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# New move for world peace

Yet another dramatic initiative has been taken by the Soviet Union, in agreement with the other socialist countries, to lessen international tension and move towards disarmament and peace.

Mr Brezhnev's statement made in Berlin on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic, is a major contribution to peace in Europe which has been the cockpit of two world wars.

Acting even before agreement is reached with other western European nations, the Soviet Union will reduce its forces stationed in the GDR by 20,000 men and withdraw 1,000 tanks and other equipment during the next 12 months.

Mr Brezhnev, who is the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and President of the USSR, said that the Soviet Union does not threaten anyone. He called for international agreement for the renunciation of the use of force to settle disputes between nations.

Other proposals contained in his speech included:

- \* A call for an all-European conference to discuss the maintenance of peace and detente in Europe.
- \* A simultaneous reduction of the Warsaw Pact and NATO forces.
- \* An agreement for advanced notice of military manoeuvres and the scaling down of the size of manoeuvres. The Warsaw Pact will in future limit the size of forces used in manoeuvres to no more than 50,000 men.

★ Announced that the Soviet Union was prepared to proceed with negotiations for a SALT III agreement which will take actual steps to commence the process of disarmament.

Mr Brezhnev warned of the danger of stationing nuclear weapons in West Germany or on the territory of any other NATO nation. He said that West Germany "will have to decide which is best for the Federal Republic of Germany, to help strengthen peace in Europe and to develop peaceful, mutually beneficial co-operation among European states or to contribute to a new aggravation of the situation in Europe and the world by deploying on its territory American nuclear arms spearheaded against the USSR and its allies."

This is the choice which confronts all western governments.

The proposals of the socialist countries reflect their consistent and sincere desire for peace and disarmament.

A statement issued by the CC Secretariat of the Socialist Party welcoming the peace initiative says that they are "in the interests of the Australian people who have everything to gain by peace, disarmament and international cooperation. We call upon the Australian government to give a positive response and to join with others in moving towards a safe and peaceful world."

The West German Chancellor, Helmut Schmidt said the proposals were a "sizeable contribution." But some Australian press reports have started to refer coldly to Mr Brezhnev's statement by talking about "caution" and "catcher" and describing the speech as "showmanship" and a "public relations job."

Such responses are irresponsible and do not meet the needs of the times which increasingly demand an end to nuclear war machines which would lead to the extermination of the human race. ■



Erich Honacker, General Secretary of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany receiving flowers from young citizens of the German Democratic Republic during the GDR's 30th anniversary celebrations. Mr Brezhnev was in Berlin for the anniversary when he made his call for detente and put forward a program for disarmament.

## Mounting wages campaign

A mounting campaign of industrial action by unions in support of wage increase demands is a main feature of the background to publication of the September quarter Consumer Price Index (CPI) figure.

Campaigns being currently conducted by workers and their unions employed by Telecom, Victorian rail and tramway authorities and metal industry workers are in accord with ACTU Congress decisions.

The next CPI figure is due to be published in about two weeks time and the Arbitration Commission is then due to consider indexing wages on a national basis in accordance with the increase in retail prices as measured by the CPI in the six months ending September.

The Commission is also due, by reason of its own decision last year, to consider a claim by the unions for a national wage increase based on increased national productivity.

A further factor, related to these already scheduled pro-

ceedings, is the outcome of conference discussions initiated by the Commission between the unions, the employers and the Federal Government.

These conference discussions arose out of the Commission's publicly expressed dissatisfaction with the operation of its own wage indexation "package." The Commission's concerns arose primarily from the alleged extent to which some unions were succeeding with claims for wage increases despite the existence of the Commission's wage restricting guidelines which were deliberately intended to prevent such wage increases.

Although this concern by the unions was limited and was achieved through sections of the Commission itself it brought an outcry from the employers, organisations and from the anti-Labor governments.

In its last decision on June 27 this year the Commission complained that the wage indexation system was "simply not working" and accurately summed up the position of the contending parties to the national wage proceedings by saying that "One side wants indexation without restrictions and the other side wants restrictions without indexation."

The position of the unions is made clear in the decisions of the recently held 1979 Congress of the ACTU and by the current and mounting campaign of the unions. The ACTU Congress decision on wages contained the following points:

- \* A "strong commitment to the right of trade unionists to collectively bargain" with their employers for the purpose of gaining wages

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Mr Brezhnev

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## Using aid as blackmail

The western governments are waging a cruel campaign exaggerating the possibility of famine in Kampuchea. Have they, all of a sudden, become concerned at the fate of the Kampuchean people? Not likely!

For three years when Pol Pot was massacring his own people they remained silent. They showed no concern when millions were turned into refugees as a result of the incessant bombing of Vietnam. They were unmoved by the plight of over one million Palestinians driven off their land by the Zionists. And they are unmoved so that they may continue to harass the Kampuchean government of National Salvation.

They attempt to cover their schemes and justify them by talking about aid "to both sides," and by putting forward demands for distribution which amount to interference in the internal affairs of Kampuchea, aiming to take out of the government's hands the distribution of aid.

The imperialists and Chinese want to keep alive the idea of two governments. This is behind the vote at the UN General Assembly when Pol Pot was allowed to retain his seat as the government of Kampuchea.

Later on they would restore the Pol Pot regime if their dirty scheme were to succeed — a Pol Pot who would complete the extermination of the remaining Kampuchean people.

The role of Australia's Prime Minister makes the point. The *Financial Review* (3/10/79) reveals that Jim Fraser considered putting crops on Soviet shipments of Australian wheat to Indo-China. It was proposed that the wheat sold to the Soviet Union would be non-transferable. Why? Because the wheat might go to areas in Kampuchea controlled by the Heng Samrin government which might be used by the United States.

This revelation alone shows the world of the alleged concern of the Australian government for the people of Kampuchea.

The facts are that the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea effectively controls the country and the government is strong and stable. It is the government which ended the nightmare of Pol Pot's three years. Life is returning. The railway line between Phnom Penh and Siem Reap has been reopened. Vietnam and other socialist countries are sending massive aid and have been doing so for some time. The Australian government has declared its readiness to receive aid without strings and without interference. Unlike all other countries, but has rejected the attempts of imperialist states to use the difficulties and the existence of famine in this area as an opportunity for political blackmail and pressure.

It is now announced that what amounts to a tiny cargo of aid is being sent to Phnom Penh but before that two reports, one by Nigel Stark ABC correspondent in Thailand and the other from Neil Kelly the *Sydney Morning Herald's* correspondent confirmed that Australian aid was being chucked on the Thailand border and openly seized by the remnants of the Pol Pot gang of murderers. But intimidation, blackmail and interference will not succeed.

## Help Vietnam's children

The Help the Children of Vietnam Fund lagged badly this year. We need the Vietnamese it is urgently as ever.

The imperialists and the Chinese are keeping up an incessant pressure on Vietnam and Kampuchea. The danger is real that Romania, the President of the World Peace Council has called peace services throughout the world, warning of renewed Chinese aggression.

Unabated hypocrisy and cynicism western governments are attempting to use ever the threat of famine in Kampuchea to interfere, put political pressure on the Heng Samrin government and bolster the Pol Pot regime.

Even the revelations, now recorded publicly by a number of journalists, that the Pol Pot government murdered over 2 to 3 million Kampuchean, has not deterred the imperialists from continuing to harass Pol Pot. This year in the U.N. General Assembly giving continued recognition show they would restore their aid.

## Rocketing gold:

# Undermining the wages of workers

by Vic Williams

Rocketing gold prices are setting a time bomb under workers' pay packets. Not only are the prices of silver and consumer goods, such as wool, sugar, copper and base metals also rising fast.

These were partly effected for a time, but, when in September '79 the IMF put on a 400,000 ounces of gold on the market there were bids amounting to \$15 million ounces and the price rose to \$155 an ounce. Later, when the US put 750,000 ounces on sale, there were bids amounting to 2.6 million ounces by a handful of big buyers. The roof blew off.

