announcement of the summons by Fraser's sidekick Tony Street has already provoked a 24 hour walk-out by the forty Melbourne City Council workers who originally struck to get rid of Scab Kane.

Portrait of a scab

FRANK Kane went to the I.R.B. for help last April after his workmates refused to work with him. The I.R.B.'s court action is just his latest act of cowardry.

In March 1976, this member of the Liberal Party and pal of Workers' scab, Paul Kruttschnitt, hit the headlines for the first time. "My workmates hate me because I am a worker," Frank Kane whined to the Melbourne Herald. But the mechanics at the Melbourne City Council workshop hated him for a different reason.

First Kane demanded a secret ballot - against union rules - when they tried to strike for better pay.

When they held one to placate him, he refused to strike. Then he broke through their picket line with the help of two armed police.

Kane told the Melbourne Herald that he believed in the free enterprise system. "I am bitterly opposed to unionism in Australia," he said.

Perhaps Kane's bitterness stems from the fact that he was sacked by Carlton and United Breweries for being drunk on the job. Was it true enterprise that got him his job back? No, the union did it.

And when Kane got the sack a second time for being drunk on the job, the TWU forced CUJB to give him back his job again.

Kane's bitterness probably stems from the fact that the TWU was unable to help him in the third and final time he was sacked for drunkenness.

It's a measure of the quality of the man that he now wants to help snuff his union movement that twice saved his job.

Hospital workers reject trade-off

Dirty linen piles high at Royal Brisbane Hospital as bans begin to bite

The proposal announced award would contain some differences like this:

The building agency pulled out of negotiations 12 months ago. They had made their mind to gain because they already had the \$10.50 award.

As a result, Knox called the other unions selfish and greedy.

aimed

This tactic by Knox is aimed to add to the unnecessary division amongst workers.

If all the unions were united together, not only could differences be smoothed out but they would be stronger.

For instance, the building trades group get an extra 110.50 a week travelling allowance, which is not written into any of the other trades' awards.

By a Brisbane Worker

Sacked Dimmore metalworkers gather at the AMIEU office to confront their officials

HEAT BSSSS SACK 250

WHEN 800 workers at Dimmore went on strike on December 31 for the reinstatement of a fellow worker, they expected to have to fight the management - not the union.

A blow-up was sacked for calling a fore-lay a "leaving bastard". It said this in a works meeting.

Dimmore workers took the attitude that what workers said in their own meetings was no business of the bosses. They voted to strike.

Administration proposed that the sacked worker should stand himself down and make an apology. Although the worker himself and union officials agreed with this, management did not.

They intended that the worker be stood down for two weeks, that he apologise and that he be transferred to the kill-floor for six weeks.

A mass meeting at Dimmore rejected all these proposals. The meeting voted overwhelmingly to stay out on strike.

On Monday February 5, the Assistant State Secretary of the AMIEU, Tom O'Donoghue and Organiser Glen West called another mass meeting.

Without allowing any motions to be put, they gave an official union direction to return to work.

The direction was greeted with shouts of "Bosses!" from the workers, who simply walked out the gate.

The next day, Tuesday they were entitled to go back to work in accordance with the union "direction", and in spite of the mass meeting. At the same time meeting, the committee discussed their own strategy.

unionists, holiday pay and long service continuity in fact. Also the contract set pick-up which workers it doesn't want.

Hughes, Dimmore's Industrial Officer, has mentioned several names of officials he will not re-employ.

The sacked metal set up pickets at the gate and held meetings of their own. Union officials have refused to allow meetings of their staff working at Dimmore.

decided

Forty workers on the killing-floor sat down at the start of work after the sacking and demanded a meeting. This was refused by officials.

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On Monday February 12, the 250 workers met again and decided to reject the bosses' ultimatum to apply for jobs individually.

Some are circulating a petition calling for intervention by the Federal Government and have sought support from other shops.

Dimmore River workers expressed full support.

The fight at Dimmore is an example of the strength of the health workers.

Typical enough, the Health Minister, ...

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VICTORIAN trade unionists are worried.

Their wages and conditions are under attack. But they are concerned that any industrial action they take might hurt Labor's hope of winning its first State election in decades.

SEC building tradesmen in the Latrobe Valley are worried about being provoked into a strike by Hamer. And even the militant Williamstown Dockyard workers have been keeping the elections in mind.

In the coming weeks, we'll probably hear reports ALP politicians saying "Don't rock the boat."

Perhaps those worries are understandable. But by and large they are wrong. Lenin once said: "The action of the masses — a big strike for instance — is more important than parliamentary activity at all times."

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Parliament, after all, is rigged against the working class. Sir John Kerr ruled that the ALP does little more than tickle with the capitalist system.

So why should we interrupt important industrial struggles, lie down and say quiet, just to get Frank Wilkes and his mates onto the Treasury benches?

Unless we keep the industrial pressure on, we can't rely on Wilkes to deliver on his promises. Workers in NSW have learned just how useless a State Labor government can be.

So even if a strike did hurt Labor's chances, that's no real reason to call it off or base mistrust on its attack.

But the historical evidence shows that strikes seldom hurt the ALP and often help it.

DO STRIKES REALLY HURT LABOR?

Communist Party pamphlet written after the 1963 elections had this to say: "One can only imagine how horrified the right wingers would have been when the workers of WA called a general strike to protest against the introduction of anti-union penal legislation. Such a strike must result in a catastrophic loss of votes!"

"But things turned out quite differently. In Kalgoorlie the vote swung to the ALP by 5.6% in Swan by 4.8% and in Iain Stewart in Perth (4.1%) and Stirling (2.8%)."

And what about that Latrobe Valley strike of two years ago? It caused immense disruption, weeks-long stand-downs and unbounding. If anything was going to cause an anti-Labor backlash, surely it was that strike.

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Some people regard graffiti artists as vandals. Others see them as social commentators. In Melbourne, the latter view is gaining ground.

One of the more curious examples was perpetrated at the Hamilton shops in Melbourne's South-east suburbs.

It is simply read "Out Meas-ures Warners". Only thing was, the overpays were about 10% in 1976. Meas-ures retired in 1968. I remember that overpays fairly, since it was the scene of my one-and-only virginity.

One of my favourite examples can still be seen on a wall over where I live. It simply reads "Frustrated".

Now have to remember Howard's health to get the message. It was fulfilled within a couple of months.

By Tom O'Loughlin

Latrobe Valley strikers — Labor got a 9% swing after the struggle

We hear a great deal about the power of the media. It is true that most of the most people are influenced by the press and in times of crisis influence can be broken by the media forced to be.

This was shown clearly in the Constitutional Crisis. When Whitlam was there were immediate and demonstrations biggest were in Victoria, 50,000 people demonstrated and left wing unions held a public general strike.

Public opinion is heavily toward Labor. Liberals were driven off front pages of the daily press.

But then Whitlam Hawke appealed for John Halpeny, who should have stood with them. Between them they got the unions back to work and the demonstrators of the right wing out of the party.

After all, militant anti-Labor might alienate people. When days, they cover the fact against Fraser regained the initial and began to gain in the polls.

defeat

The miserable defeat suffered in that election is known. But defeat is not disaster if we learn from the defeat and in this case quite clear-cut.

If we fight, we gain power. We take our stand in the struggle. We gain an audience. If we prepared to stop work for beliefs, people will take notice.

But if we give away our power and weapons in a bid for responsibility, if we are quiet for fear of alienating Labor, we lose. And we lose Labor.

And let's not forget the victories. The best example is all in Britain in 1974. PM Ted Heath was told by the miners union, who will strike for higher wages.

won

Heath's response was to overwork on a 3-day week. He thought this was a good idea. He thought this was a good idea. He thought this was a good idea.

classical

By Tom O'Loughlin



The gutted ruins of the Presidential palace after the September coup

ANYHOW*

EARLIER this century, they invented a machine that could make as many cigarettes in a minute as a human could make in an hour.

When it was shown to the American cigarette tycoon, J. B. Duke, he said, "Bring me an all-day production of 400,000 cigarettes a day. I'll give you \$100,000. I'll give you \$100,000. I'll give you \$100,000."

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British author Mike Muller has recently published "Tobacco and the Third World Tempest", exposing this deadly drive.

British American Tobacco (BAT) is the world's biggest tobacco company and Britain's third largest company.

Developing countries are the world's biggest tobacco markets. BAT subsidiaries are market leaders in Brazil, Nigeria, Malaysia and many other countries.

One cigarette in five is smoked in the Third World. BAT in Britain took 50 million pounds between 1969-74. BAT in Brazil took 50 million pounds in 1974.

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By Tom O'Loughlin

THE BATTLE OF CHILE

"The Battle of Chile", documents the events leading up to the bloody overthrow of Salvador Allende's Popular Unity government in 1973. The film consists entirely of original footage shot in Chile and smuggled out of the country after the military coup.

By Mick Armstrong

After editing could have shortened it considerably, it is not a screen of repetitive interviews which made a certain boring point. However it contains some brilliant footage of workers' demonstrations and factory occupations.

The high point is a debate at a trade union meeting between a Communist Party trade union leader and a worker militant.

The movie leader is defending the government's failure to extend nationalisation of the key sector of industry. The worker militant argues that the only way forward is to extend the struggle and to mobilise the workers against the right wing counter attack.

The Battle of Chile was produced in Cuba and is a powerful representation of the political line of the Communist Party of Chile.

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But that is hardly any compensation to the tone of the documentary. It is a very explicit statement though, and the commentator attempts to maintain a non-partisan stance.

unofficial

The Communist Party responded the right wing of the Popular Unity government and been criticised supporters of the Allende government.

By contrast, the Socialist Party in the right wing of the Allende government.

technology is fascinating. The trend towards substitute cigarettes has been turned into a profit.

By Tom O'Loughlin

Is this how it was lost?

The film is well-told. The script is well-written. The editing is well-done. The acting is well-performed. The film is well-made.

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NSW probation and parole officers have placed work bans in protest at heavy workload.

TEACHERS' STRIKE IN S.A.
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Pickers at Sydney airport. GANTAS supplies were hit hard by well organised picket line.

THREATENED use of Frasers' IRB legislation undermined the national airport staff strike.

After two weeks of picketing oil is running through the pipeline from Meadowbank to Sydney Airport because the Storemen's and Packers' Union have been threatened with prosecution under the IRB. This includes a clause which outlaws so-called secondary boycotts.

Things had been going well. Airport staff had been refusing to work for the IRB. They had voted to increase their strike action to work only on the national strike.

After six months' protracted talks, management had claimed that they couldn't correct anomalies in the wage structure. Two weeks into the strike they've found they can correct some of them. But management offer is still not good enough.

Steve Baanstra, proud of the Qantas flight attendants at Sydney told "The Battler" it wouldn't be a single union taking on the national and international...
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The Combined Union Committee has been vital in organising the activities of the strikers from airports, to picking the meeting venue.

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"The days when we could get support from outside industry are gone."

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Near Battlers

The refugee controversy

any other Australian worker. Dennis Bailey seems shocked by his view that Vietnam is building a social society. "Where I wonder, are the workers through which the..."

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Where's Dave?

What's going on down there at the Battler office? I've shined through the...
 "This conference was attended by twenty people..."

Smashing the Revisionist

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Brisbane Branch calendars	46.00						
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Melbourne North donation	21.00						
Anonymous, Brisbane	1.00						
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Blacks battle for justice

THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE FRAUD

The most important thing about the recent Land Rights teach-in in Sydney is that Aboriginal people are not fighting in isolation in different parts of the country.

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250 Black activists and supporters attended a major Land Rights teach-in in Sydney on March 17 and KEVIN COOK, a NSW Black activist, sums up some of the battles that Aboriginal movement is facing.

meeting

This Committee has had only one meeting since it was formed. Only two of the eight committee members actually turned up to meet tonight. Mick Miller and Geoffrey Milne.

All we got from that committee was a copy of the NSW Trade Union Committee for Aboriginal Rights aims to publish the Aboriginal question and on all Crown Land, so that it is not leased to Aboriginal land claimants are met.

But we cannot rely on governments to give us anything. We have to keep our own money and do our own thing.

A Kimberley Lands Council delegate addresses the teach-in.

NSW students fight coup

Humanities were presented with a new and exciting Head - Dr Prangue the Dean of Engineering.

And a assistant registrar, Mr McLachlan was given the new inverted post of administrator in the faculty.

The attack came at a time of general cutbacks in education spending and seems to have been instigated by the president of the Institute, Dr Werner.

The first stage was Werner's unexplained removal from the position made by the Humanities Council.

afraid

Students are afraid the Werner will sack us, which is a very real possibility, which is a very real possibility.

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For the second time in less than a year, Jimmy Carter has laboured and brought forth (in a blaze of well-orchestrated publicity) a "peace settlement" for the Middle East.

By David Lockwood

The Israelis because their way of economy was beginning to falter. One million workers held a 48 hour general strike last week against rising prices, and there is considerable discontent for peace within Israel.

Justice

Name of the parties to the settlement was particularly back to the books of economic collapse. They couldn't afford another year; and have fallen out with the Soviet Union as desperate for economic backing from the Americans.

A sign of the times in Egypt

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FRANCE: Cops, workers battle in the street

A fullscale battle between workers and police in the northern French steel town of Denain last week.

Fifteen hundred riot cops firing tear gas cartridges, faced three thousand angry steel workers armed with stones and iron bars.

The confrontation was the latest in a series of strikes between the steel workers and the government, which started when the French Prime Minister announced a plan to "reorganise" the French steel industry by closing 25,000 jobs.

After two days of fighting the police had been in Denain for three days. Workers were in hospital and the police had been in Denain for three days.

The workers' struggle has had a ripple effect. Khomani has been forced to sack down his own workers.

But the most horrifying part of the story is the religious fanaticism and the fanaticism of the workers.

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FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR UNEMPLOYED

The unemployed demand to see Transport Minister McLennan in the fight for a better deal for the jobless.

A Melbourne unemployed group has used a novel tactic in the fight for a better deal for the jobless.

Fifteen "Work for Today" Coalition members boarded a city tram and announced they were refusing to pay any fares.

They were demanding free travel on public transport for the unemployed. Melbourne's "Work for Today" Coalition members have been the victims of an amazing verdict by the magistrate.

The Tramways Board has obviously got wind of the demonstration from the press.

They had an inspector present, who instructed the conductor to ignore the unemployed demonstrators.

The inspector prevented the conductor handing out "fares to go" which the demonstrators planned to burn at the Transport Minister's office.

travelling

After travelling for an hour on several trams without ever being challenged for a fare, the demonstrators were arrested.

THE SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE TRIAL

Special Branch raid on militant

The NSW Police Special Branch is waging a campaign of harassment against people charged in the Stock Exchange Budget demonstration last August.

In one of the worst incidents to date, cops entered and searched the home of Max Callaghan, one of the defendants.

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Setback in AV

THE campaign by Victoria's technical teachers to save Julie Ingley's job has suffered a severe setback.

Technical Teachers Association of Victoria (TTAV) members have voted 60-4 in a membership poll against having an indefinite state-wide strike over the issue.

This was in marked contrast to the mood at the recent 2000 TTAV members voted overwhelmingly to recommend the strike to their representatives at a meeting held at Chesham Tech.

Director General of Education, Laurie Stans, has issued a direct refusal to sign an undertaking which would have effectively prevented a strike.

The revelation in the strike poll was a direct result of a rights-claiming in the TTAV constitution which forbids strike action unless a membership poll is taken first.

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

Dear Battlers,

Dear Battlers, I am sure that you will be interested in the news that the Government has decided to increase the GST from 10 to 12.5% from 1998.

Women in Iran

Dear Battlers, The media could not have got it any better than the Iranian women who are protesting against the Islamic Republic's attempt to force women to wear headscarves.

Iranian women will be protesting in front of the Iranian Embassy in Canberra in support of the women's rights movement in Iran.

Lusher

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Paint bosses get the brush-off

WORKERS in the paint industry are staging a series of stoppages in support of new award claims. They are members of the Miscellaneous Workers Union.

Jobs in the paint industry are varied and involve a number of serious health risks. Because of this, the workers are mostly recent migrants who find it difficult to get another job.

dangerous

Dangerous materials used in the paint industry include hydrocarbons to make paint hard wearing, asbestos to stop it cracking and powerful solvents for quick drying.

One particularly dangerous solvent at present which can be fatal if inhaled.

March on May Day

MELBOURNE Assemble 2 pm, Sunday 6 May, Trades Hall
 SYDNEY Assemble 1 pm, Sunday 6 May, Hay St, Haymarket
 BRISBANE Assemble 9.30 am, Monday 7 May, Mary St March 10 am
 ADELAIDE Assemble 10 am, Sat 5 May, Torrens Parade Ground
 Assemble 4.30 pm, Tues 1 May, outside Civic GES Office, 39 Anslie Avenue



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Get ready for war!

Workers allege PTC corruption

WORKERS in the NSW Public Transport Commission have alleged substantial corruption in the PTC.

The Commission has responded to the allegations with victimization of militant construction workers (see page 10).

On January 24, the AMU Construction Workers Negotiating Committee sent a letter to Wran, with evidence of the corruption.

The letter was signed by the three office holders in the Committee: Tony Perera, Bob Attridge and Sami Gemelli. Sami has now been sacked.

They pointed out that urgent jobs, including safety and amenities, had been suspended on the excuse of lack of finance. They claimed:

"It is our view that the lack of finance is due to waste and corruption within the P.T.C. administration."

"We note that the Minister has publicly confirmed a possible fraud in the order of fifty million dollars."

"As workers on the job, we witness daily examples of waste that have the outward colour of possible kickbacks."

"Examples are the hire of heavy plant equipment with no cranes, welding machines, compressors, backhoes, front end loaders and dump trucks, while essential equipment stands idle in the plant and equipment section at Chullora. Cost \$2 million."

ON May 15, 1969, a General Strike of half a million Australian workers forced the release of Clarrie O'Shea from jail and smashed the hated penal powers.

Today, exactly ten years later, Malcolm Fraser is poised to grant the fruits of that victory.

His industrial Relations Bureau has dragged the AMWSU into the Federal Court for having snubbed Frank Kane sacked at Melbourne last year.

The AMWSU faces a fine of \$12,000. If this fine is imposed, it will represent the fulfillment of a promise that Fraser made in 1975 in a letter to the members of a constitutional body of the IRB legislation in the High Court.



Scott Frank Kane

But as we saw on November 11, 1975, once Constitutional matters don't protect us from Fraser's attacks.

May is also the anniversary of another, far more shameful event.

It was in May 1972 that Bob Hawke and the ACTU did the wrong thing: they allowed the IRB to be used to punish workers who were fighting for their rights.

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Unionists rally outside the court at the start of the trial.

CAGEO pay push - 12

LOCKED OUT AT QANTAS

DILLINGHAM has illegally stood down large sections of the workforce at the QANTAS site in Sydney.

Building workers here have been engaged in a campaign for a \$1,500 lump sum payment on termination.

Our demand is based on three grounds. The stoppage of the industry, the demand for the cessation of the building and the cessation of the contract.

Many faces the acid the rain. They will need the payment to help to live. What they may have in mind is being retained for a few jobs.

The current allowance has increased since 1976. The company and the Master Builders Association have refused the claims.

They are engaged in a campaign to "bush" the payment to help to live. What they may have in mind is being retained for a few jobs.

WHAT WE THINK

OCCUPY Work-in at QANTAS. That's the way to fight Dillingham's lockout.

Dillingham intends not only to beat the present claim, but also to break the site organisation at Qantas.

And that means weakening the Builders Labourers for Democratic Control, the rank and file group that is strongly based at the QANTAS site.

Workers at QANTAS can't expect help from the present gangster leadership of the BLF.

But at present the BLF for Democratic Control are spending all their energies in electorising and fighting court battles. This won't beat the bosses. And it won't beat the Gailagher-Bleck leadership either.

The key thing is still the building of a rank and file movement on the job with a commitment to industrial militancy and rank and file control.

The first step has to be a successful occupation at QANTAS so they can push back the employers' offensive.

Win an active rank and file behind them, the BLF for Democratic Control can take on the union bureaucrats in the April and August elections - win.

by a BLF member

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Postal Workers demand action

STOP WORK meetings of Postal and Telecommunication workers held around the country last week have voted to fight back against Fraser's cuts in our wages.

The \$25 a week catch-up claim has been dragging on for six months now.

Last October, members of the 41,000 strong APTU (Australian Postal and Telecommunication Union) indicated in a plenary that they wanted to take industrial action.

Federal Hall was the scene for Victoria's stop work meeting on March 20. Over 4,000 members attending roundly booed the Federal Secretary, George Slater, before he had even opened his mouth.

The Federal and State FEDTA crane drivers decided to stop work on 20 March.

While the federalists are there are virtually no negotiations on the original demand.

At the workers are confident that on 20 March.



George Slater — booed by APTU members

The meeting was stopped for many minutes at a time by constant shouting and grabbing the microphone.

Proper discussion of tactics was swamped in this shouting.

Whatever it decides, we still have to make sure that more meetings are held so that the membership is fully alerted and involved.

We're turning the tables at Dinmore

AT ITS Dinmore meetings seven weeks ago, Smorgons thought they had won a decisive blow against the workers on the job.

With the assistance of the then union officials, had got rid of the troublemakers when they backed more than two hundred and were obliged to reemploy them.

Who's now the source they had left a lame-duck stand.

leaflet

"We also produced our own leaflet explaining what had happened and were obliged to reemploy them."

Collections of groceries and donations at Dinmore still and at Berner



ABOVE LEFT: Part of Sydney's massive 25,000 strong anti-nuclear march last night. RIGHT: Smoke gets in your eyes as police use tear gas to disperse the crowd. BELOW LEFT: A demonstrator studies CRA's shareholder list, stolen from the company by the Melbourne activists.

The nuclear bubble bursts

AMERICA came face to face with insanity last month—the insanity of a nuclear industry which brought us to the brink of the ultimate, the inconceivable, the impossible, the one-in-a-billion nuclear power plant catastrophe.

At Three Mile Island near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the center of a 25-mile ring containing 300,000 people, scientists were desperately attempting to avert a complete meltdown of the nuclear core.

In packed theatres across the country, audiences watching the suddenly non-fictional movie "The China Syndrome" gasped as a physicist told Jane Fonda that a meltdown would "most probably be an event which is not predictable by the engineering design of the plants."

The creation of a hydrogen-oxygen steam bubble inside the reactor core which threatened to melt the fuel rods was never predicted by mathematical theory or the engineering design of the plants.

How close did Three Mile Island really come to a meltdown? "It's the most incredible fact of all, that it may be preventable," says a scientist.

FITTING URANIUM ON THE JOB!

black ban

THE shift to workplace activities is being fought. But there's a lot more to it than that. We'll have to make sure that we see organization among the job activists and not just union bureaucrats.

One had decision coming out of the conference was not to call a national mobilization for Hiroshima Day.

But none of the decisions taken at the meeting are binding on the states, just recommendations. So we'll have to make sure that we see organization among the job activists and not just union bureaucrats.

Cops bash prison activist

SYDNEY Prisoners' Action Group member Kevin Storey has been assaulted and bashed by Glebe police.

He received bruises and bleeding on his face, back and legs, and needed five stitches in a cut above his eye.

Job's pub brawl

Following a successful picket on April 5 outside Queensland Parliament over the fact that it only sits for a few weeks of the year, demonstrators turned out in force on April 29 to protest against the demolition of the historic Belle Vue Hotel next door.

A million dollars has been spent on parliamentary silver, but the State Government has spent nothing on the restoration of the Belle Vue.

The ULC initiated a Building Trades action on the hotel several years ago. This didn't stop the iron being heaped off soon after.

The ULC and Building Trades

The Devil or the Deep Blue Rinse?

BRITAIN'S MISERABLE CHOICE

WITH a general election on May 3, British workers face a grim choice between two evils. A choice between a conservative Labour government for the one hand, and a triumphant right wing Tory government, elected on an anti-working class, law and order platform.

Five years of Labour rule have paved the way for such a Tory government. Under Wilson and Callaghan, Labour has disappointed the hopes of its supporters and brought about a massive swing to the right in British politics.

The Labour government came to office promising "a massive and irreversible shift" in both wages and power toward working people and their families. It did nothing about a redistribution of income—but in favour of the rich.

All this was justified by Labour ministers as necessary to stop inflation. But inflation hasn't stopped. Prices are up and down.

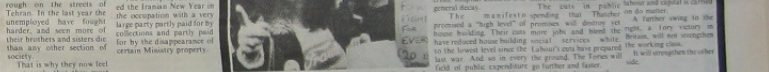
In 1974, the Labour party promised to raise the price control but their price control was a face because the government was determined to boost profits by forcing the same law and the by gross rate.

IRAN: Now the fight for jobs

There are those who feel vicarious to the Shah's policies long before this last year. Sucked out of the rural areas over the last decade, they live a hand-to-mouth existence in the large cities.

There are those who have become workers during the last year. Those lost their jobs fighting for the revolution.

Many of them are living rough in the streets of Tehran. In the last year the unemployed have fought harder, and seen more of their families and others die than any other section of society.



meeting Ford workers picket—one of the strikes that stopped Callaghan's wage cutting

Right attacks in Lebanon

A political crisis has begun in Lebanon as the renewal date for the Arab peace-keeping force (Syrians and Saudi Arabians) comes closer.

The right-wing militias are engaged in widespread extortion and violence against the civilian population.

The Israeli airforce and says are making repeated attacks on the Lebanese people and are warring with the majority of the Lebanese people who are fighting with the UN army.



March 1978 — the residential sections of Tyre are bombed by Israeli warplanes

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Victims of the system that spawns them

"John" uses a petrol station in a Sydney inner suburb.

"John" — and thousands of others like him — are victims of Capitalism's Other Crisis — the crisis of small business.

Since the onset of the recession, about 1500 small business owners a year have been declared bankrupt by the Bankrupt Court.

By Alec Kahn

Militant demonstrations have made everyone aware of the plight of the small farmer and the owner-driver truckie. Like hundreds of other petrol station owners, "John" led by the nose in selling to Shell.

With increasing petrol prices and a crisis in oil supplies, only the big companies can compete," he says. "Shell have cornered this station to sell me a car. I could never have afforded to do that. But they say it's what the customer wants."

The big companies now have control of half about all the stations in this area. The picture of small business getting squeezed out by the big companies is of course getting better.

Back in 1911, for example, German cartmen had tried that large enterprises (with 50 or more workers) had tried as a proportion of all business between 1882 and 1907.

And from employing 22 percent of the workforce in Germany in 1882, they had expanded to 33 percent of the workforce in 1907.

The trend towards monopolisation is a natural feature of capitalism — despite all the moral phrases about free competition, and anti-trust legislation.

Shell and the other oil companies have been accused by "John" of this. "I'm not the case. To safeguard against the disinvestment of the small owners that they're bringing on, all the companies have organised seminars which "John" attended.

They've convinced him that his problems were all due to his own stupidity. "I'm a 'small entrepreneur'," he says. "I'm an inferior." A British trade unionist that the average small business has debts and arrears.

Survey shows that 49 percent of all small business in Australia collapse in their first five years. The trend is even worse in America, the home of the giant corporations.

There, 77 percent of small businesses fail within five years. 35 percent don't even make it through the first twelve months.

And it certainly isn't mere interference that is causing this. It's a lack of expertise. When you're running your own risk or with help you can't afford business consultants and accountants to tell you how to do things.

So truck-owners may charge competitive rates for a job, but fail to organise leads for the return journey like their competitors do.

Multi-but owners buy shops in poor locations, or fit them out with unattractive fittings.

With lack of supervision of their books, and often an inability to detect mismanagement, many small business owners don't even know that they're on the road to ruin until they are too late.

Finally, of course, small businesses are much more susceptible to raw fluctuations in an industry.

Small farmers have been just about closed out by the rapid recession of the mid-section, which has only just ended.

And there is no reason whatsoever why the 42 percent of Australian workers employed in small business should queue up to pay for capitalism's inefficiency.

Especially when small business owners are often the most vicious bosses, and their workers are the most poorly regarded to boot.

Our message to business owners — to the countless owner-drivers, shopkeepers, sub-contractors, and small farmers — has to be clear and simple, and uncompromising.

We will support them where they are prepared to fight the big capitalists and the state.

Small businesses — and their problems — have been with us for a long time.

The danger for workers from the small business crisis comes as capitalism slips deeper into recession.

For while big companies destroy little ones, they don't destroy them all.

The car companies need your local pond-bearing shop around the corner to do the jobs that don't lend themselves readily to mass-production techniques and huge profits.

The American corporation, says that of its 30,000 suppliers, 93 percent are small business.

Only socialism — the transparent promise of the Liberals or the illusion of "free enterprise" — can ever offer the security and wealth that we all have a right to.



The two faces of small business. ABOVE: Owner-driver Berndemeier in NSW. RIGHT: An owner-driver truckie bagging wool. October.

Fascism —

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Liberals in trouble

lock, a very complex situation. Liberalism to do his dirty work.

Bye-bye, April's fool

Transwales Union defeated Biggs, she was immediately given a job in the ministry of transport.

Victoria the garden state

Where... if you buy the right Land... the money grows on trees...

The Liberal Party is in a shambles. It means inner state with the numbers on the exclusive Private Hospitals... with their own subsidies by HRB.

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Dairy farmers march against the government in Melbourne.

FRANK WHO?

STEVY Neville writes... The NSW politician described him as a saint and trouble maker... The state Premier... He is a conservative and responsible...

Which is Frank Willes? Willes is a good President of the Farming Trades Union... He has never been a worker on the shop floor...

Hold the Aps that when he was the executive of the Farming Trades Society that he was "a radical militant union... It was a good union... He didn't have any more bones who would like to see more food unions like that these days...

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Education

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Prison Officer exposes bashing

A few days before the beginning of the inquiry into prisoners' allegations about incidents at Goulburn Jail in NSW, an ex-prison officer has publicly named names and given details of assaults on prisoners.

David Hopkins was employed as a Prison Officer at Goulburn during 1978. He has also Malabar complex, and completed the Officer Training Programme at Malabar.

Below are some excerpts from David Hopkins' statement about the incident which occurred at Goulburn. Hopkins wrote a statement for the P.A.G. on March 26 and another more detailed one on May 2. He also agreed to give evidence at the Goulburn Inquiry. It is his hope that these reports will be of some use.

Second-in-command Alan Penning - about the bashings

"I always look up you, they're afraid to look up any prisoner."

Insufficient

"I believe that prisoners in Goulburn Jail have not received sufficient protection

against excessive personal violence by Prison Officers. It is very difficult for them to obtain legal assistance in preparing charges of assault against Prison Officers.

"The Superintendent has given Prison Officers the right to give Prison Officers a physical backing in virtually any use of force. He himself orders the confinement of prisoners to 'young' cells and to the segregated food yards under their own supervision."

"After a bashing prisoner are not allowed to see visitors. I was told that thirty-five bashings of prisoners in the six months prior to December 1978."

"The problem of inmate administrative segregation was also mentioned with the completion of the new maximum security cells in the new wing of the prison building that was put in hand this year."

"The Prison Officers said that the doctor had had to refer to the prison doctor because they regard it as inhuman. From a statement of March 30."

discussions

"During the time I was a Prison Officer at Goulburn, Prison Officers frequently discussed a number of themselves incidents of violence. "During these discussions I heard of at least two bashings of prisoners by Prison Officers a week. "I was told that Prison Officer Bruce Brown called out to prisoner 622 during a riot, which had broken out in the month."

"On December 7, 1978, Prisoner Michael Quinn was in the Superintendent's office following the incident. "I was told that the incident was followed by a riot."

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THE MURDERERS IN BLUE



A YOUNG man named Blair Peach was murdered in late April. His killers were the British police.

He was on his way home from a demonstration against the fascist National Front. Police also put other demonstrators, young Asians, on the critical list.

These were the most shocking results of a reign of terror imposed by the police on the towns of Southall in order to ensure that the National Front could move. Police had been harassing Asians all afternoon. Roadblocks had been set up in every road leading to Southall.

The police banned Asian National League supporters stating a medical aid centre in a house. They all had to be taken to hospital. Then the cops moved into savage attacks on demonstrators in the street.

Blair Peach, who was killed by one of the attacks, was an active trade unionist, and socialist. He was President of the East London Association of the National Union of Teachers, and a founder of two branches of the Asian National League.

Blair Peach - killed in cold blood

for his anti-racist activity. He had been beaten and a tendon in his hand had been completely severed by a policeman.

He was kept in the fight, to fight all night at a different band of thugs, in their uniforms. The Asian League has since been completely dismantled. The fight to smash the National Front will continue. Blair Peach has suffered a violent fate.

They were given 100 bail each and will appear in court for a mention on May 3. The squatters are now in another house. On May 3 police came and took their bedding while they were away.

Demonstrations have been held over the arrests and police force. The squatters have the power to drop the charges. Squatting police occupied his office the day after the arrest.

Dole blitz

Unemployed people in Perth learned last week that the Government has ordered another 'dole blitz' in the last half of 1978. One-third of unemployed people were cut off the dole, most of them eventually got back on it after appeal.

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DOES democracy exist when three percent of the population allocated over a quarter of the seats in Parliament, one third of the seats in Cabinet and dominates the state apparatus?

Obviously not. Yet we're being told that democracy now exists in Rhodesia, where this situation prevails. And I suppose if we call Queensland democratic, then Rhodesia must be too.

David Lockwood

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TRADE UNION STRIKE



Can we fight without the right?

DURING the whole week of opposing in the Clarrie O'Shea struggle, the right-wing officials of the union movement played a disgraceful role.

The triumph of the militant unions in overcoming them has vital lessons for today.

The right-wing participants at Ashgate were particularly far from coming in line, the right-wing dominated Victorian Trades Hall was never called in to attend its regular Thursday meeting.

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The man we didn't need - ACTU leader Albert Monk (R) and Harold Souler (L) arrive for another talk session with Government ministers.

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65 years of penal powers

PENALTIES against strikes and bans by unions were not a recent development in 1969.

Ever since 1810, when compulsory arbitration for penal disputes began in Australia, there have been federal on unions, for taking action.

Ben Chifley — Labor PM who toughened the penal powers

It was Chifley who Act in 1949 by the Sefton Labor Government that unions have been fined for breaking the "ban disease" of awards.

Ben Chifley, Labor PM who toughened the penal powers, is shown in a 1963 photograph.

Theoretically, the penalties applied to employers from 1860 to 1912, but were abolished in 1863 and 1960 before any firm could be fined \$2,500.

In Victorian times, they fined \$200 for 700 breaches in 1950 and on April 19, 1950, they were abolished through the total ban on union action.

In 1969, the use of the penal powers stopped on December 15. In 1968, a general strike imposed a total of 116,000 in an industrial dispute.

At 8.30 a.m. on Thursday 15 May, 1969, Melbourne's Festival Hall was packed.

Five thousand shop stewards and job delegates had gathered in the morning club for a meeting called by Victoria's militant "27 rebel unions".

Little did they realise that they were about to witness the most dramatic week in the history of Australian trade unionism.

The job delegates did know that later that morning Tradesway's Union secretary Clarrie O'Shea was finally going to appear before Justice (later Governor-General) John Kerr to answer an order to produce the union's books so that fines could be extracted.

By Diane Fieldes and Alec Kahn

They also knew that O'Shea was going to refuse to produce the books in defiance of the Arbitration Hall's order and that she would be arrested.

She refused to take the oath, instead announcing that she was going to be arrested and would not be paid.

The Victorian branch of the Tradesway union was ordered each night the fines on unions of \$1,000 a day for breaking a "ban clause".

When the union said it could not pay, the Federal Government continued its bank account of \$3,700.

In late 1968, the union had broken a cash called from Parliament. They were fined a further \$2,400.

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A Common leads Clarrie O'Shea away from the court and into jail.

At 10.10 a.m. on Wednesday without O'Shea having signed his consent to be fined \$20 and \$372 costs - for advising a union to do work that wasn't covered by an AMIEU official.

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Invasion

The invasion went on because two left-wing officials said a trial and a strike would be imposed on May 16 and called for industrial action on a national scale.

But after a two-hour session in the Trades Hall on May 16, the officials of the union movement refused to support the strike.

At an ACTU meeting on May 20 he voted against a decision advising unions not to get firm under the penal powers.

Later that day, he demanded the decision, saying "We are opposing it if it is not universal, the determination of the Australian Trade Union Movement".

In Sydney on May 15, the Trades Hall condemned O'Shea's jailing. It had urged the presence of Government ministers.

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CAGEO wage catch-up claim

PUBLIC SERVANTS

ACT UP!

ACOA members fight sack bill

PUBLIC servants are showing we've had enough of Fraser's attacks.

A daily meeting of ACOA members in Canberra called for industrial action over the Commonwealth Employees Regulations (CEER) and Retirement Bill (CRBR), on Thursday 1 May.

The Bill is the latest attempt to erode public servant conditions.

It follows savage staff cuts and speedier abolition of maternity leave, cutting of maternity leave and the Commonwealth Employees' Employment Provision (to staff Act).

The CRBR allows public servants to be "retired" or "sacked" if they are caught by equipment.

appeal

The Bill also says that an appeal can be introduced "for any other reason" by the Public Service Board.

There are no appeal provisions. We can only appeal against the fact that we were chosen for the act, rather than the substance of the act.

The Bill will also be used to sack four union militants.

The weekly meeting passed a resolution recommending that an ACOA mass meeting on May 8 call for an eight hour stop-work if the Bill goes through the House of Representatives.

Only this kind of action will show Fraser that we really mean business.

