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Land Rights: After Tracy No Excuses!

PEOPLE all over Australia were horrified by the tragedy that struck Darwin at christmas.

We were shocked at the pictures and stories of families, suddenly homeless, forced to leave places where they had lived for years. We felt for those who remained, living in lousy conditions under arbitrary

A section of Darwin's population, however have lived under exactly these conditions for over a hundred years. The Larrakia people and the other black residents of Darwin have been living a lousy existence, under the property of the proper

Cyclone Tracy didn't exactly create equality of suffering, Black leaders have claimed that blacks were treated as second class citizens during rescue operations. But it has given the Labor government an opportunity to make good some of the long-standing black grievances.

long-standing black grievances.
The Larrakia, who used to inhabit 100 square miles of Darwin, before the white man came, have had a number of land claims in for a long time. To help fight for their claims in black people in Darwin land the could be compared to the could

The most sacred place for the tribe was called Goondal. It's now called Emery Point and is inside Larrakeyah Army barracks.

The barracks blew away at Christmas. So did a lot of other places that Justice Moodward said were affected by "Town planning considerations and...the possible effects on rights of other persons acquired in good faith." They do not exist unymore and they are no longer grounds for not meeting the Larrakia's claims.

While the Labor Government is busy breaking so many promises, the Darwin reconstruction gives it a chance to make good one of the first promises it broke. Land rights for Aborigines,

But the January edition of Sunji, the newsletter of the Gwalwa Daraniki Association reports: "The settlers are rushing about like ants, rebuilding. They are filling our land with their rotting garbage." Number 4 February 15, 1974

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\$1 Million Rise

BHP GOT IT... BUT YOU WON'T!

HAVE YOUR WAGES gone up by 30 percent in the last 10 months? Will you be making over a million dollars more next week? Have you had six wage rises in the last two years?

Believe it or not, there are people who have received that kind of income boost this month of course, they are not workers whose wages rises "cause inflation". They are the directors of BHF, Australia's richest, largest and most powerful locally owned company.

They have been allowed price rises of 42 percent in the last 23 months: 7.8 percent a year ago, 5 percent in April, and 8.7 in July. Now they are going to get another six percent. The rimancial Review says that BHP's steelmaking operations are now TMICE as profitable as they were two years ago.

These rises are proof that the Prices Justification Tribunal does just what the name says: it justifies prices: And they are proof that the cause of inflation lies in the power of monopolies, not in wage increases.

The largest increase will flow directly to 105 industries. In each of those industries the nanigement will immediately demand 'wage restraint' from their employees, to make up for the increased costs. If you work for one of these companies, get ready to defend yourself.

Despite the price rises, the cause profits are still hungry. Because profits are still took for them, but is cause profits are still took reads profits are still took reads and reads. The still took reads are still took reads and the still took reads are still took reads and reads and reads are still took reads and reads and reads are still took reads and reads are still took reads are still took reads are still took reads and reads are still took reads are st

When workers strike they are accused of holding the country to ranson. When DMW announces retredendents, but the poverment complains about the arregimen of "foreign multinationals" which it says are beyond its control. But here is an Australian company which is holding the whole bloody country to ranson.

The Labor government can do something about that. It could call on the Amalgamated Metal Norkers' Union, which is affiliated to the AHP, to laumed an industrial campaign to force RBP to cut prices. It could call on consumers to hold public protests, and use local AHP branches to organise those

protests.

It could send the Commonwealth Police to seize BHP's books and open them to the public, so we could see just how much BHP needs these ridiculous price rises.

Needless to say, it could also give the Prices Justification Tribunal some teeth. At your next union meeting, you might bring up a resolution in your branch, or organize, some protest action of your own.

Meanwhile, if some one tells you that your paltry 58 per week wage claim is causing inflation, just think of BHP.



Jack Mundey

McMahon and Gorton is that he was actually born into the Uppe Class. Perhaps they don't trust anyone else to defend their

PORTUGAL:

Workers Confront the Right

adapted from Socialist Worker

file of the workers' movement for an all-out struggle. The Party refused to take part in the demonstrations

Instead it has placed most of its hope in a continuing alliance with a section of officers in the armed forces. That is why the trade

the union law has not led it to

Even if the Communist Party were

strikes and shooting trade unionists. Communist leaders night get ministerial posts, but workers would continue to suffer.

Movever, there is little chance of the Community Party being successful. Its army officer allies depend for their power on compronies with officers who support the Socialist Party, the Popular Descrets or even the right-wing COG. That is why the same cractionaries hold why the same cractionaries hold with the power of the property o

campaign against the labour las

FORTUMAL is facing its third major political crisis since the dictatorabile of Caetano was overthrown last April. An attempt by former Caetano supercrise to recreasise in the quise of a "democratic center" party was prevented at Open and the water of a "democratic center" party was prevented at Open and the water of a supercritical party was prevented at Open and the provider of the party was prevented at Open and the provider of the party was a party of the party of the party was a party of the party

This followed close on an attemp by two of the parties in the govern ment, the Socialist Party and the "Popular Democratic Party", to divide and weaken the trade union movement.

Behind all these manoeuvres lies an attempt by Portuguese big business to reassert its political hold on the country.

After the overthrow of Caetano, the ruling class in Portugal was forced to make all sorts of concessions by the spontaneous development of the mass strugile. It had to agree to large wage increases, to cut the working week, and had to sack many managers who had been tainted with fascism.

It accepted Socialist and Communiate Party ministers into the government state of the property of the second section getting right cut of hads. In return the "left-wing" parties ordered this supporters to return to work, denounced unofficial strikers as "faceiet" and secoped a communication of the second section of the second sec

Meanwhile big business continued to dominate industry, the courts, the police and important sections of the army. This was shown recently when the government arrested a number of prominent businessmen for economic sabotage. They were released by a judge who condemned their armes. "Illeast a "Illeast" a "I

their arrest as "illegal". But attempts by hig business to regain complete control over the government in the summer and autumn were defeated. To a large extent protest, but also important was the fact of many sections of the army -nacluding prominently placed officers - that a right-wing government would continue the immensionly unopp-

offensive

Now the wars in Africa are more or less over and big business feels that it can really move on to the offensive.

Shortly before Christman rightwingers took complete control of the Socialist Farty, with a third of the ameliers splitting away to the left, Since then the Socialista have been given a domation of nearly \$500,000 by the Dutch Social Senorates Farty. In the part the criginal source of the social Senorate Service of the Box of the Senorate Service Service

The Socialists and the Popular Democrats have been hoping to weake the trade unions by forming rightwing splitoffs, as in France and

The Communist Party is now frightened it is going to be kicked outof the government and lose control over the unions. So it has been attempting to resist these appropries

But at the same time it i

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ZIMBABWE: White Prospects Pale

John Vorster of South Mirica and the control of Brodesia must are the control of Brodesia must are of the nost worried men in Africa. For years they maintained theroughly racis regimes, sealing all of all the plous phrases of liberals around the world, they did a thriving business. Economic ted Mations have been a joke.

Ant the comp in Portugal last April changed a lot of things, in Portugal's one colonies in Afficia the struggle for Independence has in the structure of the structure of the inclusion and in Normahugu where the Freling openillas siready had the opport will be proposed the proposed of the proposed of the proposed of the proposed of the section of the Portuguese army decided their war in the colonies of the proposed proposed of the proposed of the proposed of the section of the proposed of

The Portuguese agreed to grant independence. However, they stalle for time, insisting on a "coaltion government of transition" in Mozablque to last until June this year. This period, they hoped, would allow them to tame Freliac and make arrangements for preserving their economic interests in Mozambique after independence.

The success of Frelimo has given a tremendous boost to novements in Southern Africa. In Rhodesia (whose African name is limbabee), Frime was rapidly reaching the end of his road. His immediate reaction was repression: he doubled the draft, sent hand-picked militias to patrol tribal trust lands, created free-fire zones in guerilla areas, and forcibly resettled whole villages.

When these measures failed to halt the steady progress of the hack fighters of ZAPU and ZANU, h hack so turn. He got the cobe ation of Zambian president Kenneth Kaumda in arranging a ceasefire, and getting ZAPU and ZANU to agree Council. The ANC is acceptable to Smith because it isn't a guerilia organisation. If ZAPU and ZANU become absorbed into it, it could mean the end of the armed struggle against the Smith regime.

Meanwhile Smith has mounted a massive propaganda campaign, tel the supporters of the now-voicel guerills movements that a cease has been declared. If he can sucesfully demobilise those moveme he will have survived the immedi threat to his government.

Suth and Vorster are generally cone solution to the urrest upon solution to the urrest sauda, who fear that a military victory of ZAU and ZAU, or the victory of ZAU and ZAU, and will be victory of their one government, but of the victory of the victor

what Smith, Vorster, Xumods and the Freilmo leaders all fear is that if the general unrest and is the soften of Southern Africa might swing into action themsion After the copy in Perrugal Unrebique, and there has been a built in the struggles of black worker in South Africa. In September there were protects in Duck have been strikes by 10,000 textile workers and thousands of keyland workers and thousands of keyland

The black workers have the potential, especially if the strugils spreads to South Africa, to new alberation movements in a socialid direction. This would spell the effor the white capitalist political like Kaunda, and the Frelizo less who want to set themselves up as the major rulers of Mosambique.



"it's MY bloody union card

and I want the job!"

off went down to see the foreman. He was about 1 foct 1, were whore, fairly milm. I pulled out my union ticket and maid. If you'll rest in the second of the

sander Jurbe doesn't like having per people down, but as the say, a wean whe's trying to get a "male" job has to be "the sixtens of the same and though the didn't get the job, were often she found hereoff in well hamilton she imply the same and though the didn't get the job, were often she found hereoff in welly hamilton say the same and the

sandrs, like many other women who have to support themselves, often and prices for food as men, wanted a job that paid better than the traditional women's jobs. Although she longer stand the poor pay and opperation of the proper stand the poor pay and opperation of the proper stand the poor pay and opperation of the proper stand the poor pay and opperation of the proper stand the poor pay and opperation of the proper stand the poor pay and opperation of the property of the

In NSM there are approximately do it is the only woman in the industry in Victoria at present. "The NSM branch of the RIW was the first union to do the RIW was the first union to vay the question of women in traditionally male industries". On her you, a woman has to face the hostilitizably male industries". On her you, a woman has to face the hostilitizably male inforterior in the hospitality of the theory. It is NSM LIW different. At the heginality the union leadership gave us "apport," and not there's atte a group them, as in any other state, you've for mether.

It's clear that with the union's backing women can break into a "male" industry. Yet how did the Victorian branch of the union react to Sandra's request for help?

"They refused to use the tactic that was used in MSW, of getting women to go on the job, talk to the workers there, and have a struggle on the job. It was all done at top level. They made some very feeble attempt

to get me a job with A.V. Jennings, which I think was pathetic! One of the organizers helped me a couple of times, but at no time did the union say:we're going to confront this on the job and take it to the rank and file".

Seafa is not the only person write itself of the Victorian branch is enterestly. WI's smaxing the number of people who are pissed off with their union. This has been particularly row since the federal intervention. August, virtually not me issue of importance to be industry has been raised. Issues such as permanency and union hims have been dropped. The expert our own house in order; meaning NGSP.

corrup

Many labourers believe that the leadership is corrupt and that it sometimes works hand-in-glove with the Matters builders Association (DMA). which was the many statement of the content by the DMA. And there are things like the fact that Gallagher hands it is the fact that Gallagher hands meetings but showed up in Melbourne 4 days after the last meeting of the year in time to be at the MMA lumb-

In this situation, rank and file of the bosses, they all respect to fight the bosses, they all respect to contain points at which the struggle against the employers and the struggle against the union leaders can't be apparated's Anner has found the struggle to the struggle against the struggle against the union leaders can't be apparated's Anner has found the least the struggle is through read and file organization.

"The reason why they've got a leadership in ESN which is mucmore in tune to demands of the rank and file is because of the struggle that went on in the go's. I think there's been a



Sandra Zurbo talks to Janey Stone about Builders' Labouring

consciousness built up in NSW and it's only been by rank and file action"

Nor can we rely on spontaneous actions alone. As Sandra puts it: "Most struggles are very long term, and describers there's a need for organbursts at a meeting, the issue just gets lost until someone spontaneously decides to take it up again. Ompoing struggles need to be tied together on a repulse basis.

The Rank and File Committee of the Builders' Labourers is trying to do this by taking issues of cruckal importance to the rank and file labourers and pushing them at union meetings, through their broadsheet On Site, and in talking with the workers on the job.

The Committee has succeeded in getting the union as whole to adopt policies, such as 4 weeks annual leave and sick leave. It was also responsible for improved internal democracy for a time, in the form of monthly job delegate meetings. The issues they are now concentrating on include severance pay, permanency and union hire.

Unfortunately, action on the policies of the Rank and File Committee has tended to lag in the last few months, according to Sandra, because they were forced into a corner over the defense of NSM.

"Because we support a lot of their policies, and because the Victorian leadership constantly made that a bettleground, we allowed ourselves, I believe, incorrectly, to fight on that ground, rather than continue our fight over policies".

As a result of this, Sandra belleves, some people lost interest is the Committee and dropped out.

Sandra points out that the central need for a rank and file group is consistency. She feels this has been lacking in the BL Kank and File Comittee. "For instance, On Site has suffered from lack of continuity in its appearance". Members of the group plan to improve coverage of joh actions, and talk to workers when distributing the brandsheet, in an attempt to involve more militants in the Rank and File Committee. "On the whole, we've found that

"On the whole, we've found that rank and file organization can force the union leaders to take up issues and fight around them. In the last couple of meetings, the Rank and File Committee has strengthend, and I hope this year we can come closer to a more democratic union.

Students Oppose Scab Intervention

After a fiery debate and in the factor of threats and intimidation of subjects, AUS (Australian Union of Students) Annual Council came out in support of the NSW Branch of the Builders' Labourers Federation in their struggle against intervention by the Federal Management

omnittee.

Delegates voted decisively against policy of non-involvement in the ispute. As Maoist Peter Galvin, an US official had been working on the orth Shore of Sydney as an organser for the Federal officials, non-avolvement would have been inter-

It was pointed out by rank and file huilders' Labourers who spoke during the prolenged deate that they had after the control of the process o



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McMahon and Gorton is that he was actually born into the Upper Class. Perhaps they don't trust anyone else to defend their



nr Bosses

"Excessive wages leading to reduced profits are the cause of Australia's unemployment and inflation crisis."

At least that's what the Labor government thinks. To "solve" the crisis that seeming on a weeping campaign to restrain wages, boost profits, and lower unemployment to "not" 100.000. Seeming at the foreign labor complete the control of the complete that the complete that the complete the complete that the past ceive women to make a complete that they have caused to employ most that they have caused to employ most that they have caused to employ most than the control of the complete that they have caused to employ most than the complete that they have caused to employ most than the complete that they have caused the summon than the complete that they have caused to employ most than the complete that they have caused the profits there is oping to be unemployment.

On these pages, Phil Griffiths looks at Labor's program to boost profit at the expense of our wages.

by Phil Griffiths

The first danger to the labor program to boost profits is that for most tabor supporters, this seem a criminal reversal of traditional labor policy. As George Gravford, a leader of the Socialist Left who was wiclously attacked by Cairna, said withous the succeed by Cairna, said Conference "Was this a liberal Conference" We sadded: "The conference has the able of a rubber stamp for Whitlam."

But Crawford has only himself to blame. The Socialist Left has been invisible for months. Nothing was done to mobilise socialists in the Labor Party to atop Whitlan's move to the right. And if the George Crawford's in the AIP don't begin to fight back, the danger is that wage control will be introduced with only scattered groups of AIP and union militants trying to stop it.





Jim Cairns - "I'm a socialist,

And Whitlam's

Yed on other provides sector. Ve do not share the "nocialism" of Dr. Cairns which sounds to us like the humanty of verifords and the charity of moneylenders. The danger for the claims is that like workers will no longer place that workers will no longer place that phops in the "gravite sector", and rely instead on their own organization and strength. Then they would not be used to b

How Whitlam Plans to Hold Down Wages

over wages and prices is now part of the Labor Party Plat-form. That's going to make it a lot easier for the gov-ernment the next time it wants

"You've got to grab the nettie!"
cried Gough at the Terrigal conference, "Tou either have to say you
believe we should have powers over
prices, incomes and interest, or
you say we shouldn't."

you may we shouldn't."
The last time Mixing grasped the nettle, he came away with a sore hand. The uniters and a big chunt of the state of the state

Writing this policy into the La-bor platform is going to make it harder to fight. Every Labor member is bound to that policy, and will be under pressure not to oppose it in public, whether apeaking for the

their supporters picketing in Bayswater.

Caseron's original proposal also indexed tax, so that as you received indexed tax, so that as you received personal properties of the processing of your pay in tax, but at Terrigal, he was outvoted on this. Now, if your gross pay in this indexed to the possible of the properties of the properties of the processing the processing the properties of your tax paying a higher percentage of your pay in a higher percentage of your pay in

But it gets worse! The Consumer Price Index only allows 59 a week for rent or house repayments, which are far more expensive than that, are both ESSENTIALS, and are rising faster than most other commodities! Finally, the covernment's proposal

is conditional on voluntary wage restraint by the unions. In other words, when you finally work out how such further behind you are, and fight to recover your losses, the government takes even its pattry indexation back!

But the government wants to cut out as many union fights over wages as possible. It has launched a as possine. It has launched a vicious propaganda campaign to "create an awareness among unionists and their families... of the conse-quences of excessive wage claims... which reduce profitability". And what does this "awareness" consist

"very excessive increase in in-come for one man takes the job of another." Here the Prime Minister forgot to explain that, according to his plam, every excessive in-crease in income for an employer saves the job of that man. It's only employers who are allowed in-

Or: "Equal Pay has had five times the (damaging) effect on the textile industry that tariffs had." This is Gough Whitlam, great liber-ator of Australian women, speaking at a YLA conference.

The Labor government has now re-versed every step it ever took that anyone ever called "anti-business". It now looks as good a friend to business as the Liberals ever were.

It has effectively returned to a full-tariffs policy. It has scrap-ped the capital gains tax except for land speculation, Scrapped the tax on private use of company car, slashed company tax, and moved to reinstate the superphosphate

It has moved to protect locally

the Frices Justification Tribunal (which had no formal powers - that is how serious they are about freezing prices) and reduced the statutory deposit for foreign com-panies investing in Australia. Af ter some ineffectual name-calling it paid the ransom demanded by the car companies to stop their pro-posed sackings. Result? A stock-market boom that has added hundreds of millions of dollars to market values in DAYS.

Carrots and **Cuts**

whitiam has announced massive cuts in government spending and a "moggrowth" policy for the public service. He hasn't announced exactly what will be cut, but the press who reworte his economic policy would prefer not to cut defence or the Commowealth police, judgest pay, parliamentariam' pay or other "productive" activity.

They will want to cut public works, education, health, social welfare and other money spent on "bludgers". Business doesn't mind paying for the army, but it hates every cent that is spent on uneaployment relief, pensions and educations.

Tied to the cut in government spending is the cut in taxes. The cut in company tax was an outright of the cut in the same time, business has pocketed the profits from the higher prices it's Charging -- the higher prices it's Charging -- the higher prices in the first place. in the first place.

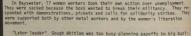
Old Foes? "They won't get away with it... The unions'll fight back." That's what one worker said to the Battler

Whitlam and Cairns have promised Whitlam and Cairms have promised: Support our proposals and we'll atop the mackings. Hawke is in a trinde union movement to fight unen-ployment, but he doesn't want to lead a campaign against the Govern-ment. So he has opted for full employment at the cost of our [sot his, our] pay. He hopes it will be be can then make a few militant he can them make a few militant noises about the next arbitration court hearing.



In Bayswater, 17 women workers took their own action over unemployment, ey were sacked because the boss wanted to break their militancy. They re-onded with demonstrations, pickets and calls for solidarity strikes. They were supported both by other metal workers and by the women's liberation

"Labor leader" Gough Whitlam was too busy planning payoffs to big business to support the struggles of these women, and thousands like them. But any solution to unemployment that doesn't come out of our wages will depend on struggles like this, not on deals with the employers. BATTLER reporters were at Eayswater to cover the story.





JIM CAIRNS MAY have his the ories on unemployment, but the 17 women currently picketing the Draffin-Everhot factory is Baywater by Bayswater know why they were

The boss wanted to smash their strong job organisation and with jobs so hard to find what better time than now?

All the women in the factory we All the women in the factory were fixed. No nen were laid off. aln fact they were all told to work own time! Hearing this, the women's liberation movement came to build the second the second the second to the second the second to the second

Then 370 workers from the Clyde-master factory round the corner case out for half a day in support and this led to 15 of the 70 men at

other unions have sent messages of

The biggest headache for the boses used to be the Netal Norter's males shapetered, fdith furmovich, who had built up a silitant shop, and the state of the state

The Everhot struggle can teach all unionists something. There is a solution to unemployeent, a work-feet least solution. "Shorter hours for class solution. "Shorter hours for class solution." The bases can afford is, you just have used to be considered to the structure of the constant of the constant

And there is a working class so-lution to victimisation and attacks on our unions. We have to stick together when the bosses try to ditogether when the bosses try to di-vide us, and we have to demand sup-port and leadership from our shop-stewards. Otherwise, as the Bays-water Battlers warn us:

"Jobs will always be at stake and employment insecure when the employer plays one section of the workers off against another

And the shop sievaid has been making threats of violence towards any men who might want to spent the picket line. One of the sen we spoke to said: "The shop stars as real shop steard, support the people outside. Moreout the sen was to support the mean but the shop steer and the sen want to support the mean but the shop steer and has the wint the shop steer and has the said that the shop steer and has the said that the shop steer and has the said the said that the said that the said that the said that the shop steer and has the said that the s

All unionists, especially metal workers, should support the Bays-water Battlers. Join the picket in Meuntain Road, Bayswater or support the strike fund by writing to 50 Little LaTrobe St., Melbouroe.



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Between his election in 1937 and Hisappearance last year, Stonehouse Hisappearance last year, Stonehouse Lirde a taste for the power of run-ing business. As early as 1959, a ar before his speech, he had been room out of Rhodesia for making



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desh government didn't stop the great anti-colonialist.

The fraud squad moved in. Finally he took the well-tred Biggs path, Melbourne, where he was picked up. And now a whole battery of Storathouse companies are under investion, including the Bangladesh 2st and "Connoisseurs of Claret".

Eddie helps

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to Sir Edward

Cohen. He woke up a few weeks ago to find that the Lake Illawarra he run into Hobart's Derwent Bridge.

knocking it down and sinking itse The Lake Illawarra was carrying two and a half million dollars

worth of zinc to Risdom for EZ La-dustries. Sir Edward is Chairman of EZ. Not only that, but the insurance on a large chunk of the zinc was held by the Commercial Union. Sir Edward is Chairman of

Commercial Union. Oh well, at least the brewery workers have go

back at Carlton (Sir Edward is

Chairman of Carlton and United

Gittes can't grasp corruption that big, and is led away in be-wilderment. His friends say: "Come on, this is Chinatown" as if that explained things. But China-

town is only a symptom, and it will take more than a few clever

detectives to cure the disease

himself

DON'T BOTHER

From Australia's beginnings we have had a protected economy. Industry is port controls, which were recreted after federation despite one opposition by party. If you pulsed those values down townrow, the Australian economy would not collapse altegether. But for collapse altegether, but for collapse altegether, but carrief walls are hardly in our long term interest. The sun new sets on the empire as a man who discovered that you can change society for partial sent the set of migrant hostels.

We have discussed them in several articles: they involve shortening the working week at full pay taking the difference out of the pockets of the amployers. And if the companies can't afford to run that way, they should be nationalised and run by the workers themselves. A tarriff is a tax on imports. Naturally imports become dearer, and therefore mortalization consumers by Anna. Imposed to the control of the consumer and the consumer and provide sore jobs. But persons and provide sore jobs. But the consumer is paying for it, because the prices of goods skyrocket.

Racket

erybody has an answer to employment. The latest popular d, being pushed by Bob Hawke, high teriffs and import quosi. This might help to keep bbs in the short run, but it's

the prices or goods skyrozect. Because imports are dearer, domestic producers can put up their prices as prices — end up paying for their own jobs. This is predictable: we've been gright sizes after issue that their entry their producers of their con-tributes, is not it perhaps worth paying higher prices to do something about layoffs?

But it's not only a question offrices Inflation threatens the stability of the economy, destroys business con-fidence -- which leads to more unem-

What's more, protection ensures that tries to survive. And these often are the worst employers: they maintain sweatshop conditions and are the least unionised. While we don't want the workers in these industries to be unemployed, we certainly have no interest in protecting their warpleyers! The government should mail-unalise these industries and reorganise these

Why, then, are many union leaders and employers to been on import quotant. They like then because they are the properties of the propertie

Take footwear, for example. For the past seven years, Indian leather sandais called chappale have been saited day free into Australia. Saited chappale have been saited day free into Australia. The government has decided to have been saited to the saited of the saited Take footwear, for example.

The workers who make these sandals

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by Tom O'Lincoln in India that could easily mean their families will die of starva-tion, all in order to protect some Australian jobs.

Asstralian jobs. If bob have cas convince us to accept this sort of miserable "solution" to unemployment, the medis will make him a hero and he will be a step closer to becoming Prise Winister. But we have no interest in helping bob career along. Instead we can suggest quite different solutions to unemployment.

But in this article, we're looking at one particular question: how to protect our jobs from the effects of of foreign competition. Here, too, we have a solution quite different than Bob Hawke's.

Hawke defends import quotas on the grounds that foreign manufacturers pay low wages. To defend high Aus-tralian wages, he says, we need to protect our employers -- reward them

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TARIFF YOU GOT
THERE... TOO BAD
IF SOMETHING MERE
TO HAPPEN TO IT.

raise wages to Australian levels, which would put pressure on other firms there to do the same.

ACTU organisers and advisors could be dispatched to help workers there organise, and an international pub-licity campaign (like the one over French bomb tests) could be used to expose the union-busting laws in Asian countries. While New Guinea

was under Australian administration that country could have been a made a model for well-paid jobs.

That is a solution to the problem

Paul Ginsborg, The Politics of Lenin. 40 cents

Roger Kline, Can Socialism Come Through Parliament?" 20 cents

Popular Front: Recipe for Disaster. 10 cents. October: The Russian Revolution of 1917, 10 cents

RUSSIA:

How the Revolution was Lost

S.W.A.G. is a revolutionary socialist organisation, open to all who accept our basic principles and are willing to work to achieve them. Some of these principles are:

WORKERS' POWER as the solution to

Australia's conomic and social crisis. Only the organized working class has the power to create a society free of exploitation and oppression, based on workers' con-trol of industry and the state.

RANK AND FILE ORGANISATION. WE NAME AND FILE ORGANISATION, WE work within the mass organizations of the working class, such as the trade unions, and file to bring them under reak and file control. To be able to fight where the paid officials are unailling, workers need their own rash and file organisations.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORMISM. While

REVOLUTION NOT REFORMEN. While reforms cannot transform society, the struggle for them is important in building a newment which can. Reforms can bring short term gains for workers and the oppressed, but the working class needs to build a revolutionary party to smash the capitalist state and replace it with democratic workers' councils.

UNCOMPROMISING STRUGGLE AGAINST SEXISM AND RACISM, which are

blacks and all oppressed groups. We stand for full freedom of sexual expression, including an end to the social oppression of homo-

INTERNATIONALISM We fight to

INTERNATIONALISM. We fight to build an international revolution any novement, opposed both to capitalism and to the bureaucratic ruling classes in the USSR and China. While defending the right of nations to self-determination, we oppose national chauveinsm and

work to overcome national divi

DEMONANT, Descript in this so-ciety is very limited, yet in times of crisis capitals will destroy even this limited descript to creats even the control of the con-basic to our revolutionary outlook. In hursecratic class societies we at the 15th need for welver to fight for descript class societies well from the fight or claims transfer.

from the right for socialism itself.

It's no use just talking about the world. The point is to change it. If that's what you want to do...join us:

SWAG What We Stand For

OUR GROWTH last year has made it possible for us to reorgan-ise into three branches, which means new members can assume positions of responsibility and develop into leaders them-selves.

News

It also means we can get more involved in local struggles. Branch meetings are open to friends of the group. If you want to attend a branch meeting neeting in your area or the general meeting, which take place about every third week, write or telephone (see below).

urbs on Monday nights.

During the summer we have held a class series on socialist politica. The first set of classes covered national liberation struggles in Vietnam, Southern Africa, the Middle East and Ireland. The second set, which is designed to provide background for a coming Conference discussion, is on Bussia and China.

Wednesday, 5 Feb: "Russia, How the Revolution was Lost".

Wednesday, 26 Feb: "In Russia a Workers' State?"

Wednesday, 5 March: "China"

S.W.A.G.'s two-day Conference will take place on March 8-9. At tendance at the classes and the Conference is by invitation. If you would like to come, write to:

Socialist Workers' Action Group PO Box 187, Fitzroy, Vic. 3065 tel. 654-2414.

General Spinola

station has the advantages of being pollution free and not using the scarce resources of natural gas that would have powered Newport.

Noambile, a rightwing rank and file group has emerged to fight the han. Egged on by the Sumbhier Mall, they are claiming the conting of conting of conting of cotting of crownic tampellyment and that the decision was taken undemocratically. The second charge may well be true. Amoning the union officials who were rounning that

METAL TRADES AWARDPB

meeting. But all workers should be suspicious of the lovey-dovey relationship between the leader of the group, Mich Miconiatis and the Mail, which is owned by the "Age" -

THE BASTLER 15 February 1975 7

Very little Hitlers ...

AT LOT YEAR in a TV interview to be hanke warmed of the possibility of a Chile-tyle military complete on the control of the security of the control of the c

Actually, these would-be sappleons of the Junior Officers descroom wouldn't even be supported by their own officers. The Chilean apitalists and the multi-nationals rking-class which had gone beyond lende. The particular sins of itlam that worry the military are at Labor has cut the defense buddeprived them of conscripts to the Libs -- gives a stuff.



tooth and nadel

by Dave Nadel

Anyone we know?

A RECENT ARTICLE in the Melbourne Stock Exchange journal contained a list of countries with which Auslist of countries with which Aus-trails does not have an extradition treaty (to bring criminals back to Australia) with notes on how much co-operation to expect from each country if you "suddenly arrived" there with a suitcase full of

Now we know what the journal is



Gitte himself is a strange character. On the surface, he is the interpretable surface, he is the interpretable surface, he is the tough, clever. But strangely, he keeps walking into abunhas. The first time he almost loses his more to a haife wilding hood, the accord to a hinfe wilding hood, the he accord time Noah Cross and his boys walk in and stick a gum in his face. Mny in the world doesn't he get a gum, or get reinforcements?

fear that goes far beyond its borders--and which is represented by Noah Cross. For all his clevermess he is out of his depth, and he is flighting something much too strong for him.



film review

.J. Gittes thinks he's cyni-J.J. Gittes thinks he's cyni-cal. He used to work as a cop in Chinatown where everyone's corrupt; now he's a private investigator checking on un-faithful spouses. When one investigation suddenly turns into a murder case, he's sure he can find the culprits.

The murder victim is Hellis Mul-wray, Los Angeles Mater Commissio-ner. Mulway has discovered a fraud, but before be can expose it he gets dromed in his own water. Cittes begins to look for his murder-ers, and discovers a huge conspiracy to make millions in property specu-

Some one is Ample, water from the city's reserves at a pint. The tides is to create a water chortage, and to convice the city of the condition of the condition

December 14 1974

by Gordon Hull

valley, and is obviously going to make a fortune out of it. When he tries to find out who it

Model he tries to tand out who it is, things get very complicated. He suspects Noah Cross, Commissioner Malvray's old business partner, and now a multimillionaire. Mulvray's widow turns out to be Cross' daugh-ter, and she is hiding something. Gittes follows her to a house across Gittes follows her to a house across Gittes follows her to a house across town, and discovers a young girl. This young girl is her daughter... and her sixer! She had slept with her father. The relevation of incest is used to make Noah Cross appear a hundred times more evil, and capable of anything. Now we know he is the culprit.

Cross is anxious to get hold of chis girl, and forces Gittes to take him to her. This means going to Chinatown, where the climax of the movie takes place.

dittes entions Chinatorn often during the film. He used to work there, doing (as he says) "he little as possible". He is glad to be anay from there, because it is the centre of corruption, evil and fear. Having

natown, he hopes he has left

Gittes himself is a strange char

Obviously he doesn't know what he is up against. Chinatown is only a symptom, the most blatant case of

At the finish, on a At the finish, on a Chinatown street, Cross tries to selve the young girl who is his daughter and a sort of gunfight ensues. Gittes tells her mother to "let the police handle this" and she shouts back: "he owns the police!"

OME VICTORIAN State Govern-ment's decision to build the Onthrowersian Newport Dower which continues to crumble-forwarment sponsored Srowy Rt Liver Improvements Trust has suggested a hydro-alectric used by the control of the control of the control of the control of the Management of the control of the Management of the control of the Management of the control of the control of the Management of the control of the control of the Management of the control of the control of the control of the Management of the control of the co

---Jack Mundey

Battler

FOR WHOM THE (SCHOOL) BELL TOLLS

by Tess Lee Ack, VSTA member

SCHOOL'S IN -- and for secondary teachers, it's back to the never-ending battle to get decent working conditions.