But the gap between the falling production and the increasing number of US dollars from the deficit budgeting for the huge military expenditure, is widening to a chasm. No financial pricing can bridge it. The gold price is a warning of a tidal wave of price rises and inflation. The devastating effect on the people's real standards can only be held off for the most respite by the action of the working class in defence of their living standards.

For Australia, a big increase in trade with the socialist market would ease the pressure of inflation and unemployment. They have stable economies, successful struggle against monopoly interests to win a currency crisis.

Some of the factors in West Germany's relative stability is her growing trade with the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, and a million workers and West German workers are directly involved in production for this trade.

FRANCIS EFFORTS

After 1971, there were many frantic efforts to hold down the gold price and rescue the dollar by dumping new lots of gold on the market through International Monetary Fund sales. The government and the banks of Britain, Japan and now West Germany are determined to mount "rescue operations."

The spectacular rise in gold prices has also triggered the US and other capitalist countries to have

## Party Building

### \$4,000 up — now to double it!

With this issue, we have topped the \$4000 mark for the Press Fund. It is now a dream, it can be done, and it is now.

Stevie was presented with a number of gifts including a bunch of roses from the Eureka Knights Movement. Stevie regularly sells about 150 of *The Socialist*.

There is great news from Melbourne this week. A 40 strong meeting at a private home in Kew heard Judah Watten speak about the Soviet relations and the urgent necessity for international détente.

The next Socialist convention will be held on October 28 in the Elizabeth area. The Saturday afternoon are currently proceeding with classes on the Party. There will be a residential camp in November on the United Front.

About 100 people attended a social function in Adelaide to celebrate the 80th birthday of Steve Pappas.

There will also be a Soviet cultural group at the concert with local speakers. Dear comrades, we need your support for our local speakers.

Thirdly, we ask every Party member to donate \$5 to the Fund and put it personally to our bank. We need a donor to make a donation to our fund.

Dear comrades, we need your support for our local speakers. Let's make a Socialist a better paper. The last few issues have been 12-pages. There

New efforts are being made to improve it.

# Aboriginal rights march in Adelaide

by Hannah Middleton

More than 200 people braved heavy rain in Adelaide recently to protest delays to the Pijantjatjara Land Rights Bill by the Tonkin Government and to demand land rights for Aborigines.

With the defeat of Labor in South Australia, one of the first acts of the new Liberal Government was to announce that it would reconsider legislation giving land rights to the Pijantjatjara Aborigines. At the same time the green light was given for mining on Aboriginal land in the state.

Urban and tribal Aborigines and non-Aborigines gathered outside Parliament House after the march to hear Jim Stanley, Chairman of the SA Aboriginal Legal Rights Council, Mick Miller, Chairman of the North Queensland Land Council, Dr. Hannah Middleton, Secretary of the NSW Trade Union Committee on Aboriginal Rights, Mrs Ruby Hammond, Executive Director of the SA Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, Norman Foster, ALP parliamentarian in the state upper house, and representatives of the Pijantjatjara Council.

Several speakers pointed to the developing international support for the Aboriginal people's recognition of their national liberation struggle as part of a growing worldwide movement that is successfully challenging imperialism.

Mr BURT PROMISES

Mr Burdett, SA Liberal Minister for Community Welfare and representing the State Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, spoke to the meeting from the previous Labor Government, would be presented to Parliament but indicating that Cabinet expected to amend it, reducing the power of Pijantjatjara to control their land.

It was pointed out that it was easy for multinational companies to get Australian profits but that the original owners, the Aborigines, find it impossible to register control of any of their traditional land.

## Uranium: "In the hands of which class does the power belong"

The accumulation of super profits by the business of nuclear power. This is very well demonstrated on the question of uranium.

It is the socialist countries which have proposed, in the United Nations Organisation, and other world forums, that a complete ban be placed on nuclear weapons and all existing stocks be destroyed.

In the use of uranium for peaceful purposes the Soviet Union has demonstrated that every possible care is taken to ensure the safe use of atomic energy in the development of technology to deal with the problems of nuclear waste disposal.

There has never been a Harbors in the Soviet Union nor could there be for the atomic power stations are constructed with safety the first consideration.

This was illustrated by the decision of the Finnish Government to accept a Soviet tender for exchange and to win an atomic power station in preference to an American proposal.

While the uranium question has many complexities there is one simple and central guiding point — we believe should always be applied. That simple guiding point is "in the hands of which class does the power belong."

Where the power is in the hands of the working class as in the socialist countries measures can be taken to properly utilize the power for the advancement for the welfare of humanity and not for

# Unemployed put Fraser on the spot

Prime Minister Fraser was twice the target of protest demonstrations by unemployed workers last week.

In Canberra a group of forty from the Unemployed Workers' Union headed him off as he went to open the National Youth Council. Many of the 120 delegates, which included ten Aboriginals, asked questions mainly about unemployment, showing the needs of the unemployed.

On the previous day in Hobart, the PM was pelted with soup canisters as he went to a press conference.

In another action, three hundred people met for a picnic organised by the Unemployed People's Union in Sydney's Belmore Park.

Banners and placards put forward some of the claims of the unemployed, for jobs and improvements in social services.

The UPU, formed in March 78, has branches and contacts with unemployed people's organisations throughout Australia, bringing a "out-of-work" people together.

The UPU is now campaigning with demonstrations outside Commonwealth Employment Service offices in Bondi, Newcastle, Longono, Orange and Nowra, and through them, some unemployed have been able to receive unemployment benefits.

Quite a number have been denied the dole by the government measures but no information is published.

Minimum wages in the last 15 years are paid and contract is kept with unions to ensure there is no breach of award conditions. In the numbers assisted in the last 15 years is small relative to the total unemployed, and does not tackle the overall unemployment problem. The morale of the unemployed in the co-operatives and show the value of self-organisation.

## Talk Back! by Ken Rowsthorne

It was recently suggested in the daily press that an ex-mafia gangster by the name of Vincent Teresa was probably mixed up in the lucrative business of illegal export of our native birds.

The arrest of a number of people on this charge also gave substance to another news item — that of birds were being illegally exported through the Yankee base at Pine Gap. This secret base, as is the case with all other American bases in Australia, are self-governing under the control of US authorities. Australian customs officials cannot inspect planes landing there, and there are no import restrictions.

Australian customs are offering for \$3,500 in the US and there are no import restrictions. Your answer: give the bases the bird and keep the cockatoos.

Bjelle-John, who is forever talking about wage cuts for the workers has just given his own answer: give the bases the bird and keep the cockatoos.

A move by some trade union officials at the recent ACTU Congress to impose a 5 year moratorium on technological change leaves us breathless. What do they propose when the first 3 years are up? Another 5 years holding up the process of change?

We understand that given his thoughts are motivated by the fact that capitalism cannot cope with such change without creating mass unemployment and reduced living standards. These modern-day King Canines, however, ought to abandon such head-in-the-sand ideas and really get into the struggle for the tremendous benefits of modern technology to a planned economy which is the only way to make the new scientific and technological wonders work.

There are 250,000 people living permanently in caravan mobile homes in Australia. It is a disgrace that 100,000 are on the streets for homeless is, Sydney (\$58,900); Melbourne (\$47,500); Brisbane (\$33,000); Adelaide (\$32,400); Perth (\$41,300); Canberra (\$37,200).

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# Feeling ripped-off ?

There is a feeling in the air that the working people, are worse off than a few years back.

Just how much worse off is vividly revealed in figures on the Liberal government's budgets and their taxation policies prepared by Mr. T. Wilshire, National Research Officer of the Amalgamated Metal Workers and Shipwrights Union.

The Fraser Government has introduced four budgets. All have had the aim of transferring a massive amount

of income from wage and salary earners to both Australian-owned monopolies and foreign-owned multi-national corporations.

In simple terms it means reducing the income of workers and boosting the profits of big business.

The Financial Review (23/8/79) said of the last budget: "Treasurer Howard brought down a 'Businessman's budget' — a budget designed to appeal to the financial managers of the corporate sector."

## The wage squeeze and The big tax transfer

What has the Fraser government done to the wage packet?

In 1975 when the Fraser government was elected the average weekly wage was \$135.

(Note: Average weekly wage is more realistic than the figure for average weekly earnings because the latter figure includes the salaries of company managers and directors.)