In the cases of doctors, nurses and dentists, we are presently being sacked and the CEER provisions have already been introduced.

We have to demonstrate that the government "serves" the public.

By Rick Cooper, ACOA

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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS



As Di Minnis listens skeptically (above), the chairman of the CAGEO meeting rules for amendment out of order... only to be ruled by a motion of dissent carried in a division (below).

COMMONWEALTH Government workers have been meeting all round Australia in support of wage demands to make up for partial indexation.

We have passed motions in three cities calling on our unions to organise industrial action.

A demonstration has also been organised outside the Arbitration Commission in Melbourne at the opening of the National Wage Case to let them know how we feel about what's happened to our wages.

By Diane Fieldes ACOA member

Teacher strike - 10



The meeting in Sydney started with five or six hundred people, even though it was pouring with rain outside.

Unions handed in an "official" motion, endorsing the attempt and urging affiliated unions to "take union agreements to their committees".

Two amendments were immediately moved by speakers from the floor of the meeting.

Lynsda Boydard, of the ACTU, moved that affiliated unions should refuse to process the motion, and the union officials who had the platform.

The 500 unionists present also voted overwhelmingly in favour of action.

action

A number of militants in the ACOA were brought together by this and decided to form a rank and file group within the national office of the public service to continue the fight over the wage demands.

The chairman ruled that the group had put over our heads.

When a motion for stop work meetings was put to the Canberra CAGEO meeting, it passed by a very large majority there too.

After all this, there were only about 400 people left.

Journos rebel

THE usual rubber-stamped attitude of the Victorian branch of the Australian Journalists Association annual meeting to approve the "negotiation solution" has been upset today.

Despite the opposition from the platform, a vote from the floor elected establishment of a new "committee of technical journalists".

Many journalists also saw the difference between a committee elected from rank and file rather than by the usual method of an amendment to the committee responsible for the election of representatives to the branch executive.

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It was a landmark in the history of the association, which has been a hollow one for some time.

It is up to us to call the next meeting and to ensure that the members of the union are interested in the wage claim, and most importantly, prepared to take action to support it.

decisions

CAGEO decisions are binding - union officials would ignore them if we do them.

The motions that were passed were:

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Joh's council job threat

BRISBANE City Council workers have struck for twenty-four hours in response to announcement that the Queensland government was to take over Brisbane's water supply from the Labor City Council.

Last year the National-Liberal government took away another of the council's revenue-earning operations - electricity.

These moves are to weaken Labor Party control over the Brisbane area, something the Tory Tories have failed to do historically after many years.

The government offers to take over public transport - an expensive liability.

By Steve Rathborne

stopwork

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In another fine example of the ILC's efforts to keep the rank and file workers out of the picture, the council decided to take action to support it.

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FRASER'S BUDGET

the knives are out already!



MALCOLM FRASER is getting ready to bring down a Budget which will make last year's effort look generous.

With over two months to go, the Liberal and Country Party members in Canberra are still squabbling over the details. But the message is grim and clear.

The knives are out already. And they're aimed at us.

Health will be the biggest loser. The painful scheme which replaced Medibank is being buried.

This will mean that more than one in three of us will lose the 40% medical rebate.

Almost all the people affected will be low income earners - they will have no health insurance cover at all.

And to rub salt in the wound, Fraser is putting up hospital charges.

Education will be cut again this year, by tens of millions of dollars.

state

Fraser's Minister for Poverty and Ignorance, Carrick, has not made a secret of the fact that it will state schools who will bear the biggest cost.

Meanwhile, money is to be handed out by the trackload to the private schools the Liberals sent to.

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IRB LOSERS ROUND 1

ROUND one of the current IRB prosecutions has ended with charges against Melbourne City Council being dismissed.

In the court, the Council argued mainly on technical points of the legislation. They got off by arguing that they sacked Kane to end the dispute and protect public health - not to enforce compulsory unionism.

This legal technicality was not the challenge to the IRB legislation to light the fuse.

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Liberal treasurer John Howard - "Sorry but profits come first."

We should be ready for the Budget too.

We have to build on last year's anti-budget movement.

In Melbourne, eight thousand demonstrated in the new city and 2000 shop awards called for wage action.

In Sydney, ten thousand demonstrated and 1000 led by the ICT protest showed the Liberals who were in Canberra when union workers showed their contempt for the Liberal government.

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As last year proved, if we leave it up to the officials after the event, nothing will happen.

Melbourne Fraser is arrogant enough to think he can get away with muddering our living standards.

We are strong enough to win the battle that he can't risk to wage his Budget in Canberra.

But if we're not organised enough to win the battle in our own cities, we can win the struggle over rights of Melbourne's V.I.C. rights of Melbourne's V.I.C. rights of Melbourne's V.I.C.

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The secret Ducker-Wran numbers deal

THE extreme right-wing Ducker-Lindsay machine is determined to push ahead with its changes to consolidate its position in the NSW ALP.

It is despite the rebuttal that they and State Premier Neville Martinville received from the NSW Parliamentary Committee on the NSW Labor Party that they will allow members of the Legislative Council (the NSW Upper House) to join the secret.

By Mick Armstrong

These members found that they would be swept up in the right-wing Ducker-Lindsay machine. They have attempted to work out a compromise deal, but have failed so far. This is how a history of the machine for the left.

Cancer members, who were voted out for helping Premier Jack Ferguson's machine, are mostly worried about losing their cabinet.

The changes are:

- Abolition of rank and file participation in the Sydney City Council. The majority of whom are currently left wing.
- Allowing the Administrative Committee to change the order of State candidates on the ballot paper at the discretion of the MLCs in the parliamentary caucus.
- New Wran, who originally supported the left over the issue of inclusion of MLCs in caucus, dumped them when Ducker advised him.

Wran needs Ducker's support if he is to have any chance of getting into a federal position.

It was also planning a party conference of the NSW ALP. The construction of the NSW Public Works Department, which will lead to thousands of workers losing their jobs.

These savings on the railways could be a major coup for the ALP State government and the NSW Government.

Apparently Ducker has permitted to keep the union in the current factory fight.

John Ducker - Deal with Wran

COPELAND

THE right-wing Sydney City Council has been implicated in a cover-up of pollution levels in city streets.

At a closed meeting on May 14, ALP alderman Robert Tucker accused 11 and Mayor Neilson Mccarty of withholding figures from the public which showed pollution levels in Pitt Street to be eight times the World Health Organisation limit.

By Michael Hudson

Robert Tucker was ordered to withdraw his accusations from the chamber. When he refused, Mccarty adjourned the meeting and called police to remove Tucker from the chamber.

The ALP councillors walked out and refused to attend the 11th public hearing. Mccarty resumed the meeting and concluded all other business in 20 minutes without the aid of 11 members. Robert Tucker told the public that he had been withheld from the public for two years as a consultant.

George's

THEY'DE do it.

The Administrative Committee of the Queensland ALP has laid charges against Senator George Georges.

The charges claim that Georges "attacked the Labor Party, its officers and its policies" in public.

The charges refer to a statement Georges made about the ALP's involvement in the passing of the Justices Act.

The act means that civil proceedings cannot be proceeded with without the consent of the Attorney General.

The act was passed to prevent private prosecutions against the police, the name of the police force was named in the Peel Report for members of an anti-police league.

Many ALP members, including the Queensland Parliamentary leader Ed Coates, were angry.

Bary Unsworth Ducker's cronies

ALP lays charges

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Do your own dirty work, Joh!

FROM the days of Vietnam mortar attacks and demonstrations, Brisbane firefighters in the Union have resolved not to be used as "demo-bombs" by turning back the crowds and similar actions.

At the time of passing the resolution, members were told that the Government might try to use in this way.

A conference between the Chief Officer and the Union was held on the matter. It was decided that if the Government were to use the firefighters in this way, they would be considered as "demo-bombs".

We have never worked in this way. We have always been called on for fire-fighting purposes and it has not been publicly announced. It is a matter of common sense that if the Government were to use the firefighters in this way, they would be considered as "demo-bombs".

Hawke looks for a nest

ONCE again, folks, the 'Bob Hawke' is under parliament' rammers

The former prime minister is looking for a nest to build in the State of Victoria.

He has been invited to be the Honorary Consul for Victoria in Melbourne.

He is also being invited to be the Honorary Consul for Victoria in Melbourne.

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Brisbane firefighters show where they stand during the May Day march

FIREFIGHTERS SUPPORT THE RIGHT TO MARCH

THEY'RE NOT ASKING FOR A FIGHT!

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Parramatta hospital to close

"PARRAMATTA HOSPITAL is to go. That's the latest word to NSW Minister for Health, Mr Stewart.

After openly lying to the public for months by denying that the hospital would be closed, Stewart finally came out and admitted that it was always planned that the newly built Westfield Hospital would take over its function.

The Westfield Hospital is to be built on the site of the Parramatta Hospital. It is to be built on the site of the Parramatta Hospital. It is to be built on the site of the Parramatta Hospital. It is to be built on the site of the Parramatta Hospital.

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Draws no luxury for these women

KAYLISS Fisheries, a Northern Territory prawn processing factory, pays low wages for long hours and lousy conditions and they are also up to a number of other dirty tricks.

A factory employs mainly women, about a third of them black, living in the Alligatorua Mission. Many of the other workers are itinerant.

Royce Van Den Broek spent three days for a short period on the job because of a skin rash on her neck. She says she was told to wash her face with soap and water. She was told to wash her face with soap and water. She was told to wash her face with soap and water.

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Skin rash all over their faces and arms



Four of the women on the Kayliss production line. Low pay and bad conditions with the prawn shaft you're a boy.

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GAY BOOK BAN IN N.C. SCHOOLS

The Gay Teachers and Students' Group recently held a public meeting in Melbourne to condemn the ban placed on their book, 'Young, Gay and Proud'.

About seventy people were at the meeting on Thursday 10 May to protest against the director of the State Minister for Education, Lindsay Thompson.

Thompson placed a ban on all books, films and audiovisual materials which foster homosexual behaviour.

The ban was aimed at Young, Gay and Proud, the book written by the late Robert and Sydney Howard in 1971, which describes the lives of thousands of young men and female, who are struggling with attitudes towards their sexuality.

The ban also included books such as the 'Loving, Gay and Proud' series, 'Glorious Day', which covers gay and lesbian lives, and also the series of abortion and contraception.

Thompson has since ordered a right-wing Christian book-writing campaign.

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ISRAEL'S WAR IN LEBANON

FOR the last few months - behind the West's excitement over the Camp David peace settlement - Israel has been waging war on Lebanon.

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May Day 1976 in Istanbul. Panic-stricken, thousands of workers attempt to escape bombs thrown by the paramilitary from nearby barracks.

KAYLEY: The army aims to take the city down

THEY had defied a ban imposed by the government and poured onto the streets in a simultaneous action.

Slightly the ban was an extension of the state of martial law that had already been called since the trials in Kalimantan, May, December last year.

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An island paradise for bosses

EVERY year thousands of Australian tourists visit Indonesia, particularly Bali, to enjoy the island's lush scenery, its temples, and its people.

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A DOG is someone who licks the boots of the master who has dealt him kicks for decades.

A DOG is someone who gaily wags his tail in the muzzle of martial law and looks straight into the eyes of the military dictatorship while softly whining for mercy.

A DOG is someone who barks raucously at a man in his absence, even a man in fetters, and thereby acts as a retriever for whoever is in the power at the time.

A DOG is someone who, at his government's command, abuses, scolds, and tramples down into the muck the whole history of his party and everything it has held sacred for a generation.

An anti-war text from a leaflet written by Rosa Luxemburg and distributed in 1916.

The living flame of revolution

ON 15 JANUARY 1919 Rosa Luxemburg was arrested in Berlin. Later she was bundled into a car. A soldier smashed her skull. An officer shot her. Then they dumped her body in a canal. That was how they murdered one of the finest revolutionary socialists of her time.

Lenin called her 'an eagle'. German socialists called her 'the finest brain among the scientific successors of Marx and Engels'. Rosa was 47 when she was murdered. She had been an activist in the Polish and German movements for more than 30 years. What she fought for, her belief in the rank and file, her internationalism, her total commitment to workers' revolution, are relevant today.

Sixty years later, *The Battler* remembers her life and her contribution.

ROSA Luxemburg was born in Poland. At 16 she became active in the socialist movement but had to leave Poland two years later because of the danger of arrest.

She went to Switzerland where she studied natural sciences and became involved in revolutionary emigrant life. She quickly became recognised as the theoretical leader of the revolutionary socialist party in Poland.

Then in 1905 she went to spend her time in Germany. There she immediately became active in the labour movement. She wrote regularly in socialist newspapers and spoke at many mass meetings.

Her speeches and articles emphasized the need for national arguments for socialism. She stressed the need to develop ideas and theory and for people to think for themselves rather than blindly follow established leaders.

As she wrote in her pamphlet *Reform or Revolution*:

"As long as theoretical knowledge remains the privilege of a handful of academicians in the Party, they will face the danger of going astray."

"Only when the great mass of workers take the best and dependable weapons of scientific socialism as their own hands, will all the petty bourgeois limitations, all the opportunist currents, come to naught."

Rosa's suppression of the light she indicated for her reformist but emphasized that the revolutionary struggle was permanent. The fighter reforms was the way that workers would learn to organize and

By ANNA PACZUSKA

for years within the German Social Democratic Party first a group and clear stand against colonialism and imperialism.

The social democrats did condemn the behaviour of the government in Africa and Asia but never consistently. When the First World War broke out many socialists got caught up in the tide of patriotism that swept Germany.

The parliamentary group of the SPD inclined in favour of war credits for the Kaiser.

Rosa Luxemburg led a small group of socialists and together decided to take up the struggle against the war. The group was to become known as the Spartacus League. It was strongly internationalist.

For the next four years Rosa Luxemburg continued to agitate against the war. In 1917 the outbreak of the Russian revolution inspired Rosa to write not only in defence of the Russian revolution but also to urge German workers not to allow the revolution to remain confined as the had wanted.

Rosa was arrested by the first but solution would speed defeat. She urged the "internationalist" over all. Rosa Luxemburg fought

revolution. Released from prison in 1919, Rosa Luxemburg fled to Holland to continue her work for the workers' revolution.

She fought for Germany to build itself open independent organisations who would look to parliamentarianism and reformers to win their rights for them. Like Marx she firmly believed that the emancipation of the working class would be the act of the class itself.

She said at the founding of the German Communist Party in 1918:

decrees

"Socialism will not and cannot be created by decrees. It can only be achieved by the conscious activity of the masses. It is not a profession. It is the result of revolutionary action."

Especially she was a kind of fighter for the revolution. She fought for the workers' revolution. She wrote in the introduction of the Communist Party:

"The revolution is the only way to save the working class to save the



Demonstration in Berlin's Silesiaplatz, January 5, 1919



In a speech to the founding conference of the Communist Party of Germany, Rosa Luxemburg said:

"What is now incumbent on us is that we should deliberately concentrate all the forces of the proletariat for an attack on the very foundations of the capitalist society."

There, at the root where the individual employers confronts the wage slaves; at the root where all the executive organs of the ownership rule confront the object of this rule, the masses; there, step by step, we must seize the means of power from the hands of the individual employers and concentrate them into our own hands.

Rosa with Karl Liebknecht (centre) in 1909

Germany on the brink



Armed Spartakus League supporters march in Berlin, 1918

IN 1918 Germany stood on the brink of workers' revolution. Germany was losing the war. The troops smelled defeat.

In October the German Admirals made a lunatic last ditch attempt to save the 'honour of the Navy'. And thousands of sailors in Kiel refused to carry out the orders.

Five hundred of the revolution were imprisoned. Thousands of thousands of workers demonstrated against the war. The day of these demonstrations marked a new beginning of the workers' revolution. It was the day of the revolution.

Rosa Luxemburg opened the door. She urged the workers to carry out the revolution. She urged the workers to carry out the revolution.

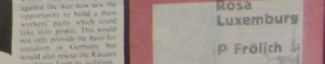
MARXIST women in Germany led a large and highly successful women's movement. Rosa herself is never remembered as a feminist.

But she was committed to the fight for women's rights. And as a Marxist she believed that the question of class was central to the women's question.

She said the struggle was a struggle of working class women. Because of the women's revolution, they would surely be for more revolutionary than the masculine portion of their class.

All our eyes will see within this the meaning of imperialism throughout the world, and directly in every single instance of the bourgeoisie of every generation of countries throughout the world.

Levin of Rosa Luxemburg



Rosa Luxemburg and P. Frölich

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Rosa Luxemburg - self portrait

ROSA was not simply a technician of the revolutionary movement. Interested only in socialism and workers' struggles.

She was a brilliant and gifted woman with many interests outside the revolutionary movement. She drew and painted. She read literature in Russian, Polish, German and French. She wrote poetry. She was interested in anthropology, history, geology and botany.

Her interest in botany was passionate. She took months off from politics to pursue her interest in this subject.

Several European species of plants are named after her as she was the first person to record them.

NEWS FOR THE MAD? DISEASE?

THERE'S no such thing as a free lunch. So says the Federal Government.

They have a point of course. Milton Fraser has had plenty of lunches he didn't pay for, but they were all paid for by our labour.

They are also right in a more basic sense. Capitalism does work according to laws of development, which cannot be willed away. Today's economic crisis is a product of the operation of those laws. Any solution to it must take them into account.

There are no prizes for identifying the most basic principle: the profit motive. The system exists to produce profits, whether anything of value to the people gets produced is purely incidental. A capitalist is just as happy producing something useless like fancy packaging, or positively harmful like atom bombs, as long as the profit rolls.



Profits come from the exploitation of labour. But Marx showed in theory a hundred years ago that the dynamic of the system gradually reduces the proportion of labour in the process of production relative to machines.

This build up in machinery in turn undermines the rate of profit. Not the amount of profit, but the rate of return per dollar invested.

What Marx demonstrated in theory was proven in real life in the early part of this century. Profit rates began to fall throughout the world. For example, profits in American manufacturing fell from 27.6 to 16% from 1889 to 1919.

When profit rates fall, investors refuse to invest. Why put your money in if the return is too low? The result was world-wide stagnation, leading finally to the Great Depression of the thirties.

The problem was overcome for a period during and after World War II, but now it is resurfacing. In Australia, like elsewhere in the world, we see a crisis of profitability.

With profits low, investors go on strike. Fraser must get Australian profits rates up, or no one will invest in this country. His solution is simple and obvious—to force down wages.

Through wage-indexation, and a minimum wage, and an unemployment designed to intimidate the employed, he has succeeded in holding wages down below the rate of inflation. In real terms, wages have been cut.

Profit rates have risen somewhat, yet investors do not respond. It took three years of wage cuts to get even the mid and temporary business recovery of this year. There has been no substantial improvement, in fact, unemployment is still getting worse.

For there is a fatal flaw in the Fraser strategy. Cutting wages and forcing up profits is necessary from the employer's point of view, but it is not sufficient. You also need customers, if you are going to expand production.

But wage cuts and unemployment reduce the ability of

By Tom O'Lincin

The princes of profit — or us poor mugs in the street?

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The absurdity of the system. Beneath a propaganda billboard in Depression America 1937, people queue for relief.

Australian workers to consume. Consequently, ATP and unions leaders are called for better wages, and government spending. If it is not for undermining the employment situation. This will stimulate demand, they say, and produce a "consumers-led recovery."

This sort of argument is handy in the short-term. It provides a rationale for fighting for higher wages, which will all to the good. It exposes Fraser's strategy as wrong.

economic

But in long term it is a fantasy. For increased wages mean lower profits. More government spending, if it is not to undermine the effect of wage increases, must come from taxes on profits. But if profit rates are lowered, the investors will not invest.

They will not put money into an unprofitable firm because of the promise of a consumer-led recovery somewhere in the future.

The only solution is to abolish the profit system itself. Neither Liberals nor Labor will create such a thing, but for the working class it is the only way out of growing crisis.

IT pays to kill these workers

Asbestos is very much in the air these days (in both senses). On this morning's news about four Adelaide wharves suffering from the lung disease, asbestosis.

Yesterday I talked to an ambulance driver in the 20 year he could come down with asbestos-caused lung cancer — and there's nothing he can do to prevent it.

Most workers face industrial diseases as just a risk they have to accept along with the job and employers earned that risk. They do not care about the \$100 million a year that's lost from asbestos-related diseases.

This is where a new book, *The Politics of Cancer*, comes in. It's a series of case studies of increasing chemical carcinogenesis in the workplace, in consumer products and in the general environment.

Throughout the book, the authors give workers who refused to sign up for asbestos work in the 1930s, and those who refused to work in asbestos in the 1940s, and those who refused to work in asbestos in the 1950s, and those who refused to work in asbestos in the 1960s, and those who refused to work in asbestos in the 1970s.

Scotland — a worker at the Glenelg Asbestos factory takes a handful of asbestos from the tip where it lies open to the wind. A speck of the dust in your lungs can cause asbestosis — a form of cancer.

Refused. New workers are starting to fight back. The Victorian railway workers who refused to sign up for asbestos work in the 1930s, and those who refused to work in asbestos in the 1940s, and those who refused to work in asbestos in the 1950s, and those who refused to work in asbestos in the 1960s, and those who refused to work in asbestos in the 1970s.

Just another wailer? Bob Marley's four of his records have won big audiences, drew big reviews, and must be sold a lot of records. I want to see him in Melbourne. The book-club was like a mural with a portrait of Bob Marley in the middle. Towards the end, the spotlight turned on this portrait, Bob Marley gestured and threw his dreadlocks about and everyone around me went mad, screaming and "gapping."

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BEHIND THE NEWS

Earlier this year, it seemed that current affairs television was to move into a new era. Having reduced the once mighty *This Day Tonight* to a shell of its former self, the ABC finally scrapped it.

With seven budget cuts over the last three years, the ABC has been reduced to a mere shadow of its former self. The ABC's current affairs programming is now a mere shadow of its former self. The ABC's current affairs programming is now a mere shadow of its former self.

ANNOUNCING International Socialist League. The Queensland League is now open for membership. The Queensland League is now open for membership. The Queensland League is now open for membership.

Cops outwitted in Melbourne

BUILDING WORKERS OCCUPY OFFICE

SAIT takes a step back

"WE'RE sick and tired of insurance companies starving workers and their families by holding up compensation claims"

That's what one carpenter had to say as several hundred construction workers occupied the offices of Lumley Insurance in Melbourne.

Earlier that Friday, 18 May, all trades had stopped in the Melbourne area. They moved off their sites and met at the central Coambs Centre in Bourke Street.

There must have been two thousand workers in the streets. Carpenters, builders, labourers, plumbers, BWU members. In fact, all trades.

Everyone's here. Except you. What's your plumber doing? He was from the Collins Place site. He had four months off with a back injury couple of years back.

"I had to wait twelve months before my injury compensation was paid."

"Then I had a compensation limit of four weeks. That was six months ago. I'm up at the company just recently and they said that my fee had gone back-up in a year or so."

By the time the three o'clock turn-up to block the doorway into Lumley's, there were several hundred construction workers occupying the whole building.

Another plumber from the Grant Review Board project, told the *Battler* of several other sites where workers had claims held up for weeks and months with no income.

"One plumber for me, one plumber for the other. I work with a broken ankle. He will have a broken hand."

But with SAIT's check from the national body, which is fighting to stall the rate and create a new pay system, the SAIT members will have said as much as they can.

In these times that will employ most teachers but to these times that need a unified fight.

The extraordinary efforts of the union leadership can only continue to urge the classroom teachers into making a stand.

by Marilyn Dage, SAIT

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WORKERS OCCUPY

WHY DON'T YOU FIGHT FOR STRIKE WORKERS



Building workers march through Melbourne on the offices of Lumley Insurance.

Battle against compo delays

The march turned down King Street which had the sign illuminated. They had no chance of stopping a large group of workers from making the march who broke off and marched up Collins Street into Lumley's representatives of Lloyd's.

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had to be followed by a medical check-up in two months but had been sitting on the form.

One builder's labourer told the *Battler* that not only were the insurance companies slow to pay, but now the courts were being used to cut out compensation coverage on travel and lost work.

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Jobs victory at Chloride

THE workers at Chloride Batters in Padstow, NSW have beaten the bosses.

SMASH THE SACK ACT

Public servants take on Fraser

By ACOA members
DJ Minnis and
Diane Fields

MALCOLM Fraser has hit stormy seas.

In his mini-budget he was forced to admit that he had been lying to us all along about taxes, unemployment and inflation.

Then his ministers an argument on the Barrier Reef over the question of off-shore oil drilling.

There was a massive 15% swing against the Liberals in Caberra with its large public service population.

mutiny

Now he faces mutiny from the crew below decks as public servants are striking.

Public Service clerks, members of ACOA and APSA, who have never before been on other than sectional strikes, have held a series of state-wide strikes around Australia over the last few weeks.

These strikes, varying from 24 hours in various states, have been against the Commonwealth Employees (Retirement and Reorganisation) Bill, the CRRB Bill, the CRRB Bill.

Public servants now know this as the Sack Bill. It is the

most serious threat to public service jobs since Malcolm Fraser became Prime Minister.

With the CRRB Bill, Fraser can sack any number of government workers at any time.

He only has to decide which services he wants to cut and whole sections of public servants will join the die queue.

This is not just an attack on us on the Public Service - it's an attack on the whole

working class.

If it workers, the unemployed and single parents families who will be hardest hit by cuts in government services.

Most of us who would mean a pension of \$10 over the last three years of service.

If you are under 35 years old then you can be sacked with no pension at all!

The appeal provisions are a joke.

The only way that you can stop being sacked is to do a better job than the people leave. They are then sacked in your place!

The Sack Bill is only the latest in a long series of

BL's storm BHP House

2000 Building workers in Melbourne stormed BHP House on May 31 and occupied the ground floor for an hour as part of their campaign against delays in compensation payments.

Their target was C.E. Health Insurance, which has its office in the building. It was their fourth demonstration in as many weeks, and once again the cops were outwitted.

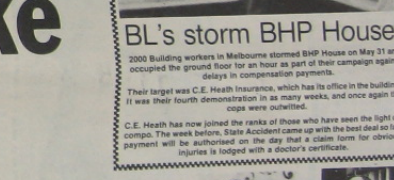
C.E. Health has now joined the ranks of those who have seen the light on compo. The week before, State Accident came up with the best deal so far payment will be authorised on the day that a claim form for obvious injuries is lodged with a doctor's certificate.

more and more come out of the public service back into the traditional membership role.

The Commonwealth Employees (Employment Protection) Act allows

Members leave has been out Sack, this summer

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Malcolm Fraser and Treasurer John Howard - their cuts are threatening public service jobs.

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Stop the Budget cuts! FRASER HEALS CARE

HOSPITAL workers have been cheated so often they are beginning to feel like mice.

In his mini-budget, Treasurer Howard has obviously set out to have a mini-hospital system staffed by mini-hospital workers.

The administrative review at Melbourne's Queen Victoria was very clearly what will happen. The hospital received a deficit of \$480,000. A tender, trouble-shooter was appointed, who the staff named "Commissioner". He managed to change the deficit into a surplus by improved efficiency.

In other words he sacked hundreds of casual staff. The nurses still overlap with hospital hours for four hours to one hour, with no change in workload. In April, the waiting period of surgery was increased from three to six months.

Just before the election, Premier Hanger opened a \$60 million psychiatric hospital in Geelong. The hospital had not yet been approved, but was treating outpatients with a waiting list of 1000.

A psychiatric clinic was completed in 1976 but is still not open. The sort of speed this means for the taxpayer is implied. Howard's program three years ago they did about 20 operations a day. Now they do about 30 with the same number of operating room.

Howard's planned program is to reduce the efficiency is also a shabby disregard on hospital workers. The most recent in 2000 local residents, who blocked the airport with hundreds of cars following the meeting. This is just part of the campaign.

Mick Armstrong: "Now there will be a massive increase in road levels and dozens of new areas affected. Of course, none of the residents of Yaulak, Killara, St Leonards and Pymble who have the money to buy around the world at the time will suffer any inconvenience."

There will also be a major increase in traffic congestion and pollution around the airport. At least 1000 cars are parked at the airport. But the most frightening prospect is a major pollution campaign.

The airport is surrounded (except for Botany Bay) to the south by densely populated residential areas and major factories producing and exporting chemical plants like ICI, BHP and others. The area is already saturated with cars. The fight back against Fraser's plans started with a group of local people in the suburbs affected.

By Janey Stone
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Mascot blockade by 2000

RESIDENTS in Sydney are fighting the Fraser Government's plans to extend Mascot Airport.

In their latest action, 2000 residents met in Mascot, then blockaded the airport with hundreds of cars.

The still recent MANS (Major Airport Needs for Sydney) Report, which may not be released for another couple of months, has recommended the extension of Mascot, and Malcom Fraser will push ahead with it.

By Mick Armstrong
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Tertiary fees to return!

IN March this year, the Williams Report was handed down in Adelaide. The Liberal Reform of Tertiary Education in Australia will be submitted later this year.

This report provides the basis for the savage abolition of tertiary education cuts, and the introduction of a bonus scheme for students who can afford to pay for their education.

An important part of this report was passed by the Professor Blainey from the University of Adelaide.

In other words, they haven't got wealthy parents or substantial savings, you have to borrow money for the right to go to a tertiary institution.

German anti-nuclear forces stop plant

WEST Germany's nuclear program has been dealt a serious blow. The state government in Lower Saxony has blocked plans for a "nuclear park" at Gorleben.

The Gorleben area has been the site of much demonstration. Local residents are overwhelmingly opposed to the project.

The West German government planned a 50,000 drums of low-activity waste per year. When the plan for a "nuclear park" was first proposed, a number of sites were suggested.

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Israel turns its guns on Lebanon

THE war in the Middle East isn't over — it's just been taken off the front pages.

For the Palestinians and Lebanese, that war is still frighteningly real. Because the war of Israel against the Arab...

By David Lockwood
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Part of the 20,000 anti-nuclear activists who protested at the Gorleben site, 1977.



FROM LEFT: Who needs bosses? Workers continue under their own management... A wall of cops kept Department from its employees during the rally... Shop Committee president Carl Tunney addresses the times at the Dockyard... Workers demonstrate at Defence Department headquarters.



HERE'S WHERE IT ALL STARTED

The Naval Dockyard safety dispute really started nine months ago.

The former management said it was uneconomical for them to put two temporary light electricians on overtime, if less than 50 men were working.

We say the dangers of one electrician working by himself in a live circuit situation on a steel ship sitting in the water are far too great to be governed by the number of men working.

It's not just the electricians who are in danger. Can you imagine working deep in the hull of a ship under construction when the lights go out?

This measure to guarantee our safety and perhaps save lives would only cost \$30 per week.

On Thursday May 10, the Combined Unions Shop Committee (CISU) produced a document which was an agreement between them and the management. One item stated that the men required to work overtime had the right of refusal if there were no temporary light electricians provided.

disregard

On Wednesday May 23, the management showed a total disregard for the agreement by demanding (not requesting) that the shock blasting crew from the Shipwrights and Dockers work overtime. The also stated that they would not provide the temporary light electricians.

The men involved refused to put into practice the proposal which granted them right of refusal, but were immediately told that if they did not submit to management demands, they would be suspended. This threat was carried out.

The Shipwrights and Dockers union delegate called a meeting. The SFDU decided they would walk off the job and the Electrical Trades Union followed suit.



Dockyard workers held a protest march in mid-May over the lack of safety.

THURSDAY 24 MAY

We held a mass meeting at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was called after the laying of ten shipwrights and dockers for refusing to work till 12.30 the night before without two temporary electricians.

At the meeting we decided to 'work up' and sack the management from the docks for fourteen days.

We decided we'd only take orders from our leading hands (some of whom we elected ourselves) and any direction from management would be ignored.

The meeting shifted and continued outside Committee. This day's office.

Some of us moved into the offices and told them personally that they were relieved of duty.

We then went back to our own workshops and told the foremen that we weren't taking orders from them any more.

The leading hands allocated jobs, and work continued as normal for the rest of the day.

The women in the canteen, who were working as a contractor, wanted to go out.

And some of the management determined we would not be taken in by them.

The Ship Committee asked them to stay on the job, as we will need food during the work-in.

FRIDAY 25 MAY

On arrival at work we found the gates open.

This was a bit of a surprise.

Due to their bad planning, money for supplies has been exhausted. In fact, we had to do some jobs two or three times due to their bungles.

MONDAY 28 MAY

At a mass meeting, we found round ideas on how we could employ ourselves usefully, now that supplies were cut off.

The meeting decided there was that the shops and shops and make bread. We should then set about recruiting them.

For the rest of the day, work continued as normally as possible.

This struggle is having a big impact on many of the dockyard workers.

FOR the last seven days in May, workers at Williamstown Dockyard in Melbourne decided they had had enough of their men's disregard for safety. The stand-down of ten workers over a safety was the last straw. The Dockyard Workers' 'sacked' the bosses, and themselves. JEFF WALLMAN (AMWSU) gave this report of the struggle, and the battles behind it, to The Battler as the events of the week unfolded.

How the Williamsvn work-in happened

As we thought they might back us out.

But when we went in, we discovered that our dock yards had been removed from the docks.

As we entered the yard, we saw a notice chalked up on a board, saying that we were off pay on 29.20 a.m. on Thursday. There was a table with a leaflet on it, saying the same thing.

We ignored them and went about our usual work.

Later that day, we heard that the notice we'd seen that morning had been updated, as it wasn't signed.

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WEDNESDAY 31 MAY

On one again the gates were open.

The ex-management had let us in more propably to pick up on only a small case and didn't say anything.

"At nine o'clock we had a mass meeting to announce plans for the rally."

We also heard of the solidarity from the other workers and the women who were going out daily.

TUESDAY 29 MAY

The morale of the workers in the yard is beginning to drop.

People were not able to keep up the appearance of working.

The Combined Unions Shop Committee met, this morning up to three times a day so far - to discuss tactics and vote on the problems in different areas.

Our tactic we discussed was a mass rally in front of the Defence Department.

This proposal then went to the union and was accepted unanimously.

The afternoon, people worked down on an iron track and carrying out the revolution on safety checks.

work-in had gone as far as it could, and it's time for a change in strategy.

We tried with a number of shops.

The one with the most men was available for work on Monday under the direction of the old management, but we should not work any overtime.

The painters and dockers who were laid off would naturally have to be allowed to clock on before we would do this.

This should force management into either locking us out or doing something else to put us back in our work.

We expect to be locked out.

DAY 31 MAY

Another mass meeting which we heard of on the way to work.

The two days we went down today had been planned by the management.

We went into town and saw the police.

The idea of the wives committee is modified to last year's heavy strike in Brisbane.

The aim is to win the support of workers' wives for the struggle, not just in understanding the cause but also as being to work in.

FRIDAY 31 JUNE

We decided the workers are sick and tired of being a target at the Dockyard. Safety is a question of life and death but what does the management care for?

by Ian Jordan

dangerous this situation was, but management did nothing.

Frank explained that there were different lanes for trucks and cars.

"They didn't ever have the driver's seat on the truck and cars using the same lane, lanes in the yard. The workers pointed out how dangerous this situation was, but management did nothing."

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THE WEEK WE SACKED OUR BOSSES



WHAT WE THINK

THE work-in at the Williamstown Naval Dockyard was a bold and innovative tactic.

Use other workers in Australia and around the world, it proved what socialists have always maintained - that workers can run industry themselves, without the bosses.

And practically, it was a success, as it won valuable publicity for the Dockyard workers' campaign for better safety.

But the work-in tactic has its limitations. The bosses at the Dockyard cut off supplies. The doubt about getting paid stopped morale.

Faced with these problems, militants in other work-ins have often preferred switching to a full-scale occupation once the initial publicity value has worn off.

However at the Dockyards, such a tactic, while not impossible, would be difficult. The place is filled with Navy police, and many workers would be intimidated or reluctant to take part.

And the Shop Committee made a tactical error at the start of the struggle by allowing the Dockyard management to move the HMAS Parramatta out of the dock and bring in the HMAS Cole. This took away a major bargaining point that the workers could have used.

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The most urgent task for the Dockyard workers now is to hit the Defence Department with a major campaign of blackbans.

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signs

Most of the crates had signs to indicate that they were empty.

There are many in total who were on strike.

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1700
PSA
Jeff Soar - shooked the right by polling

Fairfax picks fights

THE use of contract plumbers at the Fairfax building in Sydney has led to a number of disputes over the last few weeks.

One of the bosses, Armstrong, knows as the job as Super Scab, increased an crewwork to replace an stay cylinder being used by the contract plumbers.

The worker refused, as had never had to work done by an outsider in the past, and he was paid off.

The VPSA Reform Group has almost succeeded in topping the retiring President of the Victorian Public Service Association, Norm Banner, in the recent election for union president.

Banner narrowly retained his position with a margin of 450 out of the 7,000 who voted. The groupers who run the union and who backed Banner claim that the union has 15,000 members, but the voting turnout was probably more than half the real membership.

By Jeff Soar, Reform Group Candidate for President

Some of the 15,000 who were sent voting papers included members of the Public Service Board and members of the union who had died.

The election result is a huge boost to the Reform Group which has only been in existence for less than two months.

The vote was a clear message to the existing union leadership that the rank and file membership wants to fight Hammer's attacks on our conditions.

more democratic union structure.

The Reform Group is well on the way to collecting the 500 signatures necessary to force the union leaders to conduct a plebiscite of the rank and file membership by re-electing Secretary, Ian Andrews.

The first proposal is a counter proposal to abolish the undersecretary/colleague.