At a branch representa-tives' meeting on February 7, 350 teachers discussed the Education Department's latest moves on working hours. This

ally called for. The atmosangry. Although the Central Committee, which is more conservative this year, reconnendalmost unanimously carried, calling for VSTA Conditions

its Conditions case to the Department in 1967. Condit ions for all teachers gradually improved because of

VSTA direct action, but in 1974 the backlash began. The Department, under pressure from the Principals' Associa-tion, decided it had to prove

sell approach, and invited the VSTA to "negotiate". At this point, the VSTA leadership learned in years of wrangling with Thompson and his mates, and called on the membership to stop strike action over conditions until agreement had been reached. This was a price for it now.

The VSTA leadership soon conned by the Department, and called off the ceasefire. But by then Thompson had played his next card. He rushed legislation through Parliament giving the Tribunal (a sup-posedly neutral body -- but two of the three members are appointed by the government) the power to lay down conditions, which it gleefully did for the start of the new

Some of us expected the union to come back strongly, especially after the Committee's blue last year, and after the militant teacher action over

But so far it looks like the rank and file is more another meeting on February 21 to discuss action proposals; but since these meetings cannot make binding decisions, the Central Committee will

A half day strike statetunity for a mass meeting, It would break the isolation which small branches in some part of a state-wide fight.

Teachers are traditionally more militant early in the year. Now is the time to hit back at the Department. The fight could be linked to other issues where teachers are under attack, such as the inspection issue (still un-resolved) and the recurring problems of victimisation

AND MISS PERKINS

what we think

The State Government k lot of experience in teach bashing. Their favourite od is to turn parents agai teachers. They portray to ers as lazy and irresponsi

The AGE newspaper is the biggest helper. They tell biggest helper. They tell
that the teachers want to
only "sixteen hours wee
The truth is that the VSTA
wants to limit teaching the
that amount, so that teach
will have time to properly
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yard duty, staff meeting;
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work they have to do work they have to do

If the Education Department can force teaching hours up, will save them a lot of more (which they can use to fatte their bureaucratic backsides their bureaucratic Dacksides) but the quality of education will suffer. No guesses for WHICH schools will suffer may

If the teachers can win. students and parents will also win. Don't let the bill shit artists of the press tun you against the teachers



"with the Labor Council's support, we'll discredit them

for all time"

WHAT A STRIKE! They had to gaol, threats of expulsion from their union by the gov ernment, sabotage by the Trades and Labour Council

Four Thousand New South Wales power workers, work-ing for the State's Electweek rise to complete a \$40 claim lodged last March. The industry was one chosen by the ACTU to spearhead the campaign for a 35 hour week heares its high

The Sydney Morning Herald des The Sydney Morning Herald des cribed the strike as "a savage guerilla raid on the community" and the the power workers' boss, Energy Minister Freudenstein as

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John Bradley on the NSW Power Strike

Power worker in the control room of Munmorah Power Station, NSW. guts tactics, we'll win within guts tactics, we'll win within a short time, but we'll still have this nucleus of stirrers with their reputations untar-nished. If we do it the quiet way, with the Labor Council's support, we'll discredit them for all time." A knife is so much more "softly spoken" than

And that's what they tried. The Labor Council, which had supported the original claim last March, now turned on the power workers. They attacked their demands as "unjustified" and "beyond community standards" and sabotaged negotiations.

It was only by relying on

their own strength and their job organisation that enable the power workers to last the weeks. While the government a the rest of the Labor bureau racy were trying to load the with a leadership committee to its chairman, Ron Ross, "ECCUDO's decisions are take never without approval from " meetings of the workers".

Nevertheless, it was Ron on behalf of ECCUDO who find amid shouts of "you've solds" out" and "scabs". "I have to commend this to you", he said "it is not a retreat from th situation, Don't underestima of workers in the power inde The meeting voted to go back work. The Government has we

strike and the argument. and now the latest struggle Labour Council sellout is

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4DEDICATION

down. But the nurses had different ideas. They drowned get in. Parliamentary attendants barred the doors and police linked arms

until they went back down the

When it was obvious that



Angry Nurses Storm Parliament House They sang "We shall not be moved" and carried banners and placards saying 'Unite and fight', "Support us, your life may depend on it" and "Dedication doesn't pay the

But neither militant marches

even to the inadequate level of the primary teachers they are trying to catch up to. the way for nurses. Psychiatric nurses who are in the HFF enjoy better conditions than RANF members. They got these condit-

have shown that they don't

Jack Mundey

really need him anyway.

BORN TO

If there were an aristocracy in Australia, Malcolm Fraser would be a member of it. The new Opposition Leader owns a very large property in Victor-ia's western districts. His grandfather, Simon Fraser, owned the same property and was a member of Parliament. During that time he was knight ed for services to the community; services like building up a grazing empire that covers three states. Sir Simon was also a Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Lodge -- an organ-isation almost as reactionary as some of the things his



papers as "not the right-winger he seemed" because he had "prorelations such as labour par-ticipation". Among his progress ive ideas on industrial re-lations are a plan for new Fraser's "progressive ideas" are an attempt to crush Trade

well-known progressives as General De Gaulle, amount to asking workers to participate in their own exploitation with control and profits still firm-ly in the hands of the bosses.



Why They Fell

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December 14 1974

by Tom O'Lincoln

LOOMS IN INDO-CHINA DEFEAT IMPERIALIST

refugees

Undoubtedly they will call them-nelves "socialist". In Vietnam, the Viet Comg are clearly controlled by the Communist Party of Vietnam, and

...so what happened to March?

NOISES FROM THE NEW ORDER John Sulliva

INCE LAST April, daily radio broadcasts from Indonesia have warned he people of Portuguese Timor against the dangers of communist knower. What they are really saying is that when Indonesia takes Mer any attempt at resistance will be savagely dealt with.

conciliation with Indonesia. The propagand campain is directed by General All Murtopo, head of Indonesia's internal security and dirty trick department. All has the independent of the property of the control of the control of makes it awaitable. As well as radied distribute, antial music and recorded machine gas fire, All is "Willing upon remote centrolled agita-tivitying upon remote controlled agita-minority groups and pro-indonesian minority groups and pro-indonesian party which expresses the fervent

up for grabs

Why does Indonesia want the region?

"welcome Indonesia.

Feds Smash NSW Union



by Phil Griffiths

JOHN SULIVA

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de-registration



Hostesses clip Reg's wings Support

For six months, the Branch has her under direct physical tatack by Fed-eral leadership thugs. For six months branch in KNS issuing the only union cards recognized by the Federal union of the mass meeting, the KNS Als-self the second section of the Second Federal tickets, jobs Gallapher's union and organize a rank and file group to oppose the leadership that Gallagher will impose on the branch,



WHY **GALLAGHER** WON...

what we think

THE DEFEAT of the NSW branch of the BL's is a victory for violence, intimidation and thuosery which has no place in the labor movement.

few friends

political organization



STOPPED

TWO THE Figst det finiters flew over Lisbon in a wide circle, showering thousand of small white leaflest into the crowded streets of the capital, and then sped southwards. Munutes later, soldiers in the barraits of the first Linth Artill evy Regiment on the outskirts of Lisbon were under heavy air attack, backed up by paratrops, who surrounded the barraits.

That was Tuesday 11 March, at 11.50am. The extreme right, ousted from all positions close to the government since last September, were attempting a come back. They expected their attack to be received with acclusation by the major tay of officers in the armed forces, samy of show had been mottering for weeks

In Baixa de Banheira, they seized the weapons of the National Guards and, in Moita, those of the police. They took control of the bridge and the ferries which connect lisbon to the industrial areas to its south and searched cars suspected of bringing weapons into the city.

But the coup backfired. Through-out the country it led to a huge up-surge of hostility against the right wing and the big business interests behind them.

At 1.30pm, workers in Radio Rens-scema, which had been silent since they occupied it 20 days before, began broadcasting the news.

armed

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Their action forced the authorities

Worker

The right-wing coup collapsed, as the paratroops embraced the light artillery man they were supposed to be attacking.

Right wing generals who sought refuge in the headquarters of the National Guard were arrested. Other conspirators picked up included the directors of one of the biggest banks and of the biggest monopolies, CUF

pickets

Workers' pickets remained on the post offices, the telephone exchanges, in government buildings, cutting off the means of communication to the right wing. The roads in the centre and south of the country continued to belonging to the CP and the revolutionary left wearing red armbands and armed with shot yours, varying down

General Spinola

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RUSSIA 1917

of workers' and peasants' councils

GERMANY 1920

GERMANY'S DEFEAT in the First

What Has Happened Before

In Saxony, Thuringia and in the Robert, the strike turned into armed innurrection. A newly-improvised Ped Army thundered across the region, sweeping everything in its path. The crack regiments of the German army were no match for it.

So the government, supported to the hilt by the Communist Party, started to disarr the workers' revolution. The right-wing police force was reinstated. Authority in the army was taken out of the hands of the militia, and the old military hier-archies were re-established. Partners were handed but to

Where they protested, they were hunted down by the Communist Party's secret police, tortured, and in many cases, killed.

SPAIN 1936

In exchange for the resignation of Kapp and Lutwitz, they won guaran-tees that their power would not be tampered with.

No-one was pumished for the violent and mutinous putsch. The call went out for 'consolidating the gains of

A special force of the German am bloodily suppressed the Red Army in the Ruhr.



From Dual Power o Workers' Power

Each coup was put down by massive ion from the workers. Each was lowed by screams of hysteria from' liberal press for a 'period of w', for 'consolidating the mains a paginst the coup' for 'a period stional unity'.

the cases of Kapp and Franco. Torkers responded -- only to find committees disbanded and their

Chile

Because it was not immediately flowed up with sustained action against the capitalists and landlords who promoted the coup, the capitalists and landlords regrouped their forces, and within a relatively short time, unleashed the most terrible dictator-

In Russia in 1917, because of the long organisation of a revolutionary socialist party in the working masses the appeals for 'cain' and 'national unity' were ignored. The workers pressed on with their battle against capitalism -- and destroyed it.

In a period of 'dual power' where neither the old State of the land-lords and capitalists nor the workers are in power, but in which each eyes each other uneasily waiting for the

When the Red Army in the Rubr halted its onward march on the order of social democratic Ministers, when anarchist workers surrendered their elected police force to the appointed police bureaucracy of the liberal oovermont in Sualn, when Salvador accurate the Salvador accurate the Salvador accurate the Salvador accurate the Salvador accurate shut, instead, took however the Salvador accurate shut the Salvador accu erals into his government, they were not 'postponing fascism' -- they were hastening it.

Huge demonstrations were jamming the streets of Lisbon, Operto and the other towns, All pages as sold out, many printed second editions or special Poradahests as did the workers' commission of the big Lisbon daily o'Secoulo - and thousands of leaflets were handed out by the

Now the bankworkers see the ques-tion as one of workers' control - of ensuring that the nationalised banks work for the mass of the population.



tooth and nadel

'THE CRISIS - SOCIAL

reviewed by Mick Armstrong

CONTRACT OR SOCIALISM'

by Tony Cliff

by Dave Nadel



Doctor in the Till

The ANA is getting worsted.
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Health Makes Wealth -Theirs

Speaking of Medibank, a Bream of the push for the fight com-the Health Funds. These are sup-to be non-profit organization; and for their contributors. Ac-their contributors don't get

Well, it's in the & and it's in the c Public Interest... doctors' Private Interest (1) but ... it's not in I must be in the wrong Public //

ALP CONFERENCE REJECTS WAGE RESTRAINT



Danger **EVERHOT** Money BOB KELLY

Pickets Left in the Cold

Bain

responded



Meanwhile, in another part of town ...

What We Stand For -

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a rise of S20 a week plus full wage infexation, or S50 with-cut indexation. The 40 point and a 35 hour working week with no loss of pay to spread

makes it hard for us to comment

In his March report to menbers, Victorian state secre-tary John Halfpenny says that "the first two months of 1975 have produced a steep increase in the number of retrenchments in many sections of the metal consultants revealed that 62%



machine building and mining be, retrenching workers who

can't rely on them ... then

Kevin Bain, AMWU member the claim. And the claim for the 35hr week is a practical step to cut unemployment in

Metal Trades Award

NOW FOR THE

BIG PUSH!

report from Brisbane

O BREACH SOCIAL SEC

ment's Brisbane office on March 26. They were demand-ing a better deal for mothers on social security bene-

Refore lone, Superintendent Meadland of the Corpon-well politic in Queensland arrived. Re 'Mealt firmly with the occupiers, telling their that if they din't leave they'd be draged out in any fashion his men deemed necessary. The Commonwealth oblice were assis-ted by the Special Franch and other State police. Eighteen people were arrested, then of them women, and

women, however, were ordered to strip -- one of them in an open cell in front of a large number of men and women, police. attempt to intimidate and hum women refused to let them take was a demonstration on the

The Aboriginal Housing Ser-vice had brought Karen's case Welfare (a group of radical social workers). Inside Welfare led the occupation and demonstration. The occupiers

that Karen receive immediate Supporting Mother's benefits and back pay with interest, that women applying for wel-

client files must be open to all clients applying for benefits.

Security, Moss Cass, who said he sympathized with the demands being made, but could do nothing - it was up to the

disqualified

Atkinson, the Director. He said that Karen's case was Tribunal. Her case actually went to the Tribunal over 2 of the reason for the concer

Karen has 5 children, two of whom have been fostered. Supporting Mother's Benefit forced to take out maintenance together again. Karen had

spying

What have a woman's sexual relations to do with supporting herself and her children? ious: a man who sleeps with a woman should pay her --sorry, 'support' her. Both State and Commonwealth welfare rated women, in order to find department (including 6 months prior to application for bene-fits), and also her fitness as

Supporting mothers are \$7 a week without their bene-

Up to the time of the

INSIDE SOCIAL

two and a half years ago, Open major policy plans. I worked Security (Melbourne) for over a year from January 1972, and saw the situation from the inside. Every Friday, Common list of names to the Child Endowment Section to find out addresses. State police also had (more limited) access to the files. But this wasn't consumed taxpayer's money Some of the submissions on

money is paid. continual memos to staff a right to benefits when organisations like the Hos ing Commission of Victor ation on the files, as W when he campaigned for official secrecy 'the pogovernment bureaucrats.

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The Victomers have wow. It is all over bar the shouting. The Americans have left, the sum, the "dollers", the official personnel who spread death and destructed who spread death and destructed the spread from the Thieu and the other well-jead American pupers have flowed becounty - taking their gold with them. Forcer South Victomers who collaborated have been abandomed. It is over.

This is a victory for the Yletnamese. It is a victory because an invading army has been thrown out. It is a victory because a corrupt pupper regime which was never able to survive without a direct foreign presence was overthrown. It is a victory because death and destruction will stop.

It is a victory because the Provisional Revolutionary Gov-ernment, which is the choice of the majority of Vietnamese, will come to power. We might not like but they are the choice of the Vietnamese people.

The American government knew this when they first invaded Vietnem. The Pentagon Papers of 1954. When the then US President Eisenhower and the South vietnamese dictator Diem refus-ed to hold the elections pro-vided for in the Geneva Com-ventions, Eisenhower said: "Had elections been held, possibly

SO THERE WERE NO ELECTIONS. INSTEAD THERE WAS A WAR. THO MILLION DEATHS LATER, HO CHI MINH'S SUCCESSORS ARE ABOUT TO UNIFY VIETNAM.

MELBOURNE, April 31 - As the Battler goes to press, the Full Bench of the Arbitration Commission has just announced its decision in the 1975 Nat-

The President of the Commission, Justice Moore, has just erroxiced a rise in all asards of 3 areas of a rise in all asards of 3 rise in the Commission has been also also been a

This is hardly a decision at all. The Commission has neatly got around employer demands that indemation would be in-

by giving indexation for one Quarter only. It means that every three months, we are goin to have to justify our rise for that period...even though it will only be to cover prices that have already risen.

that have already risen. The docining gives no confort to workers and no guarantees. It's agine effect is to in-rease the power of the Arbitration Commission, budnow when the power of the Arbitration Commission cut out. That is, with prices missing whe Arbitration Commission can resulty out their wares!

The Arbitration Commission can result to the Arbitration Commission on the Arbitration Commission can The Arbitration Commission can withhold indexation for any Quarter if it thinks it is contrary to the National Intere

Any indexation is a result of the threat of a wave of militum union action if indexation was not assured. Now we need a struggle for full, guaranteed indexation, with tax indexation. It's up to the Metal Morkers to continue their fight for 50° PLIS PLL INDEXATION so that this non-decision is quickly buried.

goodbye to all this ...



Metals Claim: STRIKE NEEDED!

Saigon, 1968.

Thieu's justice.

Kevin Bain, AMWU member

What are the officials aders. At the Victorian AMAU mos

olution called for individual shops to ASK THEIR BOSSES to put pressure on the Metal Traces Industry Association (MIIA) to reame direct neg-otiations. The bosses' react-ions would then be telephoned into the union for the officia to make a decision on further

Chrysler

worker page



PORTUGAL'S NON-ELECTIONS

by Chris Simpson

rise - military officials are miready talking of cutting back the Communist influence.

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WORKERS PRO MONTES ADO, E.4. Industries (Electrolytic fine) offered its wehers in Tammanta a choice; a four day week on four days; pay of the
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but that didn't stop them from cyring poor and theatening layoff,
then Santa Claus arrives from cyring poor and theatening layoff,
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In a quiet deal that didn't even go through Cabinet, the two Jims present-ed E.Z. Industries with \$650,000 on the condition that there were no sack-ings for six months.

This my seen like the labor government is doing the right thing by work-rea and protecting jobs. The reason are the reason and the reason are the reason at the reason are the reason at the reason are t

To underline that policy Cairns and co. repeated the act last week. The Australian Pulp and Paper Manufacturers (a monopoly - they are Australia's only significant fine paper makers) claimed that their plant in Burnie was

by DAVE NADEL



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profiles. They are relying on their

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method increase prices with impunity.

OPEN HOUSE IN CANBERRA by JUDY TURNER

WHILE TERRATS everywhere are rirred off and hassled by landlords, the sit-uation in Camberra is worse than most places. But at last there seems to be

Carberra is spoosed to have rest control, even on crimately seed the case. Reaser, there is also an acute shortes of bruses and rose for restalling the control of the carberra is a single control of the carberra is a single control of the carberra is a winding done its how-building projects. And eather than take the carberra is a winding done by the rest laws, core populations by the rest laws, core populations of the carberra is the carberra in the carberra is a single carberra in the carberra is a single carberra in the carberra in the carberra is a single carberra in the carberra Trade Union movement have been calling for for over two years. Whitlan's policy singly amounts to cheering the wimners. It did not stop him engaging in the large-scale bidmapping of orphans who were in no way threatened by a P.R.G. victory. But Fraser's attack on Whitlan's lack of even-handedness is even more sickening. There's nothing even-handed about former Anny Minister Fraser. He helped send conscripts to impose the unwanted Thieu regime on the Viet-

Lower gaid workers, single people, deserted wives, pensioners, students and other seek and other seek and the law and species of the students and the law and species of the seek families are payed to break the law and species for the pension of the seek families are payed to the house. One group of students was offered a dilapidated three-bedroom house for stold used:

The Committee organised the "occup-ation" of a vacant government hostel which was to have been demolished to make way for a multi-storey office block. Today, Reid House mccomodates 67 of the previously homeless people.

evictions

QUELIONS
In its latest action, the Committee
occupied a mansion which had been variant for seven years. Mirry-three Perple were arrested after challenging
Gordon Rayant, the minister for the
A.C.T., to carry out his prodict of
'revoke the leases of speculators were
were holding out for higher profits'.

But the solution to the housing crisis doesn't lie in waving the big stick at private devalopers. Pental accommodation should be proposed and and the government forced to finance a Tash program of decent, heap reat-ed busing, the Canherra Committee is whowing the way in this fight.

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nurses get 12%

SLAVE LABOUR

by a student nurse at a Melbourne district hospital

Despite protest action over the base of th

More and more nurses are coming to he conclusion that trying to be "eth-cal" and "moral" when dealing with

the government just doesn't bring re-sults. Unless it can be sufficiently pressured - and strike action seems to be the only way to achieve this -nurses will never receive fair pay for the demanding and responsible job which they are doing.

Past Actions, which have been main.

of a non-medical nature, have shown the
public the appalling ways in which
nurses are treated. Nurses were refusing to do non-nursing duties, but
why should they be doing them anyway?

The Mospitals and Charities Commission isn't going to pay for cleaners and nurses' alfes at \$100-120 a week when they can get slave labour in the form of student nurses at around \$50-50 a week. (Murses' aides or course)

That been ducided (presumbly by the industrial efficer, Geoff McDon-all sizes none of the nurse seemed to the case to the Appendix of the the Appe

The best action for nurses would be to demand that the 50% increase be granted at the Appeals Court or else nurses will go on strike immediately the decision is Annéed down. Apparently, many people think is in written into the nurses' constitution that they may not strike. However,



Why your train is running late by Spencer Flinders

So you're sick and tired of the train you catch to work running later Tou're fel up with trains being the Tou're fel up with trains being the capital trains and the trains a crowded platform and your reading on a crowded platform and your reading on the Herald's readly interrupted of the Herald's readly interrupted train now work the running? That's understandable, then Herald's winters say the suburban rail system is in charge, they're not far from the truth.

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In effect, Ramer's policy of up-grading the rail system means prod-ucing some showy, ill-designed, new trains while cutting costs by not employing enough staff.

The Victorian Railways cannot, of course, employ guards off the street-guards ned training in the various safety measures which operate to ensure that serious accidents do not happen. Transport Ninister Meagher's recent policy directive that no more staff be employed not only means

a general staff shortage. It also means few 'mabililed' staff are being ratified as parels. Two see, in the staff as the staff as the spending' (or, if you like, in the ridiculously designed silver trains) that the staff staff is a staff of the staff of the staff is a staff of the staff of

deficit

And so, to "save" public spending, Victorian Ballways employees work harder to provide a less efficient service. And when trains rum late, it's not only the commuters who are incon-venienced - puards have the time taken out of their meal breaks! As always, the workers are made to pay.

alons granted to farmers railing their produce to port. .. in many cases only one third the cost of road transport. Perhaps that's fair encoupt for the small farmer, but the wealthy gratiers yet the same concessions. And, along with their manufacturing counterparts, it is these interests which its behalf and the Ramer Government.

For a long time now, the Australias Railways Union has been making noises about having the Victorian Railways taken over by the Faderal Government.

Alony with the loo of claims and con-clicions sedomes by the malayay mass reaction, the members extended the call for insert to accept the Mutdler and concernment is offer to take other the concernment is offer to take other the cause of the State Libberd Concernment's vesseling of public transport to help hautens and framing Libbersets a. Pickeral Conversement smaller to be above doing that along, but at least they could afford to hims shaff and by equipment.

RAILWAYS:

Increase wages, not fares

BY PHIL ILTON A.R.U. MEMBER

thirty-five hour week. We also want fall over saved payment for all, and increases in standardization of long service leave, sich pay, overtime, retirement partner and public holiday leave. Almay with various improvements in safety and basic conditions. We do not want those to come from an increase in rail fares.

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The bull of these claims came from a curvey carried out by the State Instrumentalities holy Stewarts of conditions for all State instruments ality employees. The rail state rails we claim unsettled from 1974, My secret they extend flow term 1974, My secret they extend flow term of the state freely flower than the state of the state freely flower than fallower below (A.S.U.) State Freeldent, J.J. Broom, Wat happened to the 1974 top of claims from told him that this is one 1974.

This was a great help - we already knew that. It was about the only statement by Brown or State Secretary Sone, that wasn't applicated. The feeling of the worker is clear, they want and need improved wages accorditions. They'll give enthusiasti support to the Chion leadership in large as they are report before the chion is they are they have the state of the chion is they are they have the state of the chion is they are they have the state of the chion is the chion in the chion is the chion of the chion is the chion of the chion is the chion of the chion of

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These two schools tell us a lot

about the blatant inequality of education -- the "Great Equaliser" -- in this country, and in any class society for that matter. The State provides free education. A look at Brunswick Girls' tells you just what you can expect to get for noth-

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report by TESS LEE ACK







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THEY WERE VERY GOOD AT WEEDING PEOPLE OUT

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Now that go-shead Gil company, Gulf, with big holdings in the old

REPORT BY Geoff Munro

\$20 over-award pay

35 hour week 15 days sick leave a year

When the workers not again on Frid-they accepted the University's cond offer. They won wage rises of to 55, increases based on length service, danger allowances and oth r conditions.

student support

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The Herald Protects Its Standards

The Statistist Hussia or Fascist
Spain, the regimes don't silve peo-ple to publish articles critical of
society's rulers. In Australia, we have freedom of the press. This is how it works.

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Strike at Latrobe

LETTER

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We are demanding that tertiary education become a right for all who, want it, rather than a privilege for a few. This means that facilities must be expanded (with adequate children's living allowances, and allowances in the case of the wealthy - to make Open Entrance possible.

The stunting of human development, inherent in class society, must be fought at all levels. Denial of acres to tertlary education is one of these

Yours sincerely, Alec Kahn, Paul Rowlands for Education Action Group, Monash University.

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Family at Law

Noth sides claim to be the REAL defenders of the family. Noth some with the latted Nations Declaration on the family - "the natural and fundamental unit of society, entitled to protection by society, and the state".

society, entitled to proceedine by seed but just here natural is till per different times and pinces, people the control of th

first. This makes married women wor-hers casy to emploit, particularly as a reserve labour force. When there's a labour shorage, women are encour-aged to work (e.g. during the Second Moril War and in the late '869). When there's immemployment, the old argumen about a woman's place in the home are used to fire them - we have seen this in the last few months.

choice

would be wanted.

We need more types of houses, so people can live in large or small groups. Chesp communal dining rooms, laundromats and house cleaning services would mean that no-one, man or woman, would be tied to the drudgery of unpaid housework.

by JANEY STONE

MAYDAY: What we march for

State will be marking in the ay-day procession in Melbournes, and all the friends of the group and Mattler readers are velcome to march with us. The procession will assemble at Trades Hall (on the corner of Victoria and Lygom Streets, Carlton) at 2 p.m. on Sunday May 4th and move off at 3 p.m. SWAG will be marching under the

*FIGHT THE LAYOFFS



What we stand for

MORKERS' POWER as the solution to Australia's economic and social crisis-only the organised working class has the power to create a society free of emploitation and oppression, based on workers' control of industry and the state.

RANK AND FILE ORGANISATION. We work PANY AND FILE ORGANISATION. We work within the mass organisations of the working class, such as the trade unless, and fight to bring then under rank and file control. To be able to fight where the paid officials are unwilling, workers need thair own rank and file organisations.

EFFOLITION NOT REFORMISM. While reforms cannot transform society, the strungle for them is important in building a merber them is important in building a merber them is important in the structure of the structu

ORNOCITATION STRUGGLE AGAINST SEISM AND RACISM, which are pillars of the capitalist system. We fight for full equality and liberation for women, migrants, blacks and and in oppressed groups. We stand for full freedom of sexual expression, includ-ing an end to the social oppression of homoscrumist.

DBOCMAT. Resoursey in this society is very limited, yet in time of the control of

meetings

SNAG's meetings are open to non-members (by invitation) who have full speaking (but not voting) rights. A number of interested people are curre-currising this right. If YOU would like to see us in action, drop us a line (or phone) and ask to come along.

Northern (West Heidelberg)

Meets on Mondays at 7,00 p.m.

General Meeting in the City every three weeks on Mondays at 7.00 p.m. ror Further information, and for a list of SMG's publications, ring 654-1414 or write to Dom 187, P.O. Fitzroy, 3065.

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"The Battler": How did the workers who

We talked to Noreen Dudderidge, shop steward for catering staff who were amongst the workers on strike.

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WORKER JAILED IN ADELAIDE

Militant carworker, Ester wan Armed, is highly for fleyhting for the right to the party was one of 50 tradesome sacked by five the right to could have a some of 50 tradesome sacked by the refused to take the sack and turned up for work mast day. So Chryster called in the Surmer Court and other work mast day. So Chryster called in the Surmer Court and other has continued to restraining his from company called on the court made to restraining his from company called on the court. to act, Peter was arrested on April 3 by a supreme Court short fand his deputy and is being held in Abalide jail for contend if fand his deputy and its being held in Abalide jail for contend the work of the court of the party of the party of the court of the party of the party of the court of the party of the party of the court of the party of the part

Early in February, Chrysler attempted to transfer 100 workers, including 60 tradesmen to the production line. This was not done to boost production because

But the workers had different told them, they began a militant sit-in, demanding a return to their old jobs and the implement The company gave in after 4 days

talking to the press.

Edwards, who calls himself

Combined Metal Unions' claim

Some of the 'bins' are very

more than the year before!

Metal bosses can afford it!

retranchments before the scheme was accepted by all Chrysler

2. That it would conside. having only voluntary retrench

Within a week, the Company had sacked SO tradesmen. Peter van Arend refused to cop it

When a shop stewards meet-ing came out in support of Peter's stand, the company offered him a job on the line He refused. On March 19, the promised mass meeting on the severance scheme was finally held. The VBU officials. through, refused to allow any speakers from the floor, refused to recognise a motion of dissent on this ruling, and refused to recognise a motion and implement its policy of the 32 hr. week. When this motion was carried by an over-

METALS AWARD FIGHT from page 1

only minimal disruption. The men want job security." But job security is not guaranteed by

keep its competitive edge. The Metal Trades award also leads to flow-ons to many other groups of workers. That's why That's also why we need a

national strike and the full support of other workers and the ACTU. But a stay-at-home Some employers would welcome a strike. Black and Decker in Croydon have just laid off 340 workers for two weeks (without pay, of course). We need a strike that organises motal workers to use their strike time to mount an offen-sive against the bosses. A

Government, which would have appointed most of the Judges responsible for Peter's jailing, made any attempt to intervene. Between the

Government, the Courts and the Union's gutlessness Chrysler had lots of friends the Vehicle Industry Rank and

File group. They're prepared to fight for him. Chrysler should not be allowed to get away with it.

against the inevitable attacks

either the ALP or the entrenched

union bureaucrats to lead it.
The ALP is only in office so
long as it defends the interests
of business. If it really came
out on our side, the opposition

would force an immediate elect-ion. In fact, in 1932, the Governor of NSW sacked the

Premier, Labor's Jack Lang. Lang was no socialist, but he

osal to not pay interest on money borrowed from British

business and thus save workers

The fight against the bosses

and their state has to be led by a party that exposes that state. The ALP defends it. But the muscle for the fight has to come from the shop-floor organ-isation of working men and women. The example of the Rank

and File group at Chrysler is a step in this direction. So

was the fight shown by the tradesmen in the sit-in. But

to win, these fights must be factory-wide and industry-wide

The Metal Trades Industry is at the heart of the econom

had built up a powerful working-class movement with his prop-

through the courts and the cops. We can hardly look to

What We Think

chairperson refused to recog-nise the vote.

After the union officials hed bulldered the severence scheme through, Chrysler went to the courts to stop Peter from tuming up to the factory. Sortly after, he was arrested, at no stage had the union officials supposted any constructive way for him, or the control of the chrysler workers, to fight the sack. At no temporation, had the labor

Arend is a clear warning to all militants. The bosses do not support the Police because they look nice in uniform and they do not use the Courts because they like the serious atmosphere. The bosses know they can look to the law to defend their interests because the laws have been written to defend the "rights of property And that doesn't mean the kind of property workers own. Ever gone to a police station to report a missing pushbike? If you have, you'll know they don't give a stuff.

The police and the courts are there to protect the fact-ory owners and their property. The laws defend the "rights" of landlords, finance companies, banks, mining companies and the

In the current economic con-ditions, we need a tough fight back; a militant, political campaign that defends itself

PAPER OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS' ACTION GROUP

Look at the Metal Trades

their tracks. That was Whitlam's Prices/Wages referendum. It was smashed by workers who refused to cop a wage freeze Now it's the Arbitration Commission. The Wage Indexation scheme

announced by Justice Moore is designed to do what Whitlam couldn't -- freeze wages while business makes a killing.

During the National Wage Case, the bosses and the Labor government agreed on one thing....wages had to be pegged. The only question was "How?"

The bosses wanted no rises and no indexation. But Moore was smart enough to realise that every union in the country would fight back against that. Clyde Cameron the country would right back against that. Clyde tabero wanted wage indexation to the average wage, to make additional rises "unnecessary". But that wasn't going to stop us fighting for better pay. Moore needed indexation, but he needed a scheme that tied us to his rises and no more.

His solution is brilliant. And dangerous to every worker. Because the indexation is conditional, because the judges decide what we get every three months, any union winning an "excessive" pay claim risks losing its own indexation. It could also threaten the index ation rise for every other

Moore's scheme offers us a fatal temptation. "Rely on me and I will look after you. But ignore my rules and you'll lose your indexation and threaten

ammunition that the right-wing needs. Now they have a new argument against militants; "You're wrecking Indexation!"