Now the average weekly wage is \$185. "Good," you will say, "wages are up by \$50 per week."

But to buy the same goods and services as were bought in 1975 now costs \$42.49 a week more. The cost of living has gone up \$42.49 since 1975.

After the final scrapping of Medibank and the need to revert to insurance payments, health costs will be \$11 per week more than in 1975.

Sales tax, including the cost of oil price rises (most of which goes to the government), has increased by \$8.32 per week. Sales tax up by \$8.32 since 1975.

Direct pay as you earn tax is up by \$12.92 per week since 1975.

Now see what has happened to the \$50 per week wage increase.

Increased cost of living	\$42.49 per week gone
Increased health costs	\$11.00 per week gone
Increased sales tax	\$ 8.32 per week gone
Increased direct tax	\$12.92 per week gone
Total increases	\$74.73
Increased wage	\$50.00
Which leaves each worker	\$24.73 worse off

Of the increased costs the government is responsible for \$32.24 per week.

### Another point!

Despite the rapid introduction of new technology there has been no adjustment of workers' wages for increased productivity since 1975. In four years productivity per worker has increased 8.6 per cent. All of this has gone into the pockets of the companies. If the full value of this productivity increase were passed on to wages it would mean an extra \$15.91 per week. Therefore, the total loss to wage earners is \$68.84 per week for the worker on the average wage of \$165.

Despite these facts the Liberal government and employers are trying harder than ever to screw down wages even more.

Fraser has admitted that his budgets are designed to "provide incentives for 'big business'". He means by this helping them by using taxpayers money to make big profits.

Profits after tax have risen by 20 per cent since Fraser was elected. Much of it has come from tax concessions and subsidies.

The exploitation of the workers has increased. Each worker is now producing an average of \$20,508 worth of goods and services a year. An increase of \$1,800 more per worker since Fraser was first elected.

## The big tax transfer

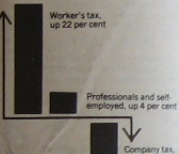
Since 1975 Pay as you earn (PAYE) taxes on workers have risen in real terms (that means the figures are discounted for the effect of inflation) by 22 per cent or a total of \$2,173 million at current dollar values.

In the same period tax in real terms on companies has fallen by 7 per cent or \$250 million at current dollar values.

Tax on professional and self-employed has risen in real terms by 4 per cent or \$111 million at current dollar values.



Picking up The Asses



This is not the only aspect of the rip-off. Government spending on workers and their families for health care, housing and social welfare has been severely cut, while subsidies, allowances and grants to companies has been increased.

### The cuts in four budgets

Housing, urban and regional development	\$2,648.5 million
Health	\$3,812.6 million
Total	\$6,461.1 million

The cut for each household is \$1,520.

Workers are paying more taxes to the government but getting less back for them.

### Here is where the wealth is going:

Foreign multi-nationals get 55 per cent of all profits made in Australia. The size wealthy 10 per cent of Australians get 92 per cent of the personal income from business.

And here are some of the companies:

- Howard Smith's (Shipping) interim profits up 58.3 per cent.
- Johns Perry Ltd (engineering) interim profits up 20 per cent.
- Dunlop (Australia) Ltd (tyres) interim profits up 31.3 per cent.
- A tax benefit of \$732,000 boosted the profit of coal producer Austen and Bata Ltd (NSW). 645 per cent above the previous year.
- Antoni Transport Industries Ltd profit up 40 per cent (how you know when those massive fare increases go).
- John Fairfax Ltd (news media group) profit up 23.8 per cent.

### Now you know how you are being ripped-off. What's to be done ?

- Throw out the Fraser Government and reverse its policies.
- Living standards must be restored. A substantial wage increase is justified. Prices should be controlled.
- Government expenditure on health, housing and education should be restored and concessions to big business ended. Make the rich pay!
- Key monopoly industries and foreign-owned corporations should be nationalised and be worked for the benefit of all the people.

# The racist build up in Australia

by Gisèle Mesnage

From the coal mining town of Morwell in Victoria has come the alarming report that some 200 of the 1000 workers on the job are joining the National Alliance and plastering the job site with racist and anti-communist stickers which they also wear on their helmets.

One worker who tried to tear off one of the stickers was told he would get "beaten to a pulp."

Reportedly even the union shop steward (Fed. Ironworkers' Ass.) has voiced support for the racist propaganda.

Those workers who oppose the National Alliance have now formed a group called the Valley Workers Against Fascism.

### A GROWING PROBLEM

The events in Morwell vividly point out the extent to which the ugly problem of racism is growing in this country.

There are at least 40 racist organisations now active in Australia and one of them, the League of Rights claims to have 90,000 members.

Most are well financed by both local and overseas commercial and political interests. All stand at the extreme-right of the political spectrum and have an aggressive and potentially violent attitude towards the labour and progressive movement.

Only three months ago the National Socialist Party held a camp at Mittagong where some 45 members engaged in small arms and rifle practice as part of a week-end of "training."

The vigorous campaign being waged by the racist in opposition to the entry of Vietnamese refugees, has puzzled many, since it is well known that most of the refugees would share the same extreme-right political stand.

### TWO RACIST TRENDS

It is a complex question but basically it can be said that there are two main trends in right wing activity in Australia.

One, recognising the multi-racial character of Australian organisations as the Australian Assembly of Captive Nations which has influence in at least 50 different ethnic communities and several of their organisations; for instance, the very reactionary organisation of Vietnamese refugees, the Greater Overseas Alliance for the National Restoration of Vietnam, is an affiliate.

This trend has some very powerful friends within the Liberal Party. The second trend is the racist one, which at present is taking advantage of the economic situation to gather support by campaigning along the lines that they will restore the economy by "getting rid of the wogs that are taking your jobs."

However, they have concentrated their campaign against

Asians to capitalise on what is already a controversial and emotive issue and to win other migrants as well.

For example, in the predominantly migrant electorate of Grayndler, the National Alliance received near to 900 votes in a recent by-election.

We should not forget that the "White Australia Policy" which some of these groups are campaigning for, was in fact enforced in Australia for some 70 years until it was relaxed a few years ago.

The Fraser Government for its part has a foot in each camp. This is demonstrated in their plan to allow some 14,000 Vietnamese to enter Australia this year, and to balance the situation, a few thousand Rhodesians.

The Vietnamese will provide cheap and willing labour and the Rhodesians will fuel an already widespread racist campaign which is dividing the working class. As a result will allow the government to introduce more and more anti-union and anti-working class measures.

The working class and its organisations have to meet a vigorous campaign to offset the spread of racism within the working class movement and in the schools and universities where groups such as the "National Alliance" are active; but the economic and immigration policies of the government, that have been a major factor in allowing the present situation to arise, must also be challenged.



Racist graffiti

## World IYC conference delegates report back

Sixty representatives of trade unions, women's and peace organisations, UNICEF and the UN office held recently at the PSA club Sydney, a report from the World Conference for Peaceful and Secure Future for all Children held in Moscow last month.

A significant fact remarked by the delegates in their report is our enormous ignorance of the problems and sufferings of children in many other parts of the world.

A heart rending documentary film which exposes the sad plight of the world's children, especially those from Latin America, Indo China, the Middle East and South Africa will soon be available in Australia.

The Australian delegation comprised Anne Gentry Secretariat and Steering Committee, Dr Keith Suter, Dean of Students, Wesley College, Sydney University, Audrey McDonald, National Secretary of the League of Australian Women, Robert Dobson from the Australian National Youth Council and Susan Sheppard, State Secretary of the NSWU (NSW).

Australia's Friends Brown, President of the Women's

International Democratic Federation and World President of the Preparatory Committee presided over the conference. The delegates are available to speak to groups and organisations interested. They can be contacted through Audrey McDonald, Union of Australian Women, Room 24 Trade Hall, Goodwood St, Sydney 2000, telephone 26 2880.

### WPC CALL

The World Peace Council (WPC) has called to organise days of solidarity with the children who are victims and heroes in the struggle against imperialism.