Reform Group delegates have also passed a motion on the Annual Conference agenda calling for a "caveat" vote claim outside the union which we will be campaigning for this in a month.

The APs who voted for the positions will stand to lose the positions if they are not elected. Even if Banner just managed to creep back in, it would be his last year.

It is a particularly dangerous situation in the industrial situation of the ADO's in its campaign against the CEIRB Bill, and around the National Wage Case. We hope to bring in thousands of rank and file members can be maintained for the decisive struggles that lie ahead.

Overseas public servants interested in joining or supporting our activities should write to GERAFA, P.O. Box 56, Broadway, Brisbane.

F. Nicholas, ACA Member, Brisbane



Victoria tech teachers picket the Education Ministry at Nauru House in Melbourne during the strike.

TTAV knocks down forced transfers



The three Footscray teachers at the centre of the TTAV dispute - Vicki Baldwin (left), Ken Taylor and Janine Borenstein.

Cops break CSR picket

The strike began on April 28 when CSR Chemicals rejected 22 of 24 points in a log of claims. The 156 operators, members of the Australian Workers Union, voted unanimously to go out.

One of the claims is for a 30 per cent increase in the highest paid CSR operator's wage, less than the average 15 per cent offered only a few weeks. This made a record gross of 50 million.

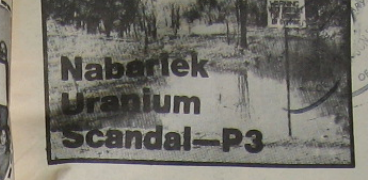
Supervisors and watchmen kept the plant running. This is a particularly dangerous situation in the petrochemical industry.

The 500 strikers were lined up in the streets. They were quickly called in by police.

The first outside of the plant was announced that strikers would be made under the strikers removed from the plant from the entrance. Several tanks came out.

"Since then the strike has gained stronger FERA and FERA members have come out in solidarity. The Footscray Workers' only union not to picket. The strikers are running well.

The 2000 defectors were called by the Government and immediately approved the march.



KEEP THE FIGHT GOING!

WE'VE now seen the second national General Strike since the advent of Malcolm Fraser.

Charles Court's attack on one of our most basic civil liberties - the right of free speech - created a wave of anger right across the Australian working class.

Even Court's friends in the press found it impossible to justify what he had done.

2000 defy Court
DURING the General Strike last Thursday, 2000 unionists rallied in Perth and marched - without permission - through the city.

The Government has imposed on Footscray 1000 defectors, who were sent to work in other parts of the plant.

SOMETHING HAPPENING WHERE YOU WORK?
Why not write to The Battler? We'll be glad to share our views with you.

Despite lack of publicity, 150 rallied in Adelaide. Thirty people occupied the WA Government Tourist Bureau for an hour as a gesture of defiance to Court and the International Socialists.

The W.A. charges



The incident that started it all. A cop takes the names of placard holders during the Karratha meeting on June 11.

Union Conference - where the officials wrecked the union aimed against unauthorised meeting.

The approach is extremely foolish. It gives Court and his allies time to recover the initiative.

And because we responded with strong national action, the bossies have maintained and intensified blockades on Western Australia to keep the pressure on.

Fraser might not be as keen on Court's tactics, but he'll certainly go for breaks if he sees we can't stand up to this attack.

Why Court did it - 3

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Court's police, Hancock's money. Why Court did it - 3. We'll remember the last Special Union Conference.

between the lines

STASH THE BOMBS! THE WAGES!

Why did Court do it?

WHY did Court take such a drastic action? Why now?

We have to be clear on the answer to these questions if our response is going to be effective. Every government in the country... The Court has now set the... And if you take a close look at the figures, you see that the government... The Court has now set the... And if you take a close look at the figures, you see that the government...

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Then there are the horror budgets which are becoming an annual affair... The Court has now set the... And if you take a close look at the figures, you see that the government...

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AMWSU assistant secretary Jack Marks at an "illegal" meeting in Belmont

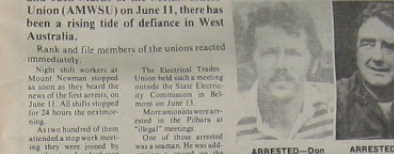
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The reluctant warriors who had to fight

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WAGES! A wave of defiance

SINCE the arrests of Laurie Carmichael and Jack Marks of the Metalworkers' Union (AMWSU) on June 11, there has been a rising tide of defiance in West Australia.



ARRESTED—Vince Healy, seaman; arrested—Laurie Carmichael, AMWSU

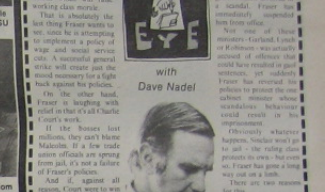
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And the failure to organize job delegates... The Court has now set the... And if you take a close look at the figures, you see that the government...

The sin of Sinclair

The Sinclair affair has for the moment been pushed out of the news by the Karriba streets and the general strike. Fraser is no doubt watching a sigh of relief.



with Dave Nadel

I imagine Fraser has been watching the Karriba business. He obviously is not a man who is easily won over... The Court has now set the... And if you take a close look at the figures, you see that the government...

report

Members, there are still more revelations to come. The NSW government is still examining the whole affair... The Court has now set the... And if you take a close look at the figures, you see that the government...

THE DEBRA WARDLEY CASE

Anssett crashes in sexism lawsuit

DEBRA WARDLEY, the Melbourne flying instructor who wants to be an airline pilot, has won her most recent court case.

The Equal Opportunity Board declared that the ban on sex, and next week will order Anssett to employ her.

By Janet Stone

When a woman wants to get into a job, she is always an equal before the law. At her trial last year, she was given a 100 per cent award... The Court has now set the... And if you take a close look at the figures, you see that the government...

Debra Wardley—victory, but Anssett's appealing

NBARLEK: they're polluting already

WORKERS' health and safety conditions are being completely ignored by Queensland Mines at their Narbarlek Uranium Project in the Northern Territory.

Mining began on June 8 despite warnings from government scientists that significant water contamination is likely as a result of processing.

By Mike Grewcock

Polluted section of Finsia River at Rum Jungle.

The government officials who are responsible for the health and safety of the workers at Narbarlek... The Court has now set the... And if you take a close look at the figures, you see that the government...

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Gays come out fighting

The first ten years of the gay liberation movement is being celebrated in Sydney next week.

On June 19 marks the tenth anniversary of the Stonewall riots in the gay bar area of New York which for the first time homosexual fought back against police harassment.

This date also marks the anniversary of 1870 when the first gay rights march took place in New York.

This march ended with violent mass arrests of homosexuals, supporters and even bystanders in the first police riot that Sydney has seen in decades.

Today's gay solidarity group is organising a week-long celebration of these anniversaries. Activities range from marches and rallies to a number of seminars.

Most charges arising from the riots have been dropped since they have had no making charges with them last year's attack.

Gay Solidarity Group OPPOSES ANTI HOMOSEXUAL LAWS AND POLICE HARASSMENT



Last year's Gay Solidarity march in Sydney

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Perth snub

FOUR Western Australian union officials have deliberately snubbed a gay trade unionist by staging a walk out during a talk he was giving.

Jeff Hayler, convenor of the Australian Socialist Workers' Union gay caucus and the president of the Campaign Against Moral Persecution, was invited to speak at a Trades and Labour Council meeting on 5 June.

Hayler spoke two minutes over time and when he finished the four union officials walked out.

These officials were representing the Federated Clerks Union, Furishers Trades, Food Processors and Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen.

This was a perfect example of the discrimination that Hayler is associated with. Jeff Hayler told the Bulletin a letter had been written to the WA TLU Executive asking them to assist in distributing a survey about union policies on discrimination against homosexuals.

The TLU offered no support and the survey was shelved.

TO THE 'HISTORIC COMPROMISE'

In the Italian elections earlier this month, the Communist vote went down for the first time since 1946.

In the Chamber of Deputies, the Italian Communist Party (PCI) lost twenty six seats. Their leader, Enrico Berlinguer, attributed this "considerable loss" to a "massive anti-Communist campaign".

But this doesn't explain very much — after all, there has been such a campaign in every election since the war.

By David Lockwood

Elections are over but the repression goes on

Most recently, the PCI has supported a campaign of repression against the far left. Even since the emergence of the Red Brigades and other anti-lawful and anti-party campaigns against terrorism.

They have never stopped there; the campaigns have also been used as a whip against all forms to the left of the PCI.

So workers battling against authority were accused of supporting the Red Brigades, those who would take the fight to the streets were labelled "apertists".

It reached fever pitch just before the elections beginning on April 3, 1978.

For the PCI, their strategy



Andreotti (left) and the Christian Democrat say No to the Communist Party. Berlinguer (right) and the Communist Party say Yes to repression.

of failing and they are faced with rapid losses in membership. These losses are due to the entire Political Society faculty of the university. The arrests were for any actual activities of those concerned.

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When Church meets State ... Pope in Warsaw.

Papal bull raises dust in Poland

There have been repeated protests against the Polish regime, but the Pope's visit to Poland in 1978 was a landmark event.

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Grace - a victim of Fraser's job fraud

GRACE Lupino is one of Australia's half-million unemployed.

She has just been a victim of Malcolm Fraser's other great fraud - the Special Youth Employment and Training Project.

The SYEP is supposed to create employment opportunities and help them for the long-term.

It takes up to the Minister of Labour and Industry in the Victorian Public Works Department.

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CLOSE MASCOT

RESIDENTS affected by the proposed extension of Sydney's Mascot Airport demonstrated outside the NSW ALP State Conference on Sunday June 17.

The residents were trying to force the NSW Government to oppose Fraser's plans to extend Mascot.

So far Neville Wran has tried to avoid taking a stand by claiming that the state government has no power to interfere in the Federal

plan. In fact, there are four state government representatives on the MANSK (Major NSW Airport Needs for Sydney) Committee which is going to recommend extending Mascot.

If these state reps voted against extension, the committee would be deadlocked.

A major blockade of Sydney Airport is planned for Sunday July 15, a previous blockade month ago closed down the terminal for four hours.

CAMPERS AGAINST International Terminal planned for Sunday July 15, a previous blockade month ago closed down the terminal for four hours.

They will not send them away on long service leave.

So the parents voted on a major alternative proposal.

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PARENTS GO ON STRIKE

PARENTS at Victoria Park primary school decided at a meeting on Wednesday 13 June that they had had enough.

Their anger is illustrated by the fact that they voted for the most militant proposal.

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STOP THE CUTS TO EDUCATION!

The fightback has started in Adelaide over Federal Government cutbacks - especially in education.

The Unemployed Workers Union has called a meeting on June 21 of all groups who want to organise against the Budget.

The South Australian Institute of Teachers has announced a rally for 4 pm, Monday, June 22, to protest against recent education cuts.

The meeting is at the P.T. Building, 23 Gilbert St., City, 7:30.

There will be speakers from teacher, student and parent organisations.

How the cops killed Blair Peach

In April Blair Peach, a New Zealand teacher, was killed during an anti-racist demonstration in London.

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South Quay at Fremantle during the 1899 wharvie strike. A line of police protects scabs from a mass picket of unionists — soon after a riot erupted.

Workers have paid with their lives

The history of Australia is full of incidents of bitter struggles by trade unionists against scabs.

Unionists have been jailed and even murdered in this battle to protect their jobs and their right to picket.

In 1919, three hundred unionists picketed the Fremantle wharves to prevent scabs unloading a ship. When the scabs arrived on the wharves, they were met by a hail of stones and bricks. Police attacked the pickets and injured Thomas Edrington — one of the earliest unionists — so badly that he died three days later.

victory

Solidarity of other workers in the town won a victory for the unionists.

Sunday June 29th, 1919 became known as "Blood Sunday" in Fremantle. Old Scabs failed to break the picket line and the waterfront leaders were arrested. They were being held in the police station. Police fired at a crowd of 1000 unionists that gathered outside.

At least nine were injured, some reports say as many as sixteen. A witness, John Shaganov, went so far as to say:

march

In the great strike of 1890, the "men" who were charged with unloading Fremantle Hall on St. Patrick's Day to support the strike and protest the labor government's actions.

The march was brutally smashed by the police. Three

In 1912, Australia had its first and only "union" ever created specifically for scabs.

Called the Australian Independent Workers' Association, it aimed to protect strike-breakers from reprisals by the trade union movement. Despite backing from the bosses, it collapsed within a year.

Today, 67 years later, Australia has another organization created specifically for break strikes. Called Assistance and Security Pty Ltd, it is based in Western Australia.

It has been operating for eighteen months, and claims to have organised scabbing on at least seven strikes in W.A.



Chief blackleg — Don Thomas, Assistance and Security boss.

batoned

people were hospitalized. One of them was Fred Parsons, a Communist Party MP and lawyer, who was attacking a picket of miners that was trying to block staff scabs on the Northern NSW coalfields.

At least two men are known to have died within months from injuries they received from police batoning.

The Queensland Labor government in 1948 declared a State of Emergency to deal with the Kalbarry strike. They were being held in the police station. Police fired at a crowd of 1000 unionists that gathered outside.

As recently as 1978, police batoned meat workers at a picket at the Fishburne wharves during the live sheep strike. It illustrates how trade unionists have been batted, shot at, imprisoned and even killed in attempts to defeat the right to work.

"Unionists have paid for the right to strike and the right to picket with their liberty and their lives."

We cannot ratify our government's actions. The march was brutally smashed by the police. Three

aircraft

In April this year he again claimed that Assistance and Security could provide truck boats, scabs on other sites anything necessary to break a strike.

He told the Australian that with a few hours notice, they can take over an engine building site. They had in fact been read twice, but the unionists had not got "booked in".

"If a contractor suddenly reads that he has a concrete formwork, he could get a horse of man, on the day. We are a matter of hours."

Although the organization

claims to have been involved in at least seven strikes, only the facts of four are known.

In September 1977, the then Assistance and Security Corporation organised scabbing on a campaign with the slogan "Eight compulsory unionists now".

In January this year, the Civil Liberties Association ran a campaign with the slogan "Eight compulsory unionists now".

In March this year a poster appeared at a Gioielli's building site in Perth with the heading "Who's work with scabs?". It was authored by Alan and Ed Construction Workers WA.

It named Assistance and Security Pty Ltd as the strike-breaker, or gave a list of names of men whose names and photos appeared on the poster.

The men were Kevin Fitzgerald, Lou Selsman and Bill Carter.

Thomas has also said the company had a strike force of retinal engineers who would have been used to break the W.A. power strike if that had not ended when it did.

In April this year, construction workers at the W.A. power strike refused to work with a group of

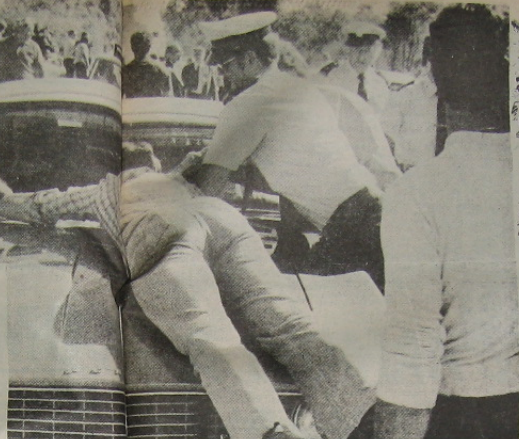
plumbers and bricklayers who refused to join a union.

Assistance and Security are known to have visited the site at least once.

Assistance and Security are supposed of backing the autonomous, and it is probably one of the sites that Thomas referred to when he boasted of being ready to take over a building site.

When the workers picketed the site to prevent the entrance of scabs, police attacked them, striking, arresting, forcing the subcontractors on the site to agree to employ only unionists.

The Australian described Assistance and Security as "third force" in the industrial relations scene — "a force that has leaders on both sides



April 1979 — and WA policeman get off the bonnet of a scab's car at Wanneroo Hospital site. The scab outfit Assistance and Security were almost certainly involved in breaking the strike.



A scab gets his come-uppance. Miners' wives "broomhandle" a non-unionist during the Broken Hill strike of 1952.

It's time to draw the line

At the end of last century and early this century, workers had to struggle to establish the right to organise in Trade Unions.

Their military and determination to stop the use of scabs established that right.

New Assistance and Security Pty Ltd — as well as a host of individual scabs like James Latham, Hugo and co — are challenging that right. That it happens now is an accident.

It is a direct result of two things — the new dispersion of the houses owned by the recreation, and the fallibility of union organisations after the long post-war boom.

Union bureaucrats have always been reluctant to take a stand against management scabbing.

At Perth or Melbourne in 1975, seven years ago, the fact that some scabs picked the factory for five weeks after they were used to defend the picket line?

Even in the bitter struggles of early this century, it was only the efforts of the rank and file that stopped bosses and supervisors doing strike work.

But since the War, union officials have also allowed our pickets — the front-line of daily strike battle — to deteriorate into little more than symbolic protests.

The bosses of the 1950's and 1960's meant that union leaders could get stage time through negotiation and the mere threat of action.

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Special report compiled by Sandra Bloodworth

Have made sure we cover on pickets performing legal tasks. There is no doubt that this is so, but the police are a little wary of the organisation. The Commission of Police lodged an objection with the Registrar, when Assistance and Security applied for their security licence. The licence was granted, but the company is prevented from possessing firearms and cannot use guard dogs. The NSW Police probably have the most important role in industrial disputes. However, Thomas has stated the security side of the company is not the most important. It is clear the "assistance" side is the side most bosses are interested in. The "scab" priority and the determination of the pickets at the Wanneroo Hospital are the members of WA unionism — to fight the scabs. John Cook, Secretary of the NSW A.U. has issued a warning to bosses "do not let the scabs have a word to say in any way."

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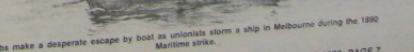
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Scabs make a desperate escape by boat as unionists storm a ship in Melbourne during the 1880 Maritime strike.

in NSW is completed by the Department of Health. The workers in Sydney are to be employed in working conditions that are as good as those in the rest of the country.

Workers in the Sydney women's hospital, which is being developed as a large centre of obstetric practice, will be employed in working conditions that are as good as those in the rest of the country.

The Australian Public Service Association has backed the workers' demand for job rotation. It has agreed to support a 10 month break every four years for those who had duties in a comparatively high level of radiation.

The Australian National Atomic Energy Commission National Officer said that they are doing their utmost to ensure that the women are protected with the same level of radiation as the men.

It is now known that the four women are working in the same area as the men. The women are working in the same area as the men. The women are working in the same area as the men.

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CSR - we'll pay tougher in future

OPERATORS at CSR Chemicals at Rhodes in NSW went back to work on Monday 11 June.

We were after parts with ICI operators, which would have meant an extra \$30 a week. We went back for \$2 on an extra, \$2.80 rate still allowance, and a \$2 work value case.

By Ian Wells, AWU co-delegate

There was a mixture of hardiness that allowed the three months of necessary. And by this high pocket rate.

We can see no more a strike against the radiation supply for the time being. We had to get the kidney machine.

What about the Communist revolution in Russia and China? Or the social revolution in Cuba and Libya? Or the three revolutions in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia? All you have to do is look at the news on the radio. You are in the middle of a revolution. You are in the middle of a revolution.

Another mistake that we moved from the gate when the cops came out to picket. We shouldn't have done that. We shouldn't have done that. We shouldn't have done that.

The Australian Postal and Telecommunications workers' union has been successful in its demand for a 10% wage increase.

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Dear Battlers, 2,4,5 For T

Alas! for our feathered friends, cold and stiff in straggled arms. Who chattered upon walls and windows, who chirped and chirped and chirped. And who sat upon the ground, amidst the crops in haze that lay over the land.

Must reproach to chemical spray.

Greg Godlieb, Melbourne

Hawke's 'coup'

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Nicola Cateley, Melbourne

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PUBLIC SERVICE SACK BILL

IN their fight against the sack, Commonwealth public servants have had their desire for immediate action ignored by the executives of their unions.

Despite a meeting being passed at NSW stopwork motions of both unions calling for immediate stoppages on the 'Sack Bill' to organise this.

ACOA and APSA officials have shown that they are prepared to meet with us on the basis of a minimum of one week. So in up and back file action, we have decided to maintain pressure on the officials of these unions so that the bureaucrats cannot escape their complicity in the sack of public servants.

MEATIES UNDER ATTACK

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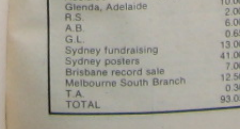
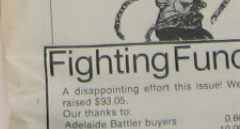
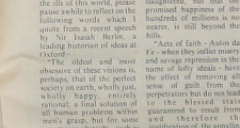
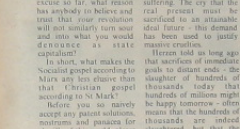
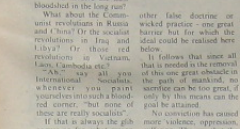
Dock fight goes on

The struggle for safety continues at the Williamstown Naval Dockyard in Melbourne.

We have been fighting for at least two tempering lighting electricians for safety wherever working is being done on ship at the dockyard.

In the latest move by management, they tried to get the jobbers to work overtime without the two temporary electricians.

We will keep our ban on non-union electricians as long as the dockyard workers will work any ship.



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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

STAFF CHEESE FOR KRAFT



Per Way railworkers — badly sold out by their union

BOSSSES at Kraft in Port Melbourne, Victoria, nearly gagged through the nose — literally — forthrilates about their workers.

They had 50,000 pounds of Neufchatel cheese going off, trapped, round-the-clock picket at the factory.

Eventually, the workers agreed to let the cheese out to get to the market in London by air.

When they heard the ray driver he became an atmosphere man, the situation became dire.

The bosses hastily convened another meeting when they became aware of the workers picketing the factory windows and doors.

At the next meeting, Kraft cause was pushed to the 22nd. The offer now stands at \$10.00 but Kraft workers are holding out for higher.

The 840 workers involved put in their claims in early May.

The main demands were for \$20, a thirty-five hour week, the how day holiday, and better shift penalties.

The workers also want an extra week's holiday to mark up their weekly work-round overtime they have to do.

It creates no social life, had one maintenance worker. The extra pressure has been doing four hour shifts, keeping it going 24 hours a day.

The company's answer to this was to let the workers wear their own caravans.

When it gets cold, they've got a caravan supplied by the members. The factory is parked next to the gate.

The picketers discovered that caravans supplied by managers can be used as a sleeping place. Where they started inspecting boots, the bus decided not to address.

Railworkers use first round

RAIL maintenance workers in Sydney have returned to work after ten days on strike with no actual pay gains.

After bringing the rail system to a halt, all that has been agreed is an Arbitration hearing about an \$8.10 disability allowance and a subsequent work value case.

Work value cases are necessary for dragging out for ages, and even if the disability allowance is granted in full it is possible that these low-paid workers taking home \$10 to \$13 a week.

By Mick Armstrong

For way workers both sides even without the claim could have been won, strike spreading to other workers, the five day work was still in a strong position. Another week without trains would have put tremendous pressure on the union.

As in the case, Ignatius pointed out: "The union officials got us to go back after ten days with nothing but promises."

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The struggle may not be over yet. The strike committee is still in operation and another stop work meeting will be held in about a week to discuss the terms of the claim.

There are important reasons to be drawn from this strike.

Finally, industrial disputes are much more brutal and harder to win in the current economic climate and in the face of sustained hostility not only from their own boss, but from labor and labor governments and the press.

That means that you have to be prepared to wage long and hard battles lasting for a long time.

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Bungles threaten our jobs!

At the state-owned Homebush Abattoir (NSW) the management are planning to "make redundant" approximately 300 workers.

They claim it is due to "lack of sufficient input of cattle causing lack of work."

We say workers will be made redundant because of management by "the three sows", namely the former three members of the Meat Industry Board.

They've now left with a platinum handshake, and brought in the general manager, Francis Marshall, associated with other big strikes to clean the place up.

It's been trying to get strikes to clean the place up. Here are some of the (taken on money dealings) that have occurred.

They brought and installed a pile of shares from New South Wales — a cost of over a million.

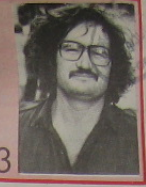
Then it turned out that their whole operation could only handle pig but the sale of the meat is normally done with profits.

They sold the place off to outside companies who made generous profits. They were making as much as \$100,000 a week. Some contractors have left, leaving empty buildings full of them.

They're a little bit to be taken care of.

Budget demo militant gets jail

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SUPPORT THE ATAE!

TELECOM technicians are in the forefront of the struggle for better pay. They have stepped up their campaign for a 25% wage rise.

The Telecommunications Employees' Association (TEEA) and the general workers' union (AFLU) have mobilized in the streets.

All are fighting for a wage rise.

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Workers rally in Perth during the General Strike.

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ACTU derails WA fight — 2

Garbos fight on!

BOTANY council garbos are still fighting back against the ALP-controlled council's decision to introduce garbage collectors.

They have maintained a constant vigil at their headquarters in Leighton Park.

They have received great support from local residents who've provided plenty of food and drink, and on the line.

The ALP council has an immediate plan to go ahead and introduce it anyway.

They have to fight back and reduce the total number of jobs available on the council.

But that's the kind of Sir John Moore — Australia's highest paid snax thief.



NICARAGUA: BEHIND THE REVOLUTION-4

By Judy Williams

ACTU derails WA fight — 2

The Telecom workers in the ACTU are already involved in national action on the 19th.

The railway in NSW were stopped for eleven days last month, their longest strike in 50 years.

The same unions involved in public transport in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania are involved in on-going action to get a

Moor's aim was to try and lead an all that we're killing the goose that laid the golden egg.

Undermining a unit work. Every animal in Australia knows that the Indokation goose is a weak and the eggs are rotten.

And an action of big business have announced a recovery in their hands dirty or industrial action.

"Industrial confinement" was in the hands to go to the police, on the banks to go to the police.

Three key unions are involved in industrial strike action to pursue wage claims outside the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Commission.

The AMNLI have moved a wage claim during the last week, wage claim during the last week, wage claim during the last week.

They claim are being held up by action, they're behind the real reason he was arrested.

Between the lines

WASH. POLITICALLY CHARGED

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It's the fight

THURSDAY, 21 June, said the ACTU, would be a national "Day of Protest" at the arrests of trade unionists in Western Australia.

But from the moment the Day of Protest was announced, the ACTU has been demolishing the rank-and-file apathy against the arrests.

Perth was the only capital city where the unionists were called to a meeting on the "Day of Protest".

From there they did little to advertise it. Most publicity came from obscure sources by the press.

Nevertheless, 2000 people showed up at the WA Cricket grounds. They were watched by about 100 cops in full force, as well as scores of others in uniform.

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Coal gets the "Sag Hill" from protesters on his visit to the MI Newman from ore area.



Laurie Carmichael — case adjourned till after the "review"

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The IWA has claimed \$100 a week but they had to have to work nearly 40 hours.

WHAT WE THINK

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So much for 'safeguards'

The Federal Government has abandoned all pretence at concern for safeguards concerning uranium when it has agreed to sell uranium to France.

It will now attempt to leave Australia before the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) can set in operation.

That is why the government is so keen to get the IAEA safeguards out of the way as quickly as possible.

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Militant gets jailed in Sydney Stock Exchange Trial

MAX CALLAGHAN, a union militant, has been sentenced to a month's jail on trumped-up charges resulting from the march on the Sydney Stock Exchange after last year's horror budget.

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Fuels rush in

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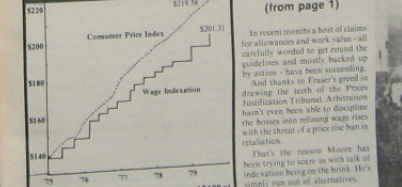
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How indexation has robbed us of FULL STEAM AHEAD ON WAGES!



If you were on the average gross wage of \$138 at the start of 1973, the scale line represents the progress of your wage under indexation. The broken line represents the progress of your wage if you had been on the Consumer Price Index. The area between the lines represents the money you've lost as a result — over \$2,600. There is now a gap of \$118 a week below what it would have been.

In recent months a host of claims for allowances and work value — all carefully worded to get round the guidelines set by the award — have been used by unions to get round the guidelines set by the award.

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CARAGUA FOR NICARAGUA

FOR the tenth successive month, Sandinista guerrillas battered the tottering Semeza dictatorship in Nicaragua throughout June.

Ever since blazing their way into the headlines by holding the dictator's entire parliament to ransom last August, the Sandinistas have gone from strength to strength.

by David Lockwood

Nicaragua is important for the United States not so much for its economic worth as for its strategic position in Central America. It was part of the United States' "Marshall Plan" until 1973. At that point, the country's president, General Anastasio Somoza Debayle, was deposed and replaced by the Sandinista Front. The Sandinistas are now divided into three tendencies:

The Prolonged Popular War tendency (PPP). They are traditional guerrillas, believing that the movement should be based in the countryside. Events have forced them to look towards the cities.

The Proletarian tendency. They maintain that the working class will be the main force in the Nicaraguan revolution - and that they will use that position to take power and make it socialist.

The Terceristas. They believe in alliance with the capitalist opposition and reformist elements in Nicaragua's problems. They are nevertheless, the Terceristas led the attack on the national parliament.

As the realities of Nicaragua become clearer - that Somoza, the US, and their Nicaraguan allies will have to be removed by force, and that only a thorough going revolution can do this - the Proletarian tendency has been growing.

The Democratic Union of Liberation. Formed as an alliance between capital and labor, led by Pedro Chamorro. Contained a range of parties (from the Conservatives to the Communists and the two largest Trade Union Leaders).

Los Doce. A group of prominent citizens. Closely allied to and seen as the public voice of the Sandinista Terceristas.

A flame in the tinderbox of Central America



Nicaragua is not only set in an important strategic area. It is surrounded by tinderbox regions - which is what in Nicaragua might just set off.

Dominica - where banana-workers are paid \$6 a week for working thirteen hours a day in the selling season. Last month, trade union leaders called a strike aimed at bringing down the government. The last time mass demonstrations were killed by the army after nine demonstrators were killed by the army.

Guatemala - another vicious regime. The last time mass demonstrations occurred was two years ago when it led to double bus fares, troop and riot police killed seven demonstrators.

El Salvador - in a desperate attempt to stop left wing guerrillas, the government waged a conventional guerilla war last month. In an anti-government demonstration following an suspension, seventeen were killed and injured.

Panama - where the regime of General Torrijos is so fragile that even last year's limited freedom brought in by the referendum on the future of the Canal brought it close to disaster.

Columbia - following a minister's assassination, cabinet has brought in to five year imprisonment for "disturbing public order".

In the vanguard of the movement are the construction, textile, metal and agricultural workers. Their political backbone is the Sandinista National Liberation Front (SNLF).

In October 1973, Pedro Chamorro, a leader of the UDEL, was assassinated by a group of businessmen. Demonstrations and general strikes resulted. In August 1974, Sandinistas captured the national parliament.

They have also had to contend with a business community which has turned against every American policy initiative - including that of the working class will be the main force in the Nicaraguan revolution - and that they will use that position to take power and make it socialist.

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Just wait till you're sick, Malcolm!

WHILE House and Stewart of Federal and State Ministers for Health were trying to do the work of two men (Larry Nydia) last month, nurses, maintenance workers and domestic staff were chafing angrily outside. They were demonstrating against the Federal and State Government cuts in health spending. One placard read "Fraser did the work of two men (Larry Nydia) last month".

The NSW Nurses Association called the proposal to cut \$500,000 worth in health services, close hospital beds and sack hospital workers, "a slap in the face" to the public. "It is a shameful disregard for the health of the community," said the spokeswoman.

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FREE CHILD CARE NOW

Free Mum! Free Dad! Free US.



When parents in Oxford, England, heard last year that the council was cutting nursery places, they occupied South Oxford Nursery and kept it open. Their campaign reduced the cut from 80 places to only 35.



Women in Oasleigh (Victoria) demonstrate to demand a child-care co-ordinator from the council.

"CARE for kids" — so goes the refrain. But the International Year of the Child has done very little to help those who actually have to care for kids.

The federal government contribution has been entirely publicity, and the state government committees have spent most of their money on their own administrative expenses.

As always it's the parents who still have to care for kids, and that means mainly mothers.

And when women have to go out to work, they have to find someone to look after the children. This is a desperate problem.

Over a quarter of a million pre-school age children of working parents need care.

Some parents work different shifts so that one is always home. This can put a terrific strain on them.

One example is a woman who said the never saw her husband and they ended up communicating by letter!

Another case from 1976 highlights the problem. A couple was fired and threatened with jail because they had left their small children alone at the time when their two shifts overlapped.

Often children are looked after by neighbours or older brothers and sisters.

7% of children use something called "other arrangements" — which often means being home alone.

Only 16% of children go to kindergartens or creches. Yet child care centres should not just be a last resort for minding children.

recognised

The importance of pre-school education was formally recognised by the Whitlam government in 1974.

By 1980, all children in Australia will have access to services designed to take care of their educational, emotional, social and recreational needs.

Even if you can get your child into a centre, your problems aren't over.

Some commercial centres are half empty because parents know the kids come out a very poor second to the profits.

One commentator called them "bank and child-minding centres where children are treated like business boys."

serious

One Melbourne woman shop steward explained how serious the problems can be.

"Working with so many girls, there's hardly a day that we do not have some problems to solve. As shop steward I hear about more family problems than most of the others."

An accompanying article tells about one effort in that direction.

Pre-school teachers and members in Sydney tried another idea when they started kindergarten for three hours; she has to

Special report
by Janey Wren



Nursery workers speak out



COLLEEN:

I WORK at a University child care co-operative in Melbourne. Although things are a bit better here than in the privately owned childcare centres, it's still a very hard job.

People think you just spend all day playing with the kids, and they don't realise how busy we are. I take home \$12 a fortnight — not more than the doctor. And they don't realise how busy we are. I take home \$12 a fortnight — not more than the doctor. And they don't realise how busy we are.

PAM:

I WORK in a privately owned kindergarten in a working class suburb of Sydney. The owner is a parliamentarian who drives a Mercedes and whose main concern is for a nice profit, not the best thing they think should be to the children.

The kindergarten has shoddy equipment and provides cheap food. The owner accepts the 5% higher numbers of children than is allowable under the regulations.

Attacks on the workers' wages and conditions are part and parcel of his "business methods". For instance, one of the employees is a qualified primary school teacher who is paid assistant teacher's wages, which is considerably lower.

There are no relief staff when there is an absence, no tra or lunch breaks, no lunch room facilities.

Despite their qualifications, child care workers are the lowest paid in any service industry. The award is full of loopholes and contradictions which no unionist ought to tolerate.

Kindergarten workers are so isolated, scattered in handfuls in each kindergarten, that no union, the Miscellaneous Workers Union, has done nothing for us. You can ring up an organiser until you are blue in the face, before they will come out, much less realise that the award conditions are properly fulfilled.

STOP THE RIP OFF!

ONE group of Melbourne women has plans to do something about the plight of childcare workers. Next month they are bringing out a special issue of the newspaper "Women at Work".

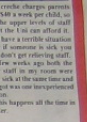
Most child care workers are not members of any union and lack any political voice. The newspaper will be in seven languages.

It has articles on how to find out about the union, how to find out about the union, how to find out about the union, how to find out about the union.

There will be a public meeting on the 19th of August 7 at the Ballarat Club, 100 Sturt Street, Ballarat.

The working women's union and other groups are also involved.

Some of the women hold the view that the Ballarat Club is a suitable place to hold the meeting.



leave

My average private centre is quite often just a place to mind the kids. A lot of them just leave the kids in front of TV.

Sometimes all the centres are run by trained nurses, but this doesn't happen very often. They explain very young girls, that's your idea, and these don't even pay the very low award wage. As a woman, as they're 18 they are often

Crashes, private car co-operatives, often don't get their provisions right.

The last thing they think about is what the children they see there and the buses they have to work.

MARTIN:

I WORKED for some months on a Village project called the Parks Programme, part of the Park House Project.

We worked around the city parks, and school holidays, providing activities and maintenance for kids in working class and deprived areas.

The project depended on other government funds, so when they were suddenly cut we were faced with a dilemma. Should the programme be cut back or should we accept a wage cut?

The decision to split funds for children's services, and to cut centres who were not in line with conditions was a deliberate move of the other workers' union.

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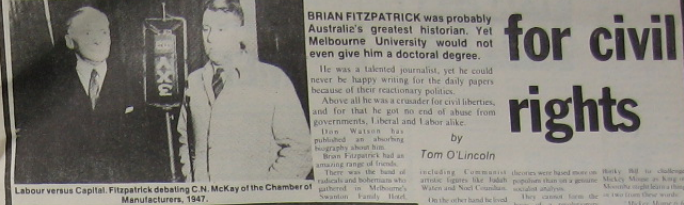
They felt for the moment that women here always had a right to a certain standard of living.

This progressive argument was the reason why the First government's health. Only if we fight the cuts in welfare can we really bring children

back to work.

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FITZPATRICK: a crusader for civil rights



BRIAN FITZPATRICK was probably Australia's greatest historian. Yet Melbourne University would not even give him a doctoral degree.

It was a talented journalist, yet he could never be happy writing for the daily papers because of their reactionary politics.

Above all he was a crusader for civil liberties, and for that he got no end of abuse from governments, Liberal and Labor alike.

His *Waterloo* has produced an anti-shiping boycott about him.

He was a friend of the working class. He wrote *Waterloo* and *Walter and the Socialists* and he had to live in a different town for a time during his marriage, and had friends in the Liberal Party.