It's a gift for fat-arsed union bureaucrats. No more be ing embarrassed into a fight for wages that keep pace with file member demands a pay cam-paign, Justice Moore has given "If we win a rise, we'll only lose it by not getting our

independence

It's a threat to unions that have built their strength on the shop-floor....fighting for pay and conditions claims the Arbitration Commission refused It's a threat to the independence of the unions and the in dependent action of the militant shops.

The Arbitration Commission has "offered" us a continuing pay cut. In return, we are expected to hand over our org-Well, it's not on

INSIDE

by Phil Griffiths; Industrial Editor

We need to win automatic

fight the Government's rotten We have no need of parliamentarians who support massive price rises for the BHP monopoly

Moore's fake indexation has

to be fought by every Trade

for claims that make up in full

the way to recovering what the

Moore's barrier in their own workplace. The whole working-

of those unions and shops which

Militant shops have to lead

of metal workers. It will be a tough fight. We have no need for Union off-icials who refuse to take on hold senior positions in the Labor Party machine. We have no need for leaders who win

We need rank and file mil-Cops smash strike ... p.2

The last of Jim ... p.3

Ten week strike wins ...

the Government, the Arbitration Commission and Moore's insidious scheme.

Claim — Wage

Indexation is

And we need to rely on our



President Nixon was able to ..then extend it."

Medibank ... p.8

Latest on Metal Trades

rises as fast as rising

- applies to the award rate. If doesn't go up.
- ation rise will go in tax
- The Cost-Of-Living index is faster then most.
- We won't get any compensation
- There is no compensation for periods of high unemployment. No-one can really live on the dole, and unless it is raised.

Mettle"...a metalworkers bulletin.)

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Bougainville: THE COPPERS' MINE

by Mick Armstrong In Bougainville last month, cops broke a strike, smashed a union and arrested almost 1,000 workers.

The strike and the police rist which meded it were at the Bougainville Copper Nice at Tanquan Bougainville Copper Rice at Tanquan Bougainville Copper Rice at Tanquan Bougainville Copper Rice at Tanquan Rougainville Copper Rice at Tanquan Rougainville Copper Rice Tutto Linc. The vortex were on strike in support of their Laurenty 310 a week) and improved working conditions. They were also protesting the sacking of George Forms, the blue Freeldent of the Rouga, the blue Freeldent of the Rouga.

outside company and government off-ices. The Somme government was quick to come to the mid of CRA. They sent in the tough, highly trained riot

Stonehouse:

the OTHER

fraud

These parallels and order!

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made a further 770 arrests and scourse the surrounding buth, beating up flee-ing workers. By this stage, even the sine management thought things had gone too far and arranged for the re-lease of many workers from jail. After all, they needed someone to work the

vant to CRA. They already have a problem with the accession movement on the island of Bougainville. The local Provincia of Discoving and the local Provincia of Discoving and the North Morreby. Bougainville is geographically and schnicity part of the Solomons and is only part of New Duines due to an accident of minute earth century layerialism. But Port Morreby medical its minute. But Port Morreby medical its minute.

The mine is both the largest impor-ialist investment and the largest mod-ern industry in Papua-New Guinea. It provides a significant source of income for the government. If CDA felt that Somare could no longer protect its investment, it could throw its supp-ort behind the secessionists and set

What We Think

The Somare government that shed the strike is legally ponsible for its own inter affairs. The comapny that affairs. The comapny that the government was protecting is a sritish owned multi-national. But the Bouyainville Outrage was still a very Australian affair. New Guinea is legally still an Australian colony. They have Home Rule, not independence.

pendence.
In fact, it's very much as Age,
ralian colony. There are Australia
judges, Australian military office,
Australian public servants, Most
the economy part from aning is no
by companies owned in Melbourne ser
Brisbane, ille Burns-Fill jud Curpenters. Similarly, CAM may be own
by British Kits, but it's num from
Melbourne by the colony is numerical
CAM's other Australian operation,

This was the first time since the thirties that the military (and the P-NG riot police are a military term) have been used to physically efter strikers in this region. It's pretty serious for Australians, pericular

Well you wouldn't know it! A copy, of Trade Unions have sent telegram of protest -- which should be rear-ably ineffective. The most positive action has come from the AMNU, The action has come from the Ambu, They arked their members not to work at Bougainville. BUT CRA IS INVINCED IN AUSTRALIA! If we really want the charges dropped against the Bougais-ville workers, we should strike CRA

that played such an important role opposing Vietnam or the Springbok tour? The actual police attack was during the May vacation, but that never stopped student action over Vietnam. Most of the student organtoo busy organising a tosing deuter over Palestine. American and Zienis imperialism in the Middle East is important, but Australiam students can be more influential fighting AUSTRALIAN imperialism.

At this stage, the Bougai At this stage, the Bougain-ville miners can only look to one country for support. If Australian workers and students don't stop CRA and its friends then no-one else outside New Ouinea will. We have a responsi-

Yet despite continuous complaint about these natters, it seemed that no charges were to be lodged in connection with any of them. The government had "no power" to intervee as refused to set up an inquiry.

If Stonehouse is being protected in high places, it's not the first time. From as early as 1954, the labe Party was keeping a "secret file" in him as a result of "doubts" about as accounts for a Labour students house in London.

Yet despite the suspicions of hi inet and as a Privy Council

It's all a far cry from John Stem house's "humble" beginnings...as a militant Labour activist from Wedget

No wonder he took out \$200,000 in life insurance last year and then three weeks later, disappeared while swimming at Minni Beach.

voiming at Minni Basch.

During his brief stay in the "blue-stone college" (as feet ridge prison is known in a blue brotten br



Over one millions pounds were raised, but when the accounts were published, over half that was missing-along with 350 receipt books and details of some large donations. Morkers gave hundreds of pounds to local constitutes, but in the published account of the committees are doom as laying contributed MOTUNE.

In 1971, at the height of the Bangladesh war, Stonehouse became a trustee of a Bangladesh Relief Fund. Bengali workers living in Britain wanted to do everything they could to help Bangladesh in its struggle for independence.

maring contributed WOTHING.
There's nothing to prove that any
of the trustees misepropriated any
of the missing [500] 500. But they did
about the whereabouts of the missing
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The fall of Cairns - or

about Cabinet changes. First, the rumours, the Minister's saif-defence, then the axing. Finally, all sorts of explanations from all sorts of people telling us why the changes were made. Most of the explanations, especially those relating to the sacking of Treas-

Cairm did not lose his post because he asked George Harris to bee noney overseas. He did not lose his job because the Treasury That's Whitlain's story. Undoubtedly, Treasury did try to act Cairms up. But if that was all there was to it, Whitlam would have re-instanted Cairms as soon as the atory of the Doctor's doctored doc-instanted Cairms as soon as the atory of the Doctor's doctored documents came to light.

He did not lose his post be-cause of the Morosi affair. That's the papers' story. Having created the Morosi affair, they have to push it for all it's worth. Cairns' determination to keep Morosi on his staff did not help his position, but that alone would not have brought him down.

would not have crought inm down. Cairms did not get kicked out because of his betrayal at Terr-jal, where he weed his reputat-port for his business into the labor Party platform. He was not kicked out of the Treasurer's job by the people threatened by working class and Trade Union movement. On the contrary, he was despended by the contrary, he was dropped by Whitelam, the architect of Terrigal,

So, why was he shifted and what does it matter to us? the national interest

For the last few years, the Aust For the last few years, the Australian economy has gradually slid into the crisis that has been affecting most of the major Mestern Capitalist countries for most of this decade. The economic situation is marked by rapid inflation and short-lived booms, follinflation and short-lived booms, foll-owed by recession and then rapid in-flation again. Every Treasurer has had problems since this current series of cycles first began to affect Australia. But for Labor, Treasury presents a worse problem than for the Liberals.

In periods of inflation or unemply-ment, one phrase you hear a lot is "National interest". Now, when polit-icians talk about National Interest to workers, what they are really talking about is how much we must all sacrifice

Labor, in this situation, is caught in a cross-fire. They are committed to a cross-fire. They are committed to maintaining capitalize - they always have been, but in case you had any committed from a frarigal last Fabraay. At the same time, they are not only dependent on working-class wotes, they are organisationally and financially dependent on the frack folion movement. Nothers on the Trade Union movement. Workers don't like being sacrificed to main-tain Capitalism and even the most right-wing Trade Union has to at least make some protest on behalf of its members. ALP politicians have to walk

to preserve the Bosses' profits. When they use the term to capitalists, the has a different meaning. Man they are icient businesses must be sacrificed for the survival of Capitalian as a whole. The Federal Treasury is the institution most dedicated to preserving the "National Interest" (in both senses) Labor's first Treasurer, Frank Crean Labor's first treasurer, rank trea faced with record inflation in late 1975, pushed the Treasury's line. Not all that successfully, because compare to some of his fellow ministers, Grean was not exactly a "bearty". Eventually, with Whitlan's help, he succeeded in contract of the contra

In a period of high inflation, what Treasury wants to do is cut credit and tariffs and throw workers out of work so that they will be too worried about losing jobs to fight wage cuts. But if they do this, workers are not the only sufferers. Smaller and inefficient bus-inesses go bankrupt as well. That does question of which patient you're planning to save !

Dr. Yes

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with a little help from our friends.

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Monash bosses **CLEAN UP** by John Sullivan

On Priday, June 6th, Monash University finally crushed a strike of blue-collar workers after four weeks of threats, lying publicity, platant stabbing and a consistent refusal to negotiate. blatant and hims and a consistent refusal to Aspotiate.

In all publishes the industrial unions on campus served a 26-point
and claims. The Uni bosses had an offer back by May 6th that
combed 30 of the points. The reply incorporated minor claims than
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The University Administration flatly refused such claims as closed abop agreements, 17% loading on normal leave and over-award rates of 20 - plus ten other points that sought to bring working conditions into line with University and community averages.

soom and with so little. With the 13,000 students off campus, provision of services becomes less crucial; strikers are deprived of any support students might anass, and the Uni saves over \$50,000 a week in umpaid wages.

provoked into a strike, but felt power-less to do anything. If they didn't go out, it would be demoralising. So they went out and stayed out, and set them

The white-collar workers on campus expressed their solidarity with the strikers and set up a hardship fund. They are in a bad position themselves, because the Admin has their union, the MOA, tangled up in a court case at present. This made it hard for the more militant members to call for action in



Matheson claimed that the log would cost \$25 million if net in full. Funny thing: the 30 professors cost more than this in salaries alone. They never seem to have trouble getting money to line their pockets. Actually, the cost of the log would have been closer to \$500,000.

got a slight bump-up of \$60 a week each The government paid out that \$300,000, we understand, without a murmur.

threats

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A handful of students had supported A handful or students has supported the workers throughout the three weeks since the struggle started. They organ-ised a large student meeting on the second day of the new term to widen second day of the new term to widen support and put the strikers, cane before the bil population. At the strikers were strikers and the strikers were strikers and case, both record by unterestriction of the striking unions' claims and case, both record by unterestrikers and case, both record by unterestrikers and case, both record by the striking to a pay-off on their mati-verter publicity. Mostlens to condem the officers of the strikers and the strikers and the strikers and the strikers are surrowly defeated. Strikers and the strikers are surrowly defeated and the strikers are provided to the strikers were counted by them. Students were counted by them. Students were counted by them. Students were counted and in an elastively ineffectual, after this within defeat.

scabbing

It was now clear that the Admini-stration was going all out to crush the strike. Scabbing was going on the STIKE. Scalbing was going on all over the campus. The strikers were kept out of the Uni by threats of pro-secution. Student activists were able to contain some of the scalbing but not all. The Wealth Authorities were not all. The Neelth Authorities were obviously in the Admin's pocket. The buildings had been health and fire heards for ower a week, with blocked toilets, decaying food and hips piles of paper and cardhoard awaiting the stray match or cigarette butt. But the guardinas of public health were giving the University time in which to

If the workers had closed the University down, it would have given them a trump card in the negotiations that were due for June 6th.

Back and file militancy had been really strong through the early stages really strong through the early stages to the end in a number of mines reportally the clements. The catering workers, appresenting the highest workers, appresenting the highest work of the early strong through the end of the early strong through the end of t

At the negotiations, the University offered some of the women workers \$3 a week, but that was all. At the mass meeting later that day, the workers yoted to accept the offer. The Administration had we



We interviewed Merle Cain for "The Battler". Merle, a cleaner, is a shop steward with the Miscellaneous

The Battler: What's the general feel-ing now that the strike has run over two weeks?

Merle: There are always a few weakles but the general feeling is strong to stay out until see win. He were all wild about the way the University treated our Claims. He stopped work and them found out that the Univergitu had put up signs all over the Union Building that business would return to normal in just a few days. Well: we thought - business won't be returning to normal all that quick,

B: What did the cleaners think of the thirteen points the University decided to allow?

M: The points they have allowed haven't made anybody happy. Many of them have been in operation anyway. Points like the equal pay claim are going to come into operation in the next few months - this was knocked back. Actually, the most important points to us are not the pay claims but the conditions other workers get at this University cause it has no money left from the Government, and ignoring the important conditions claims. We need the rise, alright, but we also need the other

B: If your demands aren't met will you keep striking?



PICKETS AT THE MONASH GATE....KEPT OUTSIDE, AMAY FROM THE SCABS

After the strike, we interviewed

instruction not to come on campust

B: Why was the strike held over the

had offer. We held a meeting on May to and voted to stop work until the 19th. We thought the University would nepwe thought the University would neg-otiate. We had a meeting on the 12th, and another one on the 13th. The mai-versity wouldn't negotiate. At the meeting on the 13th, we voted to step last Thursday and Friday,

militants think of the result?

Mi Next time we'll go out on our om. The ones who got anything out of this one are the ones who wouldn't come to the pickets — the same ones who twet to come back in. I've told 'em. I'm seen some of 'em this morning. They know what I think.

B: How about the Trades Hall Council

M: They're a weak lot of animals, th

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What We Think

NOT SONICE!

They've got the law on their side. That's why Peter van Arend, the Chrysler militant, was jailed (see Battler no.6). That's why the Massey workers in Britain were summonsed. That's how they smashed the Monash strike.

Some bosses have learnt how to deal with strikes, they've learnt how to use them to their own advantage. The Monash visite was provoked. So was the strike at Massey's. But the state of the state of the strike at Massey's But for the strike at the strike at Massey's But for the strike at the stri

In certain circumstances, a strike can be just what the boss wants. If business is slack, if some maintenance is needed, the bosses can close down and they don't have to pay anyone. No retrenchment money, nothing. And the workers are waiting to come back when the boss is ready.

But an occupation is a different ball game. The workers have taken over the bosses' office and machinery. There's no telling what might happen, what damage might be done ... just look at what the workers at Massey's found!

Inside the factory, the strikers are warm and dry. They are kept together. They can hold regular meetings, plan and co-ordinate activity. And just being there forces the boss to actually consider your claims - FAST.

Monash workers did the "right thing". They were told to picket outside the University, or face arrest. They obeyed and were denoralised and beaten by scabbing they couldn't stop and lies they couldn't expose. They were "nice". They

It's not nice having your TV repossessed. It's not nice having to go on strike and get beaten. It's not nice being the manager and facing the shareholders when their dividends are down. Capitalism is not a nice system. It's a continuing fight between bosses and the workers they exploit. And overy time workers are nice to their bosses, they make it harder to win, harder to defend their pay and conditions.

\$10 rise

the workers decided to setile.
They set up a 24-bur picket outside the factory and maintained it right through the atrike. There was a lot of scabbing, especially from formers and not-regulated workers, which is a settler with the settler with the settlers were able to keep out most supplies. Some "Conner drivers" smaked their way through the picket, damaging pighting back bard.

After eight weeks, the company fired 26 of the strikers. Despite last year's record \$4 million profit, Containers "couldn't afford" to keep them on. But the strikers refused to be demoralised. For ten weeks, they

be demoralised. For ten weeks, they stayed out until the company admitted defeat, offered a \$10 pay rise and reinstated the sacked workers. That still leaves the Containers workers \$5 behind. They won, but they could have had more had they stopped the scabs. But the lesson is clear: wage defeated they would be the same that they want to scabs. But the lesson is clear: wage

10 week strike:

Workers at Containers Ltd in Footscray have won a \$10 rise and beaten the sack.

Most other shops in the area were \$15 over the rate paid by Containers.

After a stoppage late last year, and sterile negotiations this year,
the workers decided to strike.



The Massey Perguion assembly plant in Coventry, some of the 120 summonses served on the Massey Perguion pickets litering the road outside the plant show what plant showwhite, the of the pickets show what first three was immerseen which spent the first three who stood on the literia limitifying the men who stood on the literia.

SLOTS

Cheft strike for a decent wage rise. Shortly effect the strike began, the workers occupied key areas of the plant, including the company office. While looking through the files, they found a very important confidential man. Written a year ago, the nece stood of the the bosses had planned product-dow the bosses had planned product-to fit in with a four week strike in May 1975.

Now the management are fighting back, Armed with the lime on their side, the Company has summoned the total to the high Court. The workers to the high Court. The workers when the Summones of the Bettler goes to press, the Court cases are due to press, the Court cases are due to begin. There have been strikes in solidarity by other workers in the area.

Massey Ferguson Strike Committee, c/o Transport House, Ringway St. Nicholas Coventry England.

The Battler would be happy to pass on any massages of support, or contri-butions to the strike fund.

Militants lead in Adelaide

by Mike Grewcock By MINK OFFEWORK

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Rupert Bares All on matters of taste, yes, I am a wirly moral person I think: in other ards, I worry about moral issues."

Supert Mardoch was the son of Keyin Murdoch, amanging director of the herald amompoly during the Chir-self and the Chiral amount of the August was cutsansauvered by his fellow directors and all he was left with was the Achieside fully hows, but with was the Achieside fully hows, but in the piece, he sequired the Molbourne truth, a scandal sheet devoted to what that other must-burnel has Newton calls "Tite, and Thost', Under Duport is con-"Tits and Trots". Under Rupert's con-trol it became a national paper de-voted to tittleting stories about rape and "school-girl sex", with hypocritical noral lectures at the end. Later he bought the aftermoon Sydrey Mirror, which followed a toned-down version of the same policy.



during which time it consistently lost money. Between 1968 and 1971 the Australian was gradually turned into an unreadable middle-class Sydney Mirror and nowadays no-one much reads it.

Rupert, meanwhile, was after bigger things. Taking his Truth and Mirror profits, he high-tailed it to London and bought the News of the World.

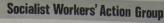
Easy Walker

In an interview with John Bolay In an intervene with John Bolest of the Toorak Times (of all thin). Melbourne's Lord Mayor Rom Walker said he does not believe the Lord Mayor should be elected by the repayers. He feels that the candidate with the most money would be elter.

Boland put it to him that under a present system, no-one could affre to be Lord Mayor unless he was to

"The Lord Mayor stiffened in Mis chair and said: 'I think the election of the Lord Mayor by the rate Mayor is an over-rated question.

So what is marral supporting to bold and in the control of the con



S.W.A.G. is a revolutionary socialist organisation, open to all who accept our basic prin-ciples and are willing to work to achieve them. Some of these principles are:

WORKERS' POWER as the solution to WORKERS' PURE as the solution to Australia's economic and social crisis. Only the organised working class has the power to create a society free of exploitation and oppression, based on workers' control of industry and the

RANK AND FILE ORGANISATION. We work within the mass organisations of the working class, such as the trade unions, and fight to brish them under rank and file control. See able to fight where the paid officials are unwilling, workers need their own rank and file organisations.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORMISM. While REFOLUTION NOT REFORMISM. Noise reforms cannot transform society, the struggle for them is important in building a novement which can. Reforms can bring short term gains for workers and the oppressed, but the working class needs to build a revolutionary party to smash the capital ist state and replace it with democratic workers' councils.

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INTERNATIONALISM. We fight to build an international revolutionary movement, opposed both to capitalism and to the bureaucratic ruing classes in the USSR and China. While defending the right of nations to self-determination, we oppose mational chauviniam and work to overcome

DEMOCRACY. Democracy in this society DEMOCRACY. Democracy in this society is very limited, yet in times of crisis capitalism will destroy even this lidemocratic yet crisis as the consistency of the co It's no use just talking about the world. The point is to change it. If that's what you want to do ... join us!

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Socialist **Group Formed** in Hobart

ON ATTHEMS to both May, a group of allitates in Hebbert held a conference and the second of the seco

At the conference, the club debated and adopted a Statement of Principles and later discussed activity for the coming year. Four new members joined at the conference.

SMAG was represented by Phil Griff-liths, who emphasised the dampers for the club being isolated in Nobert and the need for a national, revolutionary party in Australia. We also made sever-al suggestions for joint activity be-tween SMAG and the SIC.

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apponents of socialism have al-ays got one argument going for them. They think there's no an-over to it, so they save it up till last, to use as a blockhu-

stor. "Nhat about Russia?" they may, "Socialism sounds terrific, and raybe it will seen start out very well, but eventually it will end up like Russia." Then they look at you with a smirk, as if to may "Acceser TRAT crea!"

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worker's councils

WORKETS COUNCILS
In 1917 the Russian workers saized
power, led by Lenia and the Bolshowit
Farty. In an almost bloodies revolution thay took over the factories and
took control of the government. State
power was placed in the hands of democratically elected workers' councils.
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A struggle broke out in the Communication of Larry itself between the defenders of the Communication of the Commun

By 1928 Trotsky's supporters had be an defeated. By 1936, most of the original leaders of the revolution were dead, many killed by Stalin. Trotsky was exiled to Mexico, and murdered by Calinian Control of the control

by Tom O'Lincoln

my them did they selic power! Lemin understood that a revolution in Bussia could be the spark for a world revolution. With the help of victorious workers in an industrial country like Britain or Germany, Russia might overcome its backwarchess and create socialism. As Lenin dramatically put it: "Bussia plus Germany equals socialism."

Revolutions did take place in the West - in Germany, Hungary and Italy -but they were defeated. Russia was iso lated, and the workers' republic was faced with enemies all around it. The Russian capitalists and landlords helped by the western imperialist coun-tries, organised armies to try to crush the Bolsheviks.

crush the Bolsheviks. The civil war that followed almost destroyed the Russian working class. The most allitant and conscious working class, the state of the constant and conscious working and a great many were killed. Industry was brought to a standatil, so countiest workers returned to that villages and root up farming. As a force in society, the working class with the holdsock Party, now called the

virtually ceased to exist.
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Having defeated the socialist forces the ruling bureauracy still had to open with the oppilalist forces. the ri-port of the social state of the rule of the rule of the social state of t

because Stalin and some of his fol-lowers came from the Bolshevik Party, the Soviet regime could continue to call itself "socialist". In reality, Stalin's regime was created by destro-ying the socialist revolution of Lenin and Trotaky.

What happened in Russia doesn't prove that a desocratic and humane scialism is impossible. It does prove that for socialism, you need the re-sources of the advanced industrial countries. To gain control of all the resources, you need an international

News of the World, Rupert bought the (London) Sum and turned it into a Sydney Mirror -- when you're on a good thing, stick to it.

report from Brisbane:

FRAME~UP!

Getting rid of redicals and militants is always a problem for governments. The usual methods are to jail, intimidate or discredit them. Ownendamic police have tried all three methods to deal with the problem. The problem is always and the problem of the problem of the problem of the problem. The problem is always and the problem of th

no April 24th, Misch had just not out of hed when two men broke into his rome, they plant a great plant as the state of th

So far things were very odd, but they were about to get stranger. After "finding" the "grass", the nen began to go through the letters on his desk. That is, they didn't search the envelopes, they read the letters and a telegram. When Mitch protested, he was again threatened by the senior agent with a beating.

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Liberal M.L.A. Athol Guy, who is better known as a member of the Seekers - the folk group which made Peter, Paul and Mary sound sincere, represents the seat of Gisbourne. As part of his baby-kissing

of Gisbourne. As part of his day wissin act, Athol was visiting underprivileged Melton High, which can be found in the poorer end of his electorate. He asked the teachers what they thought the

the teachers what they thought the school needed. Where do you start. One woman, not altogether seriously, suga-sated that some the seriously, suga-sated that some it, realised that trees would take a while to grow and suggested that perhaps the powerment could provide some plastic trees. Pre-sumably to go with the plastic duca-tion system. But then Athol probably hely and a fortume out of losatic masi-

International Women's Year has seen a lot of activity around women's issues and research into discrimination granted. The other set up an open subcommittee to "investigate areas where women in the teaching service are disadvantaged". This subcommittee was to report back and recommend policy to the 1975 ACM, coming up in July.

The women's subcommittee has a great The wisen's subcomittee has a great advantage - its meetings are open to any subbr of the union. (Other subcassing the subcassing and the subcassing a vide range of the video v

The subcommittee decided to cover three areas - women as employees, women as union embed and women as secondary students, and women as secondary students, and women as year, we've barely scratch than a year, we've barely scratch the surface, so one of the motions we're putting up this year is to continue the subcommittee indefinitely.

Our second motion directs the is-to investigate ways of fighting su discrimination in schools. We'll be asking branches to come up with ite for action in the schools.

Answer: No, it's not Portugal or Ulster. The photo was taken in Rath-downe St., Carlton, on Wednesday morning, April 2nd. The tanks left quietly, but Carlton residents cm

Finally, we'll be asking NSTA me bers to adopt a policy on child can We believe that all schools should over to adopt a policy of the control of the contro

If these motions are passed and file militaria at 18 years and file militaria at 18 years with the militaria at 18 years at 18

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Doctors laugh all the way to the Medibank by Tess Lee Ack

On July lat., moderately sick Australians will be able to awail themselves of the service of Medibank. Thanks to the poses were the Hamer government, very sick people (if a who need hospital treatment) will have to wait under lockber. The Federal Labor Covernment and the State Covernments of Victoria, Western Australia and New World Pauls and Western Australia and New State Deservations of Victoria, Western Australia and New Labor State State Covernments of Victoria, Western Australia and New Labor State Covernments of Victoria, South Wales have been wrangling over Medibank for a long South wates neve need wranging over Montanak for a lon-time. From the way Hamer and his mates Court and Lewis have been carrying on, you'd think that Medibank was a real National Mesith Service. It isn't, We might have out one, if Whitlam and his mates hadn't been scared to take on the AMA-HBA machine.

However, Medibank is a partial gain and we should defend it from the likes of Hamer. Hamer is spending thousands of dollars of our taxes on advertising, in an attempt to undermine Medibank. His hypocray's is ginering, we tells us Medibank discriminates against payenang, He tells us negatiant distributions against pay chiatric patients. This is bloody rich coming from the nan whose government has done more than anyone to dis-advantage these people by refusing to give decent pay rises to psychiatric nurses.

The AMA's role has been just as obnoxious. Their action in raising fees 125% just before the introduction of Medibank is a deliberate act of sabotage since the government has only recognised a rise of 4% for Medibank purposes. So is their advice to doctors to not bulkbill. If a doctor bulk-bills, you pay nothing. If he or she doesn't, you have to pay 15%

rise) of a bill, if it is less than \$33, and \$5 (plus 84%) of a bill over \$33. Doctors will be losing if they bulk-bill, given the rise, so there's a big incentive for them not to do so. The AMA is also protecting the doctors who have managed to get an effective majority on the Board of HBA and a number of other health funds

So far, no-one seems to have

Metals Claim

UNLESS SOMETHING DRASTIC HAPPENS, and soon, workers covered by the Metal Trades Award will have no chance of getting an Award rise until the middle of next year. Justice Moore (of indexation fame), supported by the Labor Government, has postponed consideration of a rise "to a date to be fixed". There is no way that Moore will sive us a rise then either, because he has already said that the Metal Inlinos do not have a case for "catching up" with community

Although fitters are on the magnificient rate of \$106-90 and Trades Assistants (T.A.'s) on \$99-90, the employers have managed to create confusion on the subject of over-award payments. Many tradesmen and some T.A.'s are paid over the award, but the task of Award fights is to get a rise written in. Building industry employers are currently exercising their legal right to cut \$26 a week over-award payment from their employees' paypackets.

The Metal Trades Industry Association (MTIA) will do the same if they think they can get away with it. They have already threatened to absorb any award rise. The business press is gleefully applicating the decline in wage increases from 10% in the September Quarter last years, through 5-4 in December to 3.5% in Association to 3.5% in Section 10.5% in the September Quarter last years, through 5-4 in December to 3.5% in Association to 3.5% in Section 10.5% in Sec



At the same time, in another Court, the Labor Government was busy arguing in favour of BHP's application for a 14% rise in the price of steel. The Australian Financial Review commented;

"the (government's) submission does not even attempt BHP's case" and "represents an all-out attempt to influence the Tribunal into setting a precedent" for other companies to "approach i.e. purely on the grounds of "low profitability".

BHP made only \$% million out of steel in the six months to Decattempts to sabotage Medibank But they must not be allowed to get away with it. The people who can benefit most from Medibank must take up the fight to

Doctor Keith Benn, of the Doctor's Reform Society, talked to us about the way private health insurance funds are siming to confuse the pub-lic and had the following advice to offer: - on July 1st., cancel all medical insurance, as Medibank will cover you. If you've paid for the year, you can get a rebate for the time after July 1st. that you've paid. The health benefits people naturally aren't advertising this, according to Dr. Benn, because "they've had a briefing to rip off as long they can." The policy is apparently to get by as well as they can until the Libs get back into power and Medibank gets the boot. You will need hospital insurance till October, but Dr. Benn says there are about 13 small health funds (one is the Latrobe Valley fund) which are co-operating with Medihank.

These measures give some but a concerted fight is needed against the doctors (Dr. Benn

calls them "bloody-minded bar tards") who won't bulk-bill He thinks the Trade Union how ment should research and those doctors and publicise p widely, perhaps even operat a phone service, so that the can be avoided. Such a boycott would result in the doctors losing money, which they would like at all...it might even persuade them to change their minds on bulk-billing.

The list would be a big job, but it could be compiled by any one keen enough. The Australia Party is already thinking of drawing one up. So are we, for that matter, and we will be doing so for selected working-class areas where we sell "The Battler Watch for future issues!

But it would be much better the ALP, have been successful the past, Medibank, despite limitations, can work - if the Labor movement and all organisations of the working-class take a hand.



Hospitals will be free in South Australia soon. Not in Victoria. Hamer makes it happen

ember '74. Business nowdays must really be a struggle.

The split in the ranks of the Union officials has turned the struggle into a series of halfhearted protests which have demoralised militants and played into the hands of the MTIA. The obvious lack of response after the first one-day stoppage was followed by more of the same At some meetings, the strike motion was defeated; more bein the leadership's ability to win anything than any other

Justice Moore and the Arbitration Commission won't give anything; neither will the bosses. The campaign must be escalated immediately and significantly. Since indexation was "handed down", commercial clerks have got \$15 and storemen and packers \$6-40. If indexation is dropped in July (which is quite possible going by Moore's comments), then we will get nothing until next

A number of our union officials are starting to talk about next year's cam-paign...while we're still in the middle of this one! The Going Rates Award is heing brought up as an alt-ernative to the present min-imum rates award. AMWU policy (confirmed this year) opposes the Going Rates concept, be-cause it directly restricts the power of the union. It would mean that the unions would be further shackled on the lesser-organised and to the Arbitration Commission weaker sections of the Austral as a ceiling rate would be as a ceiling rate would be

enforced. The power of the unions is in the strong she with their ability to lead the fight on behalf of the

Some officials - even so-called "Communists" - have been trying to hide their failures by criticising those unions which tie their awards to ours They want metal workers to "break free", to leave other workers behind. This is dangerous rubbish. It ignores e basic principle in the Labor movement...the strong must stand with the weak; workers must combine and act together We must make our fight, every one's fight. To "break free" would not only weaken the whole labor movement, but damage out own campaign! It would cut us off from workers who will now support us because they benefit

This has been happening. Railworkers in Melbourne, pais ers and dockers and counci workers in Sydney have all com out in support. This must be built and extended! This will winning the claim, as well as recognising the Metal Trades National Wage case. The resour-ces of the ACTU should be mobil ised behind the fight.

The whole Capitalist class is watching the outcome of the Metal Trades Claim. A defeat for metal-workers or any acceptance of the rules attached to indexation will be the signal working class. Our fight is

PAPER OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS' ACTION GROUP

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ERIC SEAR COWLS: management consultant, fixer, self-pro-claimed CIA agent and admitted



and offers to arrange loans



REX CONNOR: as Minister for Fuel and Energy wanted government ownership without national-isation. So he tried to borrow \$4 billion from shady internat-Khemlani (whoever he really use)

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WHY THEY WANT LABOR OUT page 4

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Israeli Socialis of its journal, incom by the name of its journal, "Matepen". Avinoam isn't his real name, and we haven't printed his picture because you can get into trouble in Israel for belonging to Matepen.

The several hundred members of the group are firmly opposed to Zionism, and Zionism is the very basis of the Israel's state. He talked to Avinoan about Zionism and Matupen.

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He talked about the new wave of colon-isation after the Six Day War:

"Jews, nome from Israel, some from overseas, were settled in Arab earritories, from which hundreds and thousands of Palestinians and Syrians were pushed out. In Colan Beights before 1967, there were about 60 villages and 100,000 Arabs.