The WPC call says that many activities during IYC should be organised focusing on the need to strengthen world peace as a base to guarantee the happiness and security of children. An essential aspect of present life is the children themselves, the youngsters of today's world.

get more and more involved in this struggle. They do not want to be merely the victims of imperialism, racism, colonial and neocolonial oppression, but, side by side, with the adults, they are playing an ever more important role in the fight against these cruel remnants of history. By doing this, they become heroes of our times, fighting, protesting and shaping out their own destinies.

This year cannot pass away without the stressing of the dramatic and heroic role played by the children and thousands of children who are victims of imperialism. The WPC has agreed to call for special days of solidarity with these children, starting with the day which marks the 20th Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child (November 20th) and ending on the Human Rights Day (December 10th).



This is one of the posters put out by the National Alliance to promote racial hatred.

- ### Organisations propagating racial prejudice in Australia
- National Front of Australia
  - Immigration Control Association
  - National Australian Association
  - Ka Hui Kaitiaki
  - Second Front
  - The Australian League of Rights and its related bodies, such as:
    - Christian Institute for Individual Freedom
    - Institute for Economic Democracy
    - Voters Policy Associations
    - Electors Associations
    - Australian Heritage Society
    - Conservative Speakers Clubs
    - LILAC (Ladies in Line against Communism)

- National League (formerly the White Australia Party League)
- National Socialist Party of Australia — World Union of National Socialists
- Hazi Party
- British Australian Association
- White Christian Crusade Church of America
- Awake Australians Campaign to Help Save South Africa
- White Australia Lobby
- National Democratic Front
- Black Order of Fascists
- Guardians
- White Power's Movement
- Immigration Restriction Council
- Rhodesia Christian Group
- Campaign against Illegal Immigrants
- Communist
- Rights for Whites
- One Law for All
- Immigration Restriction Council
- Conservative Party (W.A.) Inc.
- Women against Asian Immigration Committee
- Neocolonial Nationalist Movement
- Truth and Liberty Mission
- Christian Vanguard Federation
- British-Israel World Federation
- Christian Vanguard Crusade Church
- White Christian League
- The Hungarian Movement — World Association of National Socialists Hungarians

The Movement Against Fascism and Racism (MAFAR) is appealing for assistance to carry out its work. Funds as well as people to assist the work of research, etc. are needed. Any material or activities of the right-wing in Australia also greatly appreciated.

Contact: MAFAR, Box 22, Trade Hall, Goodwood St, Sydney.

A little Republic with a big reputation...

# The Moldavian Experience

from Jim Mitchell

Imagine the Barossa Valley, the Hunter River vineyards or parts of the Murray lands grape or fruitgrowing areas as one big vineyard or orchard and you arrive at the same impression on a visit to Moldavia at this time of the year.

This little Socialist Republic, nestled in between the Ukraine and Rumania in the south-west of the USSR is clad in greenery. Unbroken plantings of vines covering undulating country, fences, as far as the eye can see in all directions is the picture.

Travelling through the country on roads lined with wooded oak groves or vast orchards belonging to an amalgamation of collective and state farms and scientific institutes.

Punctuated throughout the hinterland too are other "complexes" — big industrialised cattle breeding stations, pig farms, poultry factories or construction units or machinery pools.

Evidence of irrigation, reticulated by underground pipes from scattered pumping stations, is seen throughout large fields of sunflower and lucerne. The black rich earth of people's Moldavia is beautiful as the sunshine which warms it to produce such crops and livestock.

The broad green stripe running through Moldavia's national flag and the rising sun over bunches of grapes in its emblem truly reflect the character of this flourishing little Republic which gives to most of the great family of Soviet nations.

For small as it is — only about half the size of Tasmania — its reputation is big indeed, not only because of its contribution to the general economy but, more significantly, because of the example it has set the whole country in agricultural organisation and large-scale farming.

After a visit to it — only about half the size of Tasmania — its reputation is big indeed, not only because of its contribution to the general economy but, more significantly, because of the example it has set the whole country in agricultural organisation and large-scale farming.

In September 1976 I wrote of new developments in Soviet farming. Leonid Brezhnev's 25th CPSU Congress speech was recalled on that occasion and the subsequent Central Committee decisions taken to implement large-scale assistance to the agricultural sector to encourage the mobilisation of interfarm amalgamations and "industrial" farming.



Asqara in Kishinev — modern capital of Moldavia

In discussions at that period Moldavia was held up as an example of how things ought to proceed. Even on more today Moldavia displays amalgamations of collective and state farms integrated with scientific institutes and industrial complexes which continue to set the pace of a new agricultural life.

Speculation, which is part of the process, is reflected in the huge regions of single crops, orchards or vineyards.

The hibritno multi-branch farms, despite their relatively large size, no longer were adequate to accommodate the latest scientific and technological revolution. New forms were needed even in the design and type of machinery.

Of course modern farms in capitalist countries use plenty of machinery but all too often it is designed for individual use and includes ingenious, handy, small-scale farming demands land layout, integration and specialisation to meet the needs of large-scale application of the latest mechanical methods.

New sets of machines for mass use and industrial complexes for construction, fodder production or processing are becoming more and more the order of the day.

Incidentally the irrigation systems are built at government expense, not only because of its contribution to the general economy but, more significantly, because of the example it has set the whole country in agricultural organisation and large-scale farming.

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Urbanisation of the village follows technical advance. Moldavia and other Soviet states which are blossoming farmlands are blossoming.

As a posterich it must be added that Moldavia is the country of the CPSU's final victory of Soviet rule in 1940 when the Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic was set up. It has been seen as the militee at that time, advanced concepts of "permanent revolution", Marx and Engels had used this term as far back as 1850 but in a different sense to which it was now used by Trotsky.

later the bringing together of some 450 separate orchards into a planned 2,320 hectare region.

After describing the methods of gathering in the calves from the 11 collective and three state farms involved in the enterprise, director Mezer outlined the procedures for beef raising at one "complex," heifer raising at another and the culling out for milk production, and incidentally referred to comparable pig raising and poultry enterprises (50 million eggs p.a.) in another part of the farm.

I asked the theoretical question: since his enterprise was the joint venture of collective and state farms and scientific institutes how is the land here viewed in terms of socialist property? Collective farm or state farm property or something else? Director Mezer came back quickly with the practical answer: "It's the property of the whole people" — reflecting the new State as written in our Constitution.

And that's it. The Moldavian experience has been multiplied throughout most of the farmlands in the USSR and on a much bigger scale too where areas allow for it.

No longer will the farmers' labor be governed by the vagaries of the weather or other natural forces. The all technical and scientific sweep of modern industry is available to the countryside in the USSR.

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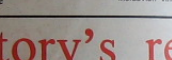
workers' club attached to the factory is one of the best of its kind in the country. A full-size theatre, music room, library, sports hall, reception and recreation rooms, a disco and a wedding "salon" administrators to the factory's 6,000, mostly women, workers. Of course they have their own sports teams, holiday houses and camps too common with all Soviet enterprises.



Asqara in Kishinev — modern capital of Moldavia

national recognition manufacturing glass-coated microwave 8 microns thick with a kilometre of uncoated wire weighing one gram) for electronics, de-ift, white-coated women workers produce the finest component parts from fine windings.

The clothing factory at Tiraspol is leader in its class in the Soviet Union. The



Moldavian vineyards — as far as the eye can see in all directions.

## History's rebuff to Trotskyism

by P Symon  
General Secretary  
Socialist Party  
of Australia

### Life in Focus

Before the Russian revolution which ushered in the historic period of world-wide transition from capitalism to socialism, it was generally thought by revolutionaries that socialism would come as a result of revolution at least in all of the major developed capitalist countries.

After the Russian revolution, the defeat of counter-revolution and the wars of intervention against the new Soviet power and after the failure of other revolutionary movements in other European countries, the question arose — could socialism be built in one country in conditions of capitalist encirclement?

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History gave a decisive rebuff

to Trotskyism. Socialism was built in a single country.

However, this verdict of life has never been accepted by even contemporary Trotskyists who continue to put forward the concept of "the world revolution" as though no socialist revolution had taken place anywhere. They still imagine, despite over 60 years of experience, that there will be one big bang which will be the "world revolution," after which it will be possible to build socialism.