He refused to be a member of the Communist Party because of its discipline, but also because he could not see Russia as a model of socialism; he nevertheless defended their policies and contributed to their publications.

By his historical work against Australia and its relationship to British imperialism, Fitzpatrick did change history in these days.

He was a man who wrote to express the mainline views of Australian labourers.

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"Workers Against the Gulag" available from L.S. PO Box 16 Melbourne NSW 2042, \$5.50 (post included) or from L.S. branches.

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A BATTLER FEATURE

by Tom O'Lincoln

A CHALLENGE TO INTELLECTUALS

Let's get out of the ivory towers.



Karl Marx—he wrote best when he was active in the movement

Mark wrote that "the emancipation of the working class is the task of the workers themselves."

Yet Marx was philosopher, Lenin, Luxemburg, and Trotsky all went to university.

Obviously intellectuals are very important for the workers' movement. They special train and ideas are commonly available.

But today too many left wing intellectuals are related from the working class. They see theoretical work as an end in itself. They write in a jargon which few people can understand.

Last year Teresa Brennan, herself a theoretician, challenged this orientation in an important article.

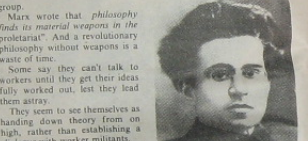
She told them they were maintaining their own elite position through a whole series of tricks, know-how and cultural elements which distinguish them from the working class.

She pointed out how many of them are more worried about using the wrong terminology than whether their ideas are right.

And she reminded the denizens of the ivory towers that for Marxist theory has to correspond to the current state of the class struggle.

This is a statement long overdue. It will ring true to anyone who has spent time among the revolutionary Marxists. What defence can they make?

Some defend their bizarre language as "scientific terminology." But there is nothing scientific about language that keeps knowledge hidden from the masses, and restricted to an in-



Gramsci—relying on books and papers was not enough

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knows for a long, long time about capitalism.

By the turn of the century, the trend was so obvious that America had capitalist "free market" dominated by a small number of cartels, corporations and "monopolies."

After all, there's no point taking capitalism to the streets.

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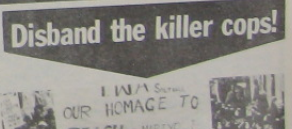
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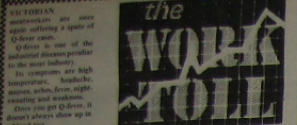
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Fitzpatrick with Doc Evans and Paul Marzetti at the Contemporary Art Show at Melbourne 1956.



Thousands of Anti-Nazi League supporters, teachers and other trade unionists attended the funeral of Blair Peach. Blair was a member of the International Socialists' 'freedom fighters' group in Great Britain. He was murdered by Special Police Group 'Operation Market Garden' during an anti-Nazi demonstration in April. The Anti-Nazi League is pushing for the conviction of Blair's killer, and the dissolution of the Special Police Group.



THE Victorian Government is again offering a state of emergency to the public. It offers to use all the resources of the Government to deal with the situation. It is offering to use all the resources of the Government to deal with the situation. It is offering to use all the resources of the Government to deal with the situation.

WORKERS at the Victorian Dockworkers' Union voted a fortnight ago to support the Government's offer to use all the resources of the Government to deal with the situation. It is offering to use all the resources of the Government to deal with the situation.

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PS OFFICIALS MESS UP MEETING

THE NSW branch of the Australian Public Service Association has held two stop-work meetings in less than a month.

It is obvious from the lack of way in which the meetings were organised that the officials are not used to such activity.

One worker, Margaret, said to the Bulletin: "I've had a lot of experience."

STop-work action is threatened if anyone is asked to sign a petition for the new legislation. While the stop-work meeting was on the Public Service Board's agenda, it was not on the agenda of the union.

ANYone employed by the Government can be sacked under the new legislation. It is offering to use all the resources of the Government to deal with the situation.

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

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Anti-trader undermines the Botany garbos

AFTER prolonged struggle, Botany garbos have defeated the ALP-controlled council's attempt to bring in contract garbage collection.

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International Socialists Raising against Court

How to contact the International Socialists

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BRISBANE 358 3978
PO Box 99, St Lucia, Qld 4067

IPSWICH, QLD 26 1113

PERTH 27 2361
125 First Ave, Mt Lawley, W.A. 6059



Sandra Bloodworth addresses the Melbourne rally for 'Court and Blake-Petersen' which was held on 22/7/79.

During the General strike the only marches and demonstrations organised by the officials of the union movement were in Perth and Wollongong.

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All right, you've convinced me... I WANT TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS!

Name _____
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City and post to I.S. National Secretary
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Fighting Fund

This issue saw an improvement in the fighting fund. Many thanks go to:

Sydney 'L' clubs and posters	45.60
Daphne Golin	5.00
Brisbane BBO and raffle	3.92
John O'Neil	25.00
Andrew Milner (and Truck)	27.00
A.B.	12.00
Sydney video night	15.87
Sydney Battler readers	20.00
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Adelaide Battler readers	11.50
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Have you seen the lines

The massive lines of motorists... the bumper-to-bumper traffic...

BRISBANE — THE FIGHT GOES ON

Back to the streets July 26! Queenslanders will rally and march for democratic and trade union rights.



1919 — a civil liberties march in Brisbane to demand freedom for political prisoners. Sixty years later, we're still fighting.

Bjelke's bash at the unions

Queensland workers are facing a new threat — the recently announced 'Essential Services Act'.



Good-bye Ed, and thanks for nothing. ALP leader Ed Casey leaves this year's Brisbane May Day platform after a rare show of interest in the anti-Jong struggle.

Fraser takes the whip to Gov't workers

FRIDAY 13 July was Black Friday for every government worker in Australia. On that day Malcolm Fraser proclaimed the Commonwealth Employees' (Employment Provisions) Act.

Support the Stock Exchange 10 M.W.U. ENDORSES DEFENSE CAMPAIGN MUCH-NEEDED support for the Stock Exchange Defense Campaign has come from the M.W.U. branch of the Miscellaneous Workers Union.

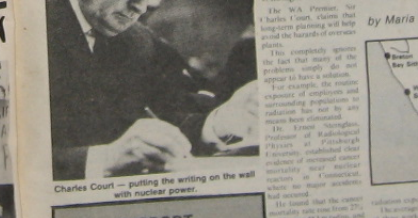
Stop the police frame-ups! Why Malcolm isn't barging the polls



Fraser — his popularity is now 27%

CHARLES PICKS HIS NUCLEAR TARGETS

The West Australian government is determined to continue its plans for nuclear power in spite of the unsolved problems of the industry around the world.



Charles Court — putting the writing on the wall with nuclear power.

lost

By Maria Giolitti



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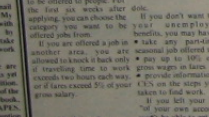
Build the July 26 march!

Public meeting for Trade Unions, Room 33-55, Trades Hall, Brisbane, 7.30 pm, July 23.

George George and speakers from the T.L.C., Trade Union Civil Liberties Committee, Ipswich Civil Liberties Committee, Ipswich, 20-6115 (Pst) Ipswich, 20-6115 (Pst).

VINER GOES DOLE BLUDGEONING — AGAIN

The Liberals' cynical propaganda campaign against 'dole bludgers' has reached a new low.



LEFT: The pinhead in pin-stripsy — Minister for Dole Bludgeoning, Ian Viner. RIGHT: A Right-to-Work marcher in Melbourne spouts off the message the Liberals cynically ignore.

Recently Ian Viner — Minister for forcing people of the dole — announced new guidelines for the 'Work Test'.

By Cecilia Poole, CES Worker

lighting

After this six week period, you can be made to take any 'unreasonable' work

unenforceable

It also shows that it might be hard to get CES workers to apply the new provisions.

SUPPORT DEBORAH WARDLEY! Demonstrate against Ansett's refusal to employ her

July 31, just the first anniversary of the date she should have started work.

Rally at 5 pm, Ansett building corner Franklin & Swanston Sts, Melbourne.

Don't get mad — get organized!

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NURSES SACK THE BOARD

Nurses at the Royal Brisbane Hospital in Queensland succeeded in having their Hospital Board dismissed by the state government.

This followed a 6 month campaign of uniform and clerical bans, work to rules and stop work meetings attended by up to 1,000 nurses.

The protest started when the Board demanded the formation of a committee to review the Hospital Board's work.

At the time of writing the committee had not been formed but this seems likely this week.

From the earliest of our meetings however, the government was set on one side of demands we made.

It said that it was the lack of the Board.

interviewed

Because of the sympathetic media coverage we received, the threat of a vote was not a major concern.

This was probably a vote-winning tactic to improve public feeling.

At the forthcoming by-election the National secretaries are looking for an opponent who is especially unpalatable to the electorate.

The government has followed the 'betweener' line.

We also won slight approval for parking for nurses.

It is becoming more common for nurses to be sacked in the last few months.

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Nurses march at the beginning of their campaign to sack the board

Staff clerks and other employees are also involved in the strike.

A mass strike will be called in the event of a vote.

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PARENTS' BATTLE ON

Hunt slanders teachers

The school at Victoria Park primary school in Melbourne is in a hot spot at the refusal of Minister for Education Hunt to provide a replacement teacher.

Teachers in Hunt's ministerial statement attacked the rights of Parliament to investigate and to inquire into the actions of its members.



Parents and children from the Victoria Park state school. Their struggle has begun a campaign to have inner suburban schools staffed adequately to need.

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Gay Solidarity Week 1979 climaxed with the largest mobilization of homosexuals and supporters ever seen in Australia.

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Somoza set to fall

In a desperate attempt to save his regime from the Sandinista guerrillas, the Nicaraguan dictator Somoza has used his air-force against heavily populated areas.

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Iran - the burning need for a working class party

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Will Indonesian dictator Suharto tour Australia this year or won't he?

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Director Suharto and his wife, 'Madam 10'

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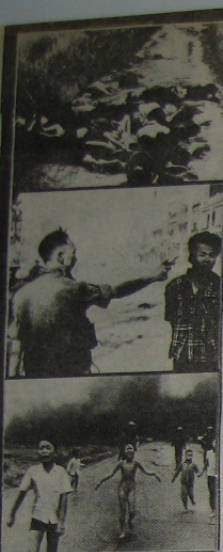
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The imperialist atrocity that created the whole disaster — the Vietnam War. TOP: The My Lai massacre. MIDDLE: The summary execution by Saigon Police Chief Lam. BOTTOM: The napalming of Trang Bang.

Imperialism — the cause of the misery

IT was countries like America, Britain, France and Australia who made South-East Asia the mess it is today. But they won't take any responsibility for it.

The French occupied Indochina for two centuries, and fought brutal wars to try to keep control. Britain seized Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. In Malaya and Singapore, they deliberately played off one race against another. The Americans came in after World War II, bringing with them the horrors of napalm and the delights of CIA dirty tricks.

Gallant little Australia, led by Malcolm Fraser's Liberal Party, went "all the way with LB". How they threw up their hands in horror at the racism, repression and immigration controls of the Asian governments.

The Americans have made capital out of the Berlin wall for 15 years. How dare the East Germans keep the refugees from leaving? How they call for Vietnam to stem the flow of refugees, and are very reluctant indeed to take many themselves.

starve

Our own government has demanded that Australian wheat, sold to Russia, not be transferred to Vietnam. This is to pressure Hanoi to stop the refugees from leaving.

It is a strange logic. Starve the people of Vietnam — so as to keep them from leaving the country!

About as logical as the rest of Fraser's policies. And about as vicious.

The repressiveness of the Vietnamese regime — and of the right-wing regimes in South-East Asia, with their short-on-sight, concentration camp, push men into the sea attitude to the refugees — must be condemned outright.

But it is absolute hypocrisy for the advanced capitalist countries to criticise Vietnam, or even the countries of South-East Asia. They — including Australia — created the situation that created the refugees. It is up to them to alleviate it.

When Australia sent troops to Vietnam, the old back they said we were fighting to "hold back Communist aggression" against poor little South Vietnam.

Of course, it was really a war against the Vietnamese and for imperialism.

The Vietnamese won. We supported them in their struggle and rejoiced in their victory, for it was a blow to the imperialist system.

But unlike many on the Left, the latter didn't pretend that the regime that followed could solve the problems of Vietnam. The new regime called itself "socialist", but it was just as repressive as similar governments in Russia and China.

At the same time, Vietnam exists in a world market, which is dominated by imperialism. And imperialism has used its strength to squeeze the Vietnamese.

crisis

The Americans and their little friends in Canberra, would not aid the Vietnamese in rebuilding. More recently, they have been even trying to keep the Russians from sending food there.

So Vietnam and the surrounding countries, ravaged by imperialist war, starved by the big powers, have entered a time of crisis.

The Vietnamese government has responded by attacking its neighbours in Kampuchea, and by driving masses of people out of the country.

That is why there are refugees pouring out of Vietnam and, more recently, Kampuchea.

As socialists we support their right to leave, and to settle wherever they choose.

But it seems the refugees have few friends.

On the right, the former champions of "defending Vietnam" are not so vocal when it comes to helping out the victims. Their "sympathy" has given way to racism.

After all, the Vietnam war "hawks" were supporters of the White Australia policy. They saw "stopping Communism" as a way of holding back the yellow hordes.

At the end of June the immigration minister, Mackellar, said that if Australia's population was to remain balanced — he means mostly white — we would have to increase European immigration to make up for the Vietnamese.

The government is well on the way to making

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By David Lockwood and Tom O'Lincoln

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racism respectable. And even on the left, voices are raised against the refugees. It is said they must all be fascists and supporters of the old Saigon regime.

This argument rests on the assumption that only "fascists" could want to leave Vietnam. In other words, it rests on support for the present bureaucratic rulers.

And there's another set of arguments — arguments probably held by many workers. They fear the arrival of the refugees will make Australia's economic recession worse. Shouldn't we look after our own first?

On these pages we take a hard look at the myths and realities of the refugee problem.

These are the myths we

MYTH ONE: They aren't really refugees at all. They are very rich people who have bought their way out of the country.

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border on racism. The ethnic Chinese claim they have been dismissed from government employment, forbidden to run private businesses and banned from fifteen specified occupations. And although some refugees insist they must be dismissed as exaggeration, not all of them can be ignored. The replacement of ethnic Chinese technicians by Soviet personnel, the sacking of 3,000 Chinese workers in the Quang Binh coal mine, and so on.

Must have been given the bland choice: go to the "new economic zones" or leave the country.

The refugees pay between \$100 and \$500 each to leave. Most have to spend their life savings for the trip.

According to Paula Kelly, the average amount they bring to Australia is \$25.

In short, the refugees are not the wealthy former rulers of South Vietnam.

They are middle class and working class people who want escape — as many of us would want to escape war, hunger, oppression and racism.

MYTH TWO: All the refugees are extreme right wingers. As such they will add to the numbers of fascist-minded people in Australia.

It is absolutely true that some of the refugees are right wingers.

There are even some active fascists, who engaged in violent attacks on the left in Saigon.

The fascists must be watched by the laws of the Vietnamese whom they



The South Vietnamese ruling class flees... back in 1975. Hide their faces as they queue for visas outside the

embassy must be defended. Just as we have to smash the ultra-left and defend left wing organisations.

If there are actual war criminals among the refugees, the government in Hong Kong should name them. The left here would be absolutely sure what real fascists think about them.

But the fascists and war criminals are a tiny minority. They are no more typical of the Vietnamese than the ultra-lefts are typical of organisations.

If they were asked a majority of refugees would probably say they were "anti-imperialism". That means they are against the regime in Vietnam.

Let's remember that the regime is not communist. Apart from the few whose main grievance is being their business confiscated, what they object to is that regime must of us would object to as well.

Let's also remember that once in Australia, the Vietnamese will be subject to new experiences, mostly as

workers. They will grow to hate Fraser as bitterly as we do. If the left and the labour movement make an effort to win them over.

As for adding to Australia's right wing, it's interesting to see what real fascists think about them.

Australia's major — the National Front and National Alliance — have both sided out against the refugees and in favour of keeping Australia "pure".

The National Front in Britain has already organised a march in London against a few thousand refugees being let into the country.

MYTH THREE: There are 500,000 unemployed Australians, and refugees will just make things worse.

If you stop to think about it, there's no way that Australia is over-crowded.

MULTI

IN THE **^** NATIONAL INTEREST

A **message from Malcolm Fraser**
on behalf of the **Government of Australia.**
MELBOURNE CLUB

We seek no confrontation and recognise and support the legitimate aims of the Trade Union Movement. *(Not that I can think of any)*
But how long can a Government stand by while a Nation's vital Public Services are crippled? **BY GOVT CUTS**

Why should workers put their jobs and those of their mates at risk by futile **BOYCOTS**? *FUTURE?*

Why should the **people** of Australia suffer because some Trade Union leaders believe Might is Right?

There is another way to settle disputes.

The Army Tear Workers Apart
Ask Carme O'Shea

We don't have to tear our Nation apart. **The Conciliation and Arbitration system** is there.

It must be allowed to work. **For me and my mates**

The Government has acted to protect the **people's** rights. **BOSSSES**

There is a National interest. **It's in my Bank Account**

Let us all put Australia first. **and the unemployed last.**



Malcolm Fraser

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If we are one population in kind across the vast mineral resources why our not support a larger than Australia has 1000 refugees since 1900 of the year. I don't mind the 'no' vote toward all the governments allow us to accept more than 100,000. War refugees were by all the 'immigrants' suffered there, so they in the rest of the

Australia brought in large numbers of workers from southern Europe, to serve as factory fodder for its newly emerging manufacturing industries. The immigrants suffered their share of working hell. The costs of their education and upbringing had been borne by their home country. They cost the Australian ruling class more in nothing. Now that the post-war boom is over, immigrants all around the world are bearing the brunt of the resulting depression.

In Australia it is partly the general 'immigrants' — relatives of migrants already here and refugees — who are being made to suffer. This campaign against them is nothing more or less than an extension of the government's general economic policy. The general economic policy is an attack on those who are victims of the attacks on an all.

There appears to be a shortage of jobs. But there is no lack of work to do. There is a shortage of schools, hospitals, public services, housing, the government and the employers work in that way. As for housing, there are thousands upon thousands of empty houses in this country. Most of them are owned by persons like A. J. Tompkins who have been aided by the government at our expense. They would house all the refugees easily.

The problem is not the refugees. The problem is the capitalist system and its crisis. Some migrants in Australia are bitter about the fact that some Vietnamese are coming here, while their own relatives are kept out.

They have a right to be

bitter. But it will do them no good to turn against fellow immigrants — who the government is at fault. Far better to defend the right of the refugees to come in, as a step to defending the rights of all peoples to immigration.

MYTH FOUR: Asians are different from Australians. They won't integrate. Bringing them here will create racial problems.

Let's not forget that apart from the Aborigines, Australia is entirely an immigrant society.

We are made up mostly of British and Irish migrants and their descendants, but the numbers of other groups — southern European, Arab, Turkish, to name a few — are increasing.

We are not a homogeneous society to start with. There is no one 'Australia' over which we are 'immigrants'.

On the other hand, the immigrants have always been able to fit in happily, and are probably in Australia as peacefully as the natives living in their own 'Australia'.

'Racial problems' — from the grand old Chinese to the today's refugees — are the product of government policy and white racism, not the fault of immigrants.

The spectacle of Australian workers worrying about racial problems on the one hand and on the other hand, prepared to let thousands of Vietnamese die on the high seas, would be a tragic one indeed.



Let's not make the same error twice

The uproar over Vietnam refugees reminds us of another time when the Left was hostile to a group of immigrants.

Among the first migrants to be brought in after the war were thousands of East Europeans, especially Balts. They had fled their countries at the time when the Soviet Union was tightening its grip on them.

felt defensive, and understandably so. Nevertheless their response was wrong. And looking back, we recognize that the anti-Communism of the Balts was partly response to Communism of the Balts — an impressive regime which the Communists idealized.

Today the Left idealizes Vietnam, and is incapable of taking a feasible attitude to Vietnamese refugees. The similarities in the two situations are striking.

It would be a tragedy if starry-eyed illusions about the regime in Hanoi, and generalities about the small minority of fascists among the refugees, led us to make the same mistakes all over again.

Many were anti-Communist. A small minority were fascists. The Left reacted with a hostility which sometimes bordered on racism. 'Tribune' published more than one plea to the Balts, implying they enjoyed privileges denied to Australian workers. And on February 25, 1950, it published an amazing item:

'The death of an Australian and the narrow escape from death of a Balt laborer in the White Bay Powerhouse accident this week demands immediate recognition of union policy for non-employment of Balts where language difficulties exist.'

'This can be the only policy if the safety of both exist.'

A refugee boat sinks off the coast of Malaysia. Its Balts and Australian workers is to be assured on jobs where misunderstanding between workers carries the threat of serious injury or death...

But a word about English classes or interpreters. Suck the Balts, that was the line. 'Tribune's' style, can only be explained by the anti-Communism of the Balts. The Communists



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OUR 'REAR RAGS' A BATTLE FEATURE

PAPER PAPER PAPERS THAT REALLY CAN WRITE BACK!

NEWSPAPERS have always been important for socialists. One of Karl Marx's earliest publishing efforts was the "New Rhein Newspaper" of 1848.

And when Lenin was building his Bolshevik party he made the call for a national revolutionary newspaper his rallying cry.

In modern Australia on a good day you can see half a dozen left wing papers being sold. An immense amount of time and effort goes into producing and distributing them. But what exactly is the purpose of socialist paper?

I wrote last time that we need to bring socialist theory to the day to day struggle. A newspaper is the best single way to do that.

Socialists produce books, magazines and pamphlets. All are useful, but journalism is the number one medium for revolutionaries. And there are some good reasons for that.



truth

Hegel wrote, and Lenin repeated, that truth is concrete.

If you want to provide a political point to workers involved in the day to day struggle, it has to be illustrated and hammered home with concrete examples from that very struggle. Lenin demanded of intellectuals:

"Not only in the shape of disquisitions, brochures and articles (which are often excuse my frankness — rather boring), but without fail, in the form of living arrangements of what our government and our ruling class are doing in all spheres of life."

Some people think that popular journalism isn't very political.

A Hitler news story that says:

Lenin in the "Pravda" editorial office, talking to worker correspondents.

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Dave Nadal sinks the latest treatise on Joh:

DEANE WELLS, author of "The Deep North", hopes his book will be the "straw that breaks the camel's back and forces Liberal and Labor in Queensland to form a social coalition to oppose the National Party." ("The Australian", July 7).

This statement could be an example of Wells' well-known sense of the ridiculous. It could also be an example of his equally well-known lousy political understanding.

Deane Wells is a philosophy lecturer at the University of Queensland.

His political background includes years at Monash University as a professional "moderate" argument.

His literary orientation attempts to purge the Left.

Wells' main literary interests were the Left.

For example, he opposed the Vietnam War, and his philosophy degree, in which

A Shallow Southerner Explains the Deep North



Philosopher Deane Wells — out of his depth in the Deep North (Incidentally, Civil Liberties activists say he hasn't been noticed at any anti-Joh marches.)

he took first class honours in literature that because Wells actually mentions his first on the first jacket of the book, some people see the most "fully arranged" arrangement wouldn't do. But then, it's possibly the most original thing about his book.

Wells gives a history of various sorts of "moderate" thinking of high school to the Victorian school in the colonial period of the state.

In that case, it's not the Minister of Education (Gordon Triggs) that will be a politician, it's a philosopher. It's not the right hand but the left hand that will be the hand to put the book on the shelf.

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WE HAD A WORLD TO WIN

The Russian revolution sparked a wave of workers' struggles across Europe.

The German Kaiser was toppled, and workers' and soldiers councils were formed. Soviet and Hungary, Mass Communist parties emerged in one country after another.

by Tom O'Lincoln

An early 1914 issue had called for a new revolutionary international. Now the revolutionaries Bolsheviks set to build it.

Within a short time it counted an followers in hundreds of countries.

The capitalist were terrified.

In his final volume on the life and work of Lenin, Tony "calls the story of the revolution... the most important of the world movement formed in an attempt to sweep capitalism from the face of the earth.

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A scene from the failed Bavarian Soviet of 1919: a Red army machine gun post in the inner city of Munich in Germany.

It was a magnificent effort, but in the end it failed.

The greatest goal was with the traditional socialist and labour parties. It is the AP that they were most interested in seats in the parliaments.

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CECIL RHODES, the British millionaire and explorer who probably did more than any other single empire to build the British empire, once explained his inspiration through a "dream."

"I was in the East End of London yesterday and attended a meeting of the unemployed."

"I stood in the wild speeches which were just a cry for 'bread' and on my way home I pondered over the scene and I became more than ever convinced of the importance of the political domination of the world by a few rich capitalist powers — as a boon to mankind."



RED CORNER...

"Today, multi-national companies will defend their common domination as 'providing jobs' and 'leading development' — as though jobs and development could never occur under any other system."

But when the natives, having been duly civilized, declared that they were now quite ready to govern themselves, the capitalists held on to their marks as an eagle holds on to its prey, and throwing off their apostolic mask, defended their possessions with fire and sword.

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First, the articles try to make their point with complex examples. A case of workers striking over a political issue is worth a thousand lectures, but all prove that politics are a practical matter and not something for theoreticians.

Secondly, each article is part of a whole newspaper. If each item makes one or two political points, then the paper as a whole is making dozens.

At the same time, each article is part of our on-going coverage of the union and social movements. Over a period of time, we try to develop an argument in this coverage, bit by bit.

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I wrote last time that intellectual should bring their ideas to the class struggle. This time I said a revolutionary paper is the best way to do it.

That does not just mean writing the articles. Once the paper is printed, it means taking it out to picket lines and workplaces, discussing it with the militant, reporting new campaigns.

In that way you can learn an immense amount about the dynamic of the class struggle. And over a period of time, you can gain enough experience to contribute to the struggle yourself.

The paper is an educator, not only for workers in struggle, but also for those intellectuals who are serious about building a socialist movement of the working class.

The working class should not get a passive audience, but active participants in building the revolutionary movement.

That is why the Battle papers is a premium on getting information, articles, donations, and help with distribution from a broad range of worker militants — many of them not members of the CP, some of them even in political disagreement with us on various points.

by Tom O'Lincoln

Public Servants need a campaign to ...

The leadership of the Administrative and Clerical Officers Association (ACO) has finally come up with a strategy for fighting Fraser's Sack Act.

It's three months since Commonwealth public servants began the campaign against the Act - a difficult, known as The Commonwealth Employees Retirement and Employment Act.

The ACOA Federal Executive has decided to launch a public servants' demonstration movement.

By Rick Cooper, ACOA

We should be following the lead given by the 1200 members of the ACOA members at a Canberra mass meeting on Monday 12 July.

We need for the following reasons, that the Act is not as good as it seems.

Industrial action is being encouraged by the ACOA leadership to demonstrate to the Government that a general strike is not only possible, but also desirable.

As a result the Public Service Arbitrator, Taylor has included stand-down provisions in the award. The Public Service Board will begin to use these as we go to press.

These means, if implemented, would provide an effective basis for the campaign.

Instead the Federal Government has refused to call regular mass meetings in all branches.

As a result the ACOA leadership has been forced to resort to industrial action towards arbitration instead of the usual leadership of the public servants in the ranks and in the field.

But the power to lift the bans is in the hands of the officials. All members have still not been involved in the campaign.

by a Brisbane ACOA member

SACK THE SACK ACT!

Mail workers fight for 1000 jobs

Workers at the Central Mail Exchange in Sydney are in the third week of a bitter dispute with Australia Post.

As a result, mail in NSW is at a standstill and hundreds of postal workers have been stood down.

The dispute is over the implementation of the Mail NSW Plan to decentralise mail sorting. This will lead to the loss of 1000 jobs, reduced take-home pay and the loss of "hard" work conditions.

The massive disruption to NSW mail is a direct result of the dispute. Australia Post, who have been taking over themselves to stand down postal workers, in order to avoid the APRTI (Postal and Telecom Union) into strike action.

Their response has been to keep the mail delivery going as far as possible by working without pay.

There's plenty of mail to sort and there's plenty of stand-down workers coming in ready to work without pay. Australia Post has really got the gloves off if it's up to them.

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Brisbane votes for action

Brisbane members of the ACOA and APSA (fourth division public servants) have a preliminary vote to evaluate their campaign against the Sack Act.

Immediate stop work meetings are to be held in any number of other unions to stand down the dispersed industrial action.

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Public transport workers on the march in Melbourne recently. Currently they are fighting a campaign to win wage parity with NSW workers.

It's 1975 all over again...

Metal trades workers were left angry and confused by the latest round of stoppages on July 12 and 13.

All meetings around Australia, the 400,000 workers were told no progress had been made in their campaign for \$222 in trade classifications and the 35-hour week.

Although the strike was well supported, the mass meetings were poorly attended.

Less than a thousand turned up at Sydney's Beffers Oval on July 12. Fewer than 500 attended the main Melbourne meeting on Friday 14th.

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Exclusive report by Bruce Banner

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Below: One of the 42 miners during the latest civil liberties march in Brisbane. Marchers had scarcely proceeded 100 yards before police moved in to make the mass arrest. How the question - what does themovement do from here?

Public servants fight Fraser's axe - 6,7

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ABOVE: The AMDEL uranium ore testing plant in Thebarton, source of much of the contaminated material that caused cancer amongst workers at the Department of Mines workshop. BELOW: Beneath the shrubs in the centre of the picture, AMDEL now buries much of the contaminated equipment nine metres underground.

Shocking disclosures have been made about the incidence of cancer amongst workers from the now closed Radium Hill uranium mine.

South Australia Health Minister Duncan released the results of a survey made since 1977 of Radium Hill workers at the ALP State Convention.

Six hundred have been surveyed by the S.A. Health Commission. Of those who worked underground for more than a year and who have since died, a staggering 40.9% have died of cancer.

That is more than double what the general population would expect to find in the general population.

That this alarming rate of cancer has been covered up by the Department of Mines, the Australian Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), the Australian Atomic Energy Commission.

These bodies were responsible for the uranium mining at Radium Hill from 1940 until the mines were closed down in 1962.

During that time 500 workers were employed to win one million tons of ore. No medical checks had been run on those workers.

The survey that Duncan referred to was initiated in 1977 by the Health Commission following a complaint from the Fox Commission.

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In 1962 another worker with 18 years experience died. He was only 43 years old.

"It is a matter which the year earlier, slipped their ladders in the mine."

The old delegate would point to his own face. It was pocked with scars from treatment. He was receiving five skin cancers.

There was a large hole in his nose where a growth had eroded when he made his farewell speech.

The delegate related his own experience. "In the old, boiler-maker's days, we used to get a lot of work done. It was the right to get to work with us material from the AMDEL."

The work would be carried back to AMDEL and dumped down the mine shaft behind the AMDEL facility in Thebarton with the rest of the contaminated waste.

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ADVERTISING

A legacy of death

Yet these are the very same people that Fraser is asking to supervise uranium mining.

Duncan's revelations make it clear that we are responsible for the horrible deaths of Australian workers in the uranium mining industry.

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State ALP will pay for broken contracts

PETER DUNCAN announced the death toll at Radium Hill during the Labor movement day debate on uranium policy at the South Australian ALP Conference in June.

He had named a number of delegates from South Australia to direct the 1979 Federal Biennial Conference to vote for a strengthening of existing ALP policies.

He wanted to include a clause to state that a future Labor Government would negotiate existing sales contracts "without compensation" to the mining companies.

statistics

The debate took place against the 'dull roll of statistics' of dead and dying miners. But the central issue was the point of no compensation.

Mick Young, the Federal opposition spokesperson for Labor and Industry, moved to delete the words "without compensation".

He argued that to confer the mining gains with such a policy as proposed by Duncan would be to invite

TELEPHONEISTS ELIMINATE OFF TELECOM

Telephonists at Telecom supported the technicians' recent struggle against the Telecom management and the Government's attacks.

At a meeting of the traditionally conservative Telephonists' Association Officers (TPOA), rank and file members voted to support the technicians' fight against the STD and STD network.

The union also voted unanimously to put its own wage claims on the table. Despite the building was not closed, the union voted to support the technicians' fight against the STD and STD network.

"The suffering is dreadful"

PHIL McCULLOUGH, the Irish Republican movement representative who was last week deported from Australia, gave an interview to *The Battler* shortly before his arrival.

In the interview, he angrily described the oppression suffered by the Nationalist population in Northern Ireland at the hands of the British occupation troops.

"The issue of repression is most disturbing to the Nationalist people."

"I have been in Dublin for six weeks. I have been in Dublin for six weeks. I have been in Dublin for six weeks."



The Face of Loyalist ascendancy: Derry-bound civil rights marchers are ambushed and brutally attacked at Burnfrost in 1968. The police — exclusively Protestant — stood by and watched.

Interview by Tim Anderson

Northern Ireland

"The 'suffering' of the movement on a mobbing of British occupation troops."

Nationalist opposition to the British occupation has been a constant feature of the movement since the occupation of the North by British troops.

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Deported Irish nationalist Phil McCullough speaks with the Battler

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Neo-Nazi march smashed

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The symbol of profit creates another widow. Mr. J. Lauerbach is led away from the disaster area at Appin after learning that his husband Joan was amongst the miners killed.

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Why we lost at Redfern

WORKERS at Sydney's Redfern Mail Exchange have lifted their bans although a significant minority of the Mail Branch Committee wanted to fight on.

In exchange, we got nothing but the empty promise of discussions between the APTU and Australia Post. This means that Australia Post has got another step of the Mail Network Plan operating. So now they are in a stronger position to go about their tatchet work on our working conditions and wages.

By a Redfern APTU member

It is a fact that while many divisions between us have been worked to our advantage, in a couple of years those who still got jobs while working without job rosters, often a late morning 1.41 or two afternoon shifts.

Highway robbery

NSW APTU secretary Merv Hawkins addresses Redfern workers. His leadership called for a strike over the use of private vehicles on government business.

forced
sellout

When this situation became apparent the most obvious way to begin with. But in practice it was poorly organized and paved the way for defeat.

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

You're naive about cuts!

Dear Battler,

As a group of people who have had the opportunity to take to express our support for the concerns expressed in your Battler article 'Free Child Care Now' (14th July 1978). We are also writing to you to express our concern about the information presented by the Government regarding the handling of cuts in public services.

And the party?

Dear Battlers,

As an article in your issue of 14th July 1978, we were told that the Government would not be cutting back on social services.

How to contact the International Socialists

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BRISBANE
PO Box 99, St Lucia, Qld 4067 391 5966
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PO Box 100, Laidlaw, W.A. 6052 2723681

Pipi Storm Parks, Sydney

Dear Battler,

I would like to point out a few things regarding the article in your issue of 14th July 1978.

Give us facts!

Dear Battlers,

I find the Battler very interesting and I would like to see some of the facts that you have mentioned.

Inside news

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Rank and File Organisation

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Picket blunder

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I would like to see some of the facts that you have mentioned.

War for Socialists?

Dear Battler,

I would like to see some of the facts that you have mentioned.

Revolution, not Reformism

Dear Battler,

I would like to see some of the facts that you have mentioned.

Full Equality and Labour

Dear Battler,

I would like to see some of the facts that you have mentioned.

Rank and File Organisation

Dear Battler,

I would like to see some of the facts that you have mentioned.

Prisoners Legal Co-operation

Dear Battler,

I would like to see some of the facts that you have mentioned.

JUST OUT: \$1.50

I WANT TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS!

Name _____
Address _____
Postcode _____
Phone No. _____
Trade Union _____

Circle and post to: I.S. National Secretariat, P.O. Box 46, Flemington, Vic 3031.

Tech teachers give the Board a month

A mass meeting of one thousand NSW technical college teachers recently debated the continuing dispute with the State Public Service Board over teaching hours in trade and secretarial schools.

Teachers in these schools are demanding parity with other schools in Technical and Further Education, namely 18 hours teaching and 12 hours preparation.

Some technical college teachers recently debated the continuing dispute with the State Public Service Board over teaching hours in trade and secretarial schools.

The Victorian State Public Service Board is attempting to cut the reimbursement payable to public servants who use their private vehicles on government business.

WHAT WE THINK

The Brisbane Brawl

These attacks must be fought

IT'S now clear that the confrontation between 200 Vietnamese and those attending a talk by two visiting Vietnamese trade union leaders at the Wharfies Club in Brisbane on August 6 was carefully prepared and orchestrated by governments, police and private groups.

The Vietnamese community in Brisbane has in the past been by two factions. One of these, dominated by North Vietnamese Catholics, has been forming right-wing fascist groups. The other, dominated by professional people in the Captive Nations Organisation, working through the Catholic Church, has also worked to keep Vietnamese apart from assimilating into mainstream local life.

A well known Vietnamese thug and karate belt from Hanoi was specially flown up for the demonstration, and was centrally involved in creating a violent confrontation.

attacked

Police stood by as the Vietnamese attacked. One woman heard police telling them that door the visitors from Hanoi were expected to use. The police arms amazed even those with a long experience of Queensland and police attitudes.

The Brisbane attack is the second major event in a pattern of rightwing violence on an organised minority among the Vietnamese community.

These attacks must be fought. The left and labour movement has to make it absolutely clear that such attacks on trade union meetings will not be tolerated.

IS members were present in Brisbane, and assisted other militants in defending the speakers and the meeting. We will continue to do so in the event of any further such attacks.

One thing that worries us is that some of those involved in the defence have used racist arguments to drum up feeling against the local Vietnamese. This is a sad option, but a mistaken one. Behind the 200 rioting demonstrators stand the Liberal-Country, the Captive Nations Organisation and the Catholic Church. We must confront them in the Vietnamese community as any other, with a political struggle rather than racist slurs.