All but 5 or 6 thousand were kicked out, and only three of the villages remain. In their place, you have about 20 Israeli villages.

In the Gaza Strip, 30,000 Arab peas-ants were pushed out, and they now have to work as day-labourers on land which they formerly cwmed.

You can see; Zionism is a colonial movement and the final aim is to drive all the Arabs out of Pelestine. But in the mean time, Israel is forced to use Arab labour. Arabs make up 70 or 80 percent of the labour force in the construction industry and they do 80 percent of agricultural work. These workers face discrimination and abuse.

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constant threat hanging over the workers: if they don't too the line the police will be called." The threat of expulsion can be used against all Arab workers:

"The sword of Damocles is hanging over them. The government can expel anyone it wishes, because of the merregroup laws...they can expel whole Arab villages. The process or expulsion merr stops, it goes on every day."

them, and repatriation.

These rights pertain to the inn in Israel; we don't think that: Jews in all the world are one

Avinoam also had some critical rest to make about the leaders of the estimians, whom he thinks are my out to establish another capitalish are based on the capitalish and the capitalish are based in Falestine "like the in Egypt, or Syria". He said that

in Egypt, or Syria". He said that there were some racist sentiment among the Palestinians, and this terror tactics were not suitable 5 m mass movement of workers. Never

less, Matzpen supports their stmg unconditionally:

"Whenever there is an opprose nation, I support whatever stra they wage, they have a right to

fight for their independence.! can't impose leadership on the

It is their democratic right

Tom O'Linco

Where We Stand

The Socialist Workers' Act has a clear position on the East. Here is a brief summary

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In short, the Israeli state lives by expelling Araba and selzing their land. Those whom it can't do without, it treats as second-class citizens. That's what building a Jewish state means in practice. Matteps grew up in opposition to these cutrages.

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The labour novement in Israel had al-wars had a militant left wing, but it tried to combine socialis we with re-in resist, where the combine is a in resist, where the combine is a tall the worker class and these of incision, the left always chose Israel. In cases of strikes in meditive areas it reads of strikes in meditive areas it reads, they always case the side of the Israel.

Some people in the labour movement saw this conflict. They wanted to take a consistently socialist stand, and said: If you are a socialist, you have to be anti-Ziomist.

"People from the Communist Party joined us, and from other left part-ies, and we took an explicit stand against this colonialism. Matapen had a program wich was vayue on some things, but on the question of Israel if was very clear; revolutionary and anti-fionist.

At our request, he produced a copy of the group's program and summarised some of the main points.

"We see the Middle East as one unit

the Araba as one nation. We would be a supported by the Araba and Yest support the Araba and Yest support the Araba support the Araba support the Araba support the Araba support the Palestinians. We call the Palestinians as a right of the Palestinians as a right of the Palestinians as a right of the Back and choose between the Land that was stoken for the Land that was stoken for the Land that was stoken thems, and repartiation. LOCKOUT! And what of the Jews in Israel, we are now settled in the land, whate, the basis on which they originally

Last women, rev outsets in the victoria building industry declared war. They cut builders' labourers' pay by 256 a week (the over-award payment) and the next week, called on every builder in Victoria to sack every labourer they employed. So far, 40,000 have been locked out. the basis on which supportionally came?

"We chink that in a sociality a feat, the right of soil-determined action for more about the desired action for more about the desired action for more state, will be reduced including the right to desired action of colonial nature like the mode of colonial nature like the mode.

The issue is the award. Since the Builders' Labourers' Federation (BLF) was deregistered by the Arbitration Commission, it has you registration in each of the state industrial courts, and BL's now work under separate state

Recently, the BMIU and other unions covering building industry tradesmen, nepotiated a national 'paid rates' award. The 'paid rates' award means that everyone gets the same over-award 'allowance' instead of the over-award payment you manage to win in your own shop. It means that the award becomes also the maximum you can earn. Matipen is working for a socially revolution in the Middle East. The means overthrowing not only the Israeli regime, but also the rate, ionary governments in the Arab Hay

Once the tradesmen's award was finalised, the bosses insisted that the BLP also take a national, paid rates award. This would have meant a wage freeze for victoriam BLFs, so the union officials (correctly) refused, and took the bosses demands to a wass meeting.

But the officials have been remark

WHAT WE THINK

Which side are you on?

Then, right in the middle of the fight against the bosses, the BEF lead-orable involved themselves and the careful involved themselves and the second second

attack. First with the pay cut and then with the mass sackings. The next day, Korn Collager (SLF Secretary) was quoted as saying that the disputs would be settled in a week. That was four weeks ago. In that time, there have not weeks ago. In that time, there have not been any mass meatings of builders' labourers. The leadership has refused seweral requests for a meeting, saying that it's "not needed" and that they 'how what to do'. Gallagher's only counter attack has been a grand-standing seture against the lockout on hospital sites. His advice to members is to get on the dole, or get another short term job. Thanks, Norm.

There is a way out of this hind.

There is a way out of this hind.

Rank and file militants need their
own organizations, groups committee
the formula would be considered to the convenient. Builders' Labourers in
Victoria have formed the "On Site"
group, who have put up their own program to smash the lockout. It include
an end to the destructive fight on it

rank and file However, a rank and file group mu not simply criticise the leadership when it does nothing (or the wrong thing), it must be able to act indep endently. We hope the "On Site" grou

factories, like the Chrysler (S.A.) car plant do, and the Chrysler group was able to defend militant Peter van Arend when he was victimised by the company and sold out by the Vehicle Builders' Union officials.

The annual Metal Trades Claim is

Bosses shut down Building Sites

"Get on by Kevin Bain with it!"

METALWORKERS TELL OFFICIALS

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payments from their own boss. They announced this as a "new testie,"
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despite the massive rejection in to There were some very angry reactions to the official motions. In Adelaide, they were beaten by 4,000 verse to 30; workers decided not to 11ft the over-time ban and 300 Tremovfers went on strike. Their action was demonated by the ultra-right wing FLA officials. Adelaids workers passed an overwhelm-ing vets of n-continence in the offiicials, but stopped short by rejecting a further motion that a rank and file committee take over negotiations.

The officials have sabotaged this campaign from the very beginning. First they argued for guerilla action to "persuade" individual employers to put pressure on the Metal Trades Indput pressure on the Metal Iranes Industry Association to...megotiate!
Not concede the claim...just negotiate.
This unreal strategy failed dismally, and was demoralising both for workers who tried it and for three in shops too weak to take any action.

The next gen was the 24-hour "pro the next gen was the versions pro-test strike", with widespread unemploy ment, the officials proposed a protest that cost workers \$20 each. And then another. And another. The bosses were so intimidated by the campaign that they put their own counter-claims.

Finally, the new Minister for Labor, "Diamond" Jim McClelland, stepped in to settle the dispute. He dien't actually offer anything, in fact, he said that metalworkers shouldn't get any rise (apart from indexation adjustments). But he did offer some advice. He said that if we persisted with our claim, the Labor government would be threen

out at the next election. But why out at the mest election. But why should the government be throw the state of the s

For reasons best known to themselves, the officials swallowed "Diamond" Jim's plea for restraint. However, the worker didn't. But we now have a problem. The officials have formally recommended that we stop action mo our claims. Yet the same officials are still jp: New the hell came we will work the same officials are still jp: New the hell came we will when our indeers have founders. can we win when our leaders have fough

The notion proposed by the Adelaide workers shows how the campaign can be won. He need rank and file committees, made up of rank and file metalworkers who have to live on the pay, and un-ject to more control by the sumblers, to run the campaign of at least a week and havit around militant action like pick-etting and factory occupantions. etting and factory occupations.

> Most of all, we need a campaign to Most of all, we need a campaign to FORCE the bosses to pay up, rather than a campaign just to show them what we think! And the existing Metal Trades Federation officials have shown us what our chances are of getting them to lead that kind of action.



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ISRAEL ~ from within

only the employer, but the government

The government has the power to draft striking workers, then force then to werk as colders in their own factorist and the strike of the strikes. In the police or army to break strikes, In the case of Ashbeim, the government justifies all this on rounds of the policial situation in the Middle East. To win, the worker themselves, owage a political campaign

At the same time, the workers must sense. The labour organisation, casies the Histadruit, is a government institution. It is practically a second government. It controls nearly 20% of the economy, owning factories and businesses, and perhaps 90% of the health services.

the longest ones, are in direct defi-ance of the Histadrut.

Ashkelon was a typical case. Hista-drut secretary, Yeruham Meshel, app-eared on television to denounce the strikers. He declared that they had 'gone beyond all acceptable limits".

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Interview and Report from

Being employers, the Histadrut leaders dislike strikes. Yet all strikes must have Histadrut approval to be legal. This is only given when workers get very desperate, and sel-dom for more than a short time. More than half the strikes and certainly

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The ideas of Matzpen are not pour in Israel, and life is difficults the few hundred anti-Zionists. s in trouble. Once the toughest and It is still an uphill battle. Mrs ost reared union in Australia, it ow faces capitulation and defeat. he Metal Trades Federation officials ave admitted defeat in the campaign majority or Israelis. Set the cof the October Nar, followed by serious economic difficulties, be certainly changed the political climate in Israel. The revolution left could yet become an imperatoric in Israeli politics.

have admitted dereat in the campaign for a \$20 rise, but the membership have reversed their decision. What the hell is happening? And what can see do about it?

The war between workers and the osses is fought all the time. But t's never as sharp nor as painful as uring an economic crisis

During the boom, profits rose, production rose and so did wages, but production could only go up after and eventually, goods made in the search for profit could no longer be told profitably. Investment which formed so much of the boom was cut ack. Overtime was reduced, workers acked and suddenly there was a rec

ecover is by attacking workers' wages and pushing productivity up. Yet the at in living standards will make the eccession worse.

Inflation is now almost impossible o control, so that if we choose to cave the economy" by sacrificing pricelies, we may never see anything or it...but someone else will. Aft , wages are cut so that profits

Labor

In such a situation, there are only two sides and you've got to be on one of them.

chosen their side. They are more con-cerned with the fate of the Labor government than the living standards of their members. But the Labor gov-ernment is talking about all workers taking pay cuts, and cutting spending on education. So we lose either way.

expelled

In a different way, the officials Norm Gallapher turned to the bosses to help his change the leadership of the branch. And instead of continuing to argue that his politics would attempted the branch, he deliberately manabed the two organisation and expelled the best militants in the union The MCV branch has been disastrously makened by Gallapher's collaboration. The annual Metal Trades Clain is the most important industry claim. A national rank and file organisation is necessary if metalverber are to defend their jobs and living standards. Metalworkers in handemong (Victorian and Company) of the control During a sever recession like we're having as the moment, it's just not emough for these groups to be militant when the leadership is weak. They have to be able to explain the reasons for the crisis, so the fight hecome clear. In the current recession at of good militants have decided to lay low, hoping that it will go easy so they can fight member day.

Rank and file groups have to be able to explain why it's more nec-essary than ever to fight back now. And they have to be able to turn militant talk into militant action: they have to be able to act indep-emdently. They have to be able to win the confidence of their fellow workers to follow them.

Socialist Workers' Action Group P chosen sides. We are committed to building these groups.

where all strikes are political

LABOR'S LOANS



Lynch-Perkins Attack

THE MHDLE LOANS AFFAIR has been carefully conducted by two men; Phillip Lynch, the deputy leader of the Liberal opposition, and Graham Perkins, the editor of the Age.

editor of the Age.
Behint them both stands the shadony
figure of Sir Frederick Wheeler, Permanent head of the Treasury, who, despite his apparent loyalty to the government in the Senate on Medhesday
(July 17) is clearly committed to defending the interests of capitalism regardless of the government's future.

At the very least, Wheeler sent a document (with a paragraph missing) to the Attorney-General's department without showing his boss, Somebody in his department, with or without his permission (probably with), has kept Lynch well supplied with confidential

Lynch's motives in all this are clear. He wants his party back in gov-ernment. Lynch is the man who drew up victous laws against workers' rights to strike; he is the man who presided

unwilling young Australians. He is the man who as shadow treasurer, calls for the government to slash expenditure on everything except defence.

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Perkins has far more complex motives. He works for Ramald McDomald, managing director of The Age newspaper in which the Fairfax monopoly holds a controlling interest. The Age represents that section of the bosses who supported the election of the ALP in 1972 and 1974, mostly because they thought that



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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Dunstan government has scrip home in the South Australian de-with an ex-Labor independent bill

the balance of power MIKE GREWCOCK writes from Adelaide telling how it was doze.

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A TALE OF TWO **TREASURERS**

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In 1929, after 13 years in opposition, Labor was elected to govern The All Layer. In Opposition, Labor was elected to govern-ment the Market and Market an

massive unemployment in Australia.

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Three basic appreaches to dealing with the Depression were pushed around in parliamentary circles. The first particular control of the budget in other words, to cut workers' wages and social services like pensions. Supporters of this budget in other words, to cut workers' wages and social services like pensions. Supporters of this budget in the control of the budget in the proper service in the budget in the country. Gibson's couper was particularly important in the country. Gibson's cupport was particularly important this Sir Frederick Messier today, he update government policy over the direct opposition of Cabinett. Nis public position was no streng that public position was no streng that 1900, behind the back of his government.

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of unemployment for the working class.

The third plan, that proposed by
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government had fallen. Meanwhile there was Theodore to be dealt with. During the Depression, every government in Australia fell. In Queenland, Laber had the sort of gerrymander going for it that highlen-petersen has today. It took a depression to shift them. But once the some Laber parties were in, they had sent information about all serts of in-

reversing commany.

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let to applic in the Labor government, and, with a little help from Lang's supporters; its defeat. Scullin accepted the bosses' deflationary approach but it was the conservatives (Whited Australia Party) who implemented it under the Leadership of Tabor rat toe Loons. Thousands of Australian workers some teaching the Control of the Con

Theodore numeric soon zers portrus and went on to become a millionnaire. He made a fortune out of further mineral ventures in Fiji, in partnership with the well-known right wing press baron, Sir Frank Packer.

There are differences between the attacks on the two Labor Treasurers. For one thing, Theodore was a crook, John Carlow as a war was a crook, and the control of the boxes' profits, but section of the boxes' profits, but when the control of the boxes' profits, but were the control of the boxes' profits, but when the control of the boxes' profits, but were the control of the boxes' profits, but were the control of the boxes' profits, but were the control of the boxes' boxes' boxes are called the control of the boxes when the control of the bo There are differences between the

Tom Uren summed it up early this month when he said: "The real powers cannot tolerate even the fairly minor shifts of income and power this gov-

The real powers: the bosses, their



press and their top Public Servants, continue to rule. Whether Labor is as served by hosest near or crook, by served by hosest near or crook, by future millionaires, is not the issue flabor ministers attend two minor changes that the real rulers do not to protect themselves and change society, they must take natters into politicing, and bossel, and liments.

Why you can't afford a house in Sunshine by DILYS KEVAN, SWAG Western branch

BEEN THINKING of buying a house lately? Find you can't afford it? You're not on your own. Accord-ing to figures compiled by Dr. F. J. Bromilow, an economist with the CSIRO, only 8% of work-ers in Melbourne seeking to set up homes can afford it.

However, you will be pleased to know that there are two men in Melbourne's (working class) Western Suburbs who can afford to buy houses. Their names are John Kontek and Barry Rappel. John Kontek and Barry Kappel.
Mind you, we said houses, not
homes; Kontek and Kappel don't
actually live in these houses.
They are real setate agents and
these houses are for speculation.
They have been buying and selling
houses in the Summilies and selling
profits of between \$60,000 and
\$1 million all told.

there's how they are doing it. If you ring up one agent for a valuation, he would turn up, undervaling the base and disappears and the base. It is a bit more than the valuation and buy your place...for thousands of dollars less than its waster value. The place would then be sold and the agents would split the profit. heat, had:

split the profit. Neat, hub?
But not neat mough A Sumshine
Council official has exposed the whole
sordid business. Ne began hearing com-plaints and decided to investigate on
his own. He has duy up 15 contracts
which implicate Kappel and Month' via
a company called Eargle prop involves
which Kappel count. On story involves
a house valued at \$20,000 and later



sold for \$27,000; in another case the made a \$6,000 profit on the same day One property was bought for \$18,000 and sold for \$45,000 six months late:

Channel 7 go bold of part of the story, so they culted a few people, The RSI (Extate Agents association) said that you should only deal through a RSI agent, fontal is a RSI agent (The's also a Comissioner for the Declaration became, when the became the became, when the said that he couldn't see mything illegal.

ishes thieves who steal from people's homes, but not thieves who steal home

The plans of Minerals Rex

while The Age and the leaver the standard of the standard and the standard

Connor is a strong nationalist. He wants Australian control of all mineral

certainly not via compulsory national isation. No, Rex wants to buy out the

So Rex had to go to the internat-ional financial mafia, However, even if Connor had succeeded in borrowing the momey, the LCP Senate majority would have attempted to destroy him before allowing him to buy out comp-anies like CRA (Conzinc Riotinto of Australia) or Utah Development. amous governments are only allowed to nationalise companies in special circumstances. That is, when they are umproditable, but nevertheless provide services required for the rest of busi-ness to survive (like railways or elec-tricity.).

They want to control it incir aim is to get anyone who might not support a budget that attacks workers' living standards out of Gabinet. They want, and they say it quite openly, a budget that attacks social welfare and wages.

The loans crisis cannot tip Labor

The LYNCH-PERKINS ATTACK is not The LYNCH-PERKINS ATTACK is not merely an attack on several individual politicians, many of whom, like Whitlam, do not act in our interests anway. IT IS AN ATTACK ON US ALL. It is aimed at disciplining the Labor Party to attack

the people who elected it and the workers whose unions support it.

Mining companies like CRA are very profitable. Although Connor would have paid totally unjustifiable compensation, there would still have been no future profits for the bosses once the government owned the mines. Commor must have been dreaming if he thought he would be allowed to get away with that.

Junie Morosi, clowns like step-son Phillip, or both like Eric Sear Cowls It was inevitable that one or more of

these people would provide his enemies with the ammunition they needed.

The fall and fall of Jim Cairns

wanted to support capitalism his way. Re developed a strategy of inflating industry out of the recession...with govern-ment handouts, social welfare and wage cons like indexation.

and wage cons like indexation. Treasury and the bosses wanted to control inflation with direct cuts in wages and spending; so they destroyed him.

Cairs is not a martyr because he failed by refusing to choose sides. We wanted to help both the bosses and the workers. And in times like these, that can't be done.

Dropping Cairms from Treasury was not enough. Whitlam wanted Cairms right out of the Cabinet. The reason for this is that Whitlam wants to weaken further the influence of the

Cairns, along with Connor is an inconsistent representative of these unions and their leaders in the caucus. The less influence they have the easier it is for Whitlam and Hayden to please Treasury and The

Cairns left himself open. In gov-ermment, although he still kept links even the still kept links and the still kept links from the still kept links and the still husiness policies. It would appear the more "respectable" business people-sees most prepared to frunt Cairns, the eschusztring leader, so the hus-the eschusztring leader, so the hus-the eschusztring leader, so the hus-ther report lives left with were either report lives left with were either report lives left with were

It is very easy to see Jim Cairns as either a martyr or a fool, he is neither. He is a victim in one sense. Cairns as Treasurer first committed himself to supporting capitalies, Publicly, at the Torrigal ALP conference. He helped write it into the ALP platform. But he



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Three ways to kill a RED

sabotase the scheme.

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But perhaps the best killer of the RED schee is the labgovernment itself. Escapes of its government itself. Escapes of its government itself. Escapes of the providing work for "primary bread winners". This means that of over 15,000 people employed on the RED scheme, only a few hundred are women. Let the current the providing the provi women their jobs than men. The RED scheme is supposed to be helping the unemployed. With friends like these, the unem-ployed don't need enemies.



Bosses to duck Equal Pay and Indexation' Drake

The section of your in which working women have been hit recently, a survey of 20 conjourn taken to the properties of the presental survey. As the properties of the present of the presen equal pay.

The same survey also discovered that IN of boses surveyed were going to pay indexation to all their employees. The rest had loopholes, of which the main one is to absorb the indexation rise by reducing overaward payments.

In other words, apart from the other ifs and but about the wage indexation scheme, most of us won't be getting

Bombers shoot down players' rep

Victorian League footballers are supposed to be protected by their Players' Association. 1½ not a union in the sense that the French and Italian soccer players have union protection, but it has done a few things to improve players' conditions. And the businessen who run the 12 'We club devit like it very much at

are despirately short of good players, cleared half-back flanher Ray Smith to Melbourne just before the transfers ended for the 1975 season. Smith, who was far from being the Smohers' worst player, just happened to be the Players Association representative at Nindy. Association representative at Almoy Hill. Essendom, which was the last club to abandom religious sectarianism in selection of players, just happens to have the most conservative club

Feeding the hand that bites them

Dave Nadel

You'd think the Bank of NSM, the National Bank, Quarta, Mirrui, the National Bank, Quarta, Mirrui, the Columb Court, and Court, and Court of the Australian Embassy for the attendance of their staff members at a function given from Court of the Court of

The Japan-Australia Society consists of the companies listed above plus-most of the other big Australian or The main point of the cockaid party was to give company representatives a chance to lobby Australian government officials. Therefore, business being a bit tight at the moment, the firms very generously allowed the Australian government to pay for the privilege of

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RANK AND FILE ORGANISATION. He work Note and file Occupied to M. Se work within the mass organisations of the working class, such as the trade unions, and fight to bring them under rask and file control. To be able to compare the paid officials are until the workers need their own rank and file organisations.

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Reforms can bring short term gains for workers and the oppressed, but the working class needs to build a revolutionary party to smake the capitalist state and replace it with democratic workers' councils. UNCOMPROMISING SIRUBAL MANDE SEXISM AND RACISM, which are of the capitalist system. We for full equality and liberative systems of the capitalist system of the capitalist system. The control of the capitalist system of th of homosexuals.

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and work to overcome national DEMOCRACY. Democracy in this is very limited, yet in the crisis, capitalism will deli-thin limited democracy to menta for change. There we fence of democratic recording revolutionary outlook. In class societies such as be-med for workers to fight cracy is inseparable from co-for socialism treats.

It's no use just talking the world. The point is change it. If that's what want to do ... join us!

INDIA:

AGRICULTURAL WAGES 1.5 rupees (13.5¢) a day

FOOD Kilo of rice costs 3.3 rupees (30¢) in West Bengal

POLICE SPENDING \$280.5 million a year (three times that spent on health)

MILITARY SPENDING \$1,320 million a year (20% of the budget)



GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT \$56 per head

AVERAGE INCOME \$49.50 a year (and falling) INFLATION RATE 31.15 a year (and rising)

LIFE EXPECTANCY 41.2 yrs.

POPULATION 574.22 million(half officially classified as below poverty line) growing at the rate of 2.2% (12.7 million) a year

Gandhi's graft by Chris Simpson

CORRUPTION AND CRISIS are not new to India or its government. Corruption has olined all governments are not to the control of the control of

When world capitalism was booming, poor people in India and other Third World countries were just managing to scrape by Now the capitalist countries no longer want their raw materials

and textiles. The cost of oil and food imports is increasing. The Indian economy, along with others, is floundering.

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India's powerty isn't woridental.

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Caused by foreign Imperialism, A
century ago the British Empire developed
big landowners to obtain delivery of the
cash cross its manufacturers required.

These lords of the land are there still,
and it is they who stand in the way of
social progress.

Caused by modern Imperialism, East and West. "Foreign Aid" maintains the



existing system. It has strings attached It is designed to open up markets for ICI, Massey Ferguson and the makers and traffickers in arms.

Loans entail interest payments, and although the Russians were generous to start with, India now reppy? Russia 5 times more each year them. The resident in Alfa, Agricultural development in the benefitted the landlords, not to be supplied and to see the supplied of the policy of the forced to sell the little land they own.

companies are interested in profits, and the present of the current crack-down. Gandhi's government was appending huge amounts of morey to keep the poor people. "In their place" - military spending accounts for 20% of the budget. Chandhi is trying to keep her own head above mater, eyen if

POLITICAL

from EAMONN McCANN in Derry

Maph Duffy, 20, a Catholic, marriso with two children, who lived in Arran Street. In ast Duffast and worked as a loader in a depost of the Scottish and Mexcestle breways a few hundred yards was, was walking how one night recently when been men ran up behind him and shot him three times in the back. He died buo days later.

Merlyn Rees, Secretary for Northern Ireland, told Radio Ireland that such killing were the work of "small groups of a most criminal kind". "There was no political motive involved" he went on. "It represents gangaterism at its worst".

Over the past year, Need has act, hissoif up as something of a phrase maker, babbling incessantly about "motiveless surders", random killings" "travelling gumen" — politically meutral phrases designed to drain all political content from the savagery and so shift responsibility away from

There were 17 Catholics among the 87 workers in the Bast Belfast depot of Scottish and Newcastie. They met against the advice of their union, the Transport Monkers, voted to transfer them to another depot or pay them off, in the circumstances, it is difficult to blame them, but their decision was a victory for the assession.

Because the short-term reason for another workplace into an all-Protes-

tan procure. This murder fell into a well-established pattern. Of the 500 stitling of section Millings well-sited in a section of the sec-and of these, about helf have been shilled at work or on the way to work. The understandable affect has been to belier on, platte areas or in first with a nized ishour force. In this way, may handers—in the nature of the thing it is not possible to defend the second of the There is a morter calculate of firsh in

home in Ballymena Street, in North

In other words, one noticeable

The Loyalist assaxins' belief that in doing this they stand in time-honoured Uliter tradition is in no way, francful, they can, and frequently do point to the fact that it was the first Price Minister of Northern Kelled for "a show of revolved by Protestant above the control of the control

outside

His successor lord Brookeborough
was proud to procelais that on his
estate: "I wouldn't have a carbolic
about the place", the could go on any
most crisinal kind, and the could go on
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place for catholics was on the outside
looking in.



for the death of the white, which have been condemed outright by all rocialists, have revealed the total political bankruptcy of traditional Pepublicans. The established Republican groups have been able to arm young men with platols and rifles but have proved themselves utterly incapable of of arming them with the political waspens which can with

What We Think:

NEE IN AUSTRALIA it is all too easy to think of the irish situation as a fight between the groups of religious famatics with the British troops as a neutral ungire holding them apart. He local press, all pre-British, give us that story and there have been few link supportant to publisher the british RC Cann's artished them what is really

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That's what Roy Yillinger, a worker at Lucas asked me last Monday. One hundred and fifty workers at the Lucas battery factory in Meltenham (Melbourne) have been sacked by the bosses for going on strike. They are claiming better conditions and an mproved bonus system.

"For \$104.90, they expect us to do the dirtiest work in all Melbourne. And it's because we are new Australians they know they can got away with it. It's

"Every week we get the blood test from the doctor and the

The company had promised to consider the workers' demands and give them an answer. But instead of answers, they kept getting further promises that the company would consider their demands On Monday July 8th. the company promised an answer on Tuesday, but the workers went on strike. On Tuesday, the Thursday, but they heard noth-ing until Friday, when they all got a telegram telling them that

ers met outside the Lucas fac tory last Monday to continue

"They have a bonus system. it has 100 minutes in every times make up to 600 batteries



by Phil Griffiths

TOUR FAILURE TO RESUME WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISPUTES PROCEDURE EXPLAINED TO YOU BY MR R HAMBLING YOUR SHOP STEWARD MAKES YOUR TERMINATION UNIVOIDABLE STOP ONE WEEKS PAY IN LIEU OF NOTICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE LUCAS SECURITY OFFICE AT 10AM 15/7/75 STOP LOSS OF BUSINESS RESULTING FROM THIS STOPPAGE HAS ALREADY REDUCED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BUT DETAILS OF REINSTATEMENT AVAILABLE TO YOU ON PREVIOUS CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT STOP RING 930311 EXT 282 OR 342 AMEROSE PERSONNEL MANAGER JOSEPH LUCAS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD

ng worker at Lucas, including the shop steward, received one of these standover

the AMMU and the Storemen and withdraw the notices if the workers went back. They also offered to begin immediate scheme, but added that they were definitely not going to

At the strike meeting, the officials reported on the neg-otiations, but refused to give

ced to formulate their own strategy. A motion to go back to work and concentrate on go slow and overtime bans was decisively beaten. Most of the workers are English-speaking Greek



The only constructive sugestion from the organisers com

The next week will be crun in the struggle. The striking battery workers need support must take up the budget from the Electrical section as a political issue. has to be fast and militant economy. And that's what's

They will not lack solidan decisive.

Battler' Fighting Fund





PAPER OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS' ACTION GROUP

ON TUESDAY, August 19, Bill Hayden will stand up in the House of Representatives and read the 1975 Budget speech. And in boardrooms around Australia, the bosses will drink his health.

For over two years, the Labor Government tried to have it both ways. It tried to improve life for Australian workers at the same time as trying to manage Australian capitalism. And

It has presided over the worst recession for forty years. And on Tuesday, Bill Hayden will reverse most of the reforms the government actually succeeded in starting.

The Budget will slash spending on Education, the means test will stay and there will be less money for pensions and Compensation and Rehabilitation schepe will be shelved, along and Liverpool. Unemployment relief work is being phased out of weapons and equipment for the Armed Forces.

This is an attack on all to continue the strike. He to working-class Australians. But the strikers to organise ast it's an attack on us as ind-picket of the factory gates a ividuals, rather than an attack elect a strike committee to m on us as workers. That makes the strike. The Storemen and it harder to fight back. At Packers' Union promised to be work, we use the unions to ban all Lucas goods. uals, what do we have ?

The union movement

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profits

those 14% years and scaled on my fellow-workers. But 80 with tax cuts and import quotas, wouldn't do that. He thinks it wrote protection of profits ened to sack workers and it fought every wage claim as if it was treason

> But business was still not satisfied. Cameron and Cairns



ion is causing unemployment, they screamed. The deficit has to be cut. Labor has to sacri-

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WORKED FOR:

RUSSES

the guiding hand of Sir Fred-erick Wheeler) and the press to humiliate and discipline the leaders went right along with it. Whitlam sacked Cairns and

can't get work.

But there is only one way for a capitalist economy to get out of a recession. And that's by boosting profits at the exscreaming for action, Whitlam workers' wages himself, or lose a snap election and have Malcolm

ism" and "economic rationalism" What they mean is business

So the "Idealistic schemes" which are so important to our lives are to be axed. The govinto the rule book by support-\$100,000,000 a year (see centre pages). And unemployment is

Whitlam and his party coll-ected a lot of money from the

We have to make it clear inside our Unions that we We cannot continue to rely on just voting for Labor Parliamentarians to defend us. We have to organise



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8. THE BATTLER July 19 1975

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REACTIONARIES IN PORTUGAL are flexing their muscles and shaping up for a confront attem with the working class. In the last few days the right wing in the north have been coming out into the streets. In the town of Familiaco, crowds sacked all left-wing party offices and houses of left-wingers. Demonstrations against "comunitat" have drawn large crowds.

The Whitlas government has always taken a strong anti-secession position, see helper be was elected Whitlan was on record saying "No government in Camberro or Port Moresby could tolerate secession, all negotiations about Papua New Quines will be on the basis of existing borders."

Now, he has just told the Sougain-villeam that to set up their own states would need the approval of Aust-ralia, the Soware government, and the United Mations. Otherwise, soccession would be an "illegal act".

"communist" have drawn large crowds.
Int it's not be Communist Party
which holds power in Portugual. Politipower in Portugual. Politipower in Tortugual. Politipower of officers from the Armel Forces Neverment (ANN). Meanwhile the
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Be attempted to buy the Bougainvilleans off with a Frovincial government in Bougainville. This was to be the first of the 10 or 20 throughout the country. The others were never established, instead the Somare government abolished the Bougainville ment abolished the Bougainville.

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Somer also that problems with other secasionist movements, for example, the "Papua Revent Movement of the problems of the problems

territory of New Galmas.

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the current government.
At the moment it seems as if CRA wants Moresby almost as much as the Moresby government wants CRA's mine.
This is probably because CRA can use

PORTUGAL:

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on a Lisbon demonstration last month in favour of the move to workers' council

200 During the strike last May (see he No. 7) riot police recruited free mainland tribes were used stains Bougainvillian miners.

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HARRADINE:

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acom: the resmanian ALF leadership of the federal Labor party. We might know whether the federal party leadership has taken over the Tanzanian branch. We will certainly know whether or not Brian Harradine is still a member of the ALF.

Here's why he shouldn't be!

Harradine was ousted by the Federal Executive for statements he moderal Executive for statements he moderal Executive "friends of the communists." But the issue isn't who the Executive "friends are; it's who are Marradine's friends.

Brian Harradine is an associate of members of the National Civic Council, He has been described as their agent. If he's not, then he might as well be; his every action is in line with their policy.

The NCC is a vicious right-wing oranisation which split the Labor Party and the trade union movement during the fiftles. Its front group, the DLP, spent the next seventeen years trying to keep Labor out of office and Australia in the Vietnam

Harradine has already split the Tasmanian Labor Party and the Tas-

including the Premier Rece, who was effectively forced out by the State Conference at which Warradine con-trolled many delegates. The last the state of the state of the state of the after Warradine no was Lipped con-pression on Premier Still Nielson to re-verse a previous decision that went against his interests.