For example the Socialist Workers Party presents itself as part of the Fourth International which is the "World Party of Socialist Revolution." The socialist society (yet to be built, P.S.) will be far more democratic than any system that has existed previously anywhere in the world," says Dorey the *Action* (6/9/79), behind this formulation is the thought of "world revolution."

Those for whom mountains are mere stepping stones

"The SWP butters its 'heroics' with unimagined lies about events. For example they assert the 'pre-eminence of Moscow and policy in Nixon's signing of the Vietnam harmony and bombing of Hanoi.' Let one only imagine that the SWP is the SWP of the Vietnamese, and the Vietnamese communists with 'representatives', alleges that they 'abolished' the French in Hanoi and the British into Saigon after World War II and that they 'agreed to the partitioning of the country' following the 1954 Geneva conference. It is claimed that the 1973 Paris Accords 'settled nothing...and never produced more than a slight let-up in the scale of the fighting.' The fact is that the Paris Accords led to the withdrawal of the American troops, which in turn created the situation for the final defeat of the Thieu regime, the

document of the Socialist Workers Party).

Having reached this conclusion the next logical step is to call for change in existing socialist states and so we get the demand for "political revolution" in the socialist countries. The SWP welcomes the "development in the Soviet Union of an oppositionist movement...among intellectuals heralding the coming anti-bureaucratic struggles of the Soviet working class."

Not only is this last statement in contradiction of the former but it is in incredible distortion of the real essence of peaceful co-existence and detente.

The fact that China and the Soviet Union are lumped together without differentiation looks somewhat strange following the trend long obvious that the leadership of China working closely

Many distinguished African and Asian writers took part in the 6th Afro-Asian Writers Conference held in the new Socialist state of Angola in Japan. Among these were Kamal Yashin from Uzbekistan and Nguyen Ngok from Vietnam.

Yoshio Hota, Kamal Yashin and Nguyen Ngok are also recipients of the prestigious Lotka award for literature.

The late President of Angola, Dr. Agostinho Neto, himself one of the greatest poets in Africa, made the awards and quoted the lines of a poem which was written before the crowing of the cock, nor the singing of the nightingale that greets the dawn of a new day, it is the poet's song that greets the coming dawn."

The 6th Afro-Asian Writers Conference has given a splendid lead to writers everywhere including those in our country.

As well as condemning the forces of imperialism and neo-colonialism of war, welcome the signing of the SALT II for the limitations of nuclear weapons. Conference also called for the "rediscovery and reassessment of the writers cultural mission...the ending of his alienation from his own people."

The final declaration asserted with pride that "the literatures

of Asia and Africa are no longer strangers to each other or the rest of the world and in this they have also enjoyed the active cooperation and support of the writers of the socialist world."

It might interest readers to know that the Acting General Secretary of the Afro-Asian Writers Association is Alex La Guma, a brilliant South African novelist and short story writer who was three times imprisoned and kept in solitary confinement in Johannesburg before being forced to go into exile.

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Who needs AIDS?

Australia sent 50,000 troops to fight in Vietnam, one-third of them conscripts. The people who sent them still make up the Government of Australia — Prime Minister Fraser was one of the War movement in this period. These people share with the USA responsibility for the fact that 20 per cent of Vietnam's arable land was destroyed by defoliant, that there were 100 million injured refugees, 80,000 orphans and 40,000 officially registered amputees. The infamous Chinese invasion added half the numbers of orphans and amputees.

These terrible figures were set out by Dr. Carlyle Thayer, set out by the Australian and lecturer at the Royal Military College, Durrum, in a recent seminar on the refugee problem at the Australian National University in Canberra. He also criticised the "cold war warriors", like the Chief Secretary of Hong Kong for attempting to place the blame for the current refugee problem on the Government. In this he was supported by Mr Whitlam.

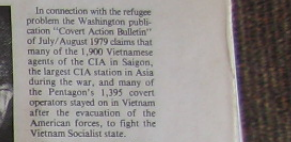
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In the next issue of the Socialist we commence a series on the USSR and Australia.

W. J. Brown and will be featured in the next issue. We suggest you ask the articles you will find in this series will replace: Life in Focus for the time being.



Revolutionary leader and poet Agostinho Neto

In connection with the refugee problem the Washington post "Covert Action Bulletin" of July/August 1979 claims that many of the 1,900 Vietnamese agents of the CIA in Saigon, the largest CIA station in Asia during the war, and many of the Pentagon's 1,195 covert operators stay in Vietnam after the evacuation of the American soldiers, to fight the Vietnam Socialist state.

Frank Snapp, the former CIA chief, in his book "The special interest" puts the number of special police, CIA and other intelligence agents who were left behind as high as 30,000.

According to UN circles in New York these agents in place "in collaboration with Chinese intelligence forces were deeply involved in treating refugee problems, in organising rescues, or when in danger, as 'refugees' themselves.

"Covert Action" adds that the organised exodus of refugees from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is the "first major US-Chinese covert action project in the world...the networks inside Vietnam for several decades, the largest and most sophisticated programme in years..."



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# I love and care — two important tools in Vietnam's reconstruction in Iran

by Alexander Bovin  
Izvestia political analyst

Our delegation was followed around the ruins by a large group of children who seemed to come from nowhere. Apart from their height — which is woman towering above everyone was joyful each other to get a closer look when Gary invited them to a "sneak."

In spite of the devastation, the people were preparing to rebuild the area and were more than ready to replace any further attacks. "We have successfully repulsed enemy attacks for a thousand years — we are a united nation and will repulse the Chinese aggressors."

invited to watch such treatments. Vietnamese traditional herbs, special breathing and physical exercises. Cure of the disease is followed up by post-surgical and biological rehabilitation, training in a new trade or skill so that they can become useful citizens in the society.

• Persuade the Australian Government to give up its unfriendly policy towards Vietnam and resume aid to Vietnam according to its former program.

• Mobilise Australian people to raise funds to help in construction of a new life



Vietnamese children from Lang Son in front of ruins of their school destroyed by the Chinese invaders in February.

for Vietnamese people. Successive wars over the last thirty years have left them with shortages of — food, cloth, machinery, household appliances, small farm tools, small machines to produce consumer goods — in fact practically everything.

— We have a moral obligation to help.

## ArteK — a wonderful child's experience

A Chinese airplane shot down over Vietnamese territory during the first talks held between China and Vietnam after China's withdrawal.

I found Ho Chi Minh City to be different in many ways from Hanoi — many more modern buildings and the US influence was evident — a few girls still wore mini skirts, private vendors were selling cassette tapes of old pop songs, the streets were polluted by gangs belching out from twin stroke motor bikes and minibuses, etc. The sides of the highway from the airport to the city were lined with abandoned US army equipment — fuel tanks, ships containers, tanks, etc. These were but superficial impressions — the people we met were the same as in Hanoi — full of enthusiasm, courage and determination.

But above all, the Director stressed again and again affection was what young people needed most. They had formerly been treated badly and desperately needed love and care. It was evident that they received that in abundance at the school.

Whenever we went we were amazed that every one was aware of the role the Australian trade unions and progressive people had taken during the Vietnam war. In particular, they were in their appreciation of the role the maritime unions in preventing Australian ships from carrying war materials to Vietnam.

"In what way can we help now?" I was asked.

The Seaman's Union had donated a large sum of money earlier and this had been used to build a kindergarten in the poor city of Haiphong. "Please help us to equip the kindergarten. They were asking the Seaman's Union representative, secondly reduce them to take their place in society with no stigma attached. One of the most important aspects is isolation from former environment and together with this all avenue of supply of drugs into the country are being eradicated.

Cure of the disease centres around acupuncture (we were



Children from many countries of the world spend their holidays with Soviet school children at the ArteK Young Pioneer Camp on the Black Sea

ArteK is a wonderful experience which every child should have in its life. ArteK is like going on a trip around the world, without doing all the travelling. In ten camps, there were approximately 5,000 children.