Cop John — part of the 4,000 strong march makes its way down Queen Street in Brisbane.

JOH BJELKE-PETERSEN has again tried and failed to out-manoeuvre the civil liberties movement in Queensland.

The Campaign Against Nuclear Power applied for a permit to march on August 6 - Hiroshima Day. It was refused.

So the Campaign then applied for a permit for August 9 - Nagasaki Day. It was granted.

It was the first permit the Campaign has had in over four years.

The permit had many conditions, including that the march would start at the Police Commissioner's grant a permit. But the reason is probably obvious.

Person knew that the campaign had only planned a march on Hiroshima Day - Nagasaki Day.

But the march would be held on Nagasaki Day, not Hiroshima Day. This was to ensure that the march would be held on a day when the police would not be able to prevent it.

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... and Evans Deakin

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Georges was invited by the delegate to speak at the Evans Deakin shop at Macklin. The management refused to let him speak to the workers anywhere on company property.

Management has been happy enough to let him speak to the workers anywhere on company property.

But just because the workers are not allowed to have Georges on the plant in our own back yards - that didn't mean that they weren't going to hear him.

They walked across the road and set up a camp in front of the plant. This was a direct challenge to the management's attempt to prevent Georges from speaking to the workers.

The discussion lasted 45 minutes - 15 more than the lunch break. But that management had to be taught that if they were not going to hear him, they would be heard.



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THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN URANIUM SCANDALS

More nuclear industry workers in South Australia suffering from cancer and similar diseases?

Thousands of members of the South Australian ALP have demanded a thorough investigation of the health effects of previous jobs in the uranium industry.

This call comes on the heels of recent revelations by state attorney-general Peter Donnan and The Barrier about cancer deaths among workers associated with the old Radium Hill uranium mine in South Australia.

Donnan revealed in June that 40-60 deaths amongst miners who had worked at the mine longer than a year were from cancer.

By Doug McCarthy

The Barrier revealed this month that seven out of twelve workers at the Radium Hill mine, which handled radioactive material from Radium Hill at Pomona, and a nuclear weapons testing ground.

The Barrier also demanded a survey of levels of radioactivity in the state's water supply, and a survey of levels of radioactivity in the state's water supply.

Now, after a period of leaving these radioactive elements, they may well have been left in the ground water supply.

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How the clown wants us to believe he's a statesman

In the old days, before he became Prime Minister, some of Fraser's more skeptical neighbours used to refer to him as 'MacLain the Phraser'.

Certainly he is proving the phrase this month in Launceston. It is a pity that Fraser's demand for a referendum on the issue of nuclear power is so ill-considered.

On the other side of the fence, the Australian Labor Party has a more realistic view of the situation.

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Activists get set for vital ACTU rally

MELBOURNE anti-uranium activists already working on the next mobilisation - a rally at the ACTU Congress on 9 September.

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The Liberals' private health policy . . .

HEALTH care is once again a big topic. With the latest changes, it becomes obvious we are moving towards a two-tiered system.

The private sector is being built up to provide adequate or even luxury care. At a profit, for the comparatively healthy who can pay. The public hospitals are being run down. They will become dumping grounds for the poor, chronically ill and unprofitable.

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Street theatre dramatized the point of a rally in Melbourne last week against the attacks on health care.

Unionists meet on gay

This month will see the first ever conference on issues relating to homosexual trade unionists in Australia.

The conference will be held on Thursday 30 August in Melbourne, preceding the fifth National Homosexual Conference (31 August to 2 September).

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INDIA: While the workers die, these dogs fight over the bodies



The dogs at the centre of the power struggle. LEFT: Moraji Desai (with Koyisgin), CENTRE: Charan Singh, the current top dog, RIGHT: Indira Gandhi.

ZIMBABWE: A conference or just a con?

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AT THE end of July, India's prime minister, Moraji Desai, finally accepted the inevitable and resigned.

It was about to face a humiliating defeat in a vote of no confidence. His government's departure was inevitable after his Janata coalition had walked out.

There followed a lengthy period of haggling between various leaders over who would get out of the new coalition.

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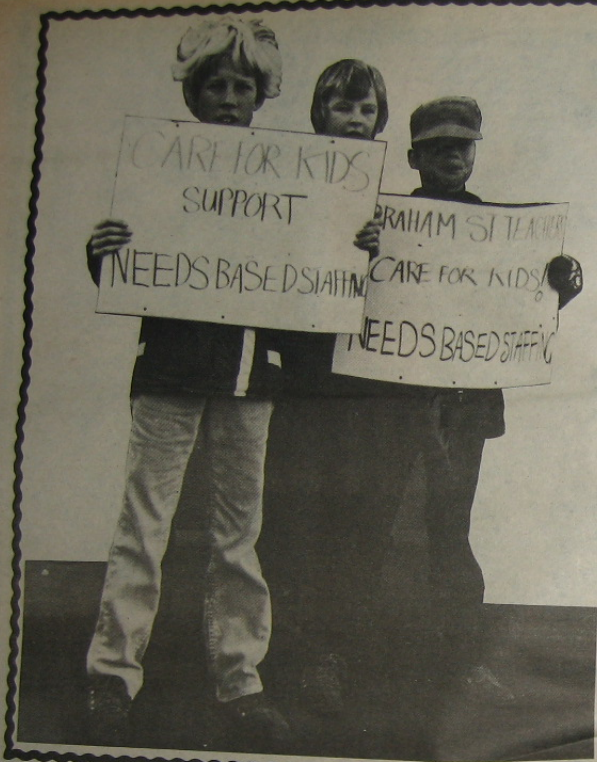
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'Our kids are sitting on top of one another ...'

"Do our kids get teachers according to their needs? Or just according to numbers made up by the Education Department? That is the issue."

Robin Frestone, a teacher at Port Melbourne's Graham St State School, was talking to us about the recent wave of strikes in Victoria's primary schools.

"At the moment they have a waiting schedule according to how many children there are in the school.

"But the needs in Collingwood or Port Melbourne are very different to schools in rural districts." We asked Robin to describe the structural problems her school is up against.

"We have old buildings, and we're overcrowded. But there aren't enough teachers. To make the class size we have to double the class size or have one child sitting on top of another child's head."

There are also different ethnic groups. Take Grade 5 here, where there are 25 children in the class. Only 10 are English speaking. I've had to teach one teacher how to do this."

"So all the kids in Grade 5 are learning in English?"

"Yes, but when you have a mixture of non-teacherable, but when you're going to give it to them."

"One reason for the difficulties is that so many teachers are below the primary level. For all the children over 10, the bulk of it is kindergarten."

That means the primary school has to try to provide preschool experience where it can.

Finally, the school is 40 percent migrant. The large bulk is a mix of additional language speakers.

"We have a lot of the Greek kids in our classrooms and Turkish children going to school in our classrooms in Greece, and there's no way for a teacher to have monthly staff meetings with them."



Robin Frestone

are trying to confront a severe language barrier. "We have two Vietnamese teachers. They can't communicate. So one of our teachers has to take them to the Vietnamese house nearby, but that disrupts the rest of the program for the day."

But doesn't the Education Department provide specialist teachers to cope with this kind of situation? It seems they are, he said, but he said:

"But that means one teacher has to drive them there and bring them back. It's the migrant teacher it drives her program out totally, and the classroom teacher certainly can't do it."

"So you have to either miss up any program you've got or have about the kid."

"It's not surprising that parents at Graham Street are backing the teachers' protest."

They've had a parent meeting. I attended before we went and there. For a school that size there's a really good turnout. Typically, the State government is putting the

promised

"By 1985 enrolments will fall by 60,000 children. The government has promised to cut class size somewhat, but it will be lost. Lots of us would like the sack."

"What they should do is take advantage of the situation to see these extra teachers, so some of the problems can be cleared up."

Victoria's primary history

The wave of strikes has ripped through them in unprecedented.

Strikes by secondary are nothing new, but Victorian Teachers' only twice before, a day.

Yet in July Victoria had stoppages, and that has strikes all over the state.

The battle began at Victoria Park in long ago as April, when teachers, parents and students marched through the streets to protest staffing cuts.

Parents withdrew their kids from school for three weeks. When the children returned, the teachers went out.

The gauntlet was next taken up by Helen Street school in Northcote, several miles across town. They were angry because

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As for the teachers, they are not used to striking. But events are leaving them no choice. The coming few years could be a make or break period for primary schools, Robyn points out.

They backed to all the way. Some of them joined our right outside Parliament, and others are taking up a petition.

"We had a parent gathering at the school with a chance to go to the bank on the bank of the Yarra River. Locally the park was built on the bank of the Yarra River. Locally the park was built on the bank of the Yarra River. Locally the park was built on the bank of the Yarra River."

"We had no challenge. Dan Robyn really means there are kids wearing tags."

"Some of them do. You wouldn't believe it. We had to get school closed in the first place."

It makes you think. But more importantly, and more too much, it has made a lot of teachers and parents angry enough to act.

MULTI

IN THE ^ NATIONAL INTEREST

A message from Malcolm Fraser
on behalf of the Government of Australia.
MELBOURNE CLUB

We seek no confrontation and recognise and support the legitimate aims of the Trade Union Movement. *(Not that I can think of any)*
But how long can a Government stand by while a Nation's vital Public Services are crippled? **BY GOVT CUTS**

Why should workers put their jobs and those of their **PEOPLE**

Why should the **PEOPLE** of Australia suffer because some Trade Union leaders believe Might is Right?

There is another way to settle disputes. **The Army**

We don't have to tear our Nation apart. **Tear Workers Apart**

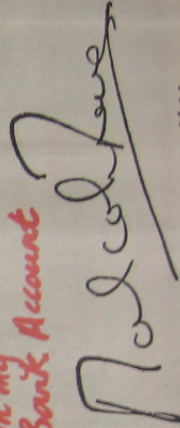
The Conciliation and Arbitration system is there. **Ask Carmie O'Shea**

It must be allowed to work. **For me and my mates**

The Government has acted to protect the **PEOPLE'S** rights.

There is a National interest. **It's in my Bank Account**

Let us all put Australia first. **and the unemployed last.**



FORMS RE-REVOLUTION?

"Socialism and nothing less. And no morning palatives."

This was the cry of many socialists around the turn of the century.

The feared the day to day struggle for reform was leading the workers away from the fight against the system and they had grounds for alarm.

The labour movement all over the world had become a powerful force in the course of the nineteenth century. With power had come influence, respectability, and a decline in socialist fervor.

Australian Labor was winning political power, and proving not much more radical than the Liberal. In Europe, the great socialist parties were proving little better.

These parties had two programs — a minimum program and a maximum program.

The minimum program dealt with immediate reforms, such as the eight hour day and higher wages.

The maximum was about socialism but it was only brought forward on May Day for the purpose of grand speeches.

Edward Bernstein, a leader of the reform socialists, let the cat out of the bag when he declared, "For me the aim of socialism is nothing but the movement is overhauled."

In consequence many revolutionaries began to despise the fight for reform. As late as 1920 a group of Australian Communists had this to say about such a radical demand as workers' control (then known as co-operatives):

"The object of a strike and the job struggle must be the control of the job itself inasmuch as the spread of the idea of Communism. As Communists, the group members will realize that job control is not more than a means for the proletarians whilst capitalism exists."

problem

But there is a secret practical problem in this approach, and one which any activist soon encounters. The Communist goal will not be won day by day. It will not be won in struggle. But most struggles from one day to the next are for reforms, like a ten hour day.

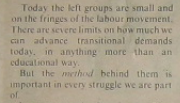
The more militant revolutionaries have always recognized that the revolutionary movement must somehow be developed out of the struggle workers and oppressed people are constantly waging and will continue to wage.

Rosa Luxemburg declared:

"Only in the broad current of contemporary political life, in the daily struggle — can the proletarian be formed in a socialist direction. In first-verse life will diverge in this direction only competitive force."

Our job's to bridge the gap!

By Tom O'Lincoln



Today the left groups are small and on the fringes of the labour movement. There are severe limits on how much we can advance. Transitional demands today in anything more than an educational way.

But the *method* behind them is important in every struggle we are part of.

In every struggle, there is something that can be done, some idea that can be raised which moves people to a more advanced consciousness.

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One thing has always irritated me about right-wingers. Whenever you argue with them about socialism, they inevitably accuse you of being an idealist.

It's not only a dumb accusation (after all, socialists are a lot more practical than people who think capitalism can work itself out).

It also shows their ignorance. It's a fact that idealism is in fact the name of the school of philosophy that supports the capitalist view of the world.

Socialists, from Marx onwards, have fought hard to prove that the world is not as they see it. They have argued that idealists think "What is idealism?"

"What is idealism?" is the motto which they use to describe the world — not whether the ideas are humane, honest, or the ideas of God (the Absolute Idealist).

Idealists move from every convenient position through classes down.

Back to socialist times, the main form of idealism was religion.

Humanity, as a lot to understand the world and natural forces, ascribed it to God and to gods.

A BATTLER FEATS



Charles 'Chuck' Colson — proving once again that crime can pay (if you're powerful enough).

Don't make us chuck, 'Chuck' . . .

IF GENGHIS KHAN were alive today, he would be living off the proceeds of a book called 'Across Europe with the Golden Horde' (now a major motion picture starring Boney M as the Horde etc).

The phenomenon of wrong-doers making a tidy sum from selling their stories is a common one. Our own Sir John Kerr is a case in point.

The Watergate affair was no exception. It has become the major pastime of Nixon, Hoffmann, Ehrlichman, Mohr, Casper, and the other members of the highest level of the White House staff.

All of them are men of power, and their stories are all true. It is not surprising that they were more or less successful in their own right.

David Lockwood reviews 'Born Again'

Many Americans still have a public view of the Watergate scandal as a political scandal. It is not so. It is a scandal of the highest order, involving the highest levels of government and the highest levels of the nation's power.

In the film 'Born Again' we are presented with Charles 'Chuck' Colson's story. We are told that Colson was a major figure in the Watergate scandal. He was a special agent in charge of the FBI. He was a member of the Nixon administration. He was a member of the Nixon family.

approval

After some intense editing and dramatic editing, the film 'Born Again' is a very good film. It is a very good film. It is a very good film. It is a very good film.

'Patrol Boat' makes a few waves

WHEN the TV announcer starts talking about 'top Australian drama', it usually means some ridiculous Crawford production that's about as believable as thinking that you are going to win a fortune in *Falsetto*.

So when you're watching the ABC you usually expect a better type of drama presentation. Something that's there to do more than sell soap and cars.

By George



But lately the ABC has been showing a program called 'Patrol Boat' which is a very good example of the kind of drama presentation that we need.

The result is that most of the things that were different about the ABC have disappeared.

The ABC will think that it is better class than it is. It is better class than it is. It is better class than it is.

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But then, his mother says that the Australian people are not so stupid. When he was a child, he was a very good student. He was a very good student.

WHAT'S THE PARTY LINE ON LOVE?

The politics of sexual liberation — an I.S. pamphlet by Janet Benge.

Available from I.S. branches, 20 cents.

A Sandinista guerrilla during the recent revolution in Nicaragua.

Revolution shifted economic power into the hands of a new class — the factory workers, who sprang up from amongst the middle class artisans and mechanics of the late 19th century.

With their new-found economic power they gained political power as well.

Having won, they had to overthrow the religious and political powers of the old aristocracy. Overthrow it they did — with a new form of Idealism, Liberal Humanism.

Liberal Humanism argued that human beings were not as they wanted — according to their own ideas, rather than to God.

This called the Phenomena and aristocrats just fine. After all, if you made the world and they were on top of the pile, then it was obviously their own idea, rather than God's.

The "divine right of kings" proved to be a very useful idea to those who despise God.

For the poor, there was after life to keep them quiet.

As for the rich, the revolutionary great, just a few years ago. Work all day long, but you had no say in the sky when you were sick.

But this Heaven on earth couldn't last. The old aristocrats ruled. The old aristocrats ruled. The old aristocrats ruled.

IN THE RED CORNER...

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As I've said, Chuck Colson is a very good example of the kind of man that we need. He is a very good example of the kind of man that we need.

ASSIST THREAT PS REFORM GROUP

You'd think that at a time of Victorian government cutbacks in the public service, the union — the Victorian Public Servants Association (VPSA) — would be concentrating on defending its members and organising a fight-back.

You'd be wrong. In fact, our union executive is spending many of its working hours attacking a section of its membership.

At the last VPSA general meeting in July 11, one hearing our paper from 100 members were asked to sign a petition to the VPSA to support the union's view of the Reform Group. The Reform Group had been set up by the Victorian Government to look at ways of reducing the public sector. It has been criticised for its narrow focus on the public sector and for its failure to consider the wider implications of its proposals.

The VPSA executive has decided to support the Reform Group's proposals. It has agreed to fund a group of three workers to work with the government to look at ways of reducing the public sector. It has also agreed to fund a group of three workers to work with the government to look at ways of reducing the public sector.



Bob Bamford of the ACOA Reform Group calls for action against the CEEP Act at the Melbourne mass meeting of public servants.

CERR bans In other meetings...

MELB Ten thousand public servants attended a mass meeting on the CERP Act in Melbourne.

BRISBANE The ACTU/CAGEO members report that the Act was repealed. Unfairly to the Williams' shop committee did not put their own proposals to a vote on the meeting. The meeting heard how the Act would affect public servants in each state.

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who used their own cars for government business was along behind the risk and the trying to keep up with the cost. We've not particularly noticed in fighting the executive's "need" much more to fight the bosses than that we have to defend ourselves.

As a start we'll be organising a petition to union members calling for an end to the campaign against the Reform Group.

We'll be continuing our campaign against the attacks on our wages and conditions on the 23rd of August.

Our course will support the union leadership as soon as it can be seen to be in the interests of the workers. We will demand no cutbacks.

At the moment we are in a state of confusion. We are not sure what we are doing. We are not sure what we are doing.

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

Write off George Orwell!

Dear Battler,

I was appalled by two of your reviews on page 74. Your reviewers really don't seem to have the faintest idea of our friends and who are our enemies! I'm a Mao who has been reading Orwell since I was a boy.

First of all Tom Behan — reviewing The Who's rock film, gives us a quote from "Who's Got The Power" saying that the lyrics are "not just a song but some 'improvised haiku' which probably means they're progressive."

But I agree, who's bothered actually listening to the song will know that it's a song about the revolution and the importance of never letting any future revolution fall under the control of an old and corrupt leadership.

So you get lines like "The man who spouted on in his judgement of all things. He decided and a shogun upon the song and a parting on the left became a parting on the right."

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Neville Nettle and Kerry Packer — Packer gets the rake-off, but what's in it for Nev?

Right-To-Lifers on the attack

THE Right-To-Life Association is on the offensive around Australia.

On Tuesday 28 August, rallies were held in many cities in response to this latest attack on women's right to control their own fertility, to contraception and to free, safe abortion.

In Adelaide, Ed Caus, the Parliamentary leader of the Queensland Liberal Party, was the first to raise his ugly head. At the first A.L.P. Conference, he threatened a policy review on abortion. The A.L.P. policy committee, which pledged that a Labor government would continue all legal restrictions on abortion, was forced to back down.

Yes, Right-to-Life Ed Caus takes the lead. The Health Minister, Peter Goss, has announced that he is prepared to tighten up legislation.

Will the Caskieday offensive fight for life? They have since been heavily criticised by the Labor Women's Organisation, the Socialist Left and some of its supporters in the party. It must be forced to resign.

The A.L.P. policy committee has been launched to fight the Right-to-Lifers' attack on parliament. The committee will be the first to look into the matter.

ly

His authoritarian stand in parliament is not surprising. He has a record of authoritarianism in the Senate.

What it means in real terms is that women have to go to other parts of Australia to have an abortion.

That's all right for the rich but working class women can't afford it.

Last week in Sydney, a Labor health minister said outside parliament:

On the same day a member of the Sydney Council an advertisement in the Sydney Morning Herald. The advertisement was signed by the Right-to-Life Association. It was a call for women to go to other parts of Australia to have an abortion.

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by David Vidor

NSW Premier Neville Wran now appears to have won the long running battle over control of the news numbers game, Lotto.

Wran has handed over a big chunk of the profits from Lotto to Lotto Management Services, a consortium controlled by "friends of labour" as press barons Rupert Murdoch and Kerry Packer and gambler Robert Sangster.

Originally, Wran had pushed for his business model to be used. But this came a forenoon in the NSW A.L.P. whose rank and file members are generally hostile to the business model. Wran's support is now being given by the Murdoch and Packer newspapers and TV stations.

By Nick Armstrong

The compromise was the one from Rupert Murdoch, Kerry Packer and gambler Robert Sangster. The compromise was the one from Rupert Murdoch, Kerry Packer and gambler Robert Sangster.

Not bad when you consider that all the facilities will be provided by the Lottery Office, the TAB and the Newcastles and Sydney offices.

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By Vicki Spitzer

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The fact that 40% of adults of 18 years of age in Queensland support total abortion laws was revealed in a SAHRC survey.

The survey was presented by South Australian Health Minister Peter Dutton at the recent State A.L.P. Conference.

The press campaigner, claiming that it was merely politicking at the expense of the dying miners.

1577 anti-abortion clowns parade with a baby on the offensive again — with some powerful backers

TLC backs defence fight

TRADE UNION support for the campaign to defend those arrested at the anti-Fraser Budget demonstration at the Sydney Stock Exchange last year is increasing.

The Trades and Labour Council in the ACT has now thrown its weight behind the campaign.

At its recent meeting in Canberra overwhelmingly endorsed a motion calling for the dropping of the "riotous and tumultuous" charges against Martin Mirt and Phil Lee, and for the NSW A.L.P. left newspaper Challenge will be running an article about Fraser's plans.

Look who gets the pickings!

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Uranium deaths

SET UP THE COVER-UP!

A cover-up has begun in South Australia to misrepresent the facts concerning the health of workers at the old Radium Hill uranium mine.

Government officials want to prevent further information becoming public.

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The Adelaide Press has been running numerous pro-nuclear articles. The only section of the media to take up Duncan's claims, or the health of workers at the mine were due to cancer, that women at the Department uranium workshop in Thaburnan has been the ABC reporter Teague was outraged by Mines Department manager from following through about the workshop in Thaburnan.

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Fraser's clumsy confidence trick

FOR a month before the Federal Budget was delivered, the commentators were predicting that it would be a "soft" Budget aimed at helping Fraser in his re-election year.

hostile

After all, it's only fair to say that the left is not as united as it once was. The left is not as united as it once was.

broken promises on the part of the Government. There were two parts to it. One was the tax package, which was supposed to be temporary.

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danger of being their own men. Corporate bodies do not want to see Labor ever again. Bill Hayden's election is not to them as outrageously as the moment Fraser, Conservative Party's Vice President.

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WHAT WE THINK

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A YEAR ago, Malcolm Fraser told a business lunch at the Hilton Hotel in Melbourne the day after the Budget that his objective for Australia was an inflation rate of three to four per cent.

He talked grandly about Australia as the West Germany of the south, with an economic recovery based on attracting foreign capital and "approaching five per cent" by mid-1979.

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With the addition of jobs to the unemployment figures, the unemployment rate is now 12.5%.

Sydney workers rally

ABOUT 380 people demonstrated in the Sydney airport to protest against the Fraser Budget.

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"We don't want your money and we don't want your sting — get that straight. Neither your honey nor your sting . . ."

— from a speech by an Arab nationalist, 1945

Israel — the robbery

WHAT is Zionism? It was a reaction to the oppression Jews suffered in Europe.

But it said the answer was to leave Europe and go somewhere else. This is where it began to show its true face. You can't fight oppression by running away.

Then they have the other side of Zionism, the goal of founding their own state in Palestine. Zionism appeared in Palestine as a colonial movement, competing with imperialism.

They came to a country where the Palestinian population and set out to create a Jewish majority. That meant the dispossession of the national and human rights of the Palestinians.

They wanted to sink roots, and that meant the land. But the land was owned and worked by Palestinians. So the Zionists set out to purchase land wherever they could.

They purchased land from the landless Arab farmers who had lived there for centuries.

Finally there is the third point, which is the way the Zionists movement treated Jews in order to achieve its aims.

The Zionists wanted to replace Arab labour with Jewish labour throughout Palestine. Many felt that they couldn't do that, because they couldn't compete. Arab labour was cheaper.

They had the idea of bringing in external Jews to do the work. Jewish cheap labour instead of Arab cheap labour.

There is the story of a so-called socialist Zionist named Yehoshua.

He led the Jews there that was time to return to Zion. The real aim was to use them as a new labour force.

So Zionism saw the Jews, not as a

subject for liberation, but as crops in the machine for subduing Palestine.

Now let me take up a few examples of what the Zionists did to Palestine.

Under British rule the Arabs were always calling for some level of democratic political system. The Zionist movement consistently suppressed democracy, because the Jews were a minority.

In 1918 there was a great revolt of the Palestinians against the British. If Zionism were a liberation movement in Palestine, surely it would fight British imperialism side by side with the Arabs.

In fact all of them, from the so-called socialists to the right wing, stood with the British. They were of the whole that really broke the revolt.

Then there is the war of 1948 when the government of Israel was formed. There were at least 385 Arab villages which existed before the war, and did not exist after it.

plan

The Zionist movement had a detailed war plan, made up two months before the state of Israel was founded.

They stated they would exterminate all Arab villages. They had the word extermination only three years after the declaration of Jews in Europe.

They said they would exterminate Arab villages and they did. They wanted to "clean" the area, to get a Jewish majority.

You will hear people say Palestine was a backward country, and now it is a modern industrial society. They make the progress is for the Jews. The original inhabitants didn't get the benefits. They were evicted and turned into refugees. The progress was not intended for them.

As for Palestine being desecrated, that was

never true. I did some research myself about the great myth of Tel Aviv being built on sands.

I found official documents that showed more than 50% of the land that now Tel Aviv was worked by Arab peasants. It was named into urban barren by the Zionists themselves.

There is a very famous picture of the start of construction of Tel Aviv, and the first eight months of work to turn the vineyards there into a wasteland.

There were bills and salaries, and they flattened these out and then they built the city on the sands.

After the state of Israel was established, no nature didn't change. There was still the same pattern of aggression against the Arab peoples.

In 1956, Israel joined up with British and French imperialism to attack Egypt. Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal.

And what about the war of 1967? You will hear that the Arabs were the aggressors. But let's look at the causes of the war.

The Palestinians had begun to carry on a guerrilla war in 1963, mostly from Syria. There was a tense situation on the Syrian border. In Syria there was a radical nationalist government which the Israelis and Americans didn't like.

The Arab governments supported Israel would attack, so the Egyptian Arabs decided to make a show of force and they did. Did they intend war?

At that time the best fighting troops were fighting in Yemen. Egypt could not afford a war on two fronts.

Besides, the Egyptian troops marched into the Sinai on board drydocks. If you really want war, you are not so obvious about it.

There were no more than 100,000 Israeli troops, Egyptian troops 350,000 Israeli soldiers, and it was Israel who attacked.

The Israelis like to pose as David fighting Goliath. But on every battlefield it was the other way around.

developing whole sections of the economy — infrastructure and even factories — because they didn't have facilities they could rely on Jewish capitalists.

The situation of workers employed in Haredut enterprises is perhaps even worse than workers in some private enterprises.

If there is a dispute between workers and management, and the trade union department comes to mediate, they almost always side with the manager. Because he and the union officials are often the same party, or even personal friends.

If workers want to strike, they have to have permission from the Haredut. More than 90% of strikes are wildcat strikes, because permission is seldom granted.

Haredut membership is not confined to workers. There are also employers, kibbutz members, cooperative members.

In the trade union section itself, they are supposed to have elections every few years, but you can find unions which have not had them for decades. And when they do have them, they are dominated by political party machines.

As for women, in some ways Israel is like western countries. Women have equal political rights in theory, but not in practice.

There are also some particular inequalities which come from Zionism.

The Zionists are worried about what they call the "demographic danger".

The Arabs have more children than the Jews, so they want Jewish

women to have more, for fear of one day being outnumbered by the Arabs. This has a big impact on attitudes for family planning and abortion.

Then there is the war. You hear about women being in the army. They are secretaries, interpreters, but not equally representative of every level.

And as for the fighting, it is the men who do it, and you get a kind of "machismo" about male heroes.

Finally, there is the role of religion. Every Jew can become a member of the Jewish state. But who is a Jew? How is that determined? This is an important question. Who gets the privileges?

religion

Only the religion has the answer — you are a Jew if your mother is a Jew. That is why Zionism cannot be secular.

Religious institutions are responsible for marriage and divorce. The Rabbits are dedicated to keeping "peace in the home". They resist divorce if women want it.

Just this month there was a case of a woman who had a violent husband. She fled to a woman's refuge and he followed her there and murdered her.

She had been to the Rabbinatz long before and asked for a divorce. They kept telling her to go home and try again.

Of course, Jewish law lets a man get a divorce easily.



'THE FLAG OF ZIONISM IS THE FLAG OF IMPERIALISM'

An Israeli Jew speaks out

EHUD EIN GIL, an Israeli socialist, is currently speaking in Australia against his country's oppression of the Palestinians. Brought up as a Zionist himself in Israel, Ein Gil first began to question Zionism while doing his compulsory military training. Now a member of "Matzpen" — the Israeli Socialist Organisation — Ein Gil tells here why left-wing Jews inside Israel itself are opposed to the Zionist state.

Israel — the struggle

THE Israeli Socialist Organisation was founded in 1962.

It is often known by the name of our newspaper, *Matzpen* or "Compass".

It was founded by members of the Communist Party, who began to develop new ideas around 1955.

In 1958 was the year of two revolutions. One in Cuba that succeeded, and one in Israel that failed.

In Cuba, a revolution was made without the Communist Party. Fidel Castro made it without them and even against them.

In Israel there was a huge uprising, and the strongest force on the left was the Communist Party.

The Communist Party didn't take power. They didn't want to take power. They felt power in the hands of the national generals, and later they were crushed and massacred.

These failures were had a big impact on some Communist Party members, who accepted that revolutions could only be made by Communist Parties, but that these parties were revolutionary organisations.

There were also some local revolutionaries. The Communist Party worked within the Haredut to change it.

strategy

We said that the Haredut was a Zionist institution, not a working class organisation. The strategy of real independent trade unions, revolutionary organisations should be to separate themselves from the Haredut.

Finally there was the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Communist Party placed all the blame on British imperialism, with its divide-and-conquer tactics.

They didn't see the roots of the conflict as being in Zionism, but in the international system.

We insisted on taking up the Zionist side of the question. Since our institutions, we have suffered continual harassment, the government cannot outlaw us, because they want to be able to say they are the only democracy in the Middle East.

They are afraid that if they outlaw our institutions, we will lose support among working Jews.

That does not stop them calling our members, and especially pushing our Arab members.

This was especially true after the 1967 war, when we made our name by saying that the nation under occupation has a right and duty to fight for its liberation.

The freedom of speech is limited. Just six months ago, for example, there were six Arab students thrown out of university, just for expressing solidarity with the PLO.

We wanted to put an ad in a daily newspaper, quoting the philosopher Spinoza, saying that in a free state one can think what one likes, and say what one thinks.

It was to be signed Matzpen. We were not allowed to publish it.

Even so we have had our successes. Last year we had a member in a Labour Party, who headed an independent list for the municipal elections. He won and now he's a member of the council.

Then there is the story of Klar Kamin. In this Arab village there was a massacre in 1956. The soldiers were responsible, but once the fathers died, down their sentences were out.

The officer who gave the main responsibility was later posted on Arab Arab town as an expert on Arab revolutionary organisations.

A film was made about it by a Syrian director, a very good film based on the protocols of the trial. It's quite authentic.

We bought a copy of the film, and we decided to show it in Klar Kamin on the 20th anniversary of Kamin on the 20th anniversary of the massacre. The authorities threatened the owner of the cinema, so we showed it in the town square. There was the old day, and everybody was there. The old people were telling the young ones about their own side, that in our own '68, recognizing the events.

The police didn't dare to disturb the film showing. The people would not tolerate it. They might have been angry, but the massacre and the been another massacre, and the police couldn't afford that.

Of course, the film was confiscated later by the police.

In 1969 there was a big strike in the harbour of Ashdod. There was a big fight between the workers and the Haredut. And the government and public opinion were against them, everybody was calling them "Fabs".

We came to their support. They said "Oh, you're all 'Fabs'!" They went back to the Haredut, and we joined them in a demonstration. The workers were standing there holding our slogan. It was a great feeling.

Then there was a strike in Ashdod harbour.

They had a confrontation with the police, and they were prepared to accept our support. We took part in a demonstration, so there is a breakthrough.

workers

Unfortunately, it is usually difficult for us to gain this sort of relationship with Jewish workers. It is not easy being a revolutionary in Israel. But we have no choice. If you want to be a Zionist, you want to see social change, that automatically places you in the revolutionary camp.

Mashe Dagan himself has said this: "It is impossible to raise consciousness, the flag of our movement, the flag of our reform. . . Israel our and the flag of all those improvements for the workers and the young and the not so young. These flags are contradictory."

Let me conclude by quoting what we said in 1959:

"Of course, Dagan is right. The Jews are indeed accomplices, for the flag of imperialism was the flag of Zionism, and the flag of socialist revolution. The general goal would be the flag, we must go further now."

Hear Ehud Ein Gil speak

Melbourne: Tuesday Sept 4, 1.00pm at Melbourne Uni.

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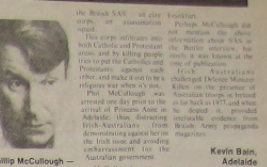
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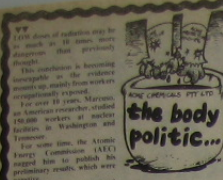
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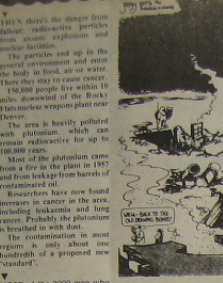
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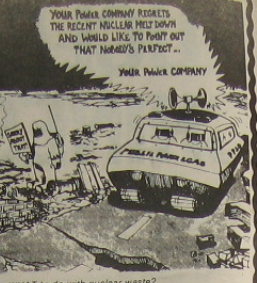
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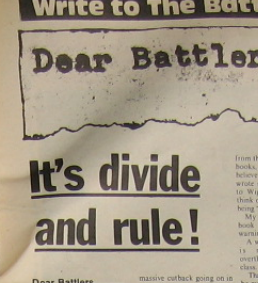
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The six months from March to September 1975 saw the biggest upsurge in strike activity since the Meibank strike in 1976.

The trend continued in the next quarter with 508,000 working days lost, compared with 183,000 in the same period last year, and 307,000 in 1977.

It was obvious Moore and his Commissioners had to do something to avoid a repeat of the wage struggles of 1974.

They did not abolish industrial relations but they found the strip by introducing "work value" (Class 7A) and the "work value" (Class 7D) to the eleven industrial groups.

Class 7D allows for "comparative wage justice" and "equity" - a third that says the deal is traditional form of many wage claims.

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Rail and tram workers say . . .

STOP SHINTING US ROW!

PUBLIC transport workers in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania are stepping up their wage campaign.

They have just filed a 48-hour strike of all trains, trams and tramways buses in Victoria.

Selective guerrilla-style pickets and stop-work action are also being used.

The non-picket by railway workers across the line between North Dandenong yards and Melbourne's docks has gone into its third week.

Last Monday, rail workers walked off the job in Launceston and marched on Federal-owned railways office. Viceral employees picketed buses in Victoria's two-wheel export hubs at Portland and Geelong.

The action in support of the workers' demand for wage parity was NSW workers and, on top of that, a 20% rise to cover the erosion in wages caused by inflation. This adds up to equity \$35.

successful

By far the most successful action so far has been the 100-pick action at the line to Melbourne's Port Authority, now in its third week.

At the picket, the *Battler* picks to John Emmett, an AFUE State Councilor and Dick Lilly, an ARU Branch Councilor.

About 33 men a day are being stood down at the docks. But the union is not wakening. There have been a number of walk-outs in solidarity and, very importantly, strike pay has been paid from the start.

A collection at South Dandenong raised over \$2,000 from 700 workers. When asked about harassment from VicRail, Geoff said that the RUC railway cops had been down, but had kept their distance.

VicRail later announced that summation would be issued for trespass against the picketers.

Five summonses have been issued as the *Battler* goes to press. But railway workers have no intention of letting this heavy-handed intimidation destroy their campaign.

Tent picketers fight on

Officers have felt humbled when they say:

Peter Smith, a driver spoke about the support the men have been getting from their wives.

"They've really been behind us. They have been quite a few come down to join us. They need the money too. We've had to pay bills with the child end-of-year cheque."

Geoff Oakley, another driver in the yards, told the *Battler* that VicRail was still standing workers down to retaliation.

"They have been cancelling ten trains a day. Last week they cancelled 16 jobs rather than use one over-stated crew member. And they're trying to put the blame on us."

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by Ian Jordan



AFUE member John Emmett and the wife of a striking railway worker discuss the struggle at a Appleton Dock picket camp.

Get the meaties off the hook!

The twenty-four meatworkers were arrested at a picket of the Canberra Abattoirs to appear in court on September 11.

The meatworkers won all their demands in the struggle against attempts by management to slash their conditions, except the dropping of the charges against the 24 picketers.

A Defense Committee has been set up by the Trades and Labour Council comprising all officials of affiliated unions and delegates to the T.L.C.

