

Police Thuggery In Brisbane

**This Happened In Brisbane On
St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, 1948**

only two years after thousands of our brave sons had given their lives and health on the battle-front and on the home-front to smash German and Japanese Fascism :—

Strikers, seeking 16/-, 13/- and 11/- and week-end penalty rates, already gained in every other State in Australia, supported by the A.C.T.U. and every Labor Party except Queensland, were holding a peaceful demonstration against Hanlon's Emergency Legislation and in support of their demands.

Fred Paterson, M.L.A., who is the defending counsel for many other workers who have been arrested under Hanlon's Emergency Act, was struck down—he lies in hospital in a serious condition—the medical report states "Severe Lacerations, probable Brain Injuries. Condition Serious."

The Police Swooped down, out came batons

The workers were relying on Fred Paterson's brain for their legal defence—how Hanlon and his police fear that brain!

Every worker should carefully study the front page picture in the Brisbane "Telegraph," see Paterson peacefully taking notes.

Many other workers were brutally assaulted—fractured skulls, smashed faces.

Every worker should carefully study the "Telegraph" Pictures, note the attack on their mates.

Where are our Labor Members of Parliament—Do they still support Hanlon's policy?

Do they still resist the just claims of Queensland Workers for marginal increases of 16/-, 13/- and 11/- and week-end penalty rates, marginal increases already granted to Railway men and others by every other Government in Australia?

Or do they support Hanlon's Police terror to force the workers into submission?

The Central Disputes Committee says "No, the strike will go on until victory is won, despite Police terror, despite Fascist thuggery."

Every worker must rally to the struggle

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