In my camp there were 600 children of eleven different nationalities. Each foreign group was put into a group with other Russian children. The term lasted thirty days. Each day was planned with different activities. There were solitary days involving speech and protest about each country. While there I learnt many things about other countries and about war and racism which I never really knew was so bad.

Each country had a national day where they put on an exhibition displaying their country. In evening they held a concert displaying national dances and songs. We did an Aboriginal legend, with the help of some Russian children from our group. While mentioning Aborigines, I think that should be given to sending some Aborigines on the next Australian delegation. The reason for raising this is because while I was over there I found that most people thought that Aborigines were still running around with spears in their hands. Other countries such as the United States had black and Indians in their delegation.

Whilst in the Soviet Union we also stayed in Moscow for

MOSCOW — Any revolution gives rise to hopes for a better life. And this was the case in Iran too. Judging by the reports coming in from that country, however, the hopes have been replaced by anxiety and alarm, uncertainty and disappointment.

It was hoped that the revolution would normalize the country's economic development and improve the conditions of the working people. Economic — theologians even promised to create a century of divine harmony — an end of the workers in Iran are jobless. Today about 25 per cent of industry is gaining momentum. Industrial and mining construction has practically ground to a halt. The volume of production has sharply declined.

The nationalisation of some economic branches has only boosted the bureaucratic apparatus. So far oil is easing the country's difficulties, but economic chaos continues to grow.

It was hoped that the revolution would radically democratize political life, make a reality of the freedom of speech, assembly and demonstrations.

Instead, all publications which expressed views disagreeing with the official religious doctrine have been closed down and banned under the cover of a "Communist hunt."

People coming out for progressive social reforms and carrying out the slogans which inspired the masses to storm the Shah's regime are being persecuted.

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a total of eight days, here we stayed in a hotel with the other delegations. We visited the Red Square, the Kremlin, the Pushkin Museum, a Russian Art Gallery and Lenin's Mausoleum. We went sight-seeing and shopping and saw the way Russians live. We also travelled on the Metro-Express station is made of marble and every station is a different show case.

We left Australia on the 16 July and returned on the 25 August our chapter was Janet Mundle who I would like to thank for looking after us and being an involved leader.



Khomeini delivering the 1962 anti-Shah speech that led to his imprisonment. Old times, when his views were only the Shah's tyranny and its imperialist allies and not the progressive forces as it appears to be the case now.

Ayatollah Montazeri spoke on the occasion of opening an account of donations to support Moslem liberation movements.

Mentioning Afghanistan, the Ayatollah said: "We see that the superpowers, despite the radical political differences existing between them, have proved to be in one collective bloc against the oppressed peoples and to be lightening the ring of military-political and cultural blockade around the deprived."

So, these are the speeches... No one can deny the positive role of the Iranian clergy in the anti-Shah revolution. No body should deny the right of the Iranian clergy to stand up for its religious values and to participate in the political life of its country. However,

The Minister of Foreign Affairs Andre Peacock has recently submitted to parliament a report entitled "Australia and the Third World."

It lays down the principal directions of Iran in its relations with the developing countries. Elaborated by a special committee for almost one and a half years, this document is a reflection of the "new course" of the Fraser Government.

The "new course" had to be formulated due to a sharp decline of Australia's prestige among the developing countries due to the fact that it supports the US military-strategic plans in the Indian Ocean, particularly, the expansion of the Diego Garcia war base, allows the Pentagon to use Australian territory, and comes out in support of the puppet regime in Rhodesia, among other things.

However, as admitted by the capitalist press, the report actually contains the old policy in a new wrapping. Indeed, the report stresses unequivocally that although Australia is "located in the area of the warring camps and has 'huge distances with its neighbours'."

Following in the wake of the most reactionary imperialist forces, the authors of the report fan out the myth of the so-called "Vietnam war shocks" on "stirring up attacks on

one can reasonably express doubts about the ability of this theoretic conception of the state to help Iran to become a modern and prosperous country.

It is quite obvious to me that the Iranian bourgeoisie fanaticism and anti-Communist hysteria, to strive to prevent the implementation of policy and intentions of a friendly country will not be any better than the Iranian people.

To me it is also evident that the coalition of political movements, forces and groups which ensured the victory of the revolution has already fallen apart.

The provisional government, a government without power, and without the will to power, has practically been paralyzed. The second attempt by Premier Mehdi Bazargan to resign shows the mounting tension between Teheran and Qum (Khomeini's city) of religiously imposed laws.

Reprisals against the left end of the political spectrum automatically intensify its right end and create favorable grounds for outside pressure from those who continue to lament the fate of the former monarch. All this makes the situation in the country unstable and fraught with conflicts and uncertainty.

## Deceptive foreign policy

Vietnam and urge Australia to "strengthen its military posture."

In other words, the demagogical camouflage trick, called

upon to conceal from the developing countries Australia's role as the main Trojan Horse, has obviously failed through.

## Obituaries

Jim Sharrock

Last week, Mr J. Sharrock passed away after a long period of illness. As one of his old comrades, I was active as the State Secretary of the NSW Communist Party.

Mr Sharrock's State Secretary of the NSW Communist Party was a position of great responsibility. He lived to see Jim's death in 1978. He was a Communist Party member at Unsworth, he was there, working to advance the New South Wales movement to which he had devoted his full energy in the last years of his life. He died in harness of the life.

Jim was born in England in 1909. He was employed and worked for the Labor Party in Australia. He was a member of the CPA, for many years choosing to be known as Jim Sharrock. He was standing in solidarity with the workers' camp and has "huge distances with its neighbours."

The Socialist and the CPA continue to be deeply sympathetic to Madeline's family.

Madeline Kempster

This week we lost a comrade, Madeline Kempster. For all who knew her, she was a very special person.

She was born in 1931 in a bank building in the New England Range near Newcastle. Madeline was a member of the NSW Communist Party and worked as a typewriter operator in the Sydney Teachers' College where she met her husband, Jim.

Madeline always worked as a seamstress and was active in the women's movement. She was particularly active in the field of education and was a member of the NSW Teachers' Union.

Madeline was an active member of the CPA and it is a pleasure to have the word "socialist" in her obituary.

Ayatollah Khomeini. Where does he go?

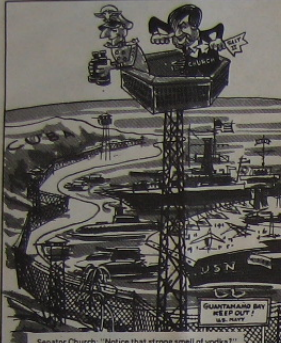
### Fidel denounces Carter's slander

# There are no soviet combat troops in Cuba

HAVANA — A Soviet military training centre has been operating in Cuba for the past 17 years, manned by Soviet military specialists and the US Administration was well aware of this. There are no other so-called "Soviet combat troops" in Cuba. These points were made by Fidel Castro in a press conference recently.

He sharply criticised the remarks made by the Soviet military personnel. The Cuban leader said the United States was making a fuss about this matter in an attempt to undermine the prestige of the Cuban Revolution in the international arena, belittle Cuba's role in the non-aligned movement and degrade Soviet-Cuban relations.

At the same press conference Fidel's brother, Raul Castro noted that the number of Soviet military men now present in Cuba is less than the number of US marines at the US base in Guantanamo. The Cuban leaders said that the US must withdraw its troops from its gigantic US naval base in Guantanamo because its continued existence was illegal.



Denar Church: "Notice that strong smell of vodka?" He declared that Cuba is not being allowed the United States to interfere in its internal affairs. ■

## China builds up for another invasion

China, with twelve divisions and six army corps on the Vietnam border, is building up for another invasion. Other preparations include heavy artillery batteries and missile launching pads. Lorries, railway trucks and pack animals are bringing up arms and supplies.

Four divisions are concentrated on the Laos-Chinese border. The Chinese have banned all flights over the Paracel Islands that they seized from Vietnam.

In one week at the beginning of September they have committed 30 provocations into Vietnam. Jet planes are carrying out day and night activity along the Vietnamese border.

The US 7th Fleet, under the pretext of rescuing Vietnamese refugees is carrying out provocative actions close to Vietnam.