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The Victorian Trades Hall Council is mounting a state wide campaign against proposed amendments to the Victorian Workers' Compensation Act, and to demand that compensation benefits are increased.

The first step in the campaign, they have called a rally at Treasury Gardens in Melbourne on 13pm Wednesday, 11 September to protest changes Hamer is attempting to put through the Victorian Workers' Compensation Act.

The amendments change the definition of "injury" so that workers compensation will be denied to nearly every worker who suffers a heart attack or stroke.

This would exclude approximately 80% of all workers' claims. It might before the Workers' Compensation Board hearing the terms of these changes are related to "heart" and

"stroke" type cases.

Car accidents which occur during travel to or from work will be transferred from the Workers' Compensation Board to the Motor Accident Board.

This means a reduction in benefits, and payment to only two years.

In the case of fatal accidents, widows' benefits are approximately one-third of the workers' compensation benefits.

Weekly payments to injured workers are to be reduced, and most are being paid for insurance. Workers' payments for special disabilities such as loss of sight, finger, ear, or hand will be reduced.

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Big compo rally



A stop hinders a anti-riot area from Parliament House after he broke through the police cordon.

Fraser hits ACOA fees

In a recent response to federal public service clerical unions, the Fraser government has decided to stop all general deductions of union dues.

We lifted our ban on that the full bench of the Arbitration Court would hear our objection to the CERN and CLEP acts.

Only a few days after the decision announced the government announced its intention to stop deducting union fees from public employees.

At one ACOA meeting in your office, you said, "We're already doing our share. We can't do any more. But you can do more. You can't stop these deductions."

This is a pretty common sentiment around ACOA and APSA members. The government's action in stopping payroll deductions may increase union membership and strengthen the union's financial position.

Many of Melbourne's construction workers' representatives the militant tactics of occupation have been the occupation of the site.

The lunch time rally will be held at the Melbourne for Labour and industry members. It will be held at the Melbourne for Labour and industry members.

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By D. Mason

Here's how to fight lay-offs . . .



LOCK OUT THE BOSS!

FIFTY petrochemical workers at Union Carbide have given the bosses the shock of their lives.

They have occupied their plant at Altona, in Melbourne's western suburbs, until management offered the thirty-five hour week.

The struggle began with a campaign of bans and limitations. But the employers thought they held a trump card. They have a large cash force, plenty of money and a "staff".

On August 27 they told the workers they were to be locked out, and the staff could run the plant. They expected the unions to limit themselves to picketing outside the gate.

Instead the Union Carbide workers have left their houses outside the gate, supported financially by other unions who find themselves locked out by the government, and by the rest of the plant.

This is a form of struggle that is new to the contemporary Australian labour movement. Under workers' occupation at Union Carbide a living alternative which is built in the picket lines.

The occupation disorganizes the employer's production. It will force the employer to see the need to change his attitude, which we can use to our advantage.

Such a struggle is a national problem in Australia, is not just a local problem.

By making this magazine's production and distribution a national problem, we have given a lead to all workers' movements throughout the country.

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Good-bye John . . . and good riddance!

By Mick Armstrong

John Ducker, the dominating figure in the right-wing machine which controls NSM AFP and Trade Union politics, has resigned to take up a cushy \$48,875 a year job on the NSW Public Service Board.

His good to see him go. He represents the worst type of bureaucracy in the labour movement. He has left a mess behind him. He has left a mess behind him.

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represents a major wage cut for our jobs. A man who loved to stay close to the rank and file lifestyle — living on the edge in North Shore.

Ducker's resignation is a major ideological right winger than Ducker, who over his years of working, realised the importance of having accommodations with the left on certain issues.

The change in style is reflected in a move into the rank and file, away from the office. Both Ducker and Unsworth are converts to the left.

Unsworth is a much more practical, active believer in the left.

The machine has been under change recently in the AFP.

Their ideal handling of the rate change dispute, their much support in the branches, and this was reflected in their reduced vote at the last state conference.

Ducker's departure could further weaken the machine. His pragmatic approach would together with the various right wing and opportunist elements in the machine.

His major coup was in contracting the job of Neville Ware from MIC to Premier.

To get Ware as an AFP leader, Ducker had to help Pat Hills, an old rival of Ducker, to get the seat on the NSW Executive.

incapable

New power brokers will arise and the left has proved incapable of providing any political alternative to Neville Ware.

On Ducker and Unsworth as the main entry in the AFP, the left have done the fact that it is Ware who is in charge.

The union bureaucrats, who make up the machine, at least have to respond to rank and file pressure to some extent.

Ware is largely immune from such pressures.

And that makes the left co-operation with Ware a Cabinet and the AFP caucus even more to rest, and put

The South Australian election . . .

When Des Corcoran called an election in South Australia, the victory seemed a foregone conclusion.

Not only would they increase their majority in the House, but they would repair the performance in the first democratically elected Legislative Council.

While Labor thought they might win by simply focussing on Fraser, the Liberals were so stupid.

Their aims are straight forward and they designed. They want to break union organisation in the state and force rising unemployment help them to it.

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Allo a fortnight in which, according to Alf MacFarlane of the National Times, the most interesting news in national politics was the result of a Gallup Poll, we turn our attention to state politics and the state of the Senate.

Just a word on the poll first. It was the opinion poll taken after the recent Budget and showed a slight swing to the Libs. Not enough to win them an election, but a swing argument.

Apparently that has driven the media, and the Budget gives the media a good reason to ignore the voters were really united.

The Libs are in a bit of a bind. They have to win the Senate to get the Bill through.

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SCANDALS

NSW Labor members of the NSW Royal Commission are in a bit of a bind.

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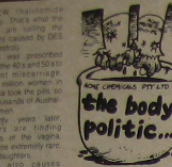
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Ireland: GET THE TROOPS OUT!



Lord Mountbatten with fellow imperialist relic, the Queen Mother.

EIGHTEEN soldiers, Lord Mountbatten and members of his family were killed in Ireland in the last week of August.

To understand why this has happened we need to ask a question — What is the British army doing in Ireland?

There are 15,000 British troops in Northern Ireland — the equivalent of an army of occupation of every half a million in Britain. They are backed up by a huge apparatus of supply and maintenance and by a system of police, courts without jury and internment by which the whole world has never known before.

The army and the police in Northern Ireland are not in uniform. They have a long and glibly accepted history of thousands of the Catholic population of the North.

Over 1,000 people have died since the army was sent to Ireland in 1949. Thousands have been maimed or mangled. Thousands have been blinded. Thousands have been deafened. Thousands have been crippled.

The army has been given a licence to roam the streets and pick off their victims in the name of law. The police of the government and the behaviour of the army has been a disgrace to the British people.

The army are not in Ireland just for fun. They have a purpose. Their job is to guard the interests of British investors and imperialists. They are there to ensure that the British Empire remains intact.

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The popular resistance — Belfast demonstrators get revenge on a British soldier.

WE'RE NOT WEEPING FOR MOUNTBATTEN

MOUNTBATTEN was a professional naval officer, a man whose chosen trade was the use of violence for political ends — that is why millions of people resist him.

In that capacity he served his class — the British ruling class — with credit, and rose to the top of his profession. He was, of course, an opponent of everything the working class movement is opposed to: land, industry, training, occupation and outlook he was part of the ruling class and he was loyal to his class.

He was no cause to mourn his death. The funeral and the service were a serious purpose. It is to the obviously fighting support for the death of a man who was a part of the ruling class and he was loyal to his class.

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Adelaide gamblers

AN EIGHT day work to rule by Adelaide's council workers has wiped a fifteen year old smirk from the faces at the Local Government Association.

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Khomeini's unholy war on the Kurds

Khomeini's carnival of reaction continues in Iran.

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BATTLE FRONT

THE WOMEN'S liberation movement has transformed our view of history.

Countless stories of courage, military and leadership of women have brought to light, and with them a great many insights into the nature of revolutionary struggle in general.

Yet there is a strange gap. The period after World War II is largely ignored.

It is not simply as a time when women were "sent back into the home" and kept in their place, to re-emerge onto the factories and the streets as the war continued.

It is a time that some women left the workforce. And of course, in a time women were less militant just as men were.

But it is also true that a great many women struggled for their rights. During the war, women had done men's work, and often received men's pay or close to it. After the war there was a determined effort by employers to force their wages back down.

They got the courts to rule that women's arrangements were no longer valid, and women had only got 75 per cent of men's pay. This led to the Arbitration Commission to do the same.

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Women just up a determined defence during 1950 and 1951 land in many cases they were victorious.

By November of 1950, women postal workers in NSW threatened to strike when the government proposed to abolish equal pay. The government backed down.

The following February half a dozen Sydney metal shops stopped an attempt to cut female wages by taking strike action.

In October of the same year, women at Ralston in Brisbane won a similar victory after a prolonged dispute.

We could name many more successful struggles from that period.

As for those who did return to the home, they didn't spend all their days in the kitchen. They faced steep price rises after the war and they fought

THE WAR THAT DID NOT END IN 1945 . .

back. The New Horwester Association was formed in 1947, with dozens of branches in the capital cities. This group led militant actions on the streets. In Sydney they stormed into the company to confront the manager over rising prices. In Melbourne they took similar action over meat prices. Their agitation reached its peak in a mass demonstration in Sydney in March 1948. The crowd was estimated at 10,000. Thousands of housewives were taken away by what was called factory police.

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Women's thirty year battle with the bosses

The action won support far away as Melbourne, where 400 building workers in Moorabbin stopped work in solidarity.

The Communist Party was at the centre of much of the postwar agitation. Cold war repression severely weakened the party after 1950 and much of the militancy was lost. Even so there were exceptions.

One important development was the growth of trade union women's committees.

The Miner's Women's Auxiliary was famous for its confrontations with scabs and its agitation work as far back as the thirties.

The Communist Party worked to build similar groups in other industries in the postwar period.

These committees were sometimes just social groups, but often they were more than that.

The Watersiders' Women's Committee began its activity in the union camp. But by 1953 it was participating in a deputisation to Canberra. And a host of its members recalled:

"By 1954 we felt we were out of the cat. In the strike of November 1954 we were more than an auxiliary, and in the big strike of February 1955 we played a really important role.

The committees also organised visits to jobsites by workers' wives to break down their isolation from their husbands' work and trade union activity.

Finally, there was the Union of Australian Women. Looking back in today, we are struck by its conservatism. A lot of energy went into presenting gifts to babies born on International Women's Day.

Nevertheless it did some courageous work for antiwar causes and equal pay.

Its members bravest arrests for demonstrating. Sometimes local laws restricting demonstrations forced them to write individual letters on their clothes. They were walked along in a group, spelling out a short slogan.

Even for this, they were sometimes

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to each other, but the total was 12 percent with all aspects of production where the rate is 10,000 times slower than in any operating theatre.

The problem under capitalism is that the new technology is not used like it should be.

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The inside dope on police corruption

WE have all experienced police who break the laws they are supposed to uphold. We know that police are hired to defend the status quo and believe themselves above the control of elected politicians.

Now we have a book, written by a former top cop, which once again shows how police think.

Bernie Delaney was the former top cop who wrote the book.

Phil Griffiths looks at two recent books on the dealings of the Narcotics Bureau.

But all this is standard police behaviour. What makes the Narcotics Bureau so unusual is corruption.

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CHEAP CHIPS CHOP JOBS

THE last couple of years have seen the increasingly rapid introduction of "new technology."

These bosses' innovations have met with very little resistance from trade unions in Australia (with the notable exception of the Fairfax strike in 1976).

At this point, the film When the Chips are Down from Britain is well welcomed, because at least it shows the cost of new technology to the workers.

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Women picket Arbitration during the 1974 Equal Pay hearing.

Garbos betrayed again...

ALP SAYS TO GO TO THE BATTLE

The long running struggle between Sydney's Botany Council and its garbos has erupted again.

In its latest move, the Council is going to waste thousands of dollars of taxpayers money to hire security guards to "protect" themselves from their workers.

The dispute started earlier this year when the ALP controlled council decided to introduce contract garbage collectors to replace the day labour workforce.

The garbos, backed by other council workers and Botany residents fought back. They mounted a ten day embargo for weeks in a park opposite the Council Chambers.

The Arbitration Court eventually ordered a three month cooling off period, on condition that the contractors resumed the garbage compactor they stole.

But Wangee Waste is still off the compactor and the Council has still not bought a new one. So the dispute is currently a stand off.

In the meantime, the ALP eventually got around to doing something about the council workers breaking ALP rules. A number of the councillors, including Mayor Tobin, were suspended from ALP membership for refusing to sign a day labour, as stipulated in ALP Local Government policy.

Eight councillors subsequently resigned from the ALP and are now independents. They used their numbers to reelect Tobin as the Independent Mayor.

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Look at the facts on Israel!

The Polish Underground - not surprising, considering the enormous number of Jews who were killed in the Warsaw Ghetto during the Holocaust.

Following the defeat suffered by the anti-Arab forces in the Arab-Israeli conflict, the UN Security Council passed a resolution in 1947 calling for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.

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WE'VE SAID IT OUT LOUD! THE BOSS!

The occupation at Union Carbide in Alfonsa (Vic) is now in its third week.

The workers are fighting for a 35 hour week. Electrical Trades Union steward Vic Williams talked to us about the dispute.

Some of the workers... I don't see how you can have a job all their lives... We've got to fight for a 35 hour week... We also had good publicity from the mass media... The strikers are considering establishing a committee to get their views more actively involved... We also had good publicity from the mass media... The strikers are considering establishing a committee to get their views more actively involved...

Vic Williams - inside the gate, and staying there.

The war with Telecom is not over

At a mass meeting on the 6th September in Brisbane, members of the Queensland branch of the AT&A overwhelmingly reaffirmed their commitment to continue to fight for their wage justice.

By Steve Rathbone
Telecom said that wages were still unresolved.

Telecom workers have had a conflict of both fronts. They have not lost any of their determination to fight their hard fought for wages. Rodon and Haake have done their utmost to do the job that Fraser cannot.

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Solidarity through the fence - support from wives, friends and families has been important.

On the waterfront: CLERKS STRIKE FOR JOBS

The whole of the Sydney waterfront is shut down by an indefinite strike of waterfront clerks.

The 800 clerks are fighting the sacking of five clerks from the Consular Services Depot at Glebe Island container terminal.

By Jill Watt

involved in their own dispute over a wage claim. They now were paid 80% of the permanent rate on fortnightly basis, but after a fight to have this changed to a weekly basis they lost 10% of the weekly rate. Naturally they want the 90% rate restored, but they are prepared to settle for 80% if the permanent rate is not restored.

The latest edition of the Victorian Public Service Association Reform Group's bulletin 'VPSA Focus & File News' appeared around offices this week - in direct defiance of the ban imposed by the union's right-wing leadership.

For the first time, the Reform Group has been attacked in the official union journal, 'Victorian Public Service Journal'. The VPSA officials told their 20,000 members that 'there is no VPSA Reform Group'.

The only call is even more absurd than the claim that we don't exist - coming from union officials who primarily activity at the moment is attacking a large section of their own membership - the Reform Group and its supporters.

Further on, in their paper, the VPSA officials disputed the 47% support the Reform Group received in the recent elections for General President. Since less than a third of members voted, the Reform Group's real support was only about 14%, they claimed.

What they omitted, of course, was that by the same calculation the current leadership has only about 15% support! The officials' journal also crowed about the renewal of the Public Service Board decision to slash public service using private cars of government members - as if they had anything to do with this victory!

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Worker exposes hell factory

JOHN Thompson worked at Alpha Chemicals in Dee Why, close to Sydney's northern beaches, for nearly one-and-a-half years.

Then he discovered they had poisoned him. He had incurred brain damage from mercury poisoning - a direct result of Alpha's reckless pursuit of profit.

Alpha had deliberately lied to John and other workers about the effect of their chemicals. They had given them virtually no protection, and had knowingly exposed them to different poisons. Now John tells the full terrible story in this exclusive report for The Battler.

By John Thompson

I WORKED at Alpha from March 1973 about a month ago, initially under the NEAT scheme.

During that time I saw many injuries and many people pass through the factory. I've received many injuries there. On one occasion I spent two days in hospital with severe burns to both hands.

I now have mercury poisoning. I know there was something wrong with me long before tests confirmed it. I was shaking and getting dizzy spells.

I went to a different doctor. They did some tests done by Maaly and found a high mercury level in my blood.

A workmate suggested I contact the Workers Health Centre in Lidcombe. It was there I found out that mercury affects the central nervous system, as well as producing emotional instability, tremor and personality change.

The Workers Health Centre referred me to a specialist, who made further tests which confirmed the previous results.

Only after mercury poisoning was confirmed was a test done by the Department of Occupational Health. Their tests showed I had four times the 'accepted' mercury level in my standards.

If you've got above 2 mg/litre of urine, you're supposed to be taken away from mercury. I had a level of 1 mg/litre.

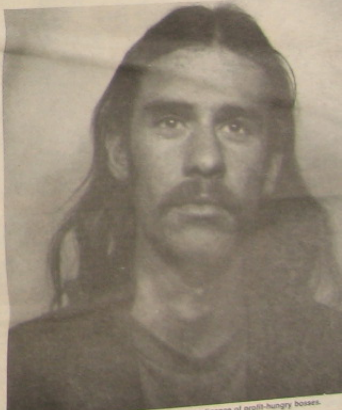
Safety equipment at Alpha was virtually useless. For most workers it consisted of rubber gloves and rubber boots, sometimes delicate.

One worker, Murray, who does not belong to the union, was talking and looking rubber boots - walked in what appeared to him to be a hazardous area.

Not far from the State Institute of Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the Administrative Division Council have come out in opposition to the proposed role change. This will affect the members of the Administrative Council of the General Council. It will affect the members of the Administrative Council of the General Council.

The Reform Group is building an active union group in departments with the aim of bringing the union under the control of its members.

WE WERE POISONED FOR PROFIT!



John Thompson - poisoned by the criminal negligence of profit-hungry bosses.

I was told it was nothing to worry about!

The Battler reviews the ACTU Congress

BOB HAWKE got done at the ACTU Congress in a way that has richly deserved for so long.

After the right-wingers withdrew their support from him in a fit of pique, Bob Hawke and his Centre-Right grouping were beaten in every vote they put up a fight over.

The most interesting detail of the previous debate was that Hawke's vote had been counted over and over again, but he had lost. He had to be moved out of the room to be counted.

A slap in the FACE FOR HAWKE

By Ian Jordan

There has been no doubt that the Executive Director has been cleared of the charges. He has no more to say on this subject.

The decision of the Executive Director has been a major blow to Hawke's reputation.

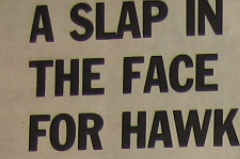
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The cartoon shows a man with a large head and a small body, looking frustrated with his hands on his hips. The caption reads: 'The cartoonist depicts the Executive Director as a man with a large head and a small body, looking frustrated with his hands on his hips.' This is a humorous reference to the article's content.

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Casey shows out Socialist Left leaders

STRIKES outlawed — that's the meaning of Bjelke-Petersen's Essential Services Bill

For tens of thousands of Queensland workers working in hospitals, fire brigades, ambulances, transport of people or freight, power and water supply, garbage and sewerage services, it will make it far more difficult to take industrial action.

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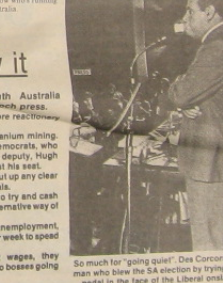
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Bill Hayden — concerned with schooling. Hawke, not uranium.



David Tonkin — knitting jobs and social services already. Whatever happened to 'the job for 30'?

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THE EARLY



with Janey Stone

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over to the poor. Because powerful landowners wanted to see that the conditions, Gulf and Weston, the army was called in and the people's food stores plundered under the pretext of maintaining order.

THE MUCH-HERALDED 'constitutional conference' on Zimbabwe has assembled in London. By almost as soon as the representatives of Brian the racist ruler of Muzorewa/Smith and the Patriotic Front guerillas got together, the conference was in danger of breaking up.

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Liberal has a few marginal seats, like that of Lane's Fern seat. They have learned their lesson from the Redcliffe by-election. The Liberal National Party is displaced with Gibbs because his stand keeps abortion a controversial issue.

E-GIT STOP CASE!

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Somare's act of 'mercy' is a controversial move that has divided the public. Some see it as a sign of weakness, while others see it as a sign of wisdom.

Open letter to the Ayatollah is a call for international support for the Iranian revolution. It is a call for the world to stand with the people of Iran.

Wran slashes hospitals is a report on the government's decision to cut funding for public hospitals. It is a report on the impact of these cuts on the public.

Nurses organise for abortion vote is a report on the nurses' union's decision to support a referendum on abortion. It is a report on the role of nurses in the abortion debate.

Fare enough! Land work in Canberra, strong supporters of people who are fighting to reduce bus fares. The fare is too high. The fare is too high. The fare is too high. The fare is too high.

Nurses organise for abortion vote. The monthly meeting of the Queensland Nurses Federation Branch Committee in September has decided to put the abortion issue to the coming general meeting of members in October. Nurses are already preparing to vote on the referendum.

Wran slashes hospitals. The NSW Labor State Government has come out in its true colors as a health spending. It is a report on the impact of these cuts on the public.

Michael Somare - his act of favouritism might be his last. Somare's decision to grant a pardon to a former minister is a controversial move that has divided the public.

Open letter to the Ayatollah. The people of Iran are fighting a just war against a tyrannical regime. We call on the world to support them.

The computerized newspaper composing room — a threat to jobs and health.

IS A machine after your job?

Computers have been coming in for forty years now. We've all seen the cartoon and science-fiction fantasies where they've taken over the world and human beings are redundant.

Things haven't reached that extreme yet. But the computer technology is placing tens of thousands of workers in jeopardy in every industrialized country.

So just what threats do we face — to our health, our conditions, and our job security? And most importantly — what can we do to protect ourselves in the future?

The new technology was developed in the United States, specifically for the arms trade.

In its application to office work, the print and other industries the new technology will be used for slaughter of a different kind. The wholesale massacre of jobs.

Micro-electronics, widespread use in means that computers are now smaller and far less expensive than ever. We have reached the stage where a computerized machine may cost about the same as one person's wage for one year. But the machine can replace one of more people.

For example, an accounting machine can do the market which can do the work of two or three clerks. The machine can handle for less than a clerk's wage.

There are "word processors" which enable one to type up to the work of two or three clerks. The machines are cheaper to run than an extra typist.

Not only are these machines economical, they are also capable of women workers.

Increased efficiency. One information is stored in them, they are opening up to instant filing or retrieval and they make few human mistakes. Not only do unemployment rates for these electronic wonders rise, these areas have also

eliminate jobs. And it's not just in the office, that they pose a threat to jobs. Industrial robots based on the same principle are now widespread use in factories, particularly in the U.S. and Japan. They are more flexible than any machine. They are longer hours and are cheaper and more efficient.

The industries which have remained the least mechanized in the past are the service industries such as office work, banking and so on. These areas have traditionally also had the highest concentration of women workers.

By George Stylianou

The new technology — a threat to thousands

traditionally absorbed those who have lost jobs in manufacturing. But now the micro-processor is enabling machines to eat into jobs here too.

The post-war mechanization coincided with an economic boom. Jobs lost to machines were absorbed as the economy expanded. But the new wave of unemployment will hit when the economy is on the retreat.

The only industry which will boom will be the micro-electronics industry itself. But only a few jobs will be created to offset the thousands that will be lost.

The new technology brings with it new dangers to health. Just exactly what those dangers are, no one yet knows for sure. The big companies who could afford to carry through the necessary research are now more concerned with profiting from the new technology than with investigating its effects.

Idea

But we do have some idea of some of the likely risks.

Many of the health hazards concern the use of VDTs (Visual Display Terminals) a sort of TV screen which displays information. Many of the products of the new technology use VDTs in some way.

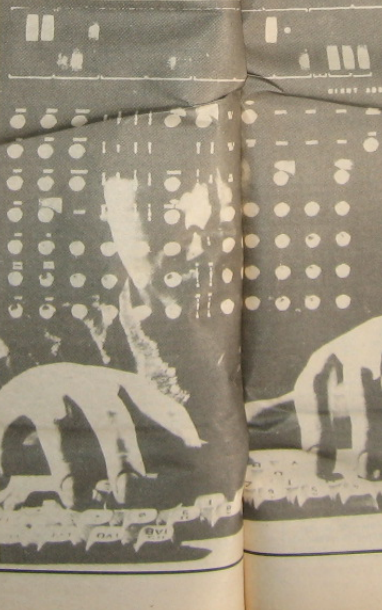
Major problems associated with long term use of VDTs are visual and mental fatigue.

There can lead to headaches, dizziness, loss of appetite, indigestion, insomnia, depression, irritability and nervousness.

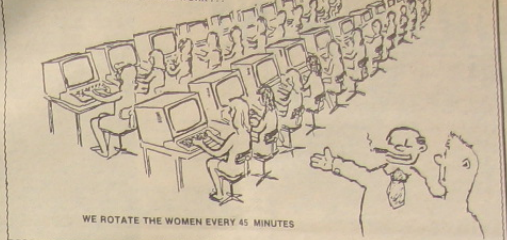
A study by a German University team found that eyestrain is one of the most significant problems of working with VDTs. Any eyestrain defects that a

IS A MACHINE AFTER YOUR JOB?

SIEMENS SYSTEM 40



COMPUTERS GET RID OF ROUTINE WORK



WE ROTATE THE WOMEN EVERY 45 MINUTES

The printing industry in Australia has been in the forefront of the new technology onslaught.

Not only are workers at the big newspapers under attack, but even in print trades as diverse as the manufacture of telephone directories and packets for breakfast cereals.

All Fairfax Newspapers in Sydney and the Herald in Melbourne, computerized equipment has been installed.

This equipment allows full page sets of news and advertising (captioned) to be set from computer stored information.

The age newspaper is also introducing this new equipment, mainly in classified advertising at this stage. This will lead to the loss of a few jobs, mostly, and more when automation

Printers are in the front line

By Ross MacKenzie and Martin Hirst

is introduced. I.C. Bennett, Federal Secretary for the Printing & Kindred Industries Union, has said the computer that files work to introduce new techniques to reduce errors and make greater profits, that the employees are entitled none of the gains.

The Union has sought increased rates of pay, a shorter working week and revised annual leave.

Management is allowed to increase total workload and to rotate staff through "shorter" 360 jobs, will be lost at the Melbourne Herald and hundreds of others, all sections of the printing

industry in Sydney, Australia. At Fairfax in Sydney, there has already been some action over the new equipment.

Concerned about the effects of VDTs on health and well-being, there are many people here. The fact being that the new machinery will follow the introduction of the VDTs and the resulting distribution of total and health.

Recently, research done by Dr Gary Brock in America shows VDTs cause eye strain resulting in headaches, and general ill health. VDTs are also responsible for the health of management, not the workers.

They should oppose the introduction of VDTs and to the workers and to help for their health.

Here's how we're fighting back

By Sandra Bloodworth

SOME unions around the world have begun to fight back when bosses try to introduce new technology.

The gains have not been substantial — but we can learn from their experiences.

New technology threatened jobs in the British newsprint industry. The British newsprinters' union (NPSU), the British newsprinters' union, has fought to protect its members.

At the news conference in June 1976, the rights and the fact that the industry is aware a campaign for a 35 hour week.

Eventually the executive accepted a 35 hour week to be paid for by increased productivity.

In March 1978, German printers' union held a strike against new technology. It was followed by a 40,000 work stoppage in the form of a 40,000 jobs because of new technology.

Telecommunications workers showed last year that with military and imaginative tactics, workers can protect themselves from bosses introducing new technology.

The AT&T was significant compromise after their campaign of being denied of having, harassment and violence against striking workers.

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A trucking driver says a fork-lift truck tries to crash through packagers and operators with sub-produced copies of The Times in Germany.

WHAT WE THINK

We are in favour of new production techniques — but only if they are introduced for the benefit of the workers and under workers' control.

In a socialist society where production is not for profit, where workers have democratic control over what is produced and how it is produced, the introduction of new technology would be for the benefit of society as a whole.

This list of demands can be the start of a fightback against the new technology. 1. 20 hour week with no loss of pay.

2. No job loss, either by redundancy or "retirement" wages. No redundancy through early retirement. 3. Full representation of those who don't work the machines.

4. Full representation of all staff at the Company's expense. 5. Comprehensive health and safety standards, with appointed doctors at Company's expense. 6. No increased hours. 7. Trade unions to set up working parties in all affected areas, with representation of all affected workers. Full report back to members.

We need the widest level of solidarity

THE BATTLER

ROB HAWKE has been rolled on uranium.

The ACTU Congress decided to continue opposing uranium mining, and that is a great political victory for the anti-uranium movement.

But it is only the start of the struggle.

The new policy does not add much to the old one. The only new idea is public campaigns, and that may lead to cost cutting since the Congress voted against any increase in union subscriptions.

And despite being a dependable opponent, Bob Hawke is making some telling points in the debate.

The leadership of the metal and building unions have done nothing to enforce existing policy against mining at Naburk or Ranger, he said. And that is absolutely true.

He went on to point to the very station of the Newport power station in Melbourne. He cannot afford a "national Newport," he said.

Again, Hawke is right though

back in no position to preach).

The Newport project was the saviour of union Baux, not in the words of the North but in a capital city where the labour movement is strong.

Yet it is nearly completed.

The reason is that the union officials, even most of the left, did nothing to enforce the ban.

Mass pickets of up to 300 residents used to storm the gates to get at the work. They were beaten back by police.

stop them.

Union officials mobilised millions with empty promises that the Victorian Government wouldn't be able to get any skilled labour for the site.

Now the power station is almost completed. According to Hawke this proves that union bans are a waste of time.

We can prove him wrong. But only if we learn the lessons of Newport.

Bans imposed from the top are not enough — in fact, they are just another people. What is needed is action from the rank and file.

So where can we start in the campaign to halt uranium? Especially now that mines are being worked in the North, and the miners there hardly likely to throw in their jobs just because we ask them to.

Obviously, we have to start where we are strongest. That's in the cities, where the mass movement has already brought thousands of workers into contact with the facts about uranium.

The wharves in Melbourne and Brisbane have already taken action in the past against uranium. So have railway workers control the country.

These unions, with the experience of fighting uranium, are in a position to take the lead and stop its transport and shipment.

We need to stop the rail transports which, which were undermined last time by the manoeuvres of officials in Sydney and Brisbane.

We need to stop the rail transports of uranium in Queensland. And the Transport Workers' Union must ensure that rail bauxite is not circumvented by road transport, as has been done in NSW.

It is also isolating the mines, we need to stop them.

Metal, electrical and building trades unions could make it impossible to equip or even to build them.

Fossil workers have frequently received correspondence to reactionary politicians — so why should the mining companies receive any more mail?

No one needs to be told how effectively Telecom technicians could block other forms of communication.

And to win away the workers who are currently employed on the mining sites, we need to get organised for their re-employment with less



We've rolled Yellowcake

Bob — now to beat his Newport jibe

organise

But the union officials did nothing to organise walk-outs to bolster the pickets — even though workers nearby will have to work in atmosphere poisoned by the power station.

The Anti-Newport activists presented union leaders with the lists of work companies supplying Newport. Again, virtually nothing was done to

organise

the battle to stop Newport — a disaster that we can't afford. **ABOVE AND BELOW: Residents and conservationists control police as they try to storm the gates. But the union officials do little to organise on-the-job support.**

despise

Not at all. On the contrary, the way that the political left in the United States has been so far in the race in making the case for uranium is that it has been so far in the race in making the case for uranium.

That's why we all have to be prepared to be great speakers. We have to be great speakers. We have to be great speakers.

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by Alek Kahn

A BATTLER FEATURE

1990: Capitalism

IN HIS novel 1984, George Orwell drew a fascinating but terrible picture of what future society could look like.

His society was ruled in the name of Big Brother by the Thought Police, who monitored and controlled not only people's actions, but also their thoughts.

By **Teresa Fonten**

The ARC recently started a series of articles called 1990. It's set a little later than Orwell's vision, but it is very similar.

Like 1984, it's set in Britain. It's Britain that has a Police State.

In fact, indications are that the Labour government is an over.

But in 1990, the politicians have little real control, apart from the Home Secretary (an ex-union leader). Conditions in 1990 stem from the starting up of the constitution in 1982 and the subsequent "permanent" "subaltern" government.

breaking

Although not quite a grim as Orwell's world, it's not a pleasant place.

Unemployment has been "solved" by forbidding anyone to have more than one job, and breaking their legs if they do.

In the first three months, it's not yet possible to see more than a few details of what is going on in the country. The majority of working class people live in poverty.

The program is written on the pages of a journal called Jim Kite (Edward Snowden) and the Kite works for the only newspaper for the only newspaper.

In this capacity, he does constant battle with the Public Control Department (PCD), which operates as a police center to Orwell's Thought Police although's work with the regime is not so clear.

There is no indication of organized fighting. It all seems to be a highly entertaining, but also dangerously misleading.

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Like Orwell's, it's a very pessimistic view. But it has happened since Orwell wrote 1984. It's not sure that we're not there yet.

Police state can be overturned, as we've seen recently in Iran and Nicaragua. Not by armed force, but by the mass of oppressed and working class people.

There appears to be no other organized resistance apart from Kite's little group. We don't yet know who they are or if they are anything apart from people out of the country.

Like 1984, you can't imagine as a warning of things to come. It's not yet possible to see more than a few details of what is going on in the country. The majority of working class people live in poverty.

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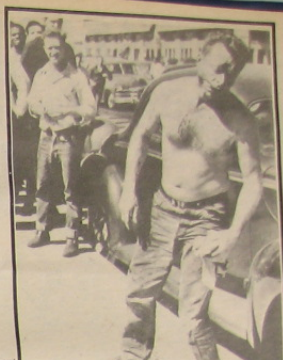
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A victim of a hysterical Cold War "red hunt" — a beaten up car worker in Los Angeles.

Incinerated — by the Cold War

ON FRIDAY June 19 1953, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were legally murdered because they were said to have stolen atomic secrets and passed them on to the Russians.

Robert Conner has taken all the facts (and a lot of his own fancy) and written a gripping, amazing book, set out the four days before the trial and the trial itself.

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STORMWATER

FORTY FIVE men from the Stormwater and Sewerage Depot, Department of Construction in Canberra stopped work and demonstrated outside Parliament House on Wednesday, 12th September.

They moved without union support to stop the provision of services to the public and the deterioration of their working conditions.

On the last they gave the "A" to the Department of Construction from 1.40 to 1.51. They were asked to return to work and were given a 15 minute break. The program was going to stop on the 10th. Some of the reasons behind...

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The group have been out from 12.00 but the cause remains the same. The Department of Construction has been asked to return to work and were given a 15 minute break. The program was going to stop on the 10th. Some of the reasons behind...

Stormwater workers demonstrate outside Canberra's Parliament House. The delegate, John Dobos (centre) confronts Labor member for Canberra John Hasten.

Storemen out in 2 states

When in doubt red-bait!

With the triennial elections coming up, and the right-wing National leadership of the Administrative & Clerical Officers Association in danger of defeat, it is time for the old game of red-baiting to be played. A new sheet called "Tnight" has been circulated throughout the public service in Canberra, warning the ACOA, Federal Group and its members. In the ACOA, some of the names are listed in the face of the magazine, the ACOA, Federal Group and its members. In the ACOA, some of the names are listed in the face of the magazine, the ACOA, Federal Group and its members. In the ACOA, some of the names are listed in the face of the magazine, the ACOA, Federal Group and its members.

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By Vera Malton, SFU

Libs down the drain

By Tess Lee Ack, VSTA

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VSTAs in the hunt for jobs

THE STOPWORK meeting called by the Victorian Secondary Teachers' Association (VSTA) on September 18 voted to continue action in support of better staffing for 1980.

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Prime Minestrone!

Cuts to health, hand-outs to rich

NEW South Australian Liberal Premier David Tonkin's first financial moves have brought cheers from businessmen and grim warnings from hospital administrators.

450 businessmen at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon gave Tonkin a standing ovation as he announced his government's handouts to the rich.

For employing two new people under 20, the bonus is getting a \$30,000 exemption from payroll tax. If all over the (parrowed) — the maximum level has been increased by \$5,000.

For annual payroll of \$100,000, it has been cut by 10%. All this scheme will do is take money from workers' pockets and put it into the pockets of Chamber of Commerce members.

It will do absolutely nothing to decrease unemployment.

What Tonkin was prying the hand giving to his member friends (figure were disclosed showing the extent of cuts to hospital).

At Retail — Adelaide,

cleaning, food, linen and laboratory services have already been cut by \$6 million.

A further seven per cent cut in 1975 will be used to increase the number of Queen Elizabeth Hospital in losing \$2 million and Mother and Child in half a million each.

It is just the tip of the iceberg that will hit health services in the coming state budget.

Meanwhile, the ALP has

By Mike Grewcock

electified into a new leader, John Bannon, a former assistant to Clyde Cameron in Canberra and was elected unopposed.

One of many lawbreakers in prominent party positions, Bannon's election is an obvious attempt to regain prestige for the Liberal middle class.

There are no signs that the cabinet against these outlooks.

The measure, the Liberals are making no bones about which class they serve and which class they want to make the sacrifices.



David Tonkin — the first of Adelaide's bosses.

Our answer? Ban Roxby!

OCTOBER 27 in Adelaide marks the start of the fightback against the Tonkin Government's plan to push ahead with the nuclear industry in South Australia.

A rally called by the Campaign Against Nuclear Energy (CANE) will feature speakers from the union movement.