The Mattler is not necessarily defending Reece and his politics; what we are saying is that Harradine was splitting the ALP in Tasmania long before the federal party recommended his expulsion.

mended his expulsion.

Similarly in the trade union novement. Since marradion became socrutary of the formanian reades and
Labor Council (TVIC), the following
mejor unions have disaffiliated:
EVU. FINEWA, Textiles, Transport, MEV.
FORTAL and Liquer Trades. The FIVID
has also withheld its affiliation
has made them between the behavior. dues. Relations between the Sobart-based TTLC and the Surmie and Laun-ceston Trades and Labor Councils are also strained.

The MCC is a proscribed organisation for ALP members. This not only means they can't join it, it also means that NCC supporters are not allowed to join the ALP. Led by Bob Santamaria, the

The NCO apports fastist regimes like those of spain and Chila, within the course of spain and Chila, within the course of the course fastistic course of the course fastistic capacity native of the course capacity native course capacity native course of the course of t AND THERE IS NO PLACE FOR BRIAN

by DAVE NADE LUCAS WORKERS Griffiths

STRUGGLE FOR POWE NOT HOW IN A STRUCK STRUCK IS OVER 1 & A PARTICULAR STRUCK IS OVER 1 & A PAR workers have been forced back to work after a five week strike that won nothafter a five week strike that won noth-ing important. The major claims, for an improved bonus system and better working conditions, have been lost. All they won were a few token improvements like new lockers.

There was no shortage of militant feeling at the series of attribe meeting at the series of the ser

But the special meeting did "discuss" the company's empty offer. The militants moved that the strike

tell the hommer what was happening !

These are the same officials who refused to give any lead in the strike, who avoided giving the lucas workers any useful ideas on her to actually win the strike. The only exception was Alam the totatise the gates, but his attempt to organise the pitch failed when mone turned up. (Many of the workers live ten and twenty miles easy from the factory in Challenbaue.) These are the same officials who

Facing a determined company, massive unemployment and virtually no leadership from the unions, the workers stayed out for five weeks. They were helped by the company sending out severance cheques to everyone, but it now means that everyone has used up their holi-

At the meeting that voted 65-20 to go back, there were stories that locas trucks had been getting out of the factory and that members of Lucas staff had been scabbing. But these are just rumours and it's doubtful that this was decisive in beating the strike.

The main problem was that the com-pany was prepared to mack everyone and then hang on till they won. In the cur-



rent economic situation, it's not sur-prising. Companies can afford to be closed down for several weeks if there is a strike. Vnofortunately locas is an example of this. Workers in other coun-tries have gone a step further and occupied the factory to win their strike and save their jobs. We must learn from their success.

anti-communism

It's this threat to their on power than the leaders of both the Scholler and the state of the st

2 THE SAPTLES AUGUST 16 1075

After the Popular Democrats and the Atter the Popular Democrats and the Socialists withdraw from the poverment the Revolutionary Council of the APM voted to hand power to three men: Goncalves, Gones and Carvaiho. But this doesn't change the situation in any real sense. The APM has been in control of the government ever since is took over from the fascists last year.

took over from the fascists last year. Must it reflects is the contradictory position of the APM. It would like to install a military discretify, but I would not be a military discretify, but I would be not be sometimed to be a military to the same that it has also been forced to make concessions, as for example in the Republica sfear. Increasingly, the APM would refly on its troops, who are not say in its troops, who are necessions, as for example in the republic sfear. The stage with workers and the same to the same that the s

of what is happening in Fortugal. Everywhere, workers are demanding more democratic methods of management, and the state of the second second

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A month yet taken over the state that the state of the

the in 1975.

The only way forward is for the tuguese workers to escalate the struggle - to integrate the sight and rural workers into the strengthen the councilis, and create whole working class in its state power.

by CHRIS SIMPSON

B.L'S GO BACK

The eight well tecknot of building sometimes to victorie has made. Eight publishing unions have signed in agreement with the work of the eight publishing the southern and the statement with the sand that the sand the sa

The bosses have responded by re-fusing to pay labourers the 526 over sward payment the union won in Victo-ria. As the Sattler quest to press, it looks like a major confrontation is

We support the BLF action in re-fusing to sign the agreement, and its determination to fight on. But we have

little time for the tactics of the BLF leaders. During the whole eight weeks of the lockout, the only mass meeting called was after the bosses had de-cided to re-open the sites. During the whole eight weeks, the only fight from the union as an mapty got in on the atte of the Peter McCallum Hospital

And the campaign of isolated, "guerilla" actions will do little to rebuild strength and self-confidence in the ranks. Given the attitude of the employers, builders' labourers are going to need all the muscle they can develop.

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The spoilt Darligs of Australian capilism



...& their 'justified' profits

The papers would scream about in-rietion. The bostes would have the could not afford to pay, and that if they did say they would have to pass putting up prices. The Labor povern-ment would 'relunctantly' oppose the rises and the Libera' opposition would attack the government for not composing the rises more legenously.

There's no danger of any of that happening, the Arbitration Court is far too loyal a boss's court, but in another court of the land the seventh 'ise in too years was granted and NOT ONE POLITICIAN OR NEWSPAPER COMPLAINED

was supposed to place the same rest-raints on bosses that the Arbitration Court places on workers. Which is why BHF has not been knocked back once in

let BBy: price rise is the most inflationary thing that could happen at the absenct he war factory worker that the second has been a second to the second happen at the absenct he was factory to the second happen at the

The next thing we'll see is Got. even the best Ford str. going cap in hand to the DTT and one Thanks. The street some more? And they can do it not only on the hasts of freet costs which they can blase on BDT, now they can also ask for a rise to increase the street constraints of the street rise to asistain its profit rate. To has set a precedent which will send the prices of just about everything souring.

What's more, the PJT (Profits Just-ification Tribunal ?) decided that DNP's profit margin should be 8.8% - this is the profit they made between 1964-1970. That is during Australia's higgest boom for a hundred years. SO COMPANY can make profits like that in the seconties, Remarkile, we're being asked to pull in our beits and make all the sacrifices.

serrifices.

The price rise will give NBV's treat division profits of more than \$100 and \$100

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In a recent interview with the Melbourne Herald, Sir ian McLimeas, calm the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited (BBP) since 1971, described in street of Country, May - Debours enroping has a well-paid, and six size of Duzlang, and was to play an and pool but being of life we want to lead No. According to Sixtass W. It is that "Austrial is a very pool place for any interior of the life of life we want to lead No. According to Sixtass W. It is that "Austrial is a very good place for any interior of the life of life well with the life of life well and life well a

Into to think they are "lucky".

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oil and steel), and with a hope number
of substiliary companies, anything it
caucher. It can have enormous influence
on Australia's economic and political
life. The latent price rise is just
one example. And BOW has been affecting people for a long time.

exploited

BHP's fantastic profits in the early years were due partly to the profitable nature of silver-lead, but perhaps equally to the fact that the miners were incredibly exploited. They worked 48 hours a week for low wages under appailing conditions. Many miners died in accidents or from lead-poisoning. The workers had to fight in a series of strikes in the 1890's for recogniof strikes in the 1800's for recogni-tion of their union and minimal in-provements in conditions, like a 2 hour cut in the working week. In 1892, the company's policy of employing non-mion 1800mr. During the strike, union leaders were jailed and an army of police was brought from Sydmy to protect the scabe. Having brought in the state to smath the strike, the bosses cut wages and restored the 48

John Darling II, one of BHP's dir

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ed massively -- 1600 at the works alone. The NFU folded and Mann then led a 20 weeks and again, EMP brought in the

Leading militants, including

the wage. BHP retaliated by the down the mines. Many of the mi-remained closed until metal pr

Report by Tess Lee Ack



Fower shifts within the company it-self continued. Darling remained power-ful for many years, but not alone. Essington Lewis became General Manager in 1921 and backed up the company policy of super-exploitation and union-bashing, He once remarked that "the ruling of of super-explicitation and union-bashing, the once resarted that "the ruling of the once resarted that "the ruling of the once resarted that "the ruling of underlying the rule of the rul

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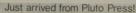


Industrial murder ... & Resistance

A Royal Commission was set up in 1914 to investigate the unusually large number of deaths in REF's mises. The danger of working the mises was high on the Amailmus deaths and the set of th

Working conditions remained the key industrial issue in the mines. In 1915, the workers struck BFF again. It was literally a fight for their lives, and the structure of the str Working conditions remained the key industrial issue

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"Your Employer's Profits" by Christopher Hird.

SNAG BOOK SERVICE,

IT'S STILL MAPPENING! In July this year, since him workers on the whereas at hort Eachla who were affected workers on the what was a bort Eachla who were affected went to the First Aid Post for treatment. When they went back to werk, the funes opt to thes sain. They went back to werk, the funes opt to thes sain. They went back to werk, the funes opt to these sain. They went back to work the sain of the sain the took the hospital, where they not certificates giving then the next few when they contain the sain stood down for a few hours and then told to fasts work, under the same conditions. When they refused, they too were acaded.

year too week tacked.

A week later, two men were killed and eleven injured, four of them seriously, in an explosion at the four four of them seriously, in an explosion at the four classion to enter the size, in face, Bow dish's ween bether to tell the union what had happened. A spoker and for Buf show closed door for a week that for the families and mates of the men killed. After all, what are haman lives compared with purities?



Burke's



Teachers Reject HSC

Myer is not averse to improving her wan material position. However she reg-ards any attempt by workers to improve theirs as a conspiracy to destroy free dos. Myer's definition of freedom? The freedom of Toorak hoirosses to get even yickers.

The Life of a Colonialist

opportunities in South Africa at the moment. Just ask the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society.



Geason? The profits were put down as 'interest and management fees'. That way, the profits CM, makes in South Africa can be hid-den, saving CM, from any 'onbarr-assment' should the anti-spartheid rovement find out.

The Australian Railways Union recommends that its members take out CML insurance policies. We hope they aren't serious.

Chappell: foot before mouth

tour of South Africa. This was probable because someone explained to him what anti-spartheld demonstrations would have done to the remainder of the Test series if he had persisted.

When Chappell tells the English press to get off his back and stop writing silly stories about Jeff Thompson and Rod Marsh, not to mention the magnificent Lillee, this column agrees with him. When he tells the world he knows nothing about politics and just wants to play cricket in South Africa, he's either being stupid or dishonest. And the boy from St. Peter's College isn't stupid.

To talk about keeping politics out



GREECE

They began by firing cannisters of the CS gas into the mass of workers. Worst of all were the tear gas bullets which can main and kill.

by Mark Matcott

not the whole Truth

Last issue, we carried a story of the housing scandal in the western to burbe. Truth carried a report of the same racket, but their story left some interesting details cut. The battler fingered two agents: 8. Expl and John Kontek. Truth's story tipe a trespendous man or the story tipe and John Kontok. Truth's story tiped a tremendous can on Kappel and also mentioned a few of his sleazy mates that we hadn't room to mention, ET NOWHERE IN THE THREE PAGE REPORT NO TRANSPORTED THE THREE PAGE REPORT NO

Truth's story reported the NEGL leasted squared's association) spoke-ment's only comment; he said you want's only comment; he said you were carried to see that the comment isn't a member of PEST, Monte's in Iruth obviously want to carry pro-porty advertisements to hreak the monotomy of its massage parious els Either that or John Montek has now drinking matter at Truth.

Meanwhile, the Herald finally on iament. Even then, the Herald didn't

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by Tess Lee Ack, VSTA member

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Police batter building workers

Building workers here to Athers get a braid 1 lesson in the rearing of demonstrating the policy of the policy of the control that I start month.

It started at 10sm when the police refused the building workers permission to march to the Winistry of Employment. At this the Commonistry-dominated leadership of the builders agreed that no march should take place. They agreed to Bake their way to the Ministry by the back streets. But rank and file building workers would have none of it. They wanted to march as planned. So the police began their attack.

But the builders were not intimidated. They formed into separate groups and fought back. Despite attacks by armoured vehicles, gas, clubs, the lot, despite all the forces at the disposal of the police, the building workers repeatedly

Inside the Athens Polytechnic, scene of a heroic stand against the Junta in November 1973, the nextly-elected executive of the student union followed suit, saying the job of all real militants with a suit, saying the job of all real militants was to go home.

During the late afternoon the police spent their time driving around in their amoured cars. They fired tera gas at people's balconies. They mished into the policy of the population in the pro-cession of the population. The pro-isins of law and order mashing hundreds to the proper the population of the pro-isins of law and order mashing hundreds of shop window with their tera gas builties. Then they blands their bloody work on 'mashing's processions',

Socialist Revolution

Karamanlis is under pressure from big Business, the former backers of the Junta, who one year ago contrived a desocratic face. They insist that the government crack down on the workers and try to smash their organis-

But the workers have launched a waye of strikes. Workers in industries ranging from the shipyards, to light engineering and textiles have been

GEORGE GIONIS of the Greek Organisation

The fact that he got a 12 hour street battle instead of a speedy victory shows how unsuccessful he

Chief among the many lessons of the struggle is that the face of capitalist democracy is exposed for all to see. It is no democracy at all.

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Company law, accounting terms and bureaucratic procedures are shit different here to what they are in Britain. This means you'll have to change a few terms and names. This is no real problem. I did it on the first go, and I'm no genium.

Socialist Workers' Action Group

S.W.A.G. is a revolutionary socialist organisation, open to all who accept our basic principles and are willing to work to achieve them. Some of these principles are:

WUMERS' POMER as a solution to Australia's economic and social crisis. Only the organised working class has the power to create a society free of explotation and oppression, based on workers' control of industry and the state.

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Uses, the need for workers for democracy is inseperable fresh fight for socialism itself. It's no use just talking about the world, The point is to change it. If that's what you want to do . . join us!

Although there is less visible un-employment and wages are not necessarily cut, they are indirectly cut because the wages you get can buy less and less, and lower and lower quality at that.

HOW YOUR BOSS John Sullivan

Christopher Hird, Your Employers' Profits, Pluto Press 1975. [Available from SWAG Bookservice

Your Employer's Profits is a new hamshook from the International Socialists that tell you have to cut through the lies about company finances and been to find and use the hard facts to pin the liar's earn heek. There are two important things that this book helps you to discover: Bosses often say: "we can't

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Coal mining is one of the most dangerous industries ... Miners risk death and injury through illness (miner's disease or pneumoco



mines. The Combined Mining

the miners who wanted to actually enforce their overtime

Swanbank power station from the

campaign and guaranteed to sup-

government. However, at their

meeting, many rank and file

progress of the campaign and

the way the union officials

The power restrictions have

now been lifted, but that doesn't help the miners:- their

overtime ban is being under-

threatening a complete ban on

demands are met. This attacks

the bosses and can't be used

workers. It should have been

tried at the start of the cam-

The miners are committed to calling for nationalisation,

about it. In fact, the leader-ship of the miners' union is

madly writing motions and art-icles praising Rex Connor's

'buy back" Australian mineral

Yet it is precisely Rex Connor whose plans are the greatest obstacle to nationalisation. While he concentrates on

by the media to divide the

the export of coal unless their

mined. The unions are now

ban and win their claims.

PAPER OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS' ACTION GROUP

1 4 OCT 1975

obs, wages!

THE ACTU LEAD IT?

award provisions already won OVER FIVE PERCENT of the Australian workforce is now unemployed At the South Bulli Colling
S89 miners were fired by the
owners, Ballabid, for enforms
the limited overfine by a limited by the content of the the Unions' overtime ban. The stolen while the Arbitration Commission and the bosses' lawyers miners at South Bulli were hold up the latest decision for two months after the promised working 7000 hours of overtime date.

time jobs for 200 workers. It's The ACTU is holding its biennial congress this week (beginning that level of exploitation September 15). Delegates from all over the country will be gatherthat's making the overtime be ing at South Melbourne Town Hall to decide policy for the Trade Union movement for the next two years.

At the Coal Cliff, (owned by There are two central things this congress should be doing CRA, see also article on page Planning a fight against unemployment and planning a fight against 2) 800 workers were locked out wage restraint. Working out what action it will take to defend the on July 5th. They received 5 jobs and living standards of the hundreds of thousands of workers support from special levies it represents.

Instead of which it is certain to be spending large amounts of its time discussing Bourkes Discount, ACTU-Solo and all the other business enterprises that the ACTU shouldn't even be involved in. strike and leading the struggle Most of all it will be discussing how the Trade Union movement should save the Labor Government even if it means further wage

The ACTU congress is supposed to be the one time in each two year period that the rank and file of the movement gets to exercise some control over the leadership. In fact, many of the delegates won't get a chance to speak anyway. On past performances, the ex-(by re-negotiating prices), he ecutive does most of the talking and dominates the congress

We desperately need a co-ordinated, nation wide campaign against unemployment and wage-cuts. If the ACTU congress won't lead it, then the action must come from the rank and file. We may not be able to stop the ACTU adopting policies supporting wage restraint, but we can smash them on the shop-floor

of the civil war and particularly the way in which

Indonesia, its front group APODETI and the

this is unrealistic our government's position ends up as support for Indonesia.

Inside, on page 2, we publish an article by JOHN

MINERS FIGHT STATE ATTACK

Reports from Brisbane & Wollongong

In Wollongong , on the NSW South Coast, coal miners have

national metal trades campaign

at the Clutha mines.

Queensland

Swanbank supplies nearly all electric power to Southern

Queensland, including Brishane ers cashing in on high export prices. The mines also rely on time. So when the Miners' Federation and the Combined Miners' ben, there was a sudden shortage of coal ... and especially at

When the miners went on a five day strike, the government introduced severe power rationSwanbank. Only the implied threat

The Brisbane Trades and Labor the miners to work through their enough coal to keep Swanbank onarriving before he would lift the restrictions. The TLC figured mining 28,000 tonnes at West Moreton and railing 35,000 tonnes from the Blackwater mine

Led by well-known company director and union secretary

Miners in



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The only way the nines " be nationalised is by the sta ggle and agitation of the si themselves, by occupying sind under threat of closure and & manding their nationalisation without compensation.

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Rex Connor is not go for those kinds of denah Why then does the Miners eration leadership grove



On the Spot Report from PORTUGAL p4,5

HAYDEN'S BUDGET:

The Great Tax Fraud

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Then there's the slug from indirect tax. If doesn't matter whether you're on 5100 a week, you pay the same tax for beer and cigarettes. And you pay the same increases in stamps, telephone calls and petrol.

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for plant and equipment. That's why the government is pushing the ways indexation guidelines so hard. And that's why the government is prepared to use short term unemployment to "Fight" inflation.

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by Mick Armstrong

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\$111 Nayder's budget could have been a liberal budget. If Malcolm Fraser had brought down the Budget, there would a brought down the Budget, there would liberal movement. Instead they have accepted it uncretically. The Law bor government is attacking the workers who elected it in 1972 and 1974. It's worker would be a state of the law of the law

What We Think

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independent East Timer could
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morements in other parts of the archipalago". ("Battler", April 5).

Portugal's Dr. Santos is likely to return to Jakarta shortly to negotiate a multinational "peace-keeping" oper-ation, "spearheaded by Indonesian military intervention". ("Age", Sep-tember 4).

Doug Anthony and Malcolm Fraser, she have an even lower opinion of our intelligence, are less subtle. High the enthusiastic assistance of the press they are casting FRETILIN

The talk about tax savings is all based on incomes not changing during ibin We've assumed that everyone's pay goes up by 22% during the next year (the government's come extinate). But if your pay ones up during thay (nee if it doesn't you'll be in a real mess), then your tax rockets. So much gru, lamentary socialism". It streed improve the lot of workers in an improve the lot of workers in an other than the lot of workers in an interest of the lot of the lot

THE NEW TAX SCALES are an utter fraud. They pretend to reduce income workers and low-income families. In fact, your tax will tax a much centage of your pay next year. We've drawn up a table for some "typ showing what they'll pay next year compared to this year.

EXAMPLE 1. Morker with either a dependent spouse or two child.

With impotent union leaders and With importent union leaders as Labor powerment co-ordinating to bossel attack, we have to organize the constitution of the co

by JOHN SULLIVAN

ON AUGUST 10, Timorese Democratic Union (UDT) members staged a coup taking control of Dili's police HQ, argenal, communications centre and Sacau Airport (about 30 miles form the capital).

They were supported by the Fortuguese Covernor, a sightist Colonel Lemos Pires. There is also some ruspicion that UT Came to an under standing with Indonesian Leaders in a Jakata smelling one week before the coup. This is not proven, but it certainly ables sense.

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dragged from its holes in the next few days. Governor Pires lost his tenuous grip on the situation and pissed off to the island of Atauro.

but the story is not about to end nearly with PERTILIN making a simple unilateral declaration of incompendence or compelling Portugal to hold an "act of self-determantion" (which it would certainly win). Powerful parties out-side the colony are working towards other results.

I predicted in the April "Battler" that Indonesia would soon grab East Timor. The situation has changed a bit, but I still don't feel like pull-ing my head in.

temmer 6). Substri's friend Cough has not said much about East Timor Pately not a unilized to multiarray (commitment) countries to construct the troops to "impose order"; he can be considered to the construction of the constru Indonesia-watchers remark that Su-harto is showing a supprising sophis-tication in his approach cast Timor and international politics. Last Timor and international politics from the property of the supprise of the sax restrained his armed forces from whipping in and bashing the dreadful

unaware that NeuTrain and International Terrorist Plot. So dially aware of his error, he is esting that ASEAN helps negotiat settlement. "Age" correspondent & Burns remarks: "involvement by 85 would help to get both Australia and the statement of the settlement of Indonesia off the hook." ("Age", 9 tember 6).

Meanwhile, back in Portugal, Notionary elements are causing have the North. The Communist Farty is moving to the right, the ATM is set the ing drunkenly on the spot, and workers are trying to throw the shower of shit off their backs ceted by shifts in this situates
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CRT: Revolutionary councils of workers, soldiers and sailors. Consittees through which the working class can organise itself to deal with political issues.

COPCON: Continental Operation Com-and, sometimes called the internal security force, set up by the NDA, predominantly left wirg.

pRP: Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat. One of the two organisations on the revolutionary left with an important base in the working class. Initiators of the CRT's.

UDP: Popular Democratic Union. The other important revolutionary organisation with a working class base. Maoist. Prone to sectarianis MFA: Armed Forces Krument. Compo of middle-level officers res-possible for the coup in April 197 Present government consists of 3 MFA officers:

Who's Who in Portugal





INSIDE THE REVOLUTION:



INSIDE THE REVOLUTION:

Lisbon University is spacious, modern and well equipped. But if you climb through a hole in the wire fence behind the sports area you enter another world. Here you will find one of Lisnere you will find one of lis-bon's sharty towns, inhabited by workers, often peasants forced to come to the city by rural un-employment resulting from the policies of Portugal's large landowners. (Many are now ex-landowners and ex-Portugues)

Jandowners and ex-Portuguese.)

Shanty town houses vary in standard from solid but temporary to shacks made of cardboard and straw. Nost house do not have water or any services. The area is surrounded by six lane highways a priority for the former fascist regime. Large tracts of land stand unward mearly - suitable for houses but privately owned.

ultimatum

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I was told that the MFA (Armed Forces Novement) will arrange for 60 houses to be built on the scited land. This incident is typical of what is happening over and over again in Fortugal. The people of hairro da Quinta da Calceda have a state in the previous of the most office of the most of the most office of the most of the most office of the most of the most office of the most of the most office of the most

But they could lose all this But they could lose all this if they do not link up with the milters from the whole of Portugal, for file soldiers' committees. The Fortuguse revolutionary Party of the productionary Party of the productionary property of the creation of revolutionary workers' councils. This is the county of the creation of revolutionary workers' councils. This is the only way that the working class can sale place and protect and catend that pains.

Fighting the bosses

Carame is located in Lisbon's north-

The chief engineer, who was earning \$2000 a month - far more than the others - was kept on for a time. Sut when it became clear he was opposed to the workers, he too was kicked out. No one replaced him. *All he did was co-ordinate, *they say. *Time we have a few discussions and get along without him.*

Fighting the landlord



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Advertising in The Age was slashed and The Herald was reduced to one issue a day. Production - by scab labour - was of poor quality and circulation was cut by militant picket lines. The Herald had to cancel one issue completely.

During all this, the necessaries tried to keep a stiff upper lip. They work upper, satisfaing reports of the issues involved, of 'violence' on the test its white comparationing themselves for managing to order to "they made as manton of bot they used the police to "test or creates, of how they charged state delivery treats through the treats to get the papers out.

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After Monday night, when picketers (and a police chief!) were nearly run over by the newspaper trucks, Tues-day's Herald was cancelled. This turn-

without anyone knowley.

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Stone and PKIU Secretary Pedersen ask the pickets to go home

That night the papers were driven out in trucks owned by the papers and driven by members of the staffs. At the Herald, a hundred police attacked the pickets to clear a part for the trucks. A PRIO steward was bashed by three police while uright the pickets. The middle claims and avoid volence. The middle claims of tout... at 4 Johns.

Many strikers were demoralised by Twesday night. After a poorly manned picket on Mednesday night, the stage was set for PKIU officials to get approval for negotiations at the strike meeting on Thursday.

At the meeting on Thursday.

At the meeting, the officials claimed that the boases had "stepped back"; they were now prepared to negotiate "the principle of union exemptions after 2 board to cooling-off period." PKIU secretary Pedersen again noved for a return to work and negotialism.



That's what one of the printers on the picket line called the copy after they had bashed a path for the scab trucks carrying the Sudget edition of the Sun.

Report: Alec Kahn **Photos: Phil Griffiths**

Sir Philip Jones is the Managing Director of the Nerald and Neek-ly Times. He runs the largest press expire in Nautralis, He is not just one of the namiest bosses around. His papers, radio and TV stations are montpless for all bosses. They have been attaching strikes and the paper of the state of the state of the state of the state of the supporters of the Liberal state government that pays the police. When Henry holts retired as Premise, he was offered a directorship of the

That's no doubt one reason the Herald is the most forward paper in supporting 'law and order" and pushing for a tougher police force. But it goes further than that. Sir Philip Jones knows what the police are there for.

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Laws like fraud. If you try to fool a department store out of a few dollars, that's fraud. You go to gaol. But if the directors of Tamminex defraud shareholders out of thousands of dollars, that unfortunate, but a wary delicate matter, you see, which has to handled carefully and.....

Laws like vagrancy which make it a crime to be broke. Laws like consorting which make it a crime to have friends who have been in

The police are the muscle behind the government, And the government's job is so create a suitable climate for business to operate. And that includes creating a climate for business to preak strikes and understone curiostim. And explicit in the climate for business to break strikes and understone curiostim. And explicit includes conditions less than ideal for the busine, the police have the job of "offerednig the prace" and "restoring law and uneversity.

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locases, and the workers involved. The meat workers pickets in the Meaters subshift (see page) were arrested for being the pitchers, and the property of the second to the

We must be prepared to defend ourselves.

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After all, SUBSCRIPTION is not a dirty word!

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The union proposed militant action carding the same claim back to the same tribunal for reconsideration! If they refuse the claim, the officials said, there will be work bans and other job action. This is an improvement on four months ago when the union first four months ago when the union first had no plans to cope with a rejection.

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Letters



The \$40 campaign was successful due largely to the solidarity of rank and file and the independent industrial action taken by miners in the Wollon-

living adjustments based on the Con-sumer Price Index, and applied to the anchiment's rate of pay, however, in machinemat's rate of pay, however, in off period of 48 hours before taking any future period of industrial action his has had the effect of creating ture. Cluths employees, by virtue of ture. Cluths employees, by virtue of the cost of living increases, now re-ceive \$151 per week as against \$112 per week paid to the remainder of the

With the settlement of the 1974 With the settlement of the 1974 campaign, it was agreed by Colliery Proprietors and the unions that when the award expired in February 1975, the unions would put forward a log of claims and only after agreement had been reached on a substantial number of points, then the residue would be submitted to arbitration.

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D.K. \$50 M.A. \$120 B.C. \$20 R.A. \$10 R.M. \$2 T.S. \$30 S.E. Branch Trash and Treasure \$26.88 Domations from individual sales \$3.60

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At the time of writing the central are starting to use the new start down provisions of the award, the mines are closed and almost 2,000 m are stood down for refusing to set overtime and still the leadership refuses to support a call for a set strike in the industry.

BRIAN PHIPPS. (Hon. Secretary, CA Huntley Colliery).

It's true that policemen have hard jobs. They deal with the aftermath of road accidents, they clean up after all the state of the state

Who gives the Orders

the Law?

LAST MONTH THE PDLICE MERE USED at two strikes in Melbourne. At the abbators in grooklyn, seven workers were arrested. In the printers' strike, nimeteen people were arrested. The police smashed the printers' picket and did so with great yolomics.

Before the bashings, several printers took the attitude that the police were neutral. They saw the cops as workers doing a difficult job. After their picket was smashed, they had other ideas, that is the real role of the police?

we specialise of the law is certainly in fraction and role of the police? We Reg Gale, Authenment the british Police Tederation, taked a few years ago, resition and money are power, he added, Sub-frankest with regard to the law and the copy that poble it is uncommon, and the common of th

Chairman Rod ~ **Profit** is his God

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The army, the cops of the convict days, were replaced by another set of cops: the troopers. During the

CRA's Rod Carnegie

by Jeff Goldhar

So they introduced mining licences. This effectively meant that only the rich could afford to dig for pid. And who enforced the licences The troopers. The troopers, like the army. like the cops of today, were three to ensure that the bosses, the people who control our society, stay on top.

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gold rushes of the 1850's, workers were leaving the towns, ordinary people were getting rich with little work. This threatened the people who ran colonial victoris. And the squatters, whose fortunes started with stolen land, wanted to force the worlden inners back to being cheap full before the worlden there is to be the control of the colonial wanted to force the worlden inners back to being cheap full before its people when the colonial wanted to force the world wanted to be the colonial wanted to force the colonial wanted to be the colonial wanted to force the colonial wanted to be the colonial wanted to b

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But in the future, they will not be so "tame". Those with wealth and bower want to hang on to it, and will use violence to defend their wealth. fore and more, we will have to learn of fight back.

What We Stand For

So we can not count on Labor to attack imperialism - either by multi-nationals or by Australian companies

It's up to workers and students to fight where the Labor "leaders" are unwilling. The Monash demonstration was a step in the right direction.

Alec Kahn

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UNCOMPROMISING STRUGGLE AGAINST SEXISM AND RACISM, which are pillars of the capitalist system. We fight for full equality and liberation for women, algrants, blacks and all app-reased groups. We struck and all app-reased groups. We struck freedom of account opperation, includ-ing an end to the locial oppression of homosponals.

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DDMCRACY. Democracy in this society is very limited, yet in times of crisis, capitalism will destroy even this limited democracy to trash sowers and the second track that the second track to the second track that the second track that the second track the second track that the second tra

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"THE POINT MAS BEEN REACHED where a decision must be made which will put the responsibility (for the dispute) where it lies.... in the park of the AMMU".

No. it wesn't Phil Lynch, nor Bob Santameria (though it might as well have been). That's Brian Harradine, secretary of the Tassanian Trades and Labor Council, talking about the ten week strike by 200 metal workers in Hobert and Launceston. No wonder

As the work on the bridge State government, the Liberal Party and the TTLC tried to ia possible in opposition to

The President of the Tasmanian Chamber of Industry called on the Federal government to use troops "like Chifley did" to break the strike. The Labor Party's Minister for Labor called on the community to "whip up a reaction which will make it clear" that the strikers do not have public support.

The netal workers received support from the Electrical Trades Union and the Transport Workers' Union and nothing but hostility from the TTLC. Harradine made lots of pious statements about the justice of the metal workers claim, but used every opportunity to condemn and undermine their action.

Strike and **Victimisation**

HOBART METALWORKERS CLAIM SO



When the TTLC decided to intervene in the dispute, the ETU on...the new Trades Union building in Carolside.

On August 29, all work was stopped on the bridge, and the main contractor, John Holland, spread rumours that it might withdraw from the job.

Throughout the dispute, the metal workers demanded direct negotiations with the bosses. They refused. The men were even prepared to allow someone from the Arbitration Commission to conciliate. The bosses refused. So the dispute dragged on until the bosses did make an offer: a \$6 rise now and \$3 more in January, and a hearing in front of the Arbitration Commission to decide what they should get

The metal workers went back last Monday. The first thing the bosses at Johns Phoenix

did was to sack prominent Federated Ironworkers' Association militant John Tully. He was the only FIA member to support the strike by the AMMU

At Johns Phoenix, there was an immediate stop work meeting and it took a lot of arguing by the shop stewards to get the men back to work. A stop work at Steel Mains supported the stand by the Johns Phoenix

Tully's house has been broken into (nothing stolen). as has the house of another SLC member. The mail of Tully and the SLC has been intercepted, and there has been other harrassment of the SLC and John Tully. The management has refused to reinstate him, despite the fact that "no victimisations" was a condition of the return

The FIA, which is not prepared to strike for higher pay, is prepared to enforce the victimisation of a "Conmunist". Despite this, the metal workers are solidly behind John Tully.