The USA and China, winning a vote in UNO for the continued representation of the Pol Pot regime in UNO, use this as a means of international pressure on Vietnam. It could be used for the excuse of military intervention against Vietnam.

The Chinese, the US and Thai governments and all collaborating to send military supplies and food to the Pol Pot regime.

The unlawful drug trafficking which has been increasing and much of it used in war preparations. ■

## Letters to the Editor

### People before profits

A letter in the Socialist of August 15, asks for pensioner justice and the abolition of poverty.

The attitude put forward of making modest demands to the government and being commended by politicians, will achieve nothing.

The credibility of our present day politicians, in the main, would be on a par with that of "Trickie Dickie" Nixon.

There are far too many people, including pensioners, who are unemployed. I am sure that service recipients living in conditions well below the government's own stated poverty line in this country today.

This situation will not improve if it is left to politicians. It is essential that we build a mass organisation in struggle against the present policies of the Fraser Government which places profits before the people.

Our slogan should be "People before profits", and a campaign built around this very just cause. Since the recent anti-people budget handed down by Treasurer Howard, is further proof of the lack, deceit and hypocrisy practised by the Fraser-led coalition.

We live in a capitalist society, which economically, culturally, socially and morally, is in an advanced state of decay. For example, corruption in high places is not only condoned, but is accepted as the norm.

Our present taxation system is a huge rip-off, perpetrated on the people, while big business is presented with concessions worth millions and millions. This type of legislation must be countered.

Capitalism can no longer offer the people a decent living standard. It has given birth to a class of corporate thieves who will do anything and everything to perpetuate their gigantic rip-offs.

This situation is aided and abetted by the policy of the present Federal Government.

The long term answer to our problems is to rid ourselves of this outmoded system. We already have one third of the world living within the socialist system, and a decent living and employment is assured for all people.

For the moment, let us put all our efforts into the removal of the legal robbers of the public purse who now hold sway in Canberra. D. Stewart

### Bourgeois thinking

The victory of the Liberal Party in the recent South Australian election emphasises the fact that capitalist ideology still has a strong grip on the Australian mind. That is disappointing after 58 years of the Communist Party in Australia and its obvious socialist objective of the ALP.

During the more than thirty years I have been following politics, the relationship between

communism and the general public does not seem to have altered much. In fact, some communists have provided certain trade unions with good leadership and won many battles but even the members of those unions mostly only support the individual leaders, not the party to which they belong.

Good trade union leadership has won conditions that the younger generation just takes for granted, and has shunned the Australian workers of the west's efforts of capitalist unemployment.

Leadership that is not good, the system doesn't seem too bad to most people although it has its ups and downs. Evidently, leading workers just ever going to lead them beyond that point unless they are educated through a socialist outlook. This means countering the effects of newspapers, radio and TV, a difficult task, but one that is well worth undertaking with some very good pamphlets.

I know the Socialist does hold up the situation in the socialist countries as an example for hope with which to contrast our own rotten situation, but there is a yawning gap to be crossed between their situation and ours. What people need to know is how to begin to bridge that gap.

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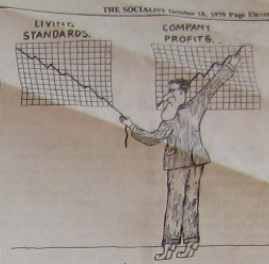
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"... Caught in the act!"

We must intensify our campaign to restore the capitalist system.

It is certain that we will soon need to fight to avoid a further three years under Fraser!

The Socialist Party will hold a meeting on October 24, 1979, 8.00 p.m., at the Peltry Brothers Hall, Peltry Street, Adelaide.

Main speaker will be Brian Sones who has just returned from a visit to the USSR.

A short film called "Protection of Labour in the USSR" will also be shown. ■

### Diary Dates

Automation and you  
A public meeting on the effects of automation will be held on October 24, 1979, 8.00 p.m., at the Peltry Brothers Hall, Peltry Street, Adelaide.

MAFAR meeting  
The Movement Against Fascism and Racism (MAFAR) will hold a meeting on Wednesday October 17, 7.00 p.m., at the BWTU Hall, 533 George Street, Sydney.

Discussion on Australian literature  
The Socialist Party of Australia is organising a discussion on the future development of democratic and socialist Australian literature and art. Speakers will be the writers Jack Beasley and Vic Williams and Dr Hannah Middleton, senior lecturer in Sociology at the University of NSW.

The discussion will take place on Sunday October 14, from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., at 5 Sepentine Road, Hunter's Hill. For an invitation please contact Peter Symon or Vic Williams on telephone number 233 1722.

Dialogue Australia and the USSR  
A dialogue on the relation between Australia and the USSR, sponsored by the Australia-USSR Society, will be held on Saturday October 13 at the Boulevard Hotel, William Street, Sydney.

Several Australian and Soviet speakers will make contributions on four subjects: "Culture and Cultural Exchanges as part of the USSR Cultural Festival being held in Sydney between October 8-20, will take place on Saturday October 13 at the Boulevard Hotel, William Street, Sydney.

Enrolment fee is \$5.00 for the full day or \$3.00 for half day. Payments should be sent to: Festival Committee, 50 Brisbane St, Sydney 2000; phone 238 358.

Obituary  
The Greek Branch (Melbourne) and the SPA regret to announce the death of Constantine M. Kostas after long illness. A much respected and loved man, he was a member of many many men, and despite his advanced age, he remained active in the communist movement. The SPA expresses its condolences for a central who he missed, particularly by his fellow Greek Branch members.

Are you ready? The Socialist Festival is coming  
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## The slow genocide of Palestinians by zionism

About two and a half million Palestinians are now in exile, over a million live in the Israeli occupied zone and tens of thousands have been killed tortured to death or burned with napalm.

The list of victims is growing longer almost with each passing day. Israeli bombs explode in villages and towns of Lebanon and Israeli artillery and ships shell Lebanese villages and cities. For the Palestinian appetites of the top rulers of Tel Aviv are far from being satisfied... the Israeli parliament has officially drawn up a programme for establishing a "Greater Israel" from the Nile to the Euphrates.

The Israeli military has actually started "desmiling" "firing space" in southern Lebanon. More than a hundred thousand Arabs had to leave the Israeli occupied Arab lands of Palestine over the last five years. These are eloquent figures which indicate that genocide, i.e. a grave crime against humanity — destruction of individual groups of population on racial, nationality, or religious grounds — is being continued by zionists with regard to the Arab people of Palestine.

The criminal deal between Begin and Sadat, concluded under Washington's patronage, rules out the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state on the West Bank of the river Jordan and in the Gaza Strip.

## Pentagon uses US citizens as guinea pigs in experiments

Without being aware of it, more than 800,000 residents of San Francisco and its suburbs became subjects of a terrible "experiment" conducted by the Pentagon to "determine the potential of bacteriological weapons."

According to a recently declassified pentagon report, the Los Angeles Times writes, an American naval ship in 1950 had spread in San Francisco Bay a bacterial aerosol causing 1174 miles was treated by the bacterial preparation in the course of six days.

After the experiment a large-scale flare up of pneumonia was recorded in San Francisco.

As it is now admitted by Pentagon representatives, that was by far not the only time that health damaging bacteriological and chemical means had been tested on humans. As reported by the Los Angeles Times in the period from 1949 to 1969 the American military staged 239 such experiments. Most of them were held in such big cities as Washington, New York, Key West and Panama City.

## Rome has a red Mayor

ROME — Luigi Petroselli, the new mayor of the Italian capital and member of the leadership of the Italian Communist Party was sworn in recently. He was elected at a meeting of the Rome municipal council with only the right wing parties voting against him.

He is the first communist mayor in the history of the city. He is 47 years old and comes from a working class family in the Viterbo province.

In the National Assembly a group of communist deputies have addressed the Minister for Foreign Affairs and demanded that Italy should announce a decision to deploy two missile and cruise missiles with nuclear warheads in territories of West European countries in 1980.

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Western Australia

# Mysterious sources paid fines twice

In their eagerness to avoid hold-up of West Australian exports, fines imposed on ten unionists have been paid twice by mysterious sources.