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government to do the job for us. As we are franchised for 3 years, it is up to what we can do at work on the streets. But to be successful, the mass movement must become a mass movement that is not governmentally imposed.

"We cannot do this in the time-scale which we work exactly as before. We must change our relationship with the mass movement that already exists."

"From being a useful service organisation peripheral to it, we must become equally regarded collaborators."

"I that means we must actively work to get unions and ALP members of the labour movement and rank and file, combining with the work of CANE."

"We must be before that if our politics are to be relevant to the labour movement, then we shall have a mass movement. That is, we must be able to work both with the ALP and not recently, the ACTU."

"We must now get these points translated into real anti-nuclear organisation, so that we can actually transform the industry."

transform

"From being protected by the ALP and Trades Hall policy (no matter how much we have respected that policy), we are now a front line state."

"CANE must also transform itself to meet the new situation. With the Labour government in power, we could afford to be an information oriented protest group ensuring that the issue did not drop."

"CANE's isolation from those groups really deciding whether mining would proceed or not, meant that many members could see no direction with their work and those decisions."

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At LAST the Queensland Trades and Labour Council is taking some action against Rightwing Paterson's Essential Services Act.

The TUC has called a job delegation meeting on October 31 to discuss the holding of a stop-work day against the act and to present against the proposed amendments.

The Act would virtually outlaw any strike or picketing of any kind against the essential services industry.

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There's no such thing as a free lunch — unless you're Malcolm Fraser!

Mal' Babo got another Liberal helping of soup and tomatoes as an entree to his Hobart Press Conference last week. Unfortunately, the spill will overflow (to the delight of many of the hundred employed demonstrators outside the Conference.

The National Youth Conference

LIZ BLAKE was a token unemployed delegate to the National Youth Conference which was staged in Melbourne from October 23-5.

It is a delegate for the unemployed Workers' Union, the Battler, the Youth Conference was a farce. It was a costly public relations job by Fraser and Viner to show that they were doing something for youth.

In fact, the \$160,000 which was spent on the conference could have been spent on a treaty with the local level throughout Australia, where the views of youth are being heard.

The first day of the conference was young people from Melbourne all unemployed, entered the hall to speak and to listen to what the delegates to work and to talk to.

povery

conference centre can be seen in statements made by the speaker and by the delegates for the conference, and that it is the parents' responsibility to support those under the age.

Fraser admitted that he was not working very satisfactorily.

"We'll use it as a serious about implementing the conference resolutions in order to face up to the minimum wage for all, and the side effect of it to be related to the poverty level and address quarterly. Not to be related to the poverty level."

Many of the delegates were members of the union movement of unemployment, the hypocrisy of the

See you later, Ian. Delegates walk out of the National Youth Conference as Minister for Unemployment Ian Viner begins to speak.

Comrades in arms?

How would you like to receive ten pounds extra for every year you've worked for, making your life?

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Fraser and the 40 thieves

THE FRASER Government's very diver gamble on the financial affair may now be unraveled. It is that it has been unraveled that Fraser will be charged as a result of the Finance Report.

For a while there, it looked as if Hayden's involvement in the National will give a boost to the Government. The publication of the Finance report should have been a disaster for Fraser. It should have been a disaster for Fraser. It should have been a disaster for Fraser.

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LET'S STOP PRESSY FOR COURT

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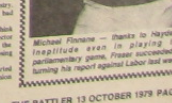
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WHEN WORKERS at Union Carbide's Altona complex plant placed bans on overtime in the afternoon of Monday 27 August, they had no idea that they were about to make history.

The company responded by announcing their intention to use an old trick of theirs and a well-known strike-breaker: staff scab labour.

The staff to worker ratio is high at Union Carbide. For example, it's about one staff member to two and a half workers on the maintenance area. And it's high for one good reason. As ETU activist and Union Carbide Vic Williams told *The Battler*: "It's only to scab."

The workers were not going to have staff scabs weaken another campaign. They held a mass meeting of those on shift at the time and decided on a rarely used tactic in Australia, the occupation.

In this prepared table, they began Australia's longest factory occupation, more in its seventh week as we go to press.

The occupation has many advantages as a tactic. It is as effective in stopping production as an all-out strike with no night pickets. An occupation guarantees that there can be no scabbing and no maintenance work done while the factory is under occupation.

reasons

Instead of being out the gate and exposed to freezing cold and rain, the workers are on the inside and controlling the plant.

Inside the fence at Union Carbide, the thirty or so workers are organised into roughly five groups. Vic Williams explained:

"We are organised basically around where we can sleep. There are five groups. This puts across the theory of divisions along union lines."

"We made all our decisions at mass meetings. But some areas have to be managed at all times for safety reasons."

"Although we have a special food fund for those outside for the same strike pay as inside. That's been on average \$10 a week."

"We make out our food and personal orders and show outside why to us. We have showers and a changing inside."

Also made are security men and foremen. And the

Bosses taken by surprise

Blazing a trail at Union Carbide

workers outside the gate have been letting through sewerage trucks, staff and contractors, only if they are not doing work normally done by Union Carbide workers. All that was decided by one mass meeting.

support

There is no doubt that the houses at Union Carbide were surprised by the news. Deputy Goldswold and Vic Williams showed inside the fence told

"Their response to us has been helpful. Try to wear down the occupiers, and engage in a marathon campaign of union hatred."

"Besides legal threats, I might mention that we've been using a tactic called 'BAST' - those ex-criminal bastards and try to intimidate the occupiers."

The four unions involved had proceeded to take on against them under one of FAYERS' activist amendments brought in with the BRU.

In this atmosphere it is essential to build support in the union of it is to win. In a brief factory strike, the occupation has been used as a means from which to organise support for the dispute.

They have been working with the sub-committee arranging speaking tours.

A lot of hard work by shop stewards on the 'Tate and Colclough' sub-committee has resulted in a number of successful meetings and plans are underway for an incentive tour.

Since the speaking tours begin, both morale and financial contributions have gone up.

This new needs to be built on. With union officials and shop stewards told up in court cases it is crucial that rank-and-file workers outside the fence themselves take on the task of building support.

With this initiative, that Union Carbide workers have shown so far, there's no reason we can't win what we want.

refused to pay the levy (and both have been 'sent to Coventry' for their scabbing).

With both sides in the Union Carbide struggle digging in, it's more and more obvious that gaining solidarity from other workers will be vital to winning the dispute.

Naturally, most of the important work in this regard has been done on the outside. It is being handled by a committee consisting of shop stewards who are out the gate, shop stewards from the other factories in the complex who are involved in the 35-hour campaign and the full-time organisers for the four unions.

This committee has been kept pretty flat to the boards, especially with arbitration and deputation proceedings. With this workload, little was done early in the dispute to invite workers and wives who were outside the fence.

An attempt to involve the wives was made, but with little success. Although there is no doubting that the wives are behind their husbands, their active involvement could be a vital factor in winning the dispute.

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Union Carbide occupiers inside the fence. "We're not leaving till we've won."

... in the fight for a 35 hour week

THE DEMAND for the 35 hour week first became a policy of the ACTU as far back as 1931.

An Emergency Congress of the ACTU called for it shortly after the Commonwealth Arbitration Court had ruled for an indefinite 10% cut in basic wage.

Arguing that if those employed worked fewer hours, their share would be more for those who were unemployed, the Congress voted to campaign for the 35 hour week at a time when most workers had a 44 hour week.

Typically, nearly a third of all unskilled workers got off the ground.

By the time of the ACTU Congress, the demand was for a 40-hour week. And the argument in favour of reduced hours had been changed.

In a petition called 'Why the Four Hour Week?' the ACTU argued that the "average worker of such work had increased during the last few years, therefore had a right to share in the benefits of increased production."

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SUPPORT MINERS

Struggle for the 35 hour week

35 HOUR WEEK



BING a teacher with progressive ideas in a capitalist education system has its problems.

The system is geared towards turning out students who fit into the needs of free enterprise (or increasingly, these days, the dope economy) rather than assisting them to develop their full potential as individuals.

This puts teachers in the position of having to certify these students through some kind of assessment procedure. And to some extent, a teacher's ability is judged on how "successful" or otherwise her/his students are.

In most schools, assessment is based on competition. A fairly arbitrary standard is set and students are graded according to how they measure up against this standard and each other.

The unfortunate thing about competitive assessment in the classroom is that there are "successful" and "failed" students.

But what's so wrong about that? After all, if we have grown up in schools where each kid is given a mark. When I was in high school, it was a big deal to find out your grade (ranking) in the class.

Being an academic benchmarker I never had claustrophobia at high school, but when I got a 52 for homework in Year 7 for my knitted hot water bottle cover, I was a little taken aback.

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Exams, marks and the whole competitive system of learning are a class-biased sham. We have to get rid of them and put some education back into the schools, argues teacher Barbara Hall.

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For a start, it would mean a lot to the very small classes, more teachers and a lot more opportunity for one-to-one tuition.

It would cost a lot of money, money that governments simply aren't prepared to spend. After all, there are more important things that they go out to buy: they'll accept the loss of a lot of best, hard work and above all, spending freedom.

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waste of time. It also discourages you from further attempts in that particular area. Failure can become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

There's been plenty of research on this. Enough for the Victorian Curriculum Advisory Board and the secondary teachers' union to have firm policies against competitive assessment.

So what do you do instead? You look over the student's work and make the corrections you think necessary and you write comments that you think will help them. That way they are getting feedback and being encouraged to develop and improve.

One of the problems may be that John's parents are shift workers and most of your corrections are in the post as well.

So the book has turned into its opposite. And it's only after a long and painful period in which you do the only humongous thing (filed in Brazil) while your former employer starves, that the system can right itself.

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They learn a lot more from this than if you simply give them a mark. All marks do is set them against each other.

For example, John's got 45, but he notices that Mary gets 80. Obviously she is "better" than he is. So he then has several alternatives.

He can try to copy Mary's work next time. He can try "harder" but since he has no real understanding of why he failed that may not help; or he can say he doesn't give a stuff anyway and just keep failing.

None of these are ideal solutions. Yet even unwilling pupils will do more and better if they get positive feedback and a detailed analysis of their mistakes.

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Our education system says that all kids learn in the same way, at the same rate.

But it should go without saying that each child is an individual with his own standard. This is why should be improved upon, as it is monitored regularly by a teacher through non-competitive assessment.

Then you don't have "failures" and "successes," but a classroom where the aim for each student is complete his/her tasks.

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A CALL AND A RAILING



Nora Smyth (left) and Jessie Payne support Sylvia Parkhurst on her release from Holloway Prison, London, in May 1972 after serving six months for communist subversion.

CRY FOR WOMEN

That demonstration was a turning point in the struggle for women's suffrage in Britain.

For the first time instead of a small band of hand-picked women, hundreds of women, including police, were in action.

A great procession from the East End, the working class area, participated in the march and women's suffrage became one of the main political issues of the day.

How did the women build such a mass movement? Sylvia Parkhurst was not just a leader, she was a catalyst. Her ideas, her energy, her determination to lead the women's suffrage movement were what made it possible.

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Knucklemen under the thumb

The pioneering spirit used to refer to a raw, earthy, frontier mentality, that made men and women pit their resources against the forces of nature.

Now of course, it's used almost exclusively to advertise after-shave, cigarettes and tailored jeans.

But that spirit is what the film *The Last of the Knucklemen* is about. It's a story of a group of men who are trying to survive in a world where the only rule is the law of the jungle.

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By Jarney Stone

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NURSES SAY IT HURTS AND CLEAR

Drop the freeze, Neville

NURSES in Sydney have staged a militant march on State Parliament over cuts to our jobs.

One thousand student nurses in NSW will find themselves without a job after completing their training.

The NSW Labor Government is freezing employment of newly trained nurses, cutting ward staff, and not employing post-graduate nurses, particularly those trained in medicine.

This will result in the under-staffing of many hospitals. The closing of 1650 beds in the state will mean that 170 staff nurses will go.

Nearly two thousand nurses in NSW will be standing in the dock queues, not because they will not be getting adequate hospital care.

At a meeting attended by 500 nurses in Sydney Town Hall on September 26, the responsibility for this decision was passed from State to Federal politicians and back again.

Afterwards, nurses held a

By a nurse at Liverpool Hospital

militant march to Parliament House and called on Wran to talk with us, but he did not appear.

Nurses feel that strike action is difficult, due to the emotional response which occurs when we go out.

But a proposal for organised action when the rationisation program is implemented at mid-October has been decided upon.

No nurse will be of any administrative duties, no electrician activity, no cosmetic surgery, all hospital staff will be on strike.

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A plain clothes cop roughs up a nurse who had intruded onto the hallowed grounds of Parliament House after the march.

WORK TEST — we've banned it!

CLERKS in the Social Security Department, Victoria, have voted at a series of meetings to ban the notorious new works test guidelines and other new procedures until management consults over their implementation and provides adequate staff and training.

An official motion calling for an indefinite ban on the new works test was passed at the Sunshine regional office, and received some support at other meetings where it was put.

The meetings to discuss the issue were poorly advertised, so that they were poorly attended where they occurred at all.

At the Sunshine Headquarters meeting, Branch Vice-president John Kertin declared the official motion was only a recommendation to the Federal Executive.

The Branch office then decided to meet again on October 3 to voice strong disapproval at the rejection of our wages and salary claim.

The angry march followed a lunch hour mass meeting at the Sydney Town Hall.

The normally conservative executive of the Public Service Association was invited for following union directives over the work ban, other sections of the public service will be called on to support the clerks.

At a time of writing, one clerk in the Federal office has been suspended from the floor of the meeting for strike action to continue on the following day.

The motion for further strike action was lost, more from the confusion surrounding the motions coming from the Chair than from lack of enthusiasm by the clerks.

The Public Service Association may be tested on the support they will give to the clerks.

By Tom Freeman and Tony Sullivan ACOG

Members of the Federal office in October, they had no right to push the right wing guidelines of the section chosen to fight the issue, as a striking union.

Even though the works test has been widely condemned, the action of a small number of clerks in Victoria will give the new works test a good publicity.

Members interested in more guidelines against the works test at the strike meeting. "There is a national campaign."

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

Dear Battlers, Is this a choice?

Dear Battler, I recently got fed up with looking for work in a bag and got fed up with Sydney. I packed my suitcase and went to a job with a wage of \$10.00 a week. I was a wide range of people, in a wide range of experience, and I would like to raise an eyebrow at the way you hold on to the job.

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No News is good news

PRINTERS at News Limited in Sydney are out on strike for a \$15 across the board pay rise and an extra seven days holidays.

The Maroubra Press management offered them \$8, but at a meeting on Wednesday 15 October, the workers unanimously rejected it.

It is the first day of shame at News Limited for three years, and the workers have lost between \$20 and \$25 via production and payroll deductions.

The falling amongst the workers is extremely strong — it has stopped even cheap officials and long time militants.

They are just sick of coping day for so long. This was reflected at the last mass meeting on Monday. Workers there won a recommendation from the Arbitration Commission to return to work. Today, they are disappointedly used to stay out for a further three days.

The printer has obtained good support from other unions like the metalworkers (AMSWU), the electrical fitters (ETU), and surprisingly even the plumbers (AUA) have offered some support.

The cartoonists are being forced to work. They have refused to bring forward the introduction of computerisation on the Sydney Telegraph which would have helped management break the strike.

As from Monday, the workers have set up their own. They are publishing the company continuously to prevent any strike-breaking newspapers going out.

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THE ALPHA SCANDAL

Nothing has changed about the filthy working conditions at Alpha Chemicals.

The last Battler revealed how workers are exposed to highly toxic chemicals at the plant. Now another worker has all the symptoms of mercury poisoning.

The workers have set up a union to fight to improve working conditions. Its first test of strength came two days after a Press Conference exposed the conditions in the plant.

On Wednesday 25th September a press conference was sacked. The company says it didn't phone in before taking a day off.

Erskin denies this and says he was dismissed because of press allegations made against the factory.

The recently elected union delegate Chris Wells asked to talk to the bosses, but they refused. So the workers walked off the job saying not to return until Erskin was reinstated.

At 8.45 after again trying to discuss the sacking with the bosses, Chris was knocked to the ground by three hooligans. Ross Zack Zuck has been charged with assault.

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THE UNIONS ARE KILLING THIS COUNTRY

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An Alpha truck dumps highly poisonous wastes of the shire tip at Kimbriki Road, Terry Hills in Sydney. The wastes are finding their way into water supplies.

SACK AND BASED — for forming union

There had not been a burn from mercury in six months.

Division of Occupational Health, said it needed radical clean-up and replacement of some machinery with safer equipment.

Alpha bosses have agreed to set up a safety committee, but the workers who are supposed to be represented on the committee haven't been consulted.

Industrial Relations Minister Pat Hills told parliament that regulations were being drafted to tighten up the whole area.

Occupational health and safety in Australia is a farce, largely centred on accidents that negligence rather than the work process itself.

Costs held up until the 20th strike week, a 10 day period in the Federated Furnishing Trades Society. The union will picket at 10.30 am on 27th.

On Friday we saw three straight from the picket line, as well as 100 or so trucks being held.

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A win after four weeks

FURNISHING Trades workers in Phillip in Cairns, Victoria, went on strike for a \$15 rise for all furnishing trade classification.

After four weeks they have won a rise of \$2.28.

Also the four week pay will be counted as service on holiday pay will be lost.

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SLATER SIDES BACK

THE Hawkins/Battler bid for power in the just completed State and Federal elections in the Postal and Telecom Union (APTU) has been a miserable flop.

The right-wing Federal dominance of Slater and Co remains intact — even strengthened because Noel Battler has lost his position as Federal President.

In NSW the Hawkins/Battler "left" bid for control of the State was a disaster. The right-wing ticket of Joe Kavanagh won.

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Photograph of 1971 picket line. P.O. for the Union is a pamphlet for \$1. 27 October 1979 No. 80 20 cents

Fraser steps up the bash ...

THESE ANTI-UNION LAWS MUST GO!



MAICOLM Fraser now has at his disposal the most powerful range of anti-union legislation of any Prime Minister in Australian history.

First there was the Industrial Relations Bill in October 1977. Then there were the changes in the Trades Practices Act to ban secondary boycotts.

Then, to pull into line an increasingly militant public service, he brought in the CEFPA Act.

Now he has forced through savage changes to the Conciliation and Arbitration Act and a vicious amendment to the Social Security Act.

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CAPITAL'S CRIME OF THE CENTURY — 6.7

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Too little, too late, in Qld

"Too little and too late". This is how Bob Robertson described the action called for by the Queensland Trades and Labour Council against Joe Blanke against the Essential Services Bill. Bob Robertson was speaking at a delegata meeting called by the Queensland Trades and Labour Council against the Essential Services legislation which has been in the Queensland Parliament for more than a month and the Trades and Labour Council (TLC) has only now begun to take any action.

The October 18 delegates meeting was the biggest in years — over 400 delegates came. But the great response from rank and file delegates was not matched by the performance of the officials.

protest

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played their part in the context of the union of the rank and file. The Higher Education, State President of the Communist Party and Secretary of the building workers' union (BWU) spoke at length about the dangers of the bill for trade unions in Queensland. But he ended up fully supporting the official recommendation and

At Robertson said, "Of course I'm in favour of this resolution — every worker in Queensland would be. But we want more — we want some action."

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saying nothing about industrial democratic reform at the meeting. And the rest of the officials should have been shouting at Robertson, who was supporting the official recommendation. But that was not what we saw when we sat through the delegates' meeting.

backbone

The militant mood of the meeting, and the performance of the rank and file, were not reflected in the delegates' meeting. But that will mean a more back bone than the TLC demonstrated.

By John May

WHAT DOES MALCOLM FRASER'S NEW INDUSTRIAL LEGISLATION COMPLAINING ABOUT?

First, let's look at the legislation. The most spectacular change in the way Malcolm Fraser has used to the procedure for registering a union is that Fraser will have to do it any day by noon. This means that any union engaged in any industrial action.

Libs go for the big stick

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Abortion: OUR UNIONS MUST TAKE A STAND NOW

As the Battle goes to press, a major public meeting has been called in Brisbane to show the widespread opposition to the threats of changes to the Queensland law on abortion.

Health Minister Knox recently stated that 'somehow between now and Christmas', the law will be changed to prevent Queensland women having abortions.

The only way women will be able to get abortions in a case of life and death by procuring a small portion from the Right to Life Campaign. ALP Casey expects to make changes to the already high law on abortion.

A NEW political grouping has formed in Queensland to challenge the right-wing Labor leadership of Ed Casey and Co.

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THE GODS FOR THE WILDS???

SCHEIDT Hospital, run by the Salvation Army in East Melbourne, changed into a correct citizens' center last year.

The union put its management in a piling collection of work they were going against their own principles.

After that the Sallys are supposed to choose those who are not worth of work. Of course we want to help them, but can't answer. If they come to us in need, we'll give them the best of our clothes and provisions.



the body politic... with Janey Stone

THE GOOD news and the bad news on the Three Mile Island reactor accident from the nuclear industry.

The incident occurred because of a valve that was closed according to the Chairman of the plant's operation.

They are in the grip of a major financial crisis, and an accident might mean the closure of 4.5 billion worth of construction, all of which.

Now the good news. Several nuclear companies have found a new gold mine - cancer research. Within weeks of the accident, one

company began an intensive campaign in the Harburg area (near the reactor) to help them. They were sending doctors there who may risk cancer because of radiation leaked from the plant.

"You kind of have a capital on something like that," said the company's sales manager, as he fell gaily to the ground. 4.5 billion worth of construction, all of which.

DON'T say they don't pay Metropolitan Edison, part owner of the Three Mile Island plant had decided to do something constructive.

A LOT has been written about the possible radiation danger of visual display units (VDUs). But there are also other risks.

The screen emits a fairly soft light, which causes strain to your eyes in the usual bright light of office.

The result can be headaches, deterioration in reading and eye stress.

If you have to work with VDUs you should have a special lighting or screens to reduce the strain.

In some European countries workers are given relief periods. This can be 10 minutes for every hour, or one hour for four. You should have similar relief breaks.

The VDU can also be used as an overrider since it can measure how long a given task takes to do and how much work you've done in any given hour.

It is possible to set these times. For instance, after 30 minutes your job is put into a 'stand-by' mode. New York walked off the job to protest risks with VDU.

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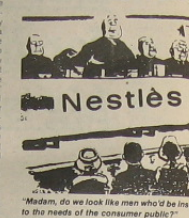
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FOLLOWING on the publicity about the drug DES last month, a DES Action Group has been formed in Melbourne.

DES was given to thousands of Australian women in the 40s and 50s. It prevented miscarriages. Now many

WELCOME STOCKHOLDERS



"Maden, do we look like men who go to insecticide to the needs of the consumer public?"

of their daughter, a number of the women who were contacted by the group in the past year. The group is now planning to sue the manufacturer, Nestlé, for the damage done to its women.

Information contact: Women at 61 74.

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October 1929 — A New York investor, rained by the Wall Street crash, tries to sell his car in the street.

IN 1932, an American named Oscar Ameringer from Oklahoma City testified before a U.S. Congress subcommittee.

His words painted a vivid picture of the criminal, absurd economic system that produced the Depression.

"A number of Montana citizens told me of thousands of bushels of wheat left in the fields since on account of its low price that hardly paid for the harvesting."

"In Oregon, I saw thousands of bushels of apples rotting in the orchards. Only a handful of apples were still salable, at from fifty to twenty cents a bushel, and thrown down the ditches. At the same time, there are millions of children who, on account of the poverty of their parents, will not eat one apple this winter."

"While I was in Oregon, the Portland Oregonian printed the fact that thousands of ewes were killed by the shearers because they did not bring enough in the market to pay the freight on them."

garbage

And while Oregon sheep raised 200 million in 1920, the thousands, I saw men picking for meat scraps in the garbage cans of the cities of New York and Chicago.

I talked to one man in a restaurant in Chicago. He



Australian unemployed go through the humiliation of the mass dole queue.

THIRTY million unemployed throughout the world. Thirteen million out of work in America alone — the world's most powerful capitalist nation. 28% unemployment in Australia... second only in the ranks... second only in the ranks... statistics of the Depression. But why did it all happen? Those were the grim statistics of the Depression. Why did it all happen? Slumps and depressions have always been a feature of capitalism. Before 1929, they had occurred roughly every 10 to 12 years since the early nineteenth century. Slumps are caused by the anarchic capitalist mode of production. Rooms full of over-investment and over-production. A glut results... goods can't be sold — mass sackings occur. So workers still get paid for the goods, and the weaker business die. Essentially, stronger businesses put out of it, and the whole cycle repeats.

In 1889, for example, American capitalists were making 26 1/2% profit on their investments. By 1918, that had already declined to 16.2%.

Second, and more obvious, was the wild, uncontrolled spurge of speculation that went a shoulder right in Wall Street's collapse and a shoulder right in the London bourse as well.

American investors went in and out 1925... on the top of four years of speculation. The best known example was the Radio Corporation of America stock. In eighteen months, its share price climbed from \$4.15 per share to \$85 points — but up by greedy promoters. RCA had never actually paid out a dividend! This sort of speculation boom can only last as long as new money tries to drive their way out still higher. When the money ran out in 1929, everyone tried to dump their shares and the market crashed. Thousands of capitalists, big and small, were ruined.

spurge

WALL STREET'S collapse went a shoulder right in the London bourse as well. Breakable, a tariff was imposed on America raised its tariffs and import quotas to protect its non-firelight industries. Europe could not sell to America, and so had no

money — was already in January 1933, the London stock market dried up... British investors, possibly anticipating the crash that was about to come, and from then on, it was all downhill for Australian capitalists. Only NSW Labor Premier Lang put up any resistance to British capital demands for wage cuts... He was expelled for his trouble by the Premier's Plan discharging his way by 1932.

sacked

In America, Joseph Kennedy, Father of Jack, Bobby and Teddy and other right capitalist made a fortune out of the crash by selling short — selling shares the dealer's own, then buying them later at the piece fall. In France, where the Depression was slow to hit, the Pagine in 1931 placed out a "Mimicry proposition" as opposed to the programmatic and decadent "Culture of the Anglo-Saxon". In Australia, too, the ruling class opens much of its co-

At the onset of the Depression, the capitalist class responded as if always done in crisis with a mixture of folly, greed and cowardice. Immediately Wall Street crashed, the Sydney Morning Herald lashed its lips and with equanimity forecast, anticipated that the consequences 'may be favourable to other countries'.

myth

Tamam's Chief Secretary announced that his Government was not going to supply any more gold. "The

And where were our ruling-class heroes? One who profited from the misery — Joseph Kennedy.

When the ruling class was during the depression of the 1930s, it was busy trying to get everyone else to pay for it. "Fast follow, in kind soon," said the boss wage. "Do not, was with the most

plundered example. Factions of owners were risk — often done by police without any law. Factories owners drove their workers for their own "gain". One moral story was that "John Dill was a very hard man, but he was a very good one. He said 'I don't get any thing for you unless you pay for it.' That's the way you should run a business. It's not a business unless you pay for it."

THE DEPRESSION OF THE TWENTY CENTURY

FIFTY YEARS ago this week, between October 24 and October 29, 1929, the New York Stock Market in Wall Street crashed.

The Crash was the climax of a world economic crisis that had been slowly gathering for two years. It plunged the world into a Depression from which it would not recover for another decade and even then "recover" only through the purgatory of the greatest war in human history. The Depression has often been called a 'tragedy' — as if it was somehow just an accident... an Act of God... unavoidable... nobody's fault.

It was no such thing. The Depression was the inevitable product of every grim contradiction in the world capitalist order... the culmination of a century of Communist and working-class militants had fought against for the preceding eighty years. That it was ever allowed to happen makes the Depression not a 'tragedy' but a crime. It was, indeed, Capitalism's Crime of the Century.



Starvation in the face of an abundance

I told me of his experience in the orchards. Only a handful of apples were still salable, at from fifty to twenty cents a bushel, and thrown down the ditches. At the same time, there are millions of children who, on account of the poverty of their parents, will not eat one apple this winter. "While I was in Oregon, the Portland Oregonian printed the fact that thousands of ewes were killed by the shearers because they did not bring enough in the market to pay the freight on them."

burned

In Brazil, the Government burned 40 million bushels of coffee a month in 1932. As millions of the world's shrewdest, fegs deliberately reduced its cotton production. As they starved, Argentina, one of the world's major wheat producers, also reduced its planting by 15%.

Men dwelt in caves

The housing industry charged with having shipped the top soil and timber to get 700,000 people. Tax drivers would not go to three days enroute to get to it — they had to tappele a link to the owners, and would not afford to drive around looking for outsource! For thousands of women, having another child would have meant economic disaster. Abortion was illegal, even to save the mother's life, so backward operations and self-

hanged

For some people, the hangman was just home. An unemployed, destitute migrant hanged himself in Portugal. Another unemployed man would have home and return at the same job day, so that economic world forer had no time to live. Unable to cope with the world, a man would simply await at his home and die.

placards

Most spectacular was the Sydney evening light, in June between 8:30 and 9:30, when the Sydney Morning Herald reports the police, numbering many thousands, marching on each side of the building and back about 200 yards from the back of the building. The crowd hauled and hauled on the heels of the attacking police. When one protest wagon was destroyed, another was used to replace it. A Sydney newspaper has it that the police were "hanging back in the fields, unsteady."

shot

The police pursued him and eventually shot him in the leg when they stopped to rest. An unemployed worker named Shorro Patten was shot as a deserter. He climbed over a train and began to speak.

occupied

"I don't know if anyone could hear me or not because the police were hanging back in the fields, unsteady. I was using my own eye and saw that the crowd was standing on the police. I saw three men in the crowd — they had their four-night sleep."

Next issue: The rise of Fascism

Many of the Australian youths quoted here are from left-wing historians. Lawson's excellent book "Weeks in the Flood"

placards

"The girls will run back the buses on your left and right, some with one placard, some with two. Many carried the placard 'unemployed'... the police tried to stop demonstrations and sent them back to their homes. I'll be marked down and additional writing like 'No' in a march to demand the construction of bus in their districts, they carried placards with their own names. Five more were with the placard 'No' in the March, May 1933. The

IMAGINE the Commissioner of a State Police Force and the General Secretary of a Police Association intervening in favour of a program being shown on television even though the language in the show is "explicit, foul and brutal". You would think that it could only happen in a hyperstary world. But it happened this month in Australia. The program was called "Scared Straight".

By
Stylianos
Gioulogou

months later and most of them are "stragglers". There isn't a success rate in sending thousands of prisoners, does he in positive side. Copy Party, established early in the 1970s. The program is full of criss-crossed with prisoners who all serving 15 year or six sentences. In that time, we get a surprising description of what prisons mean for the inmates. "I took an E.P.I. 30 years for murder. Prison gives you degradation, humiliation and isolation". Add the prisoners go to prison to "kick a score of violence, without escape. A dead-end line. In their attempt to save the belts of the boys in the group, the men tell them about the possibility of homosexual sex. Although this is meant to shock the prisoners, "I had a conviction in a court to get a job".

grielling

The three hour session of grielling, the one of the kids later shows up. "Thankfully, I was spared the death from the camera." Outside the prison, Peter Falk comes back to find out that effect the movie has on the camera.

"I heard the shit out of us. To go on to try and be a good person. And add that response is typical. Most of the kids are shaking with fear. They all want to go straight. Three

Scared Straight has its screws loose

brutal

then, do working class kids and go up in jail? And why are there so many blacks in jail?"

Are their "moral fibres" not as strong as whites? Or is it because unemployment rates are higher for blacks than whites? Is it because blacks get a worse deal than whites under capitalism?

school

"Go to school. Grab all the attention you can get. Stay out of trouble. Drop your bad friends. Get off the streets. Do what your mother and father tell you. They are right. Why are you over here? You could even grow up to be a cop!"

Can't get a job? Try harder. You're in a damn' Work habitus. You can't



Warders "exhibit" a prisoner in a scene from Ray Moonny's play "Every Night, Every Prison" conveniently forget his kind of prison violence.

afford the \$200 watches that were advertised in the weeks in the program. Well, don't you ever grow up to be a cop!"

Are more brutal they are, more frightening they are. And the more likely they are to scare you straight, but to destroy them."

Burn the butterflies and mothsballs for the writer

By Dave Nadel

His Deputis PM is based on Jim Cairns... (Never realized how completely wrong I am!) I may have slipped Cairns's notice, but Cairns isn't notably involved in the anti-uranium movement. Nor could he be. Apart from James Cairns' role as Deputy Prime Minister was different to his role as a street march leader. He could not combine the two and I doubt if any reformer would do so.

Green has a general problem with dates. His Prime Minister was born in 1907, which would have meant about 75 at the time of the play. Labor demanded that in politicians over 65 and heads actor Ray Barrett doesn't look a day over 55.

It is not hard to believe that public opinion could change on uranium, given how many proposals there are to ban uranium mining through it.

If that sounds a wee bit incoherent, not to mention whiffy, to you, then you can imagine how it looked to anyone actually watching the program. Perhaps Green did not know how to finish his play.

But his basic problem is that he does not understand politics or politicians. He tries to cover his ignorance by having his characters use real political figures, largely on the ground that he has an opportunity, like the character of Pat Kennedy, right down to the character's name, to make a totally off point of the play was to make a much smaller, but was even better. Ducker and Landauer for example, both real politicians and two obvious facts. Kennedy or Green's character.



TWELVE socialists sent to death by a secret court for distributing leaflets.

The shutting down of all opposition newspapers... Repeated attempts to drive women back behind the veil. The flogging and shooting of those who engage in sexual relations not approved by the priests... All-out war against minority nationalities who demand the right to control their own futures... That is Iran today, barely eight months after the overthrow of the Shah's dictatorship.

Naturally, people in this country are beginning to ask... Are the boys back behind the veil? They were before?

To understand what is happening today, we have to look back at what happened when the Shah was overthrown.

Two different classes were involved in that revolution. Much of the middle class was provoked by the fact it was their strikes which caused the oil to stop flowing and which cut the ground from under the Shah's seemingly all-powerful machinery.

call

But also involved in the struggle were the middle class of the cities... a mass of petty traders, shopkeepers, merchants, small capitalists, petty bourgeois... But would they assume leadership roles in the by-product of meeting all their demands and desires? I don't know. Of course, Green may have been saying that the Prime Minister was united by his play-ended anti-shahism. But he would be wrong. Barrettes could lead a good deal about politics and reformers, parties all united on anti-shahism.

The workers were not able to organize for them to project their leader, Khomeni, as the great force and to draw behind him vast numbers of those who served on the margins of society, along with the existence without regular work.

... power left to go as revolutions in the 19th century follow a common policy capable of satisfying the needs of the various forces that had made the revolution.

The workers wanted higher living standards, a shorter working day and full employment.

The minorities (who

Was it all a waste?

together make up half Iran's population made the freedom to determine their own destiny. The demagogues wanted decent homes, proper water supplies, cheap fuel.

The petty capitalists, by contrast, behind the petty capitalists in the court of patron he is trying to get on in society... So revolutionary groups are not all and he failed to accept to crush the Kurds' mobs of unemployed are encouraged to vent their frustrations on those who question Khomeni's latest work... In a religious group, a new secret police set up very much along the lines... and using many of the same agents as the old SAVAK, those who put forward genuine, revolutionary socialist ideas are viciously persecuted.

However... A Khomeni's government differs in one important respect from that of the Shah's. Its revenues run from weakness, not overflows.

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ramshackle

The Shah had a huge highly-disciplined army under his direct control... Khomeni's military was a ramshackle, ill-disciplined combination of forces... part made up of the demoralized remnants of the Shah's army, part revolutionary guards who still believe Khomeni made up of recently recruited young right warriors.

At the sign of the first major setback (for instance in a long drawn-out war against the Kurds), these forces will be at each other's throats... The probability is that this today will be the beginning of a new, soon given way to a further battle with stable economic social conditions.

It is all the great revolutions of the past... Khomeni's revolution is no different. It is a great victory soon gave way to bitter deterioration of the mass class since the fruits of that victory

So for instance, in the great French revolution of 1793 without six months of the poor people of Paris assuming the Bastille, actual lawgiving, their meetings were banned, their printing presses destroyed and their churches, Masses, were forced to flee to England.

Similarly, within months of the February revolution that overthrew the Czar in 1917 Lenin was accused of being a German spy and forced to flee for his life to Finland.

In both cases, the repression was unable to indefinitely prevent a further upsurge of popular sentiment that swept away seemingly powerful leaders.

Any great revolution grows out of ordinary people's feeling that they have been so treated that they have begun to consider their own lives.

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Whether the final outcome is a shift right wing authoritarianism or further advance of the revolution depends upon the actions of the leadership in their own free will.

That is why we have to do our utmost to provide them with the best possible conditions for that to be the case.

But in doing so, we should not lose sight of the fact that the revolution is a great social upheaval long before it has run its full course.

By Chris Haiman

A woman marches for her rights, defying Khomeni's attempts to drive women back behind the veil.



SO THE Nobel Peace Prize this year has gone to Mother Teresa, the Catholic nun who has spent her last thirty years in giving charity work in Calcutta.



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Even that might not be the end of the problem. But it does create the opportunity for the worst sort of the wrong dependence on the... by Alec Kilian

Prime Minister Joe Delaney (Ish Barretti) gets stuck into a speech in a curious script.

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UNION Carbide workers have returned to work with their heads high after the longest factory occupation in Australian history.

The employers, who had at first refused to give an inch, have at last agreed that the union's 35 hour week claim should be considered.