The victimisation of John Tully has now been stepped up A writ has been served on his which also names Labour Voice It has been made out by Bill Woods, the Tasmanian secret of the FIA. Woods is one of most right wing union office in Tasmania, and he has bee out to get Tully ever since emerged as an opposition in

As The Battler goes to pre the situation is unclear. How ever, one thing is clear. All Tasmanian workers must defend John Tully and support his

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INFLATION SCANDAL



'It is not pleasant to take the unpopularity . . . but . . . it is about time we learned to say no."

'If by doing my job properly (achieving wage restraint) it means I must make enemies, that is exactly what I have done.

- Senator "Diamond Jim" McClelland

STEEL UP 8.75p.c.

BOSSES

* That was BHP's eighth price rise since

* It came from the Price Justification Tribunal which is what the government uses to say "Yes" to the bosses while the Arbitration Court says "No" to

* It means BHP's prices have risen 73% in TWO YEARS.

Any rise in the steel industry flows right through the rest of the economy. A rise to BHP is even more devastating because of its near monopoly position and because of its sheer size.

- * It will add about 2% to the Consumer Price Index (e.g. cars will cost \$50 more).
- * It will mean massive price increases in the cost of machinery and more metal workers will be laid off.
- * It will be worth about \$2 million a week to BHP and its directors like

This is what Labor Minister McClelland means when he talks about wase restraint. More profits for BMP! MeamAils the courts are bring in wage restraint through the Mage Indexation Guidelines (see Inside page 6) and the ACTU is accepting it

The Government is only serious about fighting inflation when that means lower pay for us. They only worry about unemploy-ment when it means that the workers can't

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Metal Workers: Guerilla campaign explodes

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Test work's strike meeting. The services at the Clydenster fectory at August Per (Day wate Silver trains for the Victorian Sailways for the Victorian Sailways for when not over a log of their for works not the Club and the Clark for the Club and the Cl

But pay packets have been smaller because there's been no overtime at Clydemaster for 9 months now. Mean-while production has increased.

The workers decided to wait for the industion decision. But on Tuesday 16 Suptember, the company directors came down from Sydney to Inspect the factory. The non decided to prusent the log of claims on the spot, and walked off the job.

is provided Arbitration Con-nissioner Heappey with the perfect of portunity for a phocay "compromise". "Offer the men the indexation," he maid to the company, "and I'll order them back to work."

Naturally the Chamber of Manufac-turers and the company agreed to this - it would only cost them 80 cents a week for each worker.

At the strike meeting the next day (October 1), the workers weren't having it.

"We should stay out and go for the over-eward payments," said one, "we could got indexation without leaving the factory. We're been out three weeks now, we shouldn't go back." "I've got nothing left - but if you lose this, you lose them all", said

loss true, another, another, another, another, another, another, be sen voted 76-30 to stay out. Because of the AMSO "guerilla campaign" which is based on individual shops, they are on their own against an employer group covering the whole area.

STOP PRESS

As the Battler goes to press (Oct. 8) another strike meeting voted to extend the strike an extra week.



EVERHOT

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VICTIMISATION

METAL-NORMERS at Dunlop factories in Montague and Bayswater have been attacked in the same or Everhot. They had a log of claims in, and staged a four valk-off at the Montague plant as part of the "querilla campaign" for the log.

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So, as at perment, the company de-cided to divert it into a battle over sackings. They brought in scal labour during the sult-out.

Each and handled income the base reach and handled. Then the Duslop bases ordered four fitters (including the chop steward) to work on the 'Black' equipment. Maturally they re-fused - and got the sack.

Then the management offered to re-instate the four - if the black-ban on the equipment was lifted. A mass meeting of Dumlop workers accepted this deal.

But next norming came the double mut next morning came the accusions. The company told the four workers they were still sacked until all bans had been dropped. Dropping the bans would mean giving up the "guerills campaign" for the over-award rise.

The Dunlop and Everhot strikes The Duniop and Everhot Strikes show the weakness of the "querfila campaign". When the AMAU leaves the wage fight up to individual shops, the bosses can counter-attack with lay-offs and victimizations. If there was a national campaign, the bosses would not be able to threaten sackings so easily.

Kevin Bain, AMWU member

member

Revin Rein turned up for work at

NASCO last Nednesday fifty minutes
late, after his car broke down. At

3,45ps the manager told his that hey
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was asked not to attend the seeting. Two years ago in the sheet-setil section of the plant, striking asome members demanded that all vorkers in fewin's meeting join a union. The union which you in first was the FIX and in those two years no-one had been out to sign upmembers. Therefore there were large numbers of non-union that in Keenin's section. The shop steward knocked off work 24 hours be

After the Friday meeting, Kevin spent about fifteen minutes trying to sign up non-unionists into the AMMU. The AMMU organiser Lew Gibson, warmed

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It's no use just talking about the world. The point is to change it. If that's what you want to do ... join us!

Bob hawks Restraint



Alec Kahn reports the ACTU Congress

He'd been faced with a tricky situation. The Press and his "good friend" the Himister for Labour, Jim McClelland, had launched a barrage of bulishit demanding "wage restraint". If lawket could have persuaded the ACTU to adopt this, he would have been acclaimed as the greatest thing since investment

But Hawke had to keep the "left" Union leaders on-side And they were floating a motion which "emphatically rejects any attempts to impose a wage freeze on workers, whether by a superior of the property of the separation of the sephinticated which was a superior of the separation of the sephinticated water restraint, so they are members would grow accept wage restraint, so they are members would grow accept against the inevitable Press stacks.

Hawke had to opt for second best. In his Presidential Address, he openly asponsed TME NEED FOR NACE RESTRAINT...AND NORSE! He was postificated that "in the short term, full caployment can only possibly be restored via an increase in investment in the private sector".—not only possibly the caployment can only possibly be restored via an increase in investment in the private sector".—not only false, but a clear call for higher profits and greater exploration.

As it turned out, Hawke woo. Congress voted down the left smendment and shunted through a policy which was neither for nor against vage restraint. It servely talked about the Union adopting a "responsible role" in wage first.

Having won the support of the centre-right with his calls for restraint, Hawle then set about mending bridges with the left. The Executive resolution took a strong line in support of collective bargaining.

"Maye increases above the minimum award rates negotiated or obtained by collective bargaining...are an essential part of Trade Bulon Mayer policy...this activity will be contin-oned by affillates where wage levels are not consistent with wage justice."

The Metal Trades rep on the Executive, Jack Deversaux, explained at the end of the Wages Policy debate, "We want the right to move in the direction of collective bargaining" Collective bargaining is serely a long-term sim...it doesn't threaten anything in the immediate future.

The ACTV refused to come up with a strategy for a national wages campaign, it was incapable of organising a fight for jobs. The right and center unions will "restrain" chamselves ...and left unions going for wage rises will do so on their own. The ACTV die not need to framally adopt a policy of "Wage Restraint". It's own lack of any strategy is already a victory for the bosses.

and abandons the unemployed

THE CONGRESS DEBATE on economic policy was a farce, and the ex-ecutive's resolution a mass of contradictions. That's why the Congress was completely incap-able of doing anything about unemployment.

The first sentence of the re-solution 'recognises the inher-ent difficulty of achieves and in-price stability with full em-price stability with full em-concey', so what do they con-clude? The need to amash capit-alism to protect the right of everyone to a job? No! The Ex-ecutive's conclusion is that we include the production of the con-cutive's conclusion is that we groups in the community'.

Translated into plain! Janguage this means that to molve the problems of unemployment and inflation, the union movement has to co-operate with the bosses, the very people causins inflation and unemployment people who take is delight in state. It is not considered the control of the control

Then we get two pages of waffle moticing that unemployment has gone up and demanding increased governmen expenditure, and a number of other minor reforms.

Name reforms.

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ACTU fighting inflation. The job is banded over to the Covernment, the "friends of the workers" who have at-cacked wage rises, stopped the dole to siners locked out on the South Coasts, scrapped the pitifully inse-quate XED scheen, and support

wage-freece.
The AFDU Escutive "Jost interest" in the redistribution of waith as well. Charle Fitzpibon, from the Management of the Manage

embarrassed

The Erecutive wanted to avoid any move that would embarrais the Lahor Covernment. But they also had to take notire of the demands of the rank and file by maintaining a facade of mili-

Perfect! All good militants stand for nationalisation. And even if their policy was implemented, it wouldn't change things very much.

We can already see examples of the "competitive public enterprises" that the executive wants. Just ask the workers at TAA and Qantas, or at the Australian National Line or the Comments Bank how great it is to work

for a competitive public enterprise. Being government-owned doesn't stop. TAM flighting was demands and strack-ing its workers' conditions... it has to be competitive! The most progress-ive thing these enterprises have dome has been to give ACTU and Trades Hall heavies like Jack Eperton and George Sitter a sear on their Board of Dir-

Newton, the ADM has a large, and litars assertably and certain read-and-filters on its delegation. They could not let the Executive go to challenged, it framed no assendant which requires the second of insulating the second of insulating

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ACTU policy, this wasn't anything
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it up in a national right.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL SERVICE

On to Charlie Fitzgibbon's right-of-reply, First he defused the AMGU ammendment by saying that even though it was unacceptable to the Executive, "there are some valuable points...we'll consider them".

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We say the Miners who had their claim rejected because of indexation (the mining companies had all made fantastically in-creased profits this year) and then had the Minister of Labour then had the Minister of Labour move to get their unemployment benefits rejected when the com-panies locked them out.

We see the Metalworkers, who have the lowest Trades awards in the count-

The Indexation decision has given the borses a basis for uniting in their resistance to our demands. The Government is leading the bosses' defence of profits, and cometines oven discipling individual bosses who agree to

Even overaward claims are be-being attacked with the Index-ation "guidelines".

The Arbitration Comission realises that all the famoy footwork of the ACTU and other thion Councils can't hide the fact that all the covers don't want a baseline covers don't want a baseline covers they are not be a fight for their claims whether they are allowed by the "guidelines" or mot.

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That's why we must take every opportunity to challenge the Indexation Guidelines and smash them, at the same time as fighting to retain the positive side to indexation and make it automatic and permanent.

Where we are not strong enough to fight for our own claims, we must get right be-hind those workers who are. With the bosses solidly united in resisting our claims, it's



Mr Justice Moore

These six men hink they have found a way o control us.



Mr Deputy President



Mr Justice Robinson

Mr Llor







by Phil Griffiths, Instrial Editor

HOW TO SMASH THE



so that the percentage of your pay that you spend on any item is fixed. But when rents skyrocket, you have to spend a larger portion of your pay on rent.

So, for a start we need a prices index that's based on the needs of real workers, and not academic models. To get that, we have to get the Trade Union movement to control it.

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Mage Indexation was introduced on April 30 when the unemployment rate had risen to 4.64. The guidelines were hailed as absolutely necessary for un-employment to be reduced.

The unemployment rate for the month of September was 5.1%. Indexation and wage restraint are clearly doing well in the job of reducing unemployment. It's now 500 higher than when the government started its pro-business But we would still need to strike openly attack our pay, the bosses would still attack it...on the sly-lots of factories are sacking the workers on high over-awards and hiriz new workers on the base rate. Index-



ment. And all the time, we'll be facing the prospect of having the Arbitration Commission step in and stop any concessions we might wring out of our bosses.

The guidelines are going to mean more strikes, smaller strikes, strikes that are harder to win and strikes that take a lot longer to win. Some advantage



MRONG. In our answer to Argument 1, we showed that even WITH this indexation, our wages are not going to keep up. The fact that we have ANY kind of indexation

lots of things weaken unions. Proceedings of the process of the process of any operation, description, descri

If we let our union organisation go to sleep while we rely on indexation, then we are poing to make it ten times harder to fight in the future. And we are going to need to fight. When things quieten down enough, the Arbitration

Commission will find some excuse for ending indexation and then the bosses will really attack our wages. And it'll be easier for them, unless we fight now

Waye Indexation with the guidelines represents an attack on us. It's harder to keep our unloss active. It is more dangerous NOT to fight for wayes, indexation or not. To mighth't win, but if you don't fight, you give it on the bounce on a plate.



WRONG. When pay is being eroded by inflation...despite Index-ation, then it's far from stupid to try and maintain the value of your pay packet.

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trely correctly pointed out that sorier participation would be used to bypass the Trade Union movement, that companies would use it to get workers to solve management problems, that workers would be committed to assume the solution because they had "participated" in making them...

Then the AMMY leaders simply chrupped their shoulders, said "We must not let these things happen", and supported the concept.

This basic affirmation of democratic

ACTU CONGRESS NOTEBOOK...

Uranium

They should study Hiroshims for the impact of nuclear explosions on the

Token gestures

Women

WART IS THE Trade Union provises the going to do to protect the going to do to protect the going of women mechanism and the protect of women mechanism and the state of the head they are going to the protect on women at present makes it to laws their jobs and wanting to go out to work it do so.

The amendment called for a ban on urantum mining pending an open public inquiry. An AMOU shop steward at the Mary Kathleen uranium mine spoke is favour of the ban - vews though it would put his job at risk. The ACTU Executive, consistently trying to keep plenty of room to man-oevre, opposed the ammendance. March, of the Executive, claimed that it was unnecessary to resolve for a ban because the original policy "allowed for" it by not sping anything, he suggested that make a place of the continue until an environmental impact study was completed.

So why did many women trade union-ists at the Congress oppose the prin-ciple of a mothers, allowance?

ciple of a nothers, allowance?

Nomes have been traditionally seen as a reserve labour force. In times of enter the second section, the second section of the second section of the second section the second section for the second section for the second section for the section of the section section of the section sect

The Executive's resolution was pro-posed in the name of freedom of choice. But if the ACTO executive was sincerely for freedom of choice and an end to discrimination it would have proposed an allowance to any person regardless of sex who stays home to look over

chilfren.
The real way to handle unemployment is to shorten working hours, without loss of pay, seep hours, without loss of pay, eary everyone. Instead of raising this, the Executive wants to solve unemployment at the expension of we ware passed ranging from the most of the execution of the exe hick activits from McGiness spake on the position of the abortgine in society and his concept of self-determination for the abortginal people of the position of the abortginal people of the abortginal people of the abortginal people of the abortgina as a person. The faccutive's report which followed never rose above the level of concern. There was no concrete these of the contributions of the abortginal people of the contribution of the abortginal people of the contribution of the trade unionists when the women spoke - either ignoring them and speaking among themselves, or else wolf whistling.

Workers' participation The Executive expressed support for "worker participation" in vague terms, but did not want to draw up a policy till 1977. Perhaps it will take them that long to think of one.

The same pattern was followed in the report on migrants and the trade union movement...resolutions on prov-iding non-English impage trade union and publication facilities, but never any serious approach to the problem.

Motions were made of concern for

The last minutes saw Lourie Carmich and trying to get Bob Hooks to mention the execution of the Spanish radicals, but the best Hooks would do was say that he opposed any capital punishment

by this time it was 4.00 in the afternoom and discussion was gapped for another two years.

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military dictatorship?

In capitalist society, the army exists for only one purpose: to defend the rule of the capitalist class. It

by Tom O'Lincoln

PELA REFORMA AGNATIA

OSTEUS ORGANISMOS DE CLASSE

are soon of the people. "A springle becomes we and several polarized between left and right. The polarized between left and right. The polarized between left and right. The polarized it could hardly make the polarized it could hardly make the polarized it could hardly make the polarized by the

Power does not lie with these three officers. It lies in the streets. Mee the working class is strong the trize, wirste will make concessions. It will make revolutionary speeches. Mem the right wing is on the offensive, it will swing to the right and act against the workers.

concessions under pressure.
Thus, when the revolutionary workers
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Socialist Party editor, the Australian
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power of the working class. When revolutionaries wen many seldiers to the idea of building revolutionary councils of workers, soldiers and saliors, the government was forced for people's accessibles. The press here made it look like these assemblies were to be the army's way of controlling the people. In reality, the army cannot control then.

But when the confrontation finally comes, a great many soldiers will be found on the side of the workers.

They crowded the Socialist Party out of the government. In response the mass media in this country wailed about the "threat to democracy" and the danger of a Communist dictatorship

But rank and file workers cannot afford to be passive. We must answer the bosses' attacks in struggle.

We have to smash the wage freeze ...and demand automatic, unconditional cost of living adjustments based on a trade union controlled price index.

We have to resist all closures and sackings...and demand real work sharing (cutting the working week without loss of pay), and the nationalisation with-out compensation and under workers' control of all firms threatening major layoffs.

DLP or Communist Party union officials for any kind of leadership...we must o

That is why we must build a powerful rank and file movement to lead the struggle to defend our jobs, wages and conditions against the mounting attacks by the bosses, their courts and their governments.

Sir Edward Cohen (E.Z.) and Sir Brian Massey-Greene (Mt. Lyell) on their was to ask Premier Rei.

This attack on jobs and wages is being aided and abetted by the State Labor government. Your Labor politicians (she have been extremely bury trying to bely their ex-DI and finally ex-ALP mate Harradine) have not lifted a finger to prevent the axing of several hundred jobs carried out this year.

Or take wages, Like everywhere else m Australia, a combined front of em-loyers, Arbitration and government --ith the help of "co-operative" union

all wage rises outside indexation Despite the crack made by the ten week long metalworkers' strike (see Battler, September 13), the wage freeze is being emforced -- and backed by the fear of closures and sackings on top of the already high "pool of unemployed".

TASMANIA

by RANA ROY

prepared by the WORKERS' LEAGUE

Bosses Attack by KEN ROSS, ATWU member, Hobart

One of the reasons was the low pay: most members are earning less than \$100 basic, with juminers at the age of sixteen earning a paltry \$47. But the union is unwilling to do much about it. They have just reduced our claim from \$25 to \$76.20!

.... The Fight Back

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The first copy of our leaflet, "Textile Worker", has already been distributed inside the factory and has met with a favourable response from the workers. The leaflet called for a fight for a decent wage. Here's what

"WE REED THE \$15 so that we aren't forced to work overtime to take home ecough money to keep our families. We need the rise so that we don't rely on shift allowances, so we can buy the things we need without having to rely on hire purchase companies.

rely on hire purchase companies. At 77E MCMENTY the company throws us a few crunde and expects us to jump for them. The "best workers' might get a \$2 or \$4 crumb. To get it we have to fight our fellow workars, prove we work harder for the company films the company makes the profit. Our harder work is worth far more than the crumb they throw us."

il level. As we said in our leaffest war needs Agracia curion Piccar rom pur 125. We need to put the 535 claim back in and we need to yet the union to fight for it. We need the union to fight for it. We need the unity of all verbars at Uni Per and if the union won't fight, then we must force it to After all, it's supposed to be our union and it's pay packets that suffer.





The Workers' League can be contacted at PO Box 86 Moonah, Tasmania.

Mentally ill - Slave Labour

HOW WOULD YOU like to work for a dollar a day? Hundreds of process workers in victoria are doing just that. They're patients from psychiatric institutions employed by the Victorian Aid to the Men-tally III (VATMI).

VATMI claims to be a non-profit organisation. It makes contracts with various companies to do packaging and other process work, which is then done by par-ients from psychiatric hospitals. VATMI gets paid for the jobs bone and the money open to pay bound the patients and VATMI's running

Rither the companies don't pay much or VATMI's costs are incredibly high. All the workers get is 5 - 10 dollars a week. FIVE DOLLARS A WEEK!

I recently interviewed two former taff members of WAPM. Charlie had been a taching in intructor, and Jis was a supervisor. Charlie quoted figures from WAPM's accountant I WAPM gets a Mys prevenuent subsidy for all anching yand taff salaries. So much for the claim that they can only afford to pay the workers Is a week.

The work is done at VADQI's two work-bops in Aupert St. Collingwood, and tolors Ms. Mest Heidelberg-Patients from various cyclistric institutions are taken bus each day to the VADQI workshop. Many of VADQI's contracts are also one by therapy workshops in the hospitals.

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Charlie felt that there are some retarded people who should have simple tasks. But to continually give the

at PO Box 86 Moonah,
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Fights with the authorities over things like this forced Jim and Charlic out of WATMI. They emphasised the need to relate personally to patients and treat them as people. Jim attacked psychiatrists and their qualifications. "They don't understand the patients,"

Charlie and Jim have both left VATMI because they felt the sys-tem was geared to profits rather than rehabilitation. Charlie summed it up. 'It all leads to one thing -- exploitation of the mentally ill.'



So you were out last time we called

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have seized hundreds of factories and run them under workers control. They are fighting for their OWN power.

Twice since april 1974, the right wing has tried to restore fascism. Each time generals have been implicated, and

If the CP had talked too loudly about revolution, the workers might have made one. Then the workers would be in power and the CP could not estab-

So the CP tied its faith to the officers of the MEA, who formed the new government. They supported them when they sent troops against the workers. They restrained worker militancy in order to cement their ties to the officers. They hoped for a situation like Peru, where the CP works overheavely.

communist dictatorship? workers' interests. It was after power for itself. No doubt it dreamed of creating in Portugal the sort of regime that exists in Russia.

the danger of a Communist accisions.
The democracy that the Press neast is capitalist democracy. That is situation where the workers are also represented in the present a second of the program of the workers are fighting for revolution, the capitalist class common affirm

Don't let them fool you, The COP munist Party is a treacherous party which should be discredited. But then is no danger of it seizing power.

But the regimes in Eastern Europe were created in countries where the working class was weak and disorien-tated. The similar regimes in China and Cuba were established in the face

The Cls, through the European Social Tomocratic parties, is fammelling unitions of solitant to the right section of solitant to the right section of the more than the solitant to the right section of the more solitant to the proteoment are now assisted the workers with stable but the solitant to the right solitant to the right fortugal will not be another right, fortugal will not be another reparent. Buy has strong rank and rile organication, the workers' conscious, in overley corplete, keys are

foully important, huge sections of the man and file of the army would refuse to fight by the first the fir

That is why the right wing still hesitates.

THE Battler

THE OIL DISPUTE

CALTEX CRUDE THREAT



AMNU Assistant Secretary, Laurie Carmichael, the fearless opponent of wage indexation who led metal workers to the Arbitration Court!

QUEENSLAND: New laws threaten unions

The Queensland State Government has rewritten its latest Indoubtral Belations Bill. The Bill is a sophisticated state of the same time, the same time, the same time, it attempts to buy working class support with a few overdue progressive

Amongst the changes it prop-oses were articles to greatly increase the power of the State

- * Order a secret ballot at
- the more unsavory aspects ments between companies

As well, the police may be present at a union ballot to make sure that pickets are not formed. They can arrest picketers without a warrant and arrest any persons "obstructing" the vote in any way.

These regulations were hardly

carrots

The progressive "carrots" thrown at the workers include time, other penalties were doubled.) The definition of equal pay has been widened to women performing work "of a like nature or equal value" to that of men. Claims for wage arrears can now be over twelve months.

Australia was threatened with a petrol shortage for host of last month. The first threat came from "Diamond Jim" McClell. and, who was determined to mash any pay claim ousted we Indexation guidelines. The second threat came from Calter, which deliberately provided a strike by standing down worker, for no apparent reason. In a fitting finish, the KSK Minister for Energy invoked 1981 petrol sistant in the take control of all petrol supplies in ISM, provoking mass panic buying of petrol, let later denied having made this threat.

the Indexation guidelines. The

oil industry is highly mechan ised, multi-national and filthy

rich. That's why the AMWU has

been trying to use it to break

through in the campaign for a

are well-organised and the AMMII is on record as fighting

Unions in the oil industry

the Indexation guidelines. Any

breakthrough would spread like

wildfire through industry. So an attack by the AMWU in the

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McClelland is so determined to

That's why McClelland and

The AMWU campaign was being

in Victoria and imposed overtime bans in Kurnell, NSW. Two weeks

metalworkers to be more militant

He has regularly called for dir-

So why did he go to the oil

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The Bill presented to Parl-

consultation with the unions and

iament was well written, soph-

isticated document. Yet it was withdrawn for "redrawing" in

have to fight to keep) is a

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any workers' struggle.

Workers struck at Long Island

earlier, Carmichael was urging

Parliament, descended like the US cavalry, They dragged Bob committed Hawke to "wage res-

traint" and the Indexation

oil industry became a major

industry metalworkers and re-commend that they take their case before the Commonwealth Industrial Court? Predictable the Court ordered them back work subject to talks during metalworkers gave the Court a week to come up with an offer. That's when things started ation is the claim by the netal workers in the oil industry for a \$35 rise in their award. The

to go haywire. For no apparent reason, Caltex, who operate the main oil refineries in NSW, went to the Industrial Court and asked to stand down AWU members working for them. The AWU covers the general of industry workers. It is a right wing union, and during the metalworkers' strike, its menbers continued working. The AWU supports wage restraint and the Indexation scheme.

It seemed absolutely ridio ulous to attack members of a union which had faithfully fol owed the company line, but Cal tex did it. The result was that the AWU threatened to call a national strike. Calter had used lack of crude oil as a reason for the stand-down. which would hit them too, offered Caltex some of their oil. Caltex refused. Caltex seemed

The Industrial Court refused the application to stand down the AWU members, and thus tex is still threatening to stand down 40 AWU numbers.

As we go to press, the ANN has not received any offer from the Arbitration Commission and there is still the threat of stand-downs of AWU members, a strike in retaliation by the AWU, and right throughout the oil industry.

The Bjelke-Petersen government City Square Set against these minor, token with a serious strike. It is waging a campaign of repression against black activists and radicals (see page 9). Its parliamentary opposition, the Queensland ALP is politically bankrupt and numerically weak Bjelke-Petersen believes he can get away with anything.

Queensland workers are the one force that can stop Bjelke-Petersen. We must defeat this bill to protect our basic rights This legislation must be

employer groups. It appears that they have only made minor changes

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Melbourne

"Wharfies held a 24 hour stoppage, and marched to the ALP rally at

Trelations by calling a State of Tug crews stopped work on Friday and again on Sunday night, Emergency whenever it is faced pledging support for a general port stoppage.

*The Westernport industrial area stopped work for 24 hours, including refinery and maritime workers.

"More than 30 metal workshops for various lengths of time, includ-

Adelaide

*7,000 workers from factories, building sites and factories rallied

*Workers from Islington Rail Workshops stopped work, and rail and netal unions encouraged workers to go to the rally.

A meeting of 33 ALP-affiliated unions adopted a Meat Industry n resolution recommending that the struggle should mobilise

*Brewery workers stopped work and marched to a rally at the Town

*2,000 railway workers stopped for the afternoon

*The Fremantle waterfront stopped for 24 hours.

*Waterside workers walked off the job to give Fraser a hostile

*Port Kenbla Maritime Unions Port Committee organised a 24 hour donate their pay to produce a leaflet about the government crisis.

Newcastle

*Waterfront unions, tug crews and PMG linesmen stopped work between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on October 50. This was followed by a rally and

incy waterfront workers stopped for 24 hours on Friday

Mr Fraser may make it impossible for a conservative party to govern in Australia with any measure of co-operation from the unions.

Inside: More News on the Crisis

Why the bosses unleashed Fraser....

.... and then dumped him

But for Fraser's attack to succeed, he had to be facing a docile and defeated working docile and defeated working that the service of the service of the service of the service of the most workers sew his attack on Whitlas as an attack on them-solver. In the face of Fraser's attack, the Labor movement united as it has not for years. It did so is spite of the politicians (see article this page).

meeting thought he should have been. The Fool light beyan in canherra. Not in Fariliament Bouse, but on the steps. At a mass sally of Overrament employees who were threatened with no wayscaffer Nevember 30, 800 Banke re-commended that if the Inherals cut supply to the Operament Bould cut supply to the Liberals and their friends in bir business.



memounts try square to brious to the man thad become quite obvious to the whad miscalculated and a Fraser victory was no longer worth the cost. The working class had shown its strong support of the labor flowrement and its vicks. If Fraser has gained power by tricks, if Fraser has gained power by trickery and ammipulation, workers would have been far too militant and bitter to accept any of his stracks.

It was a great victory but it call have been so much better.

We could have had more

At the Melbourne City Square Th. S.N.A.G. put out a leaflet calls for a general strike. We said that

by Dave Nadel

Festival Hall Holding

Operation

MELL OVER 600 shop stawards from all over Victoria turned up to restlyal Hall on October 31 for restly called by the Victorian Trades Hall Council. THC secret-ary, Ken Stone said it was the largest meeting of stewards he'd ever seen.

The meeting was called to pass a resolution put up by the TRC Executive giving unqualified support to the Labor government against the Framer opposition, Fair enough. But where does this support lead?

support lead?
First speaker was none other than
'phismod Jis' McClelland - master of
wage restraint - who said that as a
cure for inflation, 'massive unemployment is not scoptable to a social
call 400,000 people out of work! But
it poes further. The main thrust of
every speaker - McClelland, Senator
button, Rolph Willis QMC collibrands
and Clyde Holding was that our current
form of democracy had to be autistissized

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HOW THE CRISIS DEVELOPED

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by Mike Grewcock.



Whitlam and **Democracy**

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LETTERS

Write to the Battler, Box 7, Richmond, 3121.

Not so NEAT

After being unemployed, I am now retraining under the NEAT scheme on a rate of \$96 per week (\$83.60 after tax) for a full-time trainer.

Wage Restraint

FOR THE BOSSES

In the past few weeks, those irresponsible and reprehensible metal workers have been attacked by the press, the government and the Opposition for failing to witch to the ways indomation quidelines. econodic choos. After all, it's in the National Interest for us all to exercise restraint and tighten our belts a bit. So let's look at the very responsible and unselfish action of others in the Community. They should be an example to us all:

*Top level Victorian Public Servants got a rise of 7.2%. For some of them, this means a rise of 55% a week, bringing them up to 5806 a week, or \$41,920 a year.

What they meant of course was a 10.7% cut in the amount paid in wages over the year.

get enough support from the walls.

I liked the wage indexation was because the bosses and the right, unions are using indexation to so, us getting our legitlest pay iso. Next issue I'm going set one copies to pass around set which the criticism is that there would be about workers fighting for a so, is how their labour is used like the deer's Labourers did in 180.

No to Indexation Wage Freeze RENT STRIKE!

An angry meeting of over 200 tenants held on October 27 unanimously decided to be aptivated to the strike. Me've done this because the cloud is on an aptival retrie the last year. In January they raised our rent 34 and the latest rise is \$6. This hits hardest at pensioners and others on fixed income.

one of the tenants buy her home be-cause the block is too small! She had even spent a lot of money on her own improvements.

own improvements.

The neglect of old people on the estate is deplorable. Some of the old people live in "Barby and Joan" with the property of the people of

Barbara

Hall

METHER'S BANK FALS FOR SPA A FALS.
ABOTHER SEARCH, TO PROPINE I
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houses were too expensive and in the
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that Section had difficulty letting.

pensioners and others on liked The Braybrook estate consists of concrete and tieber homes and most are 25 years old. There is a large number of pensioners on the estate and the buildings are ub-strandard and in poor repair. The Housing Com-ission takes lid of our weekly rent for maintenance, but we don't see much result for it.

We could show you places that are in such a bad state of repair they should be deemolished. During the past coid winter months, mildew has grown on the walls of the concrete houses. Condensation streams down the walls because of poor ventilation and huge cracks appear. Many homes have faulty sisterns.

maggots

The Housing Commission bureaucracy is so bad that he had to go into the city to try to get something dome.

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held the 56 increase should not be
loared and that if the Commission
evicted any wharfie, work would stop
on the waterfront.

The meeting also decided to send calls for support to the Trades Hall Council and the State Labor Party.

However, the key to beating the rent increases is uniting all Housing Commission tenants on all the estates to join our rent strike and build the Ten-ants' Union.

Housing Commission tenants can contact the Braybrook-Maidstone Union at: 5 Market Place, Braybrook, 3019. tel: 311-9537.



By LORRAINE NOONAN and WIN HAMPTON of the Braybrook-

Maidstone Housing Commission Tenants'

If an ambulance comes, they can't get a stretcher up the stairs. If someone takes ill, they have no way of telling people they are in trouble. The Tenants' Union asked the Commission to put an effective alarm system in

When house hunting, what's your chief concern? To get the most reasonable place with lowest rent in an area convenient to your work.

So you search through newspapers, enquire at likely estate agencies, (if you are a student, visit the Stu-dent Housing Office).

Rentex's advertisements offered this choice. The ads told us of their enormous listings, that a com-puter did all the work for you. So in we went and paid our money.

But time was running out. We con-tinued house hunting in the normal

And what did we find? Namy houses on the Rentex list were also being advertised in the "Age". The house we finally got was one of these. NE

OCCUPATION Dilys Kevan

Rester is an overseas company which has four representatives in Australia according to the Tenants Union. Three it least are operating in Melbourne under the names of Bentes, Multirentals and Better Bentel Information Service



Working for

On Tuesday, October 13, I arrived or such as feed Tracks with a sadical content and the sadical conten

I had also missed five days in the o months, which isn't very much, and by were caused by probless which a re humane boss might accept, but not red lone was the 24-hour rail stoppage, filled the think it was worth it to lose if the day's pay in taxi-fares anyway!

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FOR US

The Arbitration Commission used "cooked" figures to e out of paying any rise for three months. The rise is Consumer Price Index was to after taking the savings & Medibank into account.

indexation

The ACTU asked for a rise of a percent in Award wages. But on the wage-freeze guidelines of the dexation scheme is that you don's anything unless the CPI pos up a least I percent.