Five thousand workers in the iron-ore industry stopped work on the day of the trial.

The ACTU and the WA Trades and Labour Council (TLC) have warned they will impose bans on WA exports if any unionists are jailed in default. Further changes are pending.

The Fraser Government has agreed to talks with the ACTU on the issue but the WA Court Government has reacted angrily to the Fraser Government becoming involved. The fact that the Court

Government, when redrafting the Police Act did not close the loophole which allows the Government, or the employers, or other forces to avoid confrontation by the paying of the fines shows the doubts the Court Government has with regard to the strength of its position.

Following the national general strike when the trade union leaders were first arrested, the WA Government introduced some cosmetic alterations to the Police Act, but it still remains a threat to democratic

rights.

The trade unions are calling for an Act similar to the SA legislation which says that organisers of meetings and assemblies "may" notify the authorities. It is then up to the authorities who "may" make application to a court but only on the grounds "that it would unduly prejudice any public interests."

This legislation removes the power of police to arbitrarily deny permission. There is no compulsion for organisers to give notice of a public meeting.

## NSW state conference

# BWIU calls to unite and return ALP Govt.



During the conference BWIU National Secretary Pat Clancy was presented with a gold medal from the Building Trade Unions International for his long and outstanding work in the promotion of international relations and solidarity between the building trade unions. In the picture we see Pat wearing his just awarded medal, on his right is Tom McDermid, NSW state president of the BWIU.

The NSW BWIU state conference held recently in Sydney adopted a number of wide ranging resolutions on issues related to world peace, the economy, wage policy and the struggle to defeat the Fraser Government and its anti-worker policies.

The conference expressed the need for the labour movement in general to unite and return an ALP Government, but it also demanded that a future ALP Government must develop radical alternatives, substantially changing the pro-monopoly direction followed by the Fraser Government. In this regard the delegates remarked the need for a newly elected ALP Government to immediately restore Medibank in its original form.

The NSW conference also expressed its support for the ACTU Executive rejection of the Fraser Government's recent indexation package proposals.

"We declare that there can be no wages or social contract type agreement between the trade union movement and any government that follows the policies of the Fraser Government," says the main report in part.

The conference expressed its support for the continuation of the wage indexation system but declared for the abolition of wage guidelines. The BWIU also declared its support for all struggles for wage increases and improved conditions, whether they are within or without the current wage indexation guidelines.

In regard to world peace, the signing of the SALT II

agreement was welcomed and a strong call was made to the Fraser Government demanding that it restores aid to Vietnam; also a call was made to channel relief to the Kampuchean people through the UN and to the legitimate government of Kampuchea, ending all help to the Pol Pot clique which still attempts to sabotage the reconstruction of that country.

### LEADERSHIP RE-ELECTED UNOPPOSED

In a remarkable demonstration of unity and harmony between rank and file members and their trade union representatives, the BWIU membership re-elected unopposed most of its leadership for another four year period.

When nominations closed on September 28 several states re-elected their incumbent state executives unopposed. This happened in NSW, ACT, Queensland and South Australia, in Tasmania the executive was also re-elected unopposed except for four nominations for the three carpeners positions.

In Victoria too, the executive was generally unopposed, with the exception of the position of Assistant Secretary and certain other minor positions. Western Australia is the only state which will hold a ballot for most of the positions.

## Telecom workers dispute goes on

A dispute, concerning wage rates, between the members of the Association of Telecommunication Employees of Australia (ATEA) and the semi Government authority Telecom Australia, still contains the possibility of work bans and forms of restrictions on telecommunication services.

The central issue in this dispute is a demand for a 20% wage increase across the board for all members of the ATEA. Together with that issue is the demand of the Association that the employer enter meaningful negotiations with a view to reaching agreement on the wage demand.

Both the wage demand and the insistence on observance of processes of direct bargaining are fully consistent with decisions of the recent ACTU Congress. Last July the lifting of their existing work bans, which have been a widespread effect on telecom services, was associated with undertakings for direct bargaining.

ATEA officers have complained that Telecom representatives have not even made pretence at such negotiations and they also claim that Telecom is being instructed by the Fraser Government.

## Mounting wages...

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- and working conditions above award minimums.
- Rejections of restrictive wage guidelines which conflict with the right to seek higher wages by means of collective bargaining process.
- The restoration and maintenance of the purchasing power of wages.
- Further increases in wage rates reflecting the true value of work performed, maintenance of wage relativities and elimination of inequitable wage disparities.
- Increases in all wage and salaries of workers based on productivity increase since 1973/74 and a vigorous national campaign in support of that demand.
- Increased leisure including a shorter working week.

## Vic. metal workers

# Further action if no solution by mid October

A series of stop-work meetings involving metal workers in Victoria held on October 3 and 4 considered a report by Judge Williams of the Australian Arbitration Commission on claims for increased wages by metal unions.

The purposes of these meetings included protest against what the workers considered to be undue delay in finalising their wage claims and against the likelihood of fragmenting the structure of work classifications and wage relativities in their award.

It is claimed that such a fragmentation, which the workers consider would be to their detriment, is inherent in the Judge's report which arises from extensive inspections of various work performed in the metal industry as part of a process of determining the workers' wage claims.

The Judge's report concedes some changes in the "work value" to only some of the occupations covered by the award.

The stop-work meeting decisions made clear that the metal workers are expecting substantial wage increases for all metal workers as a result of the arbitration proceedings.

They also decided that unless a satisfactory decision on their wage claims is reached by the middle of this month,

a further series of stop-work actions is to be organised on a national basis.

### 35 HOUR WEEK

Workers employed by Union Carbide at Altona (Vic) have entered the sixth week of a strike in support of a 35 hour week.

In addition to stopping work these workers are maintaining a form of "stay-in" action and are remaining on the premises to reinforce their shorter work demand.

This action by the Union Carbide workers is part of a campaign for the introduction of a 35 hour week in the petro-chemical complex of companies in the Altona area. The unions see these companies and this industry as being part of the same family as the oil refining industry.

The 35 hour week has operated in the oil industry since 1974. Metal industry workers highlighted the 35 hour week demand of the ACTU by working only 35 hours during the week of the recently held ACTU Congress.

# Chance of solution for Vic. rail, tram workers

A further stoppage of public transport in Victoria, threatened by the unions on October 4, has been temporarily averted by a decision of the Victorian Government which will open the way for some meaningful negotiations on a number of claims by Victorian rail and tramway workers.

The unions' stoppage threat followed a period of procrastination on the part of the government in answer to requests for action to implement a procedure in relation to union claims coming from conferences before a Conciliation Commissioner. The proposals advanced by the Conciliation Commissioner were for negotiations between the unions and the government employing authority on claims for a new award with increased wage rates. The new rates were to be based on the "notion rate"

and the increase claimed. It would include a number of procedures related to future claims and disputes.

Despite the fact that the proposals came from a Conciliation Commissioner the Hamer Government adopted a "folded arms" attitude and ordered the claims to be submitted to arbitration. The question of any further stoppage of the claims to be submitted to arbitration. The question of any further stoppage of the claims for a new attitude of the Government to the negotiations and the unions' claims.

## Uranium: in whose hands...

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in the city of Voronezh a nuclear power station is being constructed which will operate without any nuclear waste at all.

This is in stark contrast to the operations of nuclear power station generators in the United States, where not only has the horror of Harrisburg occurred, but stocks of enriched uranium amounting to some 4,500 kilograms have "disappeared."

The latest example of this process is the loss of 9 kilograms of enriched uranium (enough to make a nuclear bomb) by a US worker which has already been fined \$3,000 for losses of enriched uranium in the recent past.

Uranium is too dangerous to be left in the hands of the multi-nationals to exploit, for

there are too many instances of the complete disregard of the safety and welfare of workers and humanity in general by the multi-national corporations.

While I may not have the same reasons as other forces in the anti-uranium movement we all arrive at the same conclusion, that is the ACTU policy is the one necessary in Australia at the present time.

Far from having "double vision" as your reporter suggests I have one single vision, and that is firmly fixed upon the policies that are necessary for the advancement of humanity, for world peace and social progress.

Pat Clancy