A Vice President of the Arbitration Court will make a special investigation, and make a recommendation to a Full Bench.

The occupation will look at all the plants in the Ashore peninsula, including those where already have a 35 hour week.

If the Arbitration Court were in the business of deciding justice, there could be little dispute. Matters at Union Carbide work across the road from, and cover a 150 acre plot of land, all of which is a valuable site for other plants of the same work. Yet some work 40 hours, some 35 for the same pay.

Unfortunately, Arbitration has little to do with justice. The courts are in the hands of the capitalist state. They normally rule in favour of the union only as a result of industrial pressure.

Union Carbide

THE FIGHT COULD HAVE GONE ON!

pressure

By refusing to work, the Union Carbide workers have given us their only source of pressure. For this reason many of the militants rightly deplored the settlement.

Inside the plant itself, dozens weeks of hardship, a substantial minority voted 'no' out. In the mass meeting at 11.15 AM on 11th, considerable opposition was also expressed.

The investigation will follow the pattern of previous cases involving Henry, John Shewry and Philip Mann. Both cases led to the fixing of a 37 1/2 hour week. But in the Swan River, the union could point of view, that the substantial cost savings because the workforce was any changes, or that the Full

Ben will grant them raised per worker was still rising. In the last week, about 3000 strike pay, was given to every miner — no proof was ever produced — that Union Carbide would close down for several months if the dispute continued.

Other workers, however, were swayed by the solid logic of officials who favoured a return to work. They were also influenced by rumors — no proof was ever produced — that Union Carbide would close down for several months if the dispute continued.

They also feared that, given the growing disagreements over whether to stay out, a split could develop in the strikers' ranks. Ations retrofitted workers are carefully following the lessons from this dispute.

As if they were perhaps discontent that they occupation would be a struggle by itself. They knew how much money the company was losing. But Union Carbide was regularly harassed — possibly because it was being helped out by other companies.

Some from this viewpoint, the fact that workers outside the gate weren't organized and a month had passed was learn. A lot of mistakes the Ashore workers have no intention of repeating. There is every possibility of more action in the complex of the Arbitration State Court does not come across.

So what the union did not lead to an immediate gain, but an important step forward. The Australian workers' Federation officials' motives to lead must also be suspect. Neither the Federal leadership under Charlie Fitzgibbon, nor

Hamer's killing public transport

Melbourne transport workers have come away with mixed feelings from their recent two-day strike.

The strike was successful in forcing the Government back into some kind of serious consideration of the wage claim.

An agreement has been reached for a work-value inquiry and that is perhaps better than the back wall the union had encountered up till now.

We also had the pleasant surprise of Transport Minister McElduff sitting back from his

three to lock out the unions as a punishment for striking. But many transport workers are concerned about the timing of the strike.

The unions have been using a very effective campaign to take their case to the public, and the damage of the stoppage, while perhaps necessary, was widely reported.

Meanwhile there is no guarantee that the work-value inquiry will yield any results. It will be a Smeatonville, of the Premier's Office, will stop on a long time. The government is not trying to buy time by being in a hurry to bring in a

and to abolish a lot of jobs. The government is out to the public, and the damage of the stoppage, while perhaps necessary, was widely reported.

The Northern Suburban Public Transport Action Group, composed of citizens and transport workers, has been formed to fight the cuts. They plan to board buses and explain the issues to passengers.

They are holding a public meeting. It will be at Northcote Town Hall, Thursday, 1 November, 7.30 pm.

by Maria Gioioli

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WORKERS DIE AT BHP

COKE Oven workers at Port Kembla steel works are dying from cancer because of abysmal safety conditions. BHP couldn't give a damn.

The local branch of the Ironworkers union and state A.P. member George Morrison have been trying to get the NSW Labor Minister for Health Ken Stewart to intervene, without much success. Stewart's initial response was to claim that the workers at Port Kembla were not exposed to coke dust after by BHP. The Health Commission had been investigating "hazardous programs" at the plant since '78.

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over emissions in Australia. The most effective way of controlling workers' exposure is at the source. Machinery safety regulations and equipment are used at BHP.

However, such standards do not exist at BHP. After years of agitation by oven workers, a full investigation was carried out by the U.S. Department of Labour and new rules and regulations for coke oven emissions were set out. BHP are initially investigated the safety and health of their workers. They have admitted to lack adequate health safety standards at steel works. They have admitted to lack adequate health safety standards at steel works. They have admitted to lack adequate health safety standards at steel works.

They will not under work clothes, but allow adequate time for shower before department of public health. It is clear that the workers' union is not making a profit. They are not making a profit.

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IT'S TIME THE ACTU GOT MOVING

THE NUCLEAR BANS MUST GO ON

ONCE AGAIN, the struggle against nuclear power in Australia has come to a fork in the road.

Just two short months after Bob Hawke was thrashed in the uranium vote at the ACTU Congress, another crucial vote is looming.

This time, the vote is at a special union conference in Melbourne on November 30. It will involve all the trade unions — twenty-three of them — connected with the nuclear industry in this country.

The task of this conference should be quite simple — to implement the ACTU policy that thousands of militant and anti-uranium activists have fought for, by immediately imposing blanket bans on the nuclear industry and any variants to it.



declared

This means not just bans on mining and transport of yellowcake, but also on any equipment or construction for the industry, and mail, telephone, food and defence services as well.

That's what the conference should be about. Whether it will be, is another matter.

For a start, the conference has largely been misled by some about because one union — the Waterside Workers' — has declared that it will not make a lone stand against uranium while the others turn a blind eye.

That in itself is a glaring condemnation of union leaders — including supposed militants

Support the shop stewards' letter

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Of dope and dopes

DESPITE the incompetence of its various strike branches, the Liberal Party continues to lay labor on a break when it comes to strategy and tactics at a Federal level.

That's been the story of the last few weeks of national politics.

At a state level, the Liberals are getting themselves very busy in NSW. The whole could have been avoided by a coalition of James Boyd and ...

It includes phoney attempts at the leadership of confidential army files and overhauling of the officer who allegedly shot them.

criminal

It includes a character named by Napier-hater Simon Woodcock as a war criminal, and another with the appropriate name of ...

with Dave Ladel

In labor is another interesting alternative performance, it gets rather hard to find reasons for voting them.

The Williams committee (Federal inquiry on drug) has issued its interim findings recently. Those found that the ...

several

The report was also released to coincide with the Liberal Party ...

strategy

The problem is that this leaves labor with no other proposals ...

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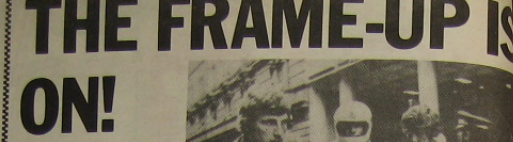
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The Sydney Stock Exchange trial



Special Branch cops Henderson (left) and Ireland (right) arrest a demonstrator at the 1978 Stock Exchange demo. Now the two worst frame-ups are under way.

AS THE Batter goes to press, the committal proceedings have started for Martin Hirst and Phil Lee on charges of 'riotous and tumultuous assembly' arising out of the 1978 anti-Budget demonstration at the Sydney Stock Exchange.

On the first day of the hearing (Monday 12 November) Detective Sergeant Thoms and Senior Constable Ireland of the NSW Police Special Branch gave evidence.

The police alleged that Martin Hirst punched four slogans on the walls and left doors, took part in the damaging of partitions and breaking glass doors, and assaulted another Special Branch member, Senior Constable Henderson.

four

Police statements produced in evidence were contradictory and the police admitted to charging them some five months after the incident.

plea

It alleged that he kicked in the glass front panel. Both Ireland and Thoms claim to have seen this.

By Mark Gillespie

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UNIONISM?



There is only one way to stop mining and anti-unionism activities. John Boyd put to the trade union movement in South Australia during his recent speaking tour there.

TEETH

IT'S simply not possible for a couple of small unions to implement the ban by themselves.

But they're going to have a bloody good try on their hands before we do it.

DAVID TONKIN and his Liberals might want to make South Australia a nuclear state.

That was the message of the four thousand people who marched through Adelaide on October 27 against the uranium developments planned for South Australia.

By an APTU member, Redfern

organised rights movements, such as ...

keystone

After the march, we gathered in the Federal Centre Plaza for speeches, songs by ...

WHILE John Boyd was in Adelaide, he went out to a number of ...

addressed

It was the Friday before the October 27 rally, John spoke at the Adelaide Trades and Labour ...

... NOW THE BASTARDS WANT MORE ...

Under current provisions, this is stored in 45 gallon drums for use in the future.

threats

Of course, an enrichment plant would have the usual threats of contamination ...

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AS the Battler goes to print, the crisis over the hostages in the U.S. embassy in Iran may be reaching the point of explosion.

It is a complicated situation. But for scholars and the labor movement, the central issue is simple: US imperialism must keep its hands off Iran.

We hold no brief for reactionary and a tirant.

Khomeini is encouraging the occupation of the US Embassy to divert attention from his own criminal actions and to try to shore up his rapidly eroding popular support.

deny

His campaign today Iran's minority nationalities their rights appears to have bogged down.

His attempt to force women back behind the veil has backfired into strong opposition.

Above all, the workers and peasants of the country are sick and tired of hibernating when they desperately need jobs and enough to eat.

Seizing the American Embassy is spectacular way to refocus attention on the Shah and on the American banner.

But even though they are a diversion from the real, vital issues within Iran, the demands of the occupying students are

Park's pas do as a favor

THE exact reason why South Korean dictator Park Chung-Hee was shot dead by an intelligence boss he appointed himself is still obscure.

But one thing is crystal clear... Park himself desired everything he got.

Park came to power in 1961 in a military coup after big struggles by students had overthrown the previous dictator, Syngman Rhee.

There has been much talk of an economic miracle under Park. Korean export industries have expanded enormously.

But the working class has seen little sign of a miracle. South Korea has 395 million, 80 unemployed and an average wage of \$60 a week.

amy
Women workers get less than half the male rates, and a quarter of women workers get less than \$12 a week.

A just demand, but for Khomeini a diversion

By Tom O'Lincoln

justified. The Shah held the country in terror for decades, and when he left, he took his ill-gotten wealth with him.

His visit to America was organized by people like himself a war criminal.

Iranians have a right to be angry and to demand that the Shah be sent back for trial.

What more, they have a right to occupy the US Embassy.

Khomeini has charged that the Shah had some of the world's most modern children, and would not order to replace him with someone who would work directly for imperialism.

After months of unrest, we can be confident the Embassy is staffed by imperialist agents.

As to the height of hypocrisy to complain about a visit to Iran by an international diplomatic convention.

And the CIA, the Marines and Jimmy Carter should keep their filthy hands off Iran.

You do not have to support Khomeini to see what the main issues are in the present crisis.

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Among the accused, who don't deny the charge but are awaiting their right to a trial, is a woman who did not undergo the operation because for pregnancy was too far advanced.

She nevertheless will be charged and sentenced with the others as having demonstrated her intention to abort.

The punishment of disfigurement and the willingness to pass sentence on the basis of an abortion is something that for the Spanish State the act of abortion is nothing more than simply criminal.

proud
In the absence of state facilities, this was arranged from the long suffering traditions of the district.

governments in Iran. Now they wait about students entering the grounds of their Embassy.

The immediate danger is that the Americans will once again intervene, either by the Marines or by some kind of economic blockade.

The result might be the fall of Khomeini, and we would not want to see that.

And we would not want to see that the Americans try any more intervention in order to replace him with someone who would work directly for imperialism.

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In August, police attacked an unemployed demonstration, killing one worker and injuring 100.

It was probably the threat of a mass movement developing that made some of Park's own gang decide that it was time to let him go.

Jimmy Carter himself recently wrote to Park urging him to take a softer line with the opposition. South Korea is virtually a colony of the USA.

It was in 1945 the USA divided Korea into two states in 1948, since the Korean War ended in 1953 the US has propped up successive dictators. There are 3,500 US troops still in Korea.

Maybe it was Washington that decided to get rid of Park, certainly the US will be quite pleased.



Khmeri supporters move in to retake the US Embassy from left-wing guerrillas in February year. Now it suits Khomeini to support the Embassy seizure as a diversion from his problems

Abortion trial outrage: 11 WIFE FACE JAIL IN SPAIN

ONE MONTH before the fourth anniversary of Franco's death, a test-case trial of breathtaking savagery and crucial importance for the women's movement begins in northern Spain.

Eleven women stand in court facing charges of undergoing or carrying out abortions, which are still illegal throughout Spain.

Immediate incarceration and enforced isolation of all health, abortion, and family planning workers.

More than 1,000 women have had abortions in full view of the legislator.

They are sentenced to very short prison terms, but very heavy fines, and social stigma, and physical.

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Nationalists at the Brisbane rally. But why wasn't it made a compulsory stoppage, instead of wishy-washy 'conscience matter'?

disgrace to the union movement

JUST how ridiculous can the opposition to Vietnamese migrants get?

In recent interview on 'Nationwide', Fred Nichol - Queensland secretary of the Storemen and Packers Union - showed just how bad some of the attitudes to Vietnamese have become.

Nichol claimed that at the Northgate cannery, "too many" Vietnamese were joining the union.

Nichol also claimed that Vietnamese were exchanging their cards with non-members, and (presumably) handing them "all look alike" they were all getting jobs.

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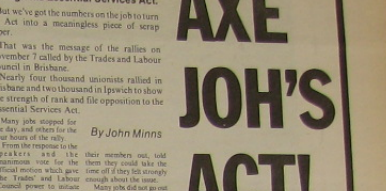
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Why wait till somebody is jailed...? JOH Bjelke-Petersen may have the numbers in Parliament to get through his Essential Services Act. But we've got the numbers on the job to turn his Act into a meaningless piece of scrap paper

That was the message of the rallies on November 7 called by the Trades and Labour Council in Brisbane.

Nearly four thousand unionists rallied in Brisbane and two thousand in Ipswich to show the strength of rank and file opposition to the Essential Services Act.

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THE FOUR HUNDRED employees of Evans Deakin (Brisbane) are getting fed up with being stuffed around by the company.

At a mass meeting of the three Brisbane workshops it was decided to serve the company with a single ultimatum for a nine day fortnight. This was back in early August.

After early negotiations with the company on more leisure time, it became clear that we were going to get nothing out of this area.

The workers were interested in doing more work, more pay, more fringe benefits, more Christmas and more holidays.

When we decided to drop the idea for a holiday fortnight, we agreed to a 150% wage increase for 1971 proportional income tax, a 10% increase in superannuation for all medical for every worker over \$2000.

back

To back the claim we voted for a fortnightly wage stoppage and a demand for an immediate meeting with the company.

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Asbestos out or we're out

Members in the building are discovering, in the asbestos industry, that there are large quantities, to Australia House, the head office of the Department of Social Security in Sydney.

It was first noticed when workers during renovations on the 10th floor building discovered it, which alerted ACQA members who alerted the asbestos.

By David Mann, ACQA Social Security

A contract on our jobs

In 1980 a minority of teachers leaving Victoria's teachers colleges will be employed. These are the people lucky enough to be on a studentship.

The rest will have no option. Unemployment in Victoria is a limited one. Unemployment in Victoria is a limited one. Unemployment in Victoria is a limited one.

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No switch!

MANAGEMENT AT THE ANIM HOSPITAL (Melbourne) plans to move the switchboard to floor 5, below ground.

The operators are not having it. They would be next door to the

Rank-and-file group breaks through

THREE candidates from the Classroom Teacher rank-and-file group have won Executive positions in the South Australian Institute of Teachers (SAIT). They are Clare McCarty, Margaret Hussin and David Tonkin.

The Classroom Teachers' ticket scored three of the ten vacancies on the executive and are now in a stronger, but still a very much minority position.

Of course ever this election result will be meaningless unless the organisation and the capability of SAIT to take real action is changed.

There is still very little strength in school organisation. All to even if direct action is brought up and pushed through Executive Committee, the organisation simply does not exist within the schools for them to take effect.

By Clare McCarty

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Cheapo Charlie

THERE'S a saying that "someone's you mean that they would steal the milk out of your tea."

When I was young, I had visions of thieves with special machines designed to steal milk. Sir Charles McGrath, the Repco boss, had the job a lot easier. It seems that they tried to use a speed-up at Repco Cycles Clayton (Victoria) plant to produce more bikes for Christmas.

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Teachers fight Wran

WORKING class kids again get a rough deal from the N.S.W. Labor government.

While millions of dollars are going to private schools, the state school system is being squeezed.

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ON NOVEMBER 21 in Sydney, the NSW campaign for the National Offensive for Gay Rights was opened by State Attorney General Frank Walker.

Walker seems an unlikely candidate to be opening the campaign, considering his recent track record on gay rights.

But we didn't need this man to open it!



Frank Walker - no friend of gays

Walker was both unfortunate and naive. Having a leading ALP personality to open the Summer Offensive indicated a disturbing degree of labor on parliament and the good graces of Labor to gain advantage for gays.

Women reclaim the night

YES means yes and no means no - whatever I wear, wherever I go.

So chanted over 500 demonstrators as they marched on Melbourne's sex shops a few weeks ago.

Called "Reclaim the Night", the main women were rape and the sexual degradation of women.

BAN THE WORK TEST

SEVENTY FIVE unemployed and unemployed workers demonstrated outside the Sunshinette (Melbourne) Social Security and Commonwealth Employment Service offices on Friday 16 November.

The Anti Work Test Committee organised the demonstration. They pointed out the underlying causes of unemployment in the profit system.

women at work

proposed anti-abortion legislation and supporting the right of women to work.

They reaffirmed the Social Welfare Policy adopted at the ACTU Congress this year - which stresses provision for "... access for all people and individuals to the necessary information, education and resources to exercise their basic rights to decide freely and responsibly about the future of their children."

AMU (Metalworkers' union) has been active in its campaign to that of the T.L.C. and union support is growing.

A motion will be put to the next T.L.C. meeting asking for monetary support for the campaign, and public standing support for any unions which stop work to attend the picket.

On Saturday December 8, Ipswich Civil Liberties activists will hold a picket outside the office of Law, Edwards, parliamentary leader of the Party in Ipswich.

It is the NSW branch's election that we have gained the best response to a petition called in the campaign to repeal child care workers.

She was speaking at the launch of the book "Women at Work" by Colleen Hartland, a child care worker.

CHILD CARE - TEN JOBS IN ONE

organise and unionise to overcome the terrible conditions under which they work," said Colleen Hartland, a child care worker.

But the new work test is being used - if only partially. The only exception is the Victorian Branch of the Social Security Department, where a ban has been applied over staff numbers and conditions.

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WHILE scores of shop stewards call for action over uranium, the ACTU holds a five-hour meeting which decides to do nothing.

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1970 — The year of the Vietnam moratoriums, 100,000 marched in Melbourne and scores of thousands in other cities. Meanwhile, prominent ALP figures found the growing number of draft resisters in publicly burning call-up forms.

1971 — The Springbok rugby team toured Australia — and met wild demonstrations wherever they played. Only huge police guards, like the one above in Sydney, allowed the tour to go ahead. No South African team has dared come here since.

1972 — "It's Time" — the ALP swept to power, and was the under the National Labor Party. The ALP's victory was already won by the movement had won.

1973 — The great Ford riot. Sick to death of the inhuman conditions and fed up with their phoney militant leaders, Ford workers in Melbourne rioted and tore down walls of the plant with their bare hands.

1974 — The hated Salazar dictatorship fell in Portugal, touching off an awesome working-class revolt that brought the country to the brink of revolution. Above, the workers' council at Curime Engineering Works — one of the many

AS THE seventies began, we were full of hope.

100,000 people filled the streets of Melbourne in a gigantic protest march, proving that the movement against the Vietnam War was unstoppable.

Student struggles and the anti-conscription campaign were front page news.

These mass movements were transforming Australian society. After two decades of the Cold War, a New Left had sprung into being.

Impatient with the Labor Party, uninterested in the tired clichés of the Communist Party and with no illusions about Russia, the young of the century looked for more radical alternatives.

By 1972, new revolutionary organisations were well underway.

In that year, too, Women's Liberation emerged as a major force, inspired by the struggles of other oppressed people, tired of the sexism of the existing left, women formed their own movement and for several years were the most dynamic section of the left.

The new activists were drawn heavily from students and ex-traditionalists. Much of the left drew the conviction that the working class was no longer a force for revolutionary change. Following the philosopher Herbert Marcuse, they declared that workers had been "bought off" by the system.

After the Nimba happy festival, one young radical wrote:

"A revolution is taking place, but Communist and

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By Richard Emerson

most leftwing working class, bogged down in its bureaucratic, middle class life, are unaware and not in touch with it."

It was an important and short-sighted statement. It may not have been obvious to many students activists, but a major radicalisation of the working class had also begun in the late sixties.

Sticks, which had accounted for 700,000 working days in 1967, took up 1.5 million days in 1971. By 1974, the figure had risen to six million.

In 1969 the penal powers had been shattered by mass strikes over the jailing of Clarré O'Shea. By the early seventies, a massive working class offensive was underway.

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with remarkable speed. ALP Ministers began to make speeches about "role bladders", and the need for "wage restraint". The Hawker budget of 1975 was a reversal of the original reform program of the Labor government.

But Whitlam could not reverse course quickly enough, and on November 11, 1975, he was thrown out on his car.

The coup was the beginning of a ruling class counterattack which has dominated the later years of the seventies.

Medibank was first gutted, then destroyed. Wage indexation — always a core — became straight-out wage control. Social services, women's refuges, hospitals were cut back. The growing number of unemployed were used as a weapon to intimidate the trade unions.

In Queensland, basic democratic rights came under attack, while in Western Australia they tried to take

away trade unionists' right to hold meetings. There was plenty of assistance to these attacks. Two general strikes were held. Latrobe Valley workers held out for weeks a gainst a government intimidation. Queenslanders have taken to the streets over and over again.

And there have been some victories. The Telecom workers fought Fraser to a standstill, and their actions were the spark for a major wage offensive by the unions in 1979. Some important gains were made.

The anti-racism movement has transformed public opinion within a few short years, and was support in wide sections of the trade union movement.

In many cases, right wing attempts to cut back on the abortion rights have been beaten off. Even so, the latter part of the seventies has been a grim time.

The grimace of the

leadership of the ALP does not even pretend to have a real program for social change. Secondly, there have been severe problems with the trade union wing of the left, and more and more of the recent union conference reports, elsewhere in the world, have either criticized or grossly misappreciated or grossly misrepresented the Australian movement among workers.

The New Left group, who

including some who call themselves Communists, have all too frequently fallen into the same pattern.

When militant union action has taken place, it has often as not been fought for by rank and file militants, and not by the leadership.

So the second lesson of the seventies is the need for rank

and file organisation, on the job and in the unions. The third lesson is that in difficult times it can still mobilise large numbers, but the numbers of activists are falling in several cities.

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... And born in the struggle — the I.S.

THE INTERNATIONAL Socialists in Australia formed out of the upsurge of the seventies. Our first roots were in student struggle at Monash University, one of the campuses which led the student revolt. Out of campus struggles and some white collar trade union work there emerged a small organisation in Melbourne, with the name of Socialist Workers' Action Group.

S.W.A.G. grew significantly during the Constitutional Crisis of 1975, because Fraser and Kerr had so dramatically proved our arguments about the need for a revolutionary alternative to capitalism.

In 1976, we made the move to a national organisation, setting up a Sydney branch. We also changed our name to International Socialists, to match the names of various overseas groups with similar politics to ours.

Within another couple of years we had branches in Brisbane, Canberra and Adelaide.

The Battle goes with the I.S. from an eight page amateur job produced on a typewriter to the technically sophisticated national paper we are today.

But throughout all our work there has been commitment. We have always emphasised mobilising the rank and file in action, rather than relying on ALP politicians and union bureaucrats. In social movements, we have always hammered the need to separate among the working class.

And at every turn we have tried to make clear the long-term need for a strategy of revolution, and not just piecemeal reforms.

From a little collective in one city, I.S. has grown into a national revolutionary organisation. If you like what we have said in the Battle, and done on the job and in the streets in the years past, why not consider joining it?

An early Battleer greets the NLF victory in Vietnam.

We have a world to win.



1975 — The day we'll never forget. Kerr's emissary reads out Whitlam's dismissal and the ruling class tumbled at its possible consequences. But Hawke and Whitlam headed the election in a landslide.



1976 — The heroic school-children of Soweto rioted, and the bloody South African regime turns its guns on them. Killing 128. The riots eventually subsided, but with the fall of white supremacy in Angola and Rhodesia, the nose has been broken on Apartheid ever since.



1977 — The Latrobe challenge to Fraser's leadership led to a major power workers picket. Brings Victoria to a standstill.



1978 — A scene that has become typical in Brisbane, as a Cop arrests a woman for marching with the International Women's Day. Almost 2000 people have now been arrested for defying Blake-Petersen's infamous anti-march law.



1979 — Hamburg's near-disaster that proved the anti-nuclear movement had been right all along. At least 300,000 people within a 25 mile radius were immediately evacuated — and thousands more capped radioactive doses from the grid was omitted.

The struggle for Vietnam ...

now we're "tho"

HUNDREDS of thousands of refugees have fled Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos since the end of the war in Vietnam.

Most of them remain stranded in refugee camps in South East Asia, unwanted by the local regimes.

Western governments — including Australia — who are largely responsible for the massive destruction of Vietnam, refuse to take more than a handful.

In Australia, there are many racist misconceptions about the refugees. Unfortunately, these racist prejudices are now likely to be found on Australian TV as on the different category.

Most of them are Ho — Chinese — who fled from the Chinese border. Later they were offered the option of getting out of Vietnam for generations.

Hundreds of thousands of them have crossed the border into China. About 40,000 became boat people and headed for Hong Kong.

These people have lived under a supposedly socialist regime for three years.

They are mainly peasants and workers. There are no Chinese merchants or capitalists in the North. Along with a large number of cadres of the Vietnamese Communist Party.

Le Van Dung, one of the Communist Party members who has been driven out of his home in the South, said he tried once in his own village.

"I joined the party in 1958. At that time I was involved in political and cultural work in the economic zone. We fought with the Vietminh since the end of the war. We were being people who could not cope with the harsh conditions in the countryside."

There has even been a breakdown in the relations of the party with the people. There they find they are not as persecuted by the new regime.

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Exposed — the lies about the Boat People

By Mick Armstrong

A special meeting was called by Ho party agents in Hanoi. They were told they would have to move to the countryside if not from the Chinese border. Later they were offered the option of getting out of Vietnam for generations.

Most workers were given work treatment. Ngo Lin worked in an official factory, but he left with her husband an ethnic Vietnamese railway worker. She said:

"We were to be sent to the mountains if we didn't have the money to go abroad."

"Everybody in my neighbourhood was afraid of working in the mountains — we used to work with machines. We don't know about farming."

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TRISTOLY

The prophet of international revolution

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When Stalin first put forward the notion that socialism could be built in one country — Russia alone — Trotsky condemned it as reactionary and impossible, as the expression of the way the Russian revolution was being taken away by a conservative bureaucracy.

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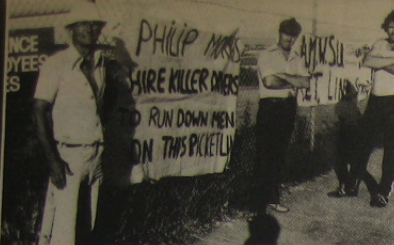
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Steve Anderson and fellow picketers outside the gate where cab trucks ran the picket line.

We had to run for our lives'

CIGARETTES are not the only health hazard at the Philip Morris factory in Morabbin, Melbourne. Being on a picket line at the gate to the factory can be extremely dangerous too.

One hundred and three members of the Electrical Trades Union and the metal workers union (AMWSU) have black banded the machines. They want an increase of 39.9% above the award rate, which members of the Tobacco Workers' Union and the engine drivers union (FEDU) who work on the liaison machines, have already won.

When Steve Anderson, a fitter in the AMWSU was asked to work on one of these machines he asked the shop steward and was sacked on the spot. A stop-work meeting was then called in which the management invited the police, one an inspector and both armed. When the police asked for shop steward John Kardaris, they didn't stop but went looking for insubordination.

The men voting unanimously to walk off the job that day then. At one of the strikers said, "Why are they bringing West Australia workers?"

Roster row at Redfern

INDUCTION shift workers on the Third Floor of the Redfern Mail Exchange held an illegal stop work meeting on Wednesday 28 November, in defiance of the bosses.

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By Steve Anderson

PUBLIC SERVICE UNION ELECTS

Amix bag

ALL branches of the Administrative and Clerical Officers Association (ACO) — one of the public service unions — held their three yearly elections during November.

Overall, there was a slight move to the left. In all branches except the ACT, the "left" retained or won most of the official positions — president, vice-president, secretary and assistant secretary.

In Victoria the results were a mixed bag. Right-winger secretary Alex Maguire was beaten by David Macpherson, the former Reform Group candidate. The night-wings also lost the presidency but with some vigour in the control of the Branch Committee.

The Reform Group has increased on 10 months' "Alternative Viewpoint" throughout the year, offered leadership in several main meetings and campaigned with some vigour in the pre-election period.

However, it failed to use these activities to increase its numbers and to build organisations at the department level.

It is used as representing what is seen as "progressive conservatism" in the union rather than organising to change the union as a whole or in its sections.

The Reform Group placed a priority on not confronting the union leadership, but rather on pushing the union as a whole or in its sections.

The election has shown that the Reform Group's policies are not to be followed by its supporters and the lower grades who have suffered the most from the union's attacks and at the moment the last vestiges of the Reform Group policies are being exposed behind them.

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Health and Safety as a work action. Substitutions have to be made for those doing the dirty, rotten, crap jobs of workers, the workers' compensation system, the Department of Labour and Industry and the whole occupational health scene.

The enquiry is being kept very quiet. We need a proper investigation into the dirty, rotten, crap jobs of workers, the workers' compensation system, the Department of Labour and Industry and the whole occupational health scene.

I have a friend who is a young industrialist. She has found that long years working for her father and mother to drink, take drugs and even become wife-bashers and child abusers.

Wayne Hall Leichhardt

Good job

Thanks a lot for the coverage you give on fight over P.O. Box 46. It was a bloody good story and it is good to see that the workers there are not so much a laughing stock.

The Union of Interest has been applied to the Registrar of Companies. It is a good move to get the Registrar of Companies to look into the problems. More on that in a later issue.

Dear Battler,

There are a few criticisms of the article in *Battler* 81 entitled "The Fascist Rise to Power".

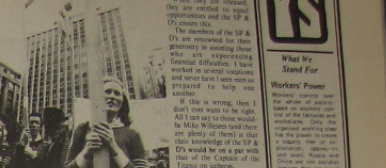
George's article was patently made to confuse reading. A paragraph which placed paragraph 14 and 15 in the wrong place didn't help.

Leaving this aside, the article had to be read a couple of times to extract the points from the jumbled syntax and overlap of unspecified "they".

But my major criticism is that the article simply doesn't make enough sense for a serious worker who doesn't have a personal experience of fascism.

The argument about fascists and

FIGHT FOR LIFE



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Patricia Murray Adelaide

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Stop Hamer's Compo Attacks

HIDDEN THE FIGHT!

"TRADES HALL have never been guilty of giving a lead in their life."

That's how one builder labourer summed up the campaign in Victoria to stop the Hamer Government's attack on workers' compensation.

9 Sacked in Stores

NINE Storemen and Parkers were sacked from NSW Government Stores on Monday November 19.

These men and women were to be the first of at least 37 to go by January. So much for the security gained by the Public Service. Some of these workers had left jobs to come to Government Stores, and others had even been asked to apply for permanent jobs. The union had top level discussions with Public Service Board representatives the following day. But they failed to have the dismissal notices withdrawn before they began.

After the meeting was over it was made known that the nine would be reinstated.

Wednesday morning we found that the Public Service Board reps didn't have any power. And the Public Service Board had decreed that the nine were still to be sacked by Friday.

The next day, half way through a stop work meeting, organizer Ron Herbert went off to arrange yet another meeting with the Public Service Board. This time our old mate John Duckert was involved. The Storemen and Parkers went back to work.

Fortunately, the Board had made such a bungie in providing the nine permanent jobs and then sacking them just before Xmas, that they withdrew the dismissals at the 11th hour. But there was a catch. The 37 and probably more will have to go by mid-January. And the Union and the Board will get their heads together before then to try to find other jobs for Government Stores workers. They all hope that the numbers will be reduced by "voluntary" natural wastage before Xmas chance — by an SFU member.

been left up to the individual industry groups in the building trades that resulted in a stop work on Friday 22 November. Several thousand angry construction workers set off for Spring Street where only the night before the Hamer Government had pushed through its amendments which will severely restrict access to compo.

charge

But instead of milling around outside Parliament House after the massive march, a group made a charge for the building by using the Liberal Members for Industry. The cops managed to stop anyone from getting inside after a scuffle in which a glass panel was smashed. Then the march proceeded to the Master Builders Association offices. Finally, the officials got around to moving a motion calling for action on each job to force employers to transfer from private insurance companies to the State Government Insurance Office. That was the total proposed action.

Ericsson's workers march against Hamer's compo legislation.

TWO THOUSAND workers in Victoria's Latrobe Valley led off the compo campaign with a stop work rally and march last month. Prominent in the rally was a large contingent of women unionists from L.M. Ericsson in Morwell. Ericsson's shop steward Carole Thompson told the *Battler* that Hamer's compensation changes were a big threat to compo claims over tenosynovitis — the crippling disease that is so common at Ericsson's that most of the women there just call it Ericsson's arm.

If they bring in this Act, we won't have a leg to stand on.

Any further trainees that come into the firm, if they get tenosynovitis in twelve months, they won't have a hope in any claim.

We've got a lot of tenosynovitis. Over the last six weeks alone, there's been five cases. Under Hamer's legislation, women at Ericsson — and all other workers — will have to prove substantial cause before they can be compensated for work-related injuries.

For a disease like tenosynovitis — which is caused by constantly repeated use of a muscle over a long period, rather than a short, sharp accident — that sort of proof will be almost impossible.

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At this point, a site delegate from the Arts Critic's Union moved an amendment calling for an indefinite stoppage if the boards did not agree over the weekend to cover compo payments no matter what legislation changes were made.

No motion received a lot of support, but as he tried to move to the microphone to speak to his motion, the cops closed in and prevented him from speaking.

Then the officials stopped the meeting. One of the B.I.F. organizers even

By Ian Jordan

suggested that workers return to work. Arts Centre workers were angry that the meeting had broken up in disorder.

The official talks are if it's their union not ours, I'm sick of doing it, I pay without getting anything.

All Trades Hall wants to do is spend thousands on an advertising campaign and the officials want us to march up and down.

The criticism made by the Arts Centre workers are a completely correct. The massive, militant turnout for the building trades march showed that rank-and-file workers want to fight Hamer's compo changes.

But fragmented stoppages and marches are not enough. We need a 24 hour general stoppage with a mass public rally to really kick the campaign off — and we need job-delegates meeting to plan further action.

Union bureaucrat Tony Vela told the building workers that Trades Hall is prepared to take years to win this campaign.

And if we leave it up to Trades Hall, it's going to drag out the long!



WE WANT COMPO! Angry building workers march on the Victorian Parliament to protest against Hamer's cuts to workers' compensation. Rank-and-file workers are ready to fight — but the Trades Hall isn't organising one.

Nurses act to stop health cuts

ON Monday 26th November the NSW Health Commission gave a directive to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital that 162 beds and 320 jobs at that hospital, would go.

Sixty to ninety nurses will be thrown out of NSW Nurses Association called a meeting on Tuesday 27 November.

The nurses voted to refuse to fill or be returned. There was also a ban on the issuing in the transfer of beds and patients in any of the affected wards.

The implementation of the action took effect from 28th November at 7.0 a.m. Since then nurses have been intimidated by the administration staff. Some beds have been removed

from wards by each labourer. On Friday 30th administration announced that unless beds were removed that they would take the issue to the arbitration court.

A meeting held on that day was attended with hospital administration staff, the NSW Nurses Association and the NSW Health Commission. The NSW Nurses Association and the NSW Health Commission were not permitted to attend. The decision of the gathering was to block the hospital.

On Tuesday 6th December there is to be a great demonstration at Royal Prince Alfred between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. Our plan is to get the unions employed at the hospital well attended.

Hopefully, with a well attended industrial action well in place and the NSW Health Commission's plan to health standards, lengthen the sick leave fall.

by an RPA member.



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We need a union at Repco

WORKERS at Repco Cycles need a union more than ever. Seven workers — including the three unionists in the plant — have been sacked from Repco Cycles Clayton, Victoria, in the last five days.

Two were sacked without notice, and without a week's pay in lieu of notice. It looks like the sacking will continue.

One worker was sacked for asking for a fortnight driver's wage — for driving a forklift. He was being paid fifteen dollars under the award at the time, defending himself in a fight — and a third worker for talking about the union on the job. (These last two without notice.)

All of these workers have been replaced with younger workers who will be paid even less than the misery Repco pays its 'adult' staff.

While bosses Ron Callaghan and Jack Cleburn sit in their offices and

earn \$300 a week, workers in dispatch in the plant have to work 55 hours a week to take home \$200.

After six years in Repco, the women in packing still get only \$3.77 an hour. Over forty hours, this is \$3.50 a week less than men doing similar jobs — yet the plant would collapse without these fast workers.

Cycle sales are booming and prospects and profits better than ever before. But Repco Cycles workers still get dirty white in their teeth!

Only through organisation into a strong union can we win shorter hours, better pay, improved conditions and real milk in our tea!

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