THE RIGHT TO WIRK

e woman shop steward, Edith Turnewitsch has iven up. Since then, she has done everything out to help with the continuing struggle of workers in the area, particularly at Everhot.

yen went up to Doug Draffin's house and picket here which got on TV. This got our message . The following day outside Everhot, Cherry, so organiser for the area, told us that 21 were in the post already. He said go beck in LI see what severance pay we can get."

But instead of offering real leadership he put it o the workers this way: "I can't tell you what to o - I'm just a union official. I want you to tell m you want to go back".

"So a man who wasn't even a union member put for-d a motion to return. Afterwards, they fixed two (le assembly lines and he worked on one of them, the kept his job!"

Edith Turnewitsch talks to Janey Stone and Alec Kahn



When you look in front of that firm, you look how that place has been built. It's got amber-coloured glass, the offices are up it's carpeted. For you have look at a support of the carpark there's a glorified oversized shed windows that open, two doors one side, two doors the other. That's what the workers work in.

"We have no lighting outside that place. We had terrible troble with the tollets and the smell extraction that the carpark growth in."

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Edith used to do the first-aid work there, and had to treat many people for dermatitis. "This is only caused through the floors not being swept where the workers are working, and the heat and the sweat

The Everhot factory in Bayswater, February 1975. The picket lasted over five weeks.



When Edith first got her job there, she found

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"I'm a worker - and I'm fighting for the right of all people to work!"

A month and ady later a girl lost four fingers of the left hand. I was with that firm for six years. But because I stood for that girl in court, I was retrenched. I was the only one retrenched. But I ddn't smill belief retresshed - you know the tide to the six of the court, which we will be the six of the s

Bosses threaten Penal Powers



Clydemaster

What We Think

effective

If the AMRU leaders really wanted "to rapidly revert to an effective state and national companies", been considered and an extension of the consideration of

There is no feture in the querilla strategy. The AMMU must take the lead in the Matal Trakes and immediately related the lead in the Matal Trakes and immediately related the three members in the state coursince members of the other unions to fight and change their union's position. If the AMMU decan't take this lead, its opposition to the Mag Freeze and its talk of action are empty task.

Every strike must be linked up with other shops in the area to try and spread the action. Every branch must co-ordinate the struggles in its area and link up with other areas. And every oversaund struggle should include a demand that the leader-ship rebuild a united. Australia-wide struggle.

-Rebuild the National Campaign!



Sente is your column. We'd like to hear from you. Send your reports to

Oil Dispute

Glassworkers

TIT'S PAYED THE MAY FOR INHUMAN DEMANDS ON US." That's what shop stoward whally Market sold about the productivity deal his rarbet, head of the 24,000 sember Fostal and Telecommunication Technicians' Association (FITA) has wangled his union light the wurst deal since the

Trades Hall Workers

Strike Victimisation

VETA members are likely to strike in the next couple of weeks over a blatent viel/simitron. The Seducation Department has Jesuing with com-plants against teachers, and has suspended a teacher without pay until the Tribunal gots around to hearing charges laid against har. On faces the action up to 1000 Jinas.

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PKIU Claims

LESS HOURS, MORE WORK

to be sent to arbitration. This is a considerable setback for printing workers as one of the anjor issues of the recent two-week strike was the right of direct negotiations with the sentence.

Elections for the shop-committee (the chapel) are now in progress and if the militants can win a significant base there is the possibility of fur-ther action in the near future.

Meatworkers

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Port Kembla Ironworkers

The 14,000 members of the Port

Pickets on Trial

During the printers' strike is picketers were arrested on transachanges outside the newspaper effices. Several have been fined between \$40 and \$200; two have been let off

Pickets have taken place outsite the City Court during each trial. Committee to Defend the App/Height Committee to Defend the App. Height Committee to Defend the App. Height Committee the App. Height

The following unions have extens the committee's call for the charge to be dropped: Plumbers and Gassittee's, Builders' Labourers, Mustrale Union of Students, Mexicottee Seamen's, F.E.D.F.A., Weatvertee.

Season's, Fig. 0.F.A., Meabworker, Jis O'Neill, an Abell organist, faces especially serious charges a November III - and our get Apoul months if found gull; where, a ABOU has refused to endors the Cas-mittee or build the picker. It fers to fight within the Land - eres to fight within the Land - ered the charges in the farms - end the charges in the farms

FURTHER PICKETS: At City Court, corner of Russell and Latrobe Sts, 9:30 am, November 11 and 19.

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vices were disrupted by walk-offs work-bans. But why did the Commission block the Memorandum?

the Memorandum, Turbet had to go to a mass meeting. Why did he plump is industrial action?

"But the fact that the Commission was willing to capitulate on the Worandum is not surprising, since to Memorandum was entirely in their

"Venoutative Groups".

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began.

Both the ASMU and ETU have been complaining about the use of appreau orders of the second and the secon

After 7 weeks, the company was feeling the pinch. They had laid off over 100 FIA members who, be-cause of a no-strike clause in their agreement, had not come out.

The Herald was talking of bomb threats in the plant and brawls in the town, which ABGU convenor Greg Disnoy, categorically denies. A number of tradesmen had left the firm and found other jobs -- time for Lysaghts to give in.

They offered an agreement which made it look as though they had accepted the strikers' demands. But you one day after work was recured to became quite obvious that the case quite obvious that the property of the strikers' demands and the workers didn't interpret the agreement the same way, and severythe was out the gate again—

The vote for an indefinite stop-page was lost by two, and only after Medu area organizer Lew Gibson had given what Dinney described as a "very negative support". However, they voiced admiration for Gibson's handling of the dispute.

With further negotiations coming up, both AMWU and ETU stewards are confident of a breakthrough. If not, we can expect further distorted re-

Substantial Gains

At Sagness, in Bayswater, metal workers have made substantial gains in a month of negotiations. They have won 56 so far, and are going for smother \$7 -- and expect to get most of it.

We reported last time that the Siemens workers wanted parity with the company's Richmond plant. This has been won in virtually all cases, with only classifications to be de-cided: one in the ETU range, one in the AMOU range.

The victories have come without industrial action. However, treads a sepected early next year, treads thing, the company in the penal classification of the company of the penal classification of the

Battler \$1,000 Fund

prepared by the WORKERS' LEAGUE

by RANA ROY

Fraser's attempt to bring down the Labor government has been answered by an immediate, spon-taneous and angry response from workers and students in Hobart.

On Friday October 17th, Fraser came down to Hobart to open his "election campaign". The Liberal Party organised a lunch-time public rally in the main city square -- Fraser's first public appearance since the Versies' began. But they got more than they bargained

The square was packed by a crowd of more than 4,000 people -- the biggest political rally in Mobart in recent years. Wharfies stopped work, students years. Wharfies stopped work, students servants howselves...they all turned out "for" Fraker.

About half the rally was against Framer, a fact even the pro-Liberal "Mercury" couldn't run away from. Framer was jecred and booed and greeted with chants of "We want Gough" from much of the crowd.

Stop work to stop Fraser!'

The Morkers' League has been cam-maigning for a General Strike as the nly way to force the passage of Supply

In a leaflet entitled STOP MORK TO STOP FRASER, distributed at a rally of ALP supporters on Monday the 18th, we

"The waterside workers in Sydney have called for a 24 hour General Strike They show the way forward!

For an immediate united campaign by

only such a campaign can ensure that he labor government runs its full term. mly such a campaign can block Fraser's

Fraser flops in Hobart



JOBS UNDER ATTACK

We've just heard that there are to

in the timber industry.

If the bosses can't guarantee us
the basic right to a job, then we'll
have to fight for it. The example of
the car workers at Chrysler in South
katralia who are fighting for a 32
hour week with 40 hours pay points
the way forward for all workers
threatened with retrenchment and
houselfer.

The Workers' League can be contacted at PO Box 86 Moonah, Tasmania.

Whitlam and Democracy (contd.)

enthusiasm

Later, Lang wanted to stop paying interest on loans from Eritish bankers. This roused an immense enthusias manny sorkers, who saw tang (wrongly) as a great radical. Lang was kicked out of office by the State Governor.

Who elected the police officers.

Parliamentary descript is better than facciam, better than military distrabelling the second for descript all the same. There is no workers interests can be gregored in parliament. There is no way the bosses can be better through parliament.

Unused houses have been taken over by the workers for creches, med-ical centres and social clubs. In the industrial city of Setubal, an assembly of workerst, soldiers and remants' delegates its beginning to act like an alternative government.

What they mean is that the workers are beginning to move beyond the sham of parliamentary democracy toward real democracy, and this is a threat to the bosses' power and privileges.

Real democracy is workers' democracy and workers' democracy is the beginning of socialism.

by Tom O'Loughlan



and George Slater, Turbet has joined the management to "protect his mem-bers' interests". But when Turbet sits on the Commission, his duty is clear: he has to act in the Commis-sion's interest. No wonder he sup-ported the "Mcmorandum".

"The wote, which was taken nationally, was something like 9,000 to accept the Meanrands and only 900 a referends no to the second of the second of the second of the second of the second was a great example of bureaucratic manipulation. The wording allowed acceptance or rejection of the Americands only. It didn't give an alternative action that could be vo-

But the sell-outs over shorter hours have been occurring for quite

"Around the time when postmon got got of and three-quarter hours the ALP, particularly the Labor Minister Clyde Gameron, witually withdrew the ALP's support for reduced hours in the Fublic Service — which was an election promise.

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The Ministerial levestigation came op with the Memorandum of Understandings. After the PTA referendum which approved it, it went back to Labor Minister McClelland for the seal of approval. But now McClelland congether with the Commission -- was blocking at?

In response, each state held mass meetings. Turbet -- at last -- re-commended industrial action. TV

sion block the Newsrandard "Whom I spoke at the mass metic that called for the action. I seed to the wind the condition between the which was striving to offer which was striving to offer which was striving to offer which with the way. The was a seed of the way that the way the way the way the way the way that the way the way the way that the way the

With the Commission's rejection

"Turbet had to judge the feeling of the members. He could see the feeling was strong so be went with

he can claim some form of militam He's saved face to some degree of that score, that he's not villed support union action. This is so longer true — he's now a 'militam'

Turbet has won for the somet.
The 36 and three quarter bour see
won't even start for another 3 (
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for a year yet. First the luminous
to satisfy the Commission in the
"Consultative Groups".



What's in a name?

inner suburban councils.
According to the Sunday
Press (October 26) the name was
proposed by Richmond councillor
Jis Loughnan. Loughnan has run
the Labor machine in Richmond
for about forty years. Re inherited it from other members
of his family.

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It takes one to know one

r Nixon to visit Mao

Chairman Mao has invited former President Richard Nison to wisit China. Mr. Nison has received was disclosed by Rabbi Baruch Koffi, a close friend of the former President, after visting Mr. Nison's San Chairman Chairman

Gross Pay

A so-called technical hitch is keeping hundreds of young Victorian women on slave labor wages. The women working as attendants in child-mind-ing centres, can legally be poid as little as \$1.50 at the age of 15, rising to \$43 for a 20 year old.

Meanwhile the national and state secretary of the MEF, Dom Joiner surfers no pay cuts through technical hitches. Mis gross weakly pay is 50.9. It would take a 15 year old child minding attendant nearly SEVEN

Spanner man's plan

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John Siddons is also chairman of Siddons Industries (they make Sid-chrome tools). At this year's annual meeting of shareholders Siddons

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Ironing out the Staples

On September 2 this year, Mr Justice Staples, a deputy President of the Arbitration Commission, heard a dispute between BHP and the Seaman's Union over meal allowances for the crew of

Staples' recommendation was in favour of BUP, but the company wasn't happy, It wanted the judge to reject the union's arguments. The union refused to accept the Judge's recommendation, so BUP stood the entire crew down, cancelled their fransport and turned them out of their lodgings

and turned them out of their Josquigs.

Staples criticised BMP, but continued to recommend that the seamen
accept BMP's offer. They did, and took
the Iron Cavaller out to sea. BMP
weren't happy. Although they had won,
BMF relisted the dispute and this time
saked for arbitration. This would cire
wipe out Staples' criticism of them.

In his judgement of October 16, Staples was even more critical of BHF

for playing petty games with the Commission. The next day he was sacked from his job as head of the Maritime division of the Arbitration Commission

Question No. 1: How independent is the Arbitration Commission? Question No. 2: Is there any limit to BHP's power?

Mr Justice Staples was appointed by Clyde Cameron while he was still Minister for Labor. The appointest was criticised by the Liberals for bein "political" and they implied that people appointed to positions for "political" reasons might find there is the control of a job when the Liberals

On the day that Mr Justice Staples was "moved" by his boss Justice Moore, the Libersls moved in the Senate to block supply, trying to bring on an election they thought they'd win. Question No. 3: Does Justice Moore vote Liberal?

JANEY STONE

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RANK HARDY



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When these backs finally get weak in the knees, it has little to do will politics. The overriding reasons

personal

SPAIN

by Bruce Foster

Juan Carlos inherits a crisis



New York

BROKE

by Tom O'Loughlan

LAST JUNE. New York became the

LAST JUNE, New York became the first American city to go broke since the Great Depression. To commemorate the occasion, the banks and big business took over - outright - and set up an agency called Municipal Aid Corporation ("Bir

MAC") to run the city's finan Big MAC laid off 13,000 city workers and froze all city wages for a year. New Yorkers gritted their teeth and accepted it. After all, it was better than complete

But complete disaster came anyway In October, 15,000 more layoffs were threatened. And New York is once again faced with bankruptcy.

default

A loan from an "undisclosed Arab Country" was turned down as too erpositive to repusive to repus Republican President Ford, well sware that he would be compared to the country of the city default on its debts. He ruled out are feelers all the Reviews Town affort, A default which is Inevitable without federal and, well-default which is Inevitable without federal and, well-default which is reputable without federal and, well-default which is the state of the country of

AS ME 60 TO PRESS Franco, the dictator of Spain lies on his death bed. His hand picked successor Prince Juan Carlos has assumed power but won't be crowned until the fascist murderer Franco is buried.

Tranco is burded.

The pipers have expressed hopes that Carries will liberalise the brusher than the pipers of the



As Indonesia invades Timor

SILENCE IS CONSENT

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What will happen if FRETILIN loses

Suharto has a bit of practice in interfering with governments. Is started back in 1985, when he managed to come out on top after he confusion surrounding the anti-Sukarno coup.

Sobarto pledged to wipe out the Inducation Community Party and he increased err were sublicially manageres, and just of garry and the increased the bigast parges in history. Those she were't married were white in on the bigast parges in history. Those she were't married were those increased increased as more of the Community Party posts detailed they were carried as momers of the Community Party parts details.

Torture is an everyday fact of life for those who oppose Subarto. For a rect of havage repression, Indonesia ranks with srazil and Chile. The story is ill-documented, yet nothing is done about it.

The Labor Party that stopped conscription, opposed the Victoms war, expresses error over Chile, has not said a word of protest. Plunchet is no werse than Sa stron, yet Shario is one of Militaria best mater. — he's made series is riendly visits there. Now he is in effect spring which prepared to see the description of the same though it flows that they did in 1965.

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The Railways caused this

have intensified their campaign to win their 14 point log of claims. They're fighting for an across-the-board \$40 over award payment and the 35 hour week. Other claims include long service leave, overtime payments, retirement gratuity and public holiday leave. Many overdue improve-ments in safety and working conditions are also being

Major action has included a 24 hour strike on 22 Sept-Major action has included a 24 hour strike on 22 sept-ment, a 24 hour stoppage by shunters, stopwork meetings, and guerilla actions by signalmen, shunters and guards. As well, there are bans on industrial sidings and certain pods trains, and work-to-regulations at South Dynon

The Unions got the blame

insults

mont yards and walk along the tracks. At 7.40 a.m. the sigwalk off the job from 8 a.m.

about to depart from Flinders just left Richmond for the Flinders St. Commuters got because the railway officials the press would blame the union

The campaign "officially" union couldn't agree on the log of claims!!) And it seem-

By September 10 angry rail very militant mass stopwork meeting, they forced the union leadership to give the campaign

Hamer and his mates. Following Board last week, the union the sand" by ignoring the disas a "matter of urgency"

what respect? Meaning the government sees it as urgent to step up its attack on railway workers? This is certainly what they have done. Two weeks ago tirement gratuity for rail em-And Meagher attacks the workers

The guerilla campaign has lated stoppages can be used by employers against workers. The underhand trick played by the nalman on October 14 clearly

to me that the lower paid grades of an all-out stoppage. What about a strike fund? This also the officials' own ineptitude of the last two years, most railway pay increases were won with alldirty tricks against guerilla campaigns which will divide workers. When all are out, sol-

As the Hamer government steps up its attack on rail unionists, an all-out stop-page is needed until the demands are met. The recent ings - shows it can be done

CHRYSLER WORKERS in Adelaide are working a four-day week the fight the sacking of 230 of their mates. They decided to would be no further lavoffs in the next twelve months.

Builders Union and the AMMU on October 20. Members of the

In speaking for his propthe AMWU said; "We have got

It's a pity he didn't tall demand for a four day week



Defend the right to Work

HALF A MILLION UNEMPLOYED NEXT YEAR. That's the price we'll pay for a Liberal victory. One hundred thousand more jobs will be lost if Labor is kept out by the polls. Fraser. One hundred thousand more jobs will be lost if Labor is kept out by the polls. Fraser is attacking Labor for causing the highest unemployment since the war, but it's Fraser who's planning the most vicious job included the polls spending is to be cut. That means less money for teachers, public services. Public spending is to be cut. That means More than anything, he wants to control the infamilialing industry workers and others. Profits, He has seen Gerald Ford cut infaliation in the Use threatens in the bosses' onto the dole. If he gets away with his grab for power, he'll do it here. Stop him.

Defend the right to Strike

THE RIGHT TO STRIKE is our basic weapon of self-defence in a system we don't control. Fraser has drawn up legislation to break strikes, ban them altogether in some industries, jail union officials and outlaw picketing. If he is elected on December 13, his first act will be to pass these anti-union laws. (See page 4 for more information on Fraser's industrial policies.)

efend the right to Vote

THE RIGHT TO VOTE is one of the few democratic rights we have in this society. Now they are trying to take that away from us. If Fraser is elected, it will mean that the Senate got away with blocking Supply and Kerr got away with sacking an elected government. It will mean that no matter how many times we elect the Government of our choice, we can no longer rely on it taking office. If that happens, we may still have elections where we write numbers on a piece of paper, but they will have no more meaning than the elections in countries like Spain and Russia, where the results are known before the election. If Fraser wins, we may have more elections, but we will have lost the right to vote.

THE BOSSES' ATTACK...



'We can't expect ANYTHING from the Liberals'

WOMEN

aim 11 c000 30 ng storts for kinds, the Liberals are not so very liberal after all the result of layers in Federal government they did nothing to the prove the control of the control of

If you vote Liberal, then you can probably afford to send your kids to a treeter, you can afford to go to expensive lawyers for a divorce, and you don't have to worry what the minimum wage is.

But what about women who have to go out to work, women bringing up kids on their

MIGRANTS

The labor provenant has improved conditions for women in a number of important areas. It was largely responsible for women and inches provided in the condition of all inhigh how boot increased in the condition of all inhigh how boot increased in the condition of all inhigh how boot increased in the condition of all inhigh how boot increased in the condition of all inhigh how how the condition of all inhigh how the condition in the condition of the condition of

taboy has funded health contres and has also allocated \$75 million to be used for community child core centres. This money was to have been spont through a commission which hasn't yet seen set up. If the Liberals yet in they probably won't set up the commission and the \$75 million won't go to

The scandalous 2%A "luxury" tax of contraceptives has now been removed and the pill has been put on the free list, making contraception far cheape It is now legal to advertise contraceptives.

Policies of equal pay and equal opcutualty are being inplemented in the Public Service, a major employer of women. Numer in the Public Service have equal pay and can get 12 weeks paid maternity leave. Public Service job ads don't discriminate between

During the period of labor government, the divorce laws were reformed. The logislation was introduced by ause they haven't been to university?

was done a Righ Court judge, It would
not have been introduced if Labor had
not been in government - but there is
no way Labor can take credit for it.
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Law Feform Bill were moved by Labor
members, but voted on as a "Conscience"
vote. Both referem were opposed by the
Labor Labor

The hamly low Bill was an important before for some. It means that people and the people and the

Abortion Law Reform was even more important. This legislation chiefly benefits working-class women. Momen with the right friends can get safe, legual shortiens under a louphule in the existing legis/stoto. There were only two important issues on which labor wood in the company of the safe of the company of the same of the company of the same of the company of the company of the same of the company of the com

by Dilys Kevan



LIZ REID - not treated seriously

All the same, Labor's record of eforms looks good enough. The problem is that legal reforms are not enough, abor is prepared to spend money, and lenge sexism. That's why there is may one woman Labor member in the land; expresentatives. That's why Labor my girls". That's why Liz Reld with "spent data as a special advisor on manager that as a special advisor on manager and the manager of th

Changing law without cheef and trades undermined a lot of tends and trades undermined a lot of tends are to provide equal conditions. For law of the law o

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Nonetheless, dospite all the things Labor has not done for women, it has fulfilled most of its 1972 election promises. We will expect more from Labor in its mext term of office. We cannot expect anything from the

by Chris Simpson

SCHOOLS

IT'S NOT SUPRISING that most of Australia's teacher unions are supporting Labor in this election. Me've seen more improvements over the last three years than in the previous twenty-

First, there was the Schwalz Companies of Science, Not conficulty visited what most tackers knew already: that educe in Bustralla was bitaredly biase against the working class - the word disadvantaged case into popular use. The second of th

Neglecte

Of course it wasn't perfect, fome areas have been neglected, perticularly the areas of sexise in education, which is still treated in a very token, way, (it's still better than the liberals' effort of "girls will be given equal opportunities with boys", but that's not saying much.

Labor's chiestine policy has been one of fits beat, which is why teachers are supporting them now. But getting the has been been been been been been supported by the supporting them now the support of back-tracking in the form of state of the support of the sup



The lab's policy boils down to be it.

They say they will keep on the State and the say they will keep on the State and the say the say they will keep on the State and the say they work it is spend any soney. There can be no doubt at all that education will be see of the areas of public spending that Fraser will cut.

Grants (if they are made) will be we all schools. Labor has a needs policy, attempting to bring the poor schools more into line with the rich. The Libs want to widen the gap again.

The Libs' policy is also obsesses with "quality and excellence". They seem to think that equality means lowering the standards. This is histantly elitist; they want to keep the universities for the children of the Tach - they are the only ones to be given may chance at "excellence".

The Libs won't do anything for eduation. If they're elected it will be back to the fifties and sixties when the only way to get a decent education for your kids was to send them to a

by Tess Lee Ack

THIS ELECTION IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT from the beld in Australia for a generation, stake are the basic rights of workers. Fraser is elected, we will have lost the right to you to . He will feel free to attack the right to work and the right to service.

If Whitlan is elected, he will provide a far from satisfactory solution to our problems, but we will be in a better post icon to fight on. Whitlan and his minist have implemented many anti-union, pro-bos policies in the last three years and the Battler has attacked him for that. But hi party is based on our votes, our union exceeds and our wise, our union exceeds and our which does be can force in the control of the provided by the

We could beat Fraser with a fight too, but it would be a much nastier, more expensive, more vicious fight and we would be fighting it after Fraser had gotten away with trampling over our right to vote

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Fraser opposes

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LABOR'S BALANCE



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FRASER

SHIPPT It's CLEAR THAT we cannot afford to allow Fraser to be elected. We have no choice but to re-elect white-

The main parts of Labor's record are examined in detail on other pages of the Battler. It is a record

Mhen Labor was elected in 1972 most workers exweited a lot from it. After 23 years of bosses' rale iter Vietnam, amti-strike laws, appalling neglect if education for all but the rich, Labor promised tremendous changes. It actually made a lot of good changes, but only in certain areas.

Basically, Labor was trying to improve the quality of life for ordinary working was not wome as mach as it could without opposing the interests of the honese. It want't able to do this without unsignating the bosses anyway, which is why they unleashed ferr. However, tabor did disjifil part of its sim... its reform legislation in no way challenged the profits and power of hig business.

That's why, despite the first that there has been some conclusion social welfare reform sade in the last three quars, nutrails still remains un unequal society. That's which be incon sentification ribms which was supposed to control prices under up faithful the part by portion. That's why not coment's minimal that we have been supposed to control prices under up faithful the part of part by the part of part by the part of part

Labor has done many good things but only where the bosses have let them.

During the last three years, tabor has ended conscription and the Vistama committent, spent money on schools and development in the working class subserts, abolitable university fees and bega poying an (inadequate) tertiary allowance. It's supported equal to the rights and problems of women signatus and blacks. It has began to make some properast towards granting black land rights.

Medibank

Labor set up Medihank in the face of a barrage the said propaganda from a minority of wealthy betors, the Heistlin Benefits Numbs and the nonmabor state governments. Medihank is a long way hort of a full National Health Service, but it has eant that a lot of working people can afford reasmable medical Treatment for the first time in their

Pensions were substantially increased and retraing schemes were set up to help the growing number unemployed. There were a lot of referms, but you tire that nome of them really challenged the power (the bosses)

At the same time, however, Australia became Involved in the world ecconomic crisis and the limitarions of Laber's policies became obvious. For the last two years, Whitlam and him ministers have been trying to control wages and browbest union official into accepting lower wages for their members as a means of "tiphting inflation" without restricting

Since July last year, unemployment has been growing to alarming proportions because the Labor government is not prepared to make the people responsible for the economic crisis - big business - pay the cost. Instead it assists business in passing the

sacked

All this year as the Press began to hammer Laber, Laber hegan to change itself. In rebrary, it Terri-gal, Laber write superf for private enterprise late the Party platform. Calirni and Camery this cut by handout the carry this out by handout min did not work and after the most to tack when "Dain crisis", they were the press Creath wincers, Bayden and McCelland.

Hayden and McCleiland have begun a program of actually implementing pro-business, anti-union policies. Ever this did not satisfy the bosses, which is why mittan was wacked. Labor is now offering a colismation of these policies if it is returning a colismation of these policies if it is return-

Mich is, of course, not good enough, Labor has given us all these valuable reforms, but because you us all these valuable reforms, but because mided up attacking us as some and compitalism, labor titted into trouble. There is nothing unusual them that Labor powerments have been making reforms and then attacking their supporterment is that we system since donner Hisbor, it is all the weight of the compiler of th

WE MAYE TO RE-ELECT LABOR TO DEFEND THE CONTRACT AT FRACE POLICY DATE SHAPE. AND THE CONTRACT AT SHAPE POLICY DATE SHAPE TO SHAPE TO SHAPE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACT AND T

Fraser supports

Trade Unionism: He wants to set up a police force to ban strikes and smash pickets. His industrial policies are examined in more detail over the page.

Wars and a large Army: he wants to increase "Refence" appending. During the sixtles, as Minister for the Army and later Defence, he was heavily involved in the conscription of young sen who had no opportunity to vote against the draft, and the surfer

Full Employment: He doesn't say that, of course. But he wants to stop inflation white increasing profits and there's only one way to do that; out wages and

Equal pay and opportunity for women, minimum wage rates and aid to working class schools and

States' Rights: which means education and public transport being run by governments strate or more properties of the pro

Privileges for the Rich: the enlarged, untaxed company profits, tax concertions on private absents in either private absent in either private in her well absent in either private in her well absent in either private absent in either private in the reads and the her private the reads and reader the peaklists on excell in extending the private absent in the private absent in the private absent in the private absent in the peaklist on excell in the private absent in the pr

Government by the Bosses: especially the press barons and mining companies Generals, hominated casual scatters and

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Controlling the unions...and attacking our wages

MALCOLM FRASER

NOW MOULD YOU LIKE to have your union run by a Liberal-appointed judge

That's what we can look forward to if Souther Fasse onto the elected on Occamination of the Community of the

If the Arbitration Court says "keep working" and we "unfairly" vote not to what then

Slavery

There is a name for forcing people to work. It's called slavery. It's supposed to have been illegal since

It's not only the right to strike that is threatened. The Liberals also want to take other rights away from

So if the boss calls in scab labour we can't declare the goods produced "black" we can't ban a unsafe mach-ine until their Lordships from Arbit-mation allow us to. We can't resist spend-ups or "efficiency checks".

The Libs also want to attack the ight to picket. They want to punish picketing that in any way involves solence or intimidation".

So when such truck drivers nearly kill us as they rush our picket lines, we get charged with "violence or in-timidation" for trying to stop them Even now, the cops were able to trung up all sorts of offences against the membershers' and printers' pickets. The Liberals want more laws to hit us with.

Fraser wants to outlaw solidarity between workers.



Interfere

Naturally, the liberal Party wants to interfere in internal union affairs. They ais to set a precedent for this by using a "reasonable" pretent - government-run postal ballots in union elections. They clain this would "strengthen rank and file control of organisations".

Must the Liberal Party wants to do is stick its finger into union huminess, Once it's enforced postal ballots for union elections, it'll start demanding postal ballots for strike decisions a sure way to cripple union action.

There's nothing wrong with postal ballets for union elections -- if that's what the rank and file wants.

Ine Liberal Party has decided to have another crack at getting rid of compulsory unionism. "Every employee has a right to join a union, Equally every employee has the right not to do so."

Bosses

Just in case the Liberal Party have in case the Liberal Party of the Control of t

Besides, the fewer union members you have, the fewer wage rises you get. If some workers stay out of the union, everyone suffers, not just the scabs themselves.

The Liberals actually want to a us taking action in defence of since achops. They will ben interference of the control of the control of a worker. ...ont to join a wise 30 you won't be able to strike some unanionised labour. Pracer west a take away our right to refuse to we with a cabe.

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Penal Powers

This time, the penalties are as pulsory! Remember what it said to must be consequences for thous the not prepared to abide by the rule! And Fraser yows; "We will uphold decisions and authority of the Natrial Court".

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ished by these bastards?



JIM McCLELLAND

The Velvet Glove

CLYDE HOLDING SUMMED UP FRASER'S INDUSTRIAL POLICY well when he told a rally of shop stewards at Festival Hall: "If this overgrown prefect ever gets in, he'll give you a caning that will make Maden Lash's massep parlour look second-rate." But Clyde Holding didn't ask: "How come the Liberal Party -- and more impor-tant, the businessmen behind it -- feel confident enough to put forward such a victously anti-union policy?"

Clyde Holding didn't ask this question because the answer is too embarrassing. For the last year, the Labor government has been doing its own union-bashing -- muted at first, but steadily increasing, It's now got to the point where "Diamond Jim" McClelland can make comments like these last week:

"I had to exert all my endeavour while a Minister to stop the unions running the country."

"Parents who say 'No' get tentrums from their children and Labor Mini-sters who say 'No' get tantrums from the unions mut, like children, the unions will learn too."

Apart from suggesting that James McClelland has some pretty screwed-up kids, all this shows is the depths to which the labor poverment has sunk the Labor leaders make great play of the fact that theirs is the party of the work-results.

So when the crunch comes, do they defend us with a genuine wage index-ation scheme? Do they fight unemploy ment by sticking to their election promise of the 55-hour week, thus creating more jobs? You're kidding! They turn around and boast to the bosses about how good they are at

Doubts

No wonder Fraser reckons he can get

"I believe if Fraser was in power there would be a major social con-frontation. I believe there would be mass strikes and pressure for wage rises of the dimensions of 1974".

In fact, if Fraser gets in, McClell-and has pronised to try and stop us de-fending ourselves. He has said he would use his influence to persuade unions "not to wreck the shew". But what about Fraser's attempts to wreck our unions?

Why are the Labor politicians de-

by ALEC KAHN Industrial Editor



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So the Whitlam-Haydem-McClellend approach was a double disaster. Our wages were eaten away by the fake indexation scheme, union action was undermined, and Labor lost support any

Con Trick

How did Hayden and McClelland go about "controlling" us? They couldn't attack us openly like Fraser will -the ALP depends too much on union support. Instead they used a com trick. They used a carrest and stick approach - but they didn't let on that the carrot was rotten.

Hayden and McClelland knew that we Haydem and McClelland knew that we wanted protection against inflation, so they offered us a carrot - wage indexation payments. They weren't gemind indexation payments, however. They weren't retrospective, the index was inadequate, the Covernment fiddled the last one from 2.9% down to 0.8% and didn't pay it anyhow.

The carrot was utterly rotten The carrot was otherly retree. It served its pumpos, however. All the "moderate" union leaders - those who refuse to fight for their vertex's interest. - now had a beaut accose for could say, "look, we're getting cast-of-living adjustments every three months. We can't pof nor or we'll destroy industion, and besides, Labor will get throm out."

Having sold "wage restraint" to the moderate unions in this manner, our Labor Party friends had to deal with the "left-wing" union leaders whose militant memberships won't let them sit back. Here's where the stick

Actually there were two sticks, plant, the wage indexation guidelines which just about made pay first il-legal outside the quarterly adjust-emnts. Second, the constant attack on minos in the Press, which the Labor party did nothing to refute, and ofte assisted.

During the recession, the bosses want an all-out attack on wages. They want to end indexation payments, in-adequate as they were. They want to slash social services. The "gwrilin strikes" ineffective as they are are an irritation and must be stopped.

So the bosses unleashed Fraser. A few had some qualms about his method of grabbing power, but they are right behind him all the same.

Futility

Max is the Labor Party response to all third Have they shmitted the fu-cility of trying to comprosise with the boxes? Have they tried to raily the boxes? Have they tried to raily steed, McCicliand is trying to convious to top Practy and middle classes that he's more effective at taming the unions that the practy of the top to the pro-ting the top to the top to the top to its one supporters.

Having rendered such excellent service to the bosses, Mhitlam, McClelland and all expected a respite from the Press. Instead they got the sack.

UNEMPLOYMENT and INFLATION Who is to blame?

WHO IS TO BLAME for unemployment and inflation? The Liberals are making that the centre of their campsign, and it looks like a hard question for Labor support-ers. The Liberal line is that the economy has gone to hell under Labor.

Labor replies that the same problems exist around the world, no matter what government is in

workers to defend themselves.

This is where Gairms and Cameron
went wrong. Committed to "working
within the system", they couldn't
lead any mass action to make the
bostes pay for the recession. So
they automatically opened the door
for the alternative -- the bosses
making us pay. Both arguments are time. The twin with of inflation and unemployment are part and parcel of capitaline. When both exist through-capitaline was been been as a substitution of the capitaline and the capitaline are also as a substitution of the capitaline and the This put Cairns and Cameron in a bind. With their base of support in the industrial wing of the Labor Party, they couldn't afford to carry out the tough policies the bosser wanted. Whitlam's government simply did hat the others did. It severely estricted credit during 1974 - on the twice of the Treasury - to try to top inflation, Since unemployment

could -- Mayden and McClelland, whose support comes from the right wing of the Party.

In 1973, we increased our share of

The Labor leaders protest that

In other words the Labor government has acted much like the Liberals might have. This means Fraser has no real complaints coming, and his attacks on Labor are sheer opportunism.

But that doesn't mean we don't have any complaints coming, What is a labor government doing putting 300,000 of us out of work to stop inflation? This will remain an issue if we re-

It is simple self-defence to re-elect Labor. But it is just. as much simple self-defence not to rely on them to solve our economic problems. That depends on our own struggles.

VOTE AGAINST THIS ON DECEMBER 13th

FIGHT THIS AFTER THE ELECTIONS

HOW WE FOUGHT COUP

AS SOON AS THE NEWS hit of Whitlan's sacking, a wave of anger swept Australia. Wharfies and seemen at every major port round the country walked off the job.

Within three hours, demonstrations were occurring in every capital city. In Camberra, 4000 angry workers and arusents pathered outside Parliament Source. In Sydney, 3000 marched on Liberal Headquarters calling for a General Strike. In Brisbanc, 1000 people attended a demonstration while 4000 railied in Perhà's Forrest this control of the Perha Strike.

In Nelbourne, the ANNI colled a Clystelly in the city square for 5.309%. There thousand people tumoud up... walkeries, metalwarkers, clerks, studies who maked in after this casas. inall groups of affice-workers marched from the control of the con

marched

ignoring Bbb hawke's call to 'coo je', the creed marched on Covernment Wouse, and then the Liberal Party headquarters. After the cops attacks headquarters. After the cops attacks the demonstration, glassworkers refused to repair the Liberal headquarters' windows, broken by anyty warch-

FEDFA, AMPU and ARU, issued on a national stoppage.

The next day the pressure built up marface and seamen scoped for tweety flour hours. NN miners joined them. In Melbourne, thirty unions not comparablets at fastories and on housing consistent areas calling for a general strike. In Sydney, a march on the catched exchange by Garden Island and State of the catched the strike exchange by Garden Island and State of the Catched Catched

On the Friday, we saw the peak of

One hundred thousand workers stopped in Brisbane and 20,000 rallied in the city square. In Townsville, 3000 demonstrated; in Gladstone, Alumina workers stopped and 1000 marched.

In Melbourne, thirty-five major unions stopped work for four hours; 400,000 workers in all. The city came to a standstill as 40,000 gathered in the city square and marched on the Old Treasure.

At this stage, the march's leader tried to call the whole thing offclyes meliday and John Meltpenny urged people to go home. They then walked out on the demonstration and 70,000 people ware left standing around wandering what to do next.

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chants

At the Stock Exchange, there wer more militant speeches and chants o ""General Strike". At SPM, the crowd marched back to the city square to

For the first time in many years, fifteen thousand people had rejected the respectable tactics of the labor leaders in favour of a militant demo stration of their feelings.

divert the movement back into Parlimentary channels. On the Monday

months of the solution of the South

THE BATTLER MOVEMBER 2

Garden island Deckers stopped again and marched in Sydney to a Labor Council relly. The PTA threatened action against any rich advertising, but ladderlying the state of the sydney and th

On Monday, there were stoppages by Glassworkers, seamen, teachers, whatfies, building workers and Garden Island dockers who walked off the job to attend Whitlam's policy speech in

We are now into the election the economy best for business. Me could have stopped fraser two weeks ago with a General Strike. The feel mass certainly there. Doly the oranization was elissing. Our met flight will be to smash the anti-union policies of the new overnment.



Where were the Tribunes of

In a crisis situation such as we face today, only the subbilisation of the workers can raily all sections of the people to defeat the coup, Already, the spontaneous responses to the substance of the substance o

Fighting words these. The Communist Party clearly can't be criticised in the way they criticise not havke. Interviewed in Fribune, Laurie Carmichael, Assistant National Secretary of the AMOU and president of the Communist Party of Australia (Car worst past the bob Nawke of mampfifects working class action that worst past the bob Nawke of manufacture working class action that sweep past the bob Nawke of manufacture working class action that worst past the bob Nawke of manufacture working the past the substitute of the community of the community

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influence were presented to the called th

John Halfpeany, a prominent member of the CPA, has been in a unique postition in the last couple of weeks, As a popular public speaker, he is always closely listened to, As a leading member of one of Australia's most important unions, he is in a position to influence workers. What has been his recent?

At the rally in the city Square At the rally in the city square of the Bourne on the ottension of the square of the city of the rall of the city of th

more we could do than we had alrest done, he provided no leadership.

Perhaps Malfpenny and the Communi-Earty hadn't yet had time to think out a plan of attack? Tribune came of the next day with statements like the

John Halfpenny





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What We Did

IN THE THREE WEIGH since Gough whillen was macked, MMG members have distributed distributed and the second second

Battler and organising for the biggest possible Labor vote on Saturday December 13.

But what about after the elections?
Getting vide of Frame is our most apportant task, but if taker is election or seend job will be to have present the elections of the election of the elect

We're asking you to join us. Join us in the struggle against Fraser and join us in the struggle against all pro-boss, anti-union policies, wherever they come from, Join us in the fight for Workers Power and a socialist society. Clip out the coupon below.

I would like to know more about SWAG and the Workers League. I want to know more about your policies for fighting the bosses whoever wins the election.

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It's no use just talking about the world, the point is to change it. If that's what you want to do...then join us!

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KICK OUT FRASER! A statement from the Workers League

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It is what the National Tames had to say about the sational relations policy:

The has two indemnents princips. The first was the manner of the satisfact of the satisfact of the satisfact of the satisfact court. The saccord is that the suppossibility to preserve unions, which now seats with manner of the satisfact of the sat

To kick out Fraser and his industrial police force is a life and death question for the working class movement in this country.

The Labor Party is a working-class party built and financed by the trade union movement. As such it must be supported by all workers against the basses' parties. The re-election of the Labor Party to office with a majority in both Neuses 1. the way to stop France's grab for power and all it represents.

WITHOUT TELLISIONS At the same time, we should have no illusions in the ability of the Labor politicians to stand up to the bosses and defend our rights. We must not forget

The rights of working people - the right to a ju-living wage, and a decent life - are under attack a never before. Our rights cannot possibly be ad-d through Parliament. They can only be defended through our own struggle and unity on the job.

KICK OUT THE LIBERALS

RE-ELECT THE LABOR PARTY

BUILD A RANK-AND-FILE MOVEMENT TO DEFEND

OUR RIGHTS

The Workers' League can be contacted at PO Box 86 Moonah, Tasmania.

A VICIOUS COUP! by Tom O'Loughlin

Rowrest, the more immediate similar-line between the coup in Chile and lars's coup in Australia lie elsewhere. They lie in the illusions about parlia-ment and about the capitalist state which were actively fostered by Allende, and which are being actively fostered by Maillan to this day.

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Throughout his entire term in office,
Allende spoke of the neutrality of the
state machinery, notably the army. His
assurances on this point to the workers
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fore his bout a habit. In the months before his bout a habit, in the months betore his bout a habit and the subject to the
could be heard almost daily.

social change

Similarly Gough Whitlam stood up and told the world that he believed rest social change could come through Pari-imagent, it was one of the themes of his policy speech.

E THERE WAS a mineral-rich country in the southern hemisphore, country was ruled by a social democratic government supported by workers. It had been elected by the people, and given a solid endorsement at an intervening election.

It was not revolutionary, but it took certain steps the capital-iste didn't like. For example, it tried to re-establish control over some of the country's natural resources which were owned by foreign interests. This involved some government ownership.

conservative

France is not a fasciat, even if it make us feel a little better to write make us feel a little better to write a fascial and a same wish a same wish a swartiak. We just a conservative. His government, if elected, would

not justified in owing.

Whitian has no right at all to stand
up and say to us that we should put our
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ask us for restraint, and wait for his
to molec our problems in parliament. Instead he should publicly state what he
inament is righed. The whole capitalist
state machine is righed.

state aschine is rigged.

The top public servants are well
placed to frustrate important neasures.
The Senate is well placed to obstruct.
The governor-general is there to stick
in the knife, and if things get desper-ate chough, the army is ready and waiting to pat a bullet through the head of
an elected leader.

an elected leader.
From this hard fact of life he should draw the lessons. That it is about of the help of the lessons. That it is a first help of the lessons that the lessons that the lessons the lessons that one has the lessons that only the strongest and not will all the lessons that only the strongest and not will all the lessons that the lessons that prover the lessons that the only tabler poverment, that the only tabler poverment that could adhieve anything really wrepared to soldlist the workers for an all root assault on the power of the expitalists.

before Hitler, and in Italy before

rtan. A Labor government that will not nobilise their supporters to fight endepriving themselves of their only rule weapon. They claim that this is received any in order to avoid provoking the rule right wing and to calm the cepitalist.

suspicion

This is a grave error. While the capitalists will sometimes let taker govern for a time, they always view Labor with suspicion. Schind the taker ministers, however doubte, they see the working class whose power they fear. A Labor government which cringes before them earns their contempt, but not Dheir truns.

And if it seems necessary to them, And it it seems necessary to them, they will use the state machinery, which they have built and carefully ragged, to toss labor out on its ex-At that stage, only a fighting response will do any good.

Isn't it far more sensible to start out fighting, so that we can win out day? So that we can stop defending or-selves for once and take the offensim!

Of course that means revolutionary politics, and whitlas will never be won to that. But the Australian workers must be won to trevolutionary politics. Other Wise one of those days fascis really will come to Australia.



if you can't use a trooper, use a grouper.



THE RICHEST CARETAKER IN THE WORLD by Tess Lee Ack

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What the bosses most like about Fraser is his willingness to attack the working class and the trade union movement. He has openly declared himself on the side of their profits. And why not! He comes from a long line of profit-makers.

Fraser profers to keep his emerous wealth a secret. After all, he wants to woo all those voters trying to get home loans. He never needed a home loans. He never needed a home loan. In fact, he's never even had to work. His property. Nareen, covers a cosy \$,072 acres of plush grazing land. Not all that many people can identify with that.

with that.

The Frazer fortune really got off
the ground with Mai's grandfather,
Simon Fraser, he wang into action
shortly after the gold nushes of the
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and rallways) and later from land
speculation, a favourite past-time of
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Having made his pile, he went into politics, eventually becoming a member of the first Senate in 1901. He was also a grand master of the Loyal Orange Lodge (another ruling class past-time). This organisation is the



Tamara Fraser- wealths in

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The family fortune got Fraser the standard squattocracy education --Melbourne Grammar, followed by Oxford University. (He was no Rhodes Scholar

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Who's lying?

From our leak in Dept. of Labor

IN DECEMBER and January there will be a massive increase in un-employment as over 200,000 school leavers start seaching for their leavers start seaching for their first job. The prospects are dismal, banks and insurance companies have almost no vacancies, public service recruitment has been cut back, industry won't be hiring and there will be few apprenticeships offered.

The employers will swell the ranks of the unemployed by sacking thousands of workers to avoid paying them for the Christmas holidays, knowing full well that there will be a massive pool of unemployed from which they can pick and thoose next year.

On top of this the car industry and the building industry are about to col-lapse and there will be massive sack-lags. In other areas there will be no increase in employment as employers will attempt to reduce costs by cutting labor to the bone and introducing labor saving devices.

The Reserve Bank estimates that by March unemployment will have peaked mear the half-million mark (about 7% of the labor force) and then gradually decline throughout 1976.

If the liberals get returned to office and Fraser makes massive cuts in public expenditure, unemployment would really go through the roof. At the moment the public sector is the only growth area of the economy. Publis-genetiture is supporting whole areas of privately owned industry such as building and consequences and the re-



a massive wave of bankruptcies would result, which would be the start of a

...they all are!

In other words, Hayden and McClel-enelloyment is under control words of the layer of the control words of the control of the lying when our the control words of the lying when does not be the control of the control of the ficient industries are actionalized under workers' control, jobs will not be saved, He may to re-elect Labertion policies to defend our right to works, policies to defend our right to works.

inspiring bastards

It wasn't only the Stock Exchanges that cheered when Whit-lan's dismissal was anounced. One foreman at a metals shop in South Melbourne greated the workers the next day will be term the sext day will be a statement. Well, you better watch yourselves, which was the work of the watch yourselves, the sack.

Kerr has been an inspiration a lot of bastards.

Dave

As the workers

at Lucas said-

Meanwhile, bosses all over the cou

A few days later, Careth Clayton, the local member (ALP, Isaacs) wanted to hold a meeting, Lucas bosses wouldn't allow it. He had to speak outside the gate. Lucas bosses know which side they are on. So do Lucas workers.

Chile winds

The thought what would have happened if whitian had refused to according to the hoot formed illegal order of the hoot formed ordered with hoot formed plant for a military coup if the hoot formed had for a military coup if he had not be rearred by a lawful coup.

"Billy who?"

1. On November 11, the day of Whitlan' sacking, all Army leave was cancelled and the Army was put on "Grey Alert".

2. There has been a document circulating recently around hastern signal by about 40 middle rending reflective. It was that they would not fight in Australia, only overment, Obviously accesses has been supersting to them that then since be seed to fight that they since be seed to fight out that they since be seed to fight out of the lawfully alected government outdit 42?

ELECTION SPECIAL



Magpie turns cocky

Oh yeah, and even at election time, we must have a footy comme-ent. Like most Maggie supporters I was disqueted to hear that bes Tuddenham was seeking Country Party preselection. And that he had been a member of the rich peasants' party for several year

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SAFETY LAST

This got the bosses' backs up even we.
A couple of days later, I was diamantling some large valves (18" is
diameter) which were installed hip
above ground level. The crow had been
the proper work safety permit by
and
the proper work safety permit wis
issued. But one piece of paper is
asseguard against danger even though
assurances were made that everything
was safe.

I immediately tried to get hold of Mr. Morgan, the safety officer, but he couldn't be found. I saked a semi-operator to inspect the area but he said he wan't responsible for it. He even said that he couldn't be sure

By concern received the predictable backlash. On several other occasions I had reminded the supervisory staff just where their responsibilities lay. So the die was cast and the next day the axe fell -- I was sacked.

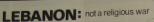
I demanded to see a senior representative but none of them would talk use. I turned up the next day to try as see the shop-steward but security guards wouldn't lut me in so I had to see him outside the gate. The only good thing about it was that a lot of good thing about it was that a lot of the new blokes got to realise that is unity lies strength and with that strength -- safety. In unity, lies the preservation of life and limb.

Dave Russell - A.M.W.U. Dandenong Branch

danger of more wars in Asia looming in the background.

In their twenty-three years in government, the Liberals support imperialism with the lives of young Australiams. They rumbed to join the and the British in Malaya. Labora support for foreign and local imperialism carries the support for foreign and local imperialism carries the description of the control of the sabre-rateling Liberals like Framer and Killen, that threat is more like a temptation.







Shloko

Carworkers

by Tom Freeman, VBU

What our unions are doing about Fraser

Teachers

by Tess Lee Ack, VSTA

Metalworkers by Kevin Bain, branch committee Dandenong, AMWU

Public Servants by Mick Armstrong, ACOA

LABOR'S FOREIGN POLICY It Looks Good, But

Within Australia, Labor ended conscription. It also set about resorbing the last vestiges of Pritish moving the last vestiges of Pritish was finally dupped save the Queen's then, along with hightnois and appeals to the Pritish Privy Council, both at home and abroad, Mivitian was presenting biaseif as a staunch anti-imperialist.

In Papus New Culnea, independence has been carefully manipulated to preserve the future of Australian and multi-national companies. Even now, Whitlan remains committed to support the Sonare government if Bougainville sec

output (commend by CMs).

On the Middle East, Labor has maintained an "even-handed" stance on paper, but has beamed Palestinian representatives from the country. The reason for Labor's inshill ty to take reason for Labor's inshill ty to take the country of the

Altogether under Labor, Australia remains a junior partner of the great imporial powers, increasingly the US and Japan. That will mean lots more sell-outs on foreign policy, with the

As for the Liberals....they have no real foreign policy. No doubt they will be more openly pro-American and more influenced by foreign corporations but in terms of policy on a wide remercial probably be forced to accept what





Who's taking care of Timor?

KICKING UNTIL

"DO ME HURT Labor's chances if we strike during the election

Majiway workers faced this question this week. Should they suspend their struggle for a \$17 over-award rise, 35 hour week and a 14 point log of claims?

A.R.U. secretary Jim Frater told 700 unionists at Loco Hall, "You must consider the guerilla campaign in the light of the

He said sections of the Labor movement felt continued strike action could prejudice the return of the Labor government.

This old muth crops up every

tions, to help Labor win, then we are half way to accepting McClelland's arguments that all industrial activity and wage rises are damaging to the Labor Party. If we strike during the elections campaign, we make it quite clear what sort of Labor government we want -- one that fights for the wages and condit ions of its supporters



ARU Secretary Jim Frazer

Instead, the leaders of the Instead, the leaders of the 5 rail unions pushed through a resolution which agreed "that the wages element of our claim-be taken up at a later date". In the meantime -- negotiations on conditions. The resolution recommendations on six condition ibility of any action before the

Jim Frazer told The Battler the he supported national stop-But at the meeting he put forward no new initiatives. While stressing, "We cannot give it away ", he added that in the

Afford

Rail workers can't afford to lose this one. Due to poor union leadership, they haven't had an misguided attempt to win votes support to their campaign. Fitters in the railway workshops currently get a maximum of \$137.40. Compare this with and Fuel and \$150 now commonly

paid in private industry

Refused

First the rail unions rei First the fail union re-to call an all-out strike. they've suspended their "pa-illa campaign". The only renised avenue for negotiation and the THC bureaucrats are unsympathetic to the rail-was ers claims.

But there's still plenty; fight left in the rank and fir Alluding to the bumper wheel harvest in Northern Victoria which can only be moved by n one rank-and-filer said. "Whether Fraser or Whitlam is in after December 13, we are going to kick'em and keep His ing'em until we win this cam

by KEN STEVENS

AT THE CHRYSLER Tonsley Park plant (S.A.) another militant has been threatened with jail for defending the right to work

On April 9 this year, Peter van Arend was jailed for con-tempt of court -- his real crime was that he refused to be sacked at the whim of the Chrysler

year, Peter Howes (who just happened to be active in the rank and file group) was also sacked. Security guards wouldn't let him back in the gate.

Now Will Heidt, shop steward on the Trim-Line section, has to face the courts. On November 20, he was sacked for protest-

The only people prepared to fend him were the Chrysler nk and file group. Later this	his section. The line stopped, security guards were called in and Will
dissolved rely on	your house were , you could still your Battler Sub!

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was assaulted -- then the cops were called. On the advice of a VBU official, Will left but re-

Will Heidt



turned that afternoon after lunch-time mass meeting had voted overwhelmingly to say his action. The company refo the other sections who stopped

They were so certain of co-operation of the VBD offs claiming that the VBO conte the sit-in. For once they proved wrong. The union fulsupported his reinstatement

Heidt was arrested that noon at the Tonsley pub. De charges? Assaulting a sec unlawfully on Chrysler's ses. On December 16, the will be on the wrong side

by MIKE GREWCOOL

As we go to press, the Judges have issued a summons for Will & Francisco and the State of the St



post-election Number 14, December 17, 1975 special

You may have won the election Squire, but

PRASER, PEACOCK, ANTHONY AND THE REST of the coalition Were smirking on TV on election night. So were their media henchmen. You can tell Fraser thinks he's going to treat Australian workers like peasants on his count-ry estate. The Melbourne club will pour more champagne and count all the money they plan to make. The Stock

The Libs still think they're born to rule. But we can wipe the sneering smile off Fraser's face.

The Labor Party has lost the elections. That doesn't bean that the Australian workers are beaten. Many people voted for Fraser out of desperation over unemployment

on intration, But FTASET'S So-called solutions for the consony will be to force us to make more sacrifices. Only a minority of high pusiness parasites voted for that. And when fraser tries to do it, he can be stopped and beaten.

Labor's defeat was a disaster, but it isn't the end of the world. We have to learn the lessons from it, and go on to build a fjohting workers' movement that can turn the tide against Fraser. This issue of the Battler turn the

WIPE THE SMILE OFF FRASER'S FACE

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Silent Night in Dili

by John Sullivan



WHY LABOR LOST

by Dave Nadel

and how it could have been avoided

There were alternatives

sacrifices

Portugal: The Soldiers Were Betrayed The Soldiers Were Be

The marines, who had initially

Agreed





This man has no righto rule

We can stop hine way British workers stopped Heath

ON THE JOB

IN YOUR SUBURB

in public discussion of strikes. One good idea is a brief leaflet explaining your demands and appealing for support. The Battler can help you produce it. Ring us at 429 1610

There are many community organisations will be fighting nainst cutbacks and the rights of their members. There such as FLEF and Temokritos, and women are served by the Korinia Momen's centre and the Woom's Liberation soveens two uny first useful calles and their organisations, and you may be able to being their them are the such that th

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Australia 1969

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The union was called to court in 569, and Tramways' secretary Clarrie 'Dear refused to pay the fines at the ates demanded by the bench. The judges actually a cortain John Kerr, three is in jail,

The unions invited student support and the well-known student leader Albert Langer was invited to address a meeting.

The combination of militant action and community apport three a start into the employee part three a start into the employee part of the fine amonymously. But that fooled mobiod-it was clear that the units and in-led the Fermi was a start of the com-leted the Fermi was a start of the come paid any free, despite has after ban imposed by the Athitration Court on tribes.



by Tom O'Lincoln AMWU Member

Britain 1973

The miners refused to be beaten. In response, Reath put most of Britain on a 3-day week. A giguntic lockout of the whole working class. The miners responded with a strike, and Seath was forced to call an election.

The workers handed Heath a smashing electoral defeat. Since then, governments all over the world have thought twice before pushing unions too far. It is only in the last few anoths that the employers in this country have

If we use the methods of British workers — determined and militant action -- we can repeat Heath's defeat.

HOW TO ANSWER

FRASER'S LIES

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REGROUPMENT ON THE LEFT

International Socialists formed

Rank and File



Our readers are invited to join us.

RANA ROY, National Organiser, I.S.

A Word from the Editor

The IS Sounding conference decided to produce a fortnightly Battler from autumn mext year, This is necessary if we are to fight framer offectively.

which we produce the paper. A fortnightly paper will require more separative equipment and a far more professional staff. At the moment must of the Battler staff have full-time jobs. They are factory workers, teachers and students. The paper is produced at night and over the weekends. It's not a very efficient way to run a newspaper.

If we are to so fortnightly, then we will need some full-time state. This mans that we will need sinely to pay wases we will not same time. We have no seem time to be price, for if the paper is to do its job properly, it must be available at a price that all battlers can afford.

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What the I.S. Stands For

MOREERS POMER Only the organised working class has the power to create a society free of exploitation and oppression, based on workers' centrol of industry and the state. We believe that socialise can only be achieved by

sevolution Not Reformism We believe in overthrowing the capitalist system, not patching it up or gradually trying to change it. We support all struggles of workers against the bosses and the maintage.

SMASHING THE CAPITALIST STATE The state machine (parliament, the law, courts, police and army) is a weapon of capitalist class rule. It cannot simply be taken over and used in the interests of the working class. There is no parliamentary road to socialism.

BONK AND THE ORGANISATION We work within the mass organisations of the working class, especially the trade unions, and fight to bring them under rank and file control. Workers need their ewn rank and file organisations to fight when the paid officials are unwilling, We are for the building off an industrial rank and file rowecent.

Europe are not socialist. We support the struggles of workers in these countries against their bureaucratic ruling classes.

PULL EQUALITY AND LIBERATION for MODEL HILL EQUALITY AND LIBERATION for we blacks, nigrants and all oppressed groups. We fight racism and sexism which are pillars of the capitalist system. We stand for full freedom of sexual expression and an end to the social persecution of homosexuals.

BEVOLUTIONARY PARTY To win the figst for socialism, the most militant for socialism, the most militant for socialism, and the socialism of the

It's no use just talking about the world -- the point is to change it. If that's what you want to do, then

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Meatworkers' Fight

The original idea of the parrilla capaign was to work idea, as were on high killing tally and then take 2 days off without notice, But last week the union did not call any strikes. Maybe this was a result of the ultinatum from the Victorian Mestworks Association who threatened an industry wide lock-out if any nore lightning strikes were valled.

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Murdoch hard pressed

And will he be delighted?

Go-Slow

No Nonsense

Harvesters' Win

Marvesters workers wan these in-provements in the struggle for the flow-on of the rise won earlier by OBS workers. On Nonday November 3, the demand was throw out of the Arbitration Court. The next day, the workers had a stop-work and decided not to return till Friday morning.

The Pay-Off

QUEENSLAND BLACKS Peter Atkinson

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About 1,800 notesianal people live at Aurukum, 30 mines swelh ed Weipa. Since 1988, a group of mining companies, the proposed the no Aurukum Land. They have been companies use the proposed they consider the companies use the title "Aurukum Assa-celates", against the vishes of the Aurukum people, who do not want to lose their name to the minera:

TWO MERGEID AUSTRALIANS marched through London on November 23 to protest the sacking of the Labor government, Among the Australians Listed to the Labor government, Among the Steady Socialists, and the August for such Listed Li

They marched to Rupert Murdoch's News of the Morld (the British Truth) and Sun offices. Murdoch has used his papers in Britain against Labor in the same way he has here.

ALISTRALIAN SUCILLIS

The companies have always talked about not wanting to mine before 1983 or 1984. Now they are suddenly lesses to get their maning lease as quickly as possible, Secretly, they arranged for amounted tree days after Maitlas was assumed to days after Maitlas was acked. It was a well-kept secret. Not only were the Aurakan people, their layer and the charm during most read, but the provenance of the decision of gradual and the secret of gradual tree of the decision of gradual trees.

All the companies involved are for-cign owned. The ALP requires all future mining projects to have a majority of Australian capital. To avoid this, the companies used the Fraser government

possibly at Aurokum. The aboriginal people at Aurokum have extend unanimosity that they do not be a supported to the support of the support o

Determination

To show their strength and determination, the kurnium people have taken over the sirrield built by the companion that the same that the companion were driven out of the case. The Aurakum people have 200 gams and many have spoken of their willingness to die in a fight for their land.

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Battler CARLTON BLOCKS SUPPLY

by Mike Grewcock

"THERE'S NOT A bloke in the place who isn't prepared to work 40 hours, the breweries just won't let us. "That's what we were told outside the arbitration court by two workers from Carlton and United Breweries (CUB), but pubs throughout Victoria are still

Since 1964, the unions have negotiated every two years with CUB management over wages and conditions. In September, they put forward a log of claims calling for a \$25 rise, 33 hour week and an extra week's holliary, Most of the liquor trades workers only get about size. 30 a week, but even that's too much for the basses of CUB who size. 30 a week, but even that's too much for the basses of CUB who size that the size of the liquor trade to the size of the siz

The bans didn't achieve much. time, but production was hardly being affected. So on December 3 a mass meeting was called. Well over 1000 turned up. They overwhelmingly rejected the company's miserable offer of \$1 and also banned CUB's lucrative exports, most interstate transport and 50 contract agreements. The company opened

Lockout

The next day 800 workers Only the Yorkshire maintenance

But there was a snag -- included clerks, checkers and painters were clauses prohibiting standdowns if there is still work

Friends But pieces of paper are easy

to tear up and that's just what CUB did. It's made even easier when you've got good friends -like the "neutral" Justice Commission who gave them permission to lay off the remaining 500 transport workers and clerks without pay. At the same meeting on December 9 he'd suggested an agreement which the unions were prepared to consider, but which CUB were not. It was yet another example of a judge



bosses who refuse to negotiate.

line a week before the election? crackdown on the unions and The answer's pretty obvious. They abolition of the Prices Just are trying to blame the shortages ication Tribunal. on the workers at a time when the ACTU has wrongly convinced unions As we go to press the not'to strike. They're creating workers at CUB are determined to the converse of the c a dispute out of nothing to give mined not to let them; Fraser and the press another excuse to bash the unions. The ACTU's lie-low attitude has They're doing their bit to try

and justify Fraser's indust policy of making export buy Why is CUB taking such a hard illegal. They want a general

> their way. In the meant a lot of us go thirsty, always had an unquench

Labor Councillors make lousy bosses by Alec Kahn

WHAT'S THE POINT in electing the ALP to local councils? There are probably a lot of council workers

with Labor-controlled Councils that Municipal Employees Union members have had recently:

scray garbage men for State Incremental Payments (SIP's)

* Richmond council-workers' fight for a better sick pay scheme -- which has been going * Two stop-work meetings and

the threat of rolling strikes last year to win a modest over award rise from \$15 to \$21.

* Lay-offs of casual municipal

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workers due to Whitlam's cutbacks in the RED scheme

The most recent was the ended last Monday. This was after the log of claims committ cc -- which covers all ALP Footscray council was the chief opponent of the payment, which goes to many public employees.

MEU members have found that their employers are more sensithan any other council workers. towards their strike pay.

After three weeks, the the rise was to be phased in 10 months. They also agreed to hold off 21 retrenchments.

Like all local Councils, the ALP-controlled Councils comprise mainly businessmen. As one

name they're Labor, but) METAL WORKERS' UNION Spirit they're Liberal." We will get the Metal workers' union the Metal workers' union the Metal workers' union the Metal workers' was a spirit they will get the Metal workers will be with the Metal workers will be will be will get the Metal workers will be to pressure because of the trade union base.

Partly as a result of the a Council labourer at Rida gets about \$135 a week, at in the country the average around \$90 a week!

But this huge discrete is also a condemnation of right-wing MEU leadership While serving claims on a Councils, they've utter! ignored their members

MEU bludges on other was awards. They should draw As one militant put leaving everyone to fig-

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

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EVERY WAGE EARNER in the country needs the 6.4% rise. It isn't a question of greed, it's a question of need. The 6.4% figure comes from the consumer price index and most economists admit that the CPI underestimates price rises. In other words prices have risen more than 6.4% in the last six months. We need the full indexation rise just to catch up and then we'd still be behind.

To live as well as we did two years ago, we would need the 6.4% rise, the 3% productivity rise and them a bit more. Even if the

Fraser's attempt to cut our wages (and that's what his attempt to deny us Indoxation is — a wage cut) is part of his general attack on the working class. It's based on lies — he said he supported indoxation during the elections. It's based on distortions lower wages do not mean more jobs. It attacks those least able

We can stop Fraser's wage cuts. We can stop all his attacks on us. We don't have to accept any decision the court may hand down if we're prepared to organise and fight back.



spirit they're Liberal." "We will get the 6.4% whatever the MUU has one important happens here. We'll get it even vantage over ALP Councils if we have to wring it out of they can bring any disput every employer in the counter the ALP State Code No. Fraser. vantage over ALP Councils
they can bring any dispet
they can be recognized to the country.
So Labor Councils are set

JIM ROULSTON, VICTORIAN PRESI-DENT OF THE AMALGAMATED METAL WORKERS' UNION: "Workers cannot be made to bear the burden at both ends. If this is the attitude of the government, the unions will be

THESE FOUR MEN lead two of Australia's more militant





"I urge the ACTU to consider a series of rolling national series of rolling national strikes on an industry-by-industry basis...The unions want nothing short of full wage in-dexation and the government's action will mean a pay cut.



ALF ZEENO, VICTORIAN SECRETARY OF THE BUILDING WORKERS' IN-

in the Commission, they will be right in the scrum for what's due to them and more.

day the hearing began. So did some Builders Labourers. What Halfpenny, Clancy and the others say is right. If they are prepared to back their words with action, then

lo matter what the Judges say!