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Socialists Ejected from Tasmanian ALP

BY PETER EDWARDS

The most serious of Tasmanian Socialists from the ALP at the 1971 Federal Conference in Melbourne. The result was that the Tasmanian Socialists were expelled from the ALP. The Socialists are now meeting to decide their future. They have not yet decided whether to join the Tasmanian Communist Party.

SYA Member Bashed

By Chris Sloan

On Friday, a Socialist Youth Alliance member was beaten bashing at the University. The incident occurred in the early hours of the morning. The Socialist Youth Alliance member was attacked by a group of unidentified individuals. The attack took place in an isolated area of the University campus. It is believed that the attack was motivated by political differences.

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THE STRIKE WAVE

With the merger of the Victorian Union of Financial, Professional and Technical Workers and the Victorian Teachers' Union, there is a new strike wave. The new union is calling for a strike of all workers in the public and private sectors.

Rank-and-file workers expose union bureaucrats

BY ANDREW JAMESON

The recent strike by rank-and-file workers at the Victorian Teachers' Union has exposed the corruption of union bureaucrats. The workers were demanding a pay increase, better working conditions, and more say in the running of the union. The union leadership has tried to quash the strike, but the workers have shown that they are willing to fight for their rights.

STRUGGLE ERUPTS AT FORD

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**BHP Workers Campaign for Over-award Payment**

BY COREY FORSTER

BHP, the world's biggest iron ore producer, is under pressure to increase its payments to workers. The campaign has been supported by various trade unions and worker organizations, including the Australian Steel Workers Union (ASWU), the Trade Union Congress (TUC), and the ACTU. The union has warned that BHP is using its size and power to suppress the campaign and maintain its dominance in the industry. The campaign has received a mixed response from the public, with some supporting the workers' demands while others are concerned about the impact on BHP's profitability.

**Media Attacks Victorian Power Workers**

BY JAMIE BUCKNER

The media has been targeting Victorian power workers, accusing them of causing power blackouts and disrupting the economy. The workers have been protesting against the lack of union recognition and the proposed changes to the energy market. The media has focused on the potential for more power blackouts and the economic impact of the protests. The workers have been calling for union recognition and better conditions, while the media has been critical of their actions and the potential for further disruption.

**NSW SEC Workers Fight for 35 hour Week**

BY PETER LUTHER

The NSW SEC workers have been fighting to reduce their working hours to 35 hours a week. The campaign has been supported by various trade unions and worker organizations, including the Australian Federation of Labor (AFL) and the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU). The workers have been calling for better conditions and a fairer distribution of workloads. The campaign has received mixed reviews from the public, with some supporting the workers' demands while others are concerned about the impact on productivity.
Gay Student Victimized

By Peter James

Every morning, the victims are in a quandary about what to wear. The first question they ask is: "What should I wear today?" The second question is: "What should I wear to avoid getting a detention?"

The deputy of the education department, Robert Monks College, the college of the University of Sydney, said that the first question is not equally relevant to all students. "Some students have a more relaxed approach to what they wear," he said. "They might wear a t-shirt and jeans, while others prefer a shirt and tie."

When asked about the second question, the deputy said that students are often detainted for wearing clothes that are considered to be inappropriate. "The college has a dress code, and students are expected to follow it," he said. "If they don't, they might be detainted for breaking the rules."

French Tests Opposed

By Karl Knausgaard

French students are protesting against the proposed changes to the French language curriculum in the high schools. They are concerned that the new curriculum will make it more difficult for them to learn French, and they want to keep the current system.

The new curriculum, which is set to be implemented next year, includes a reduction in the number of hours dedicated to French language and culture. It also introduces a new focus on the French-speaking world, with less emphasis on the language itself.

Students are also worried about the impact of the changes on their ability to learn and understand the language. "The current curriculum is better because it focuses on the language," said one student. "The new curriculum will make it more difficult for us to understand and use the language correctly."
Labor and Immigration

BY SADIE KELLY

The recent move of the Migrant Farm Workers Association to meet in a new location is seen as a positive step towards resolving some of the problems faced by migrant farm workers. The association is striving to improve working conditions and protect the rights of workers in the agricultural sector.

Worker Participation à la Dunstan

BY GREG ADAMS

The Dunstan Centre for Labour Studies has launched a new initiative to promote worker participation in decision-making processes. The initiative aims to provide a platform for workers to express their views and influence policy decisions that affect their working conditions.

TTAV Seminar: Democracy in Education

BY ELIZABETH WILSON

The TTAV seminar focuses on the role of democracy in education. The seminar discusses the importance of student participation in decision-making processes and the need for inclusive education systems.

Parliamentary Row Exposes Rift in Vic ALP

BY JIM McLEOD

A rift within the Victorian ALP has been exposed by recent parliamentary row. The row has been sparked by a disagreement over the party's approach to certain policy issues, leading to a divided stance within the party.

ALP 'Left' Must Fight on Policy

BY DAVID BROWN

The ALP's left wing has been urged to fight on policy issues to ensure the party's survival. The left wing must take a strong stance on issues such as social justice, environmental protection, and economic equality to gain support from the electorate.

Workers Of The World Unite

BY ANNE CLAYTON

The Workers of the World Union has called for unity among workers to overcome the challenges they face. The union highlights the need for workers to come together to demand better conditions and to resist exploitation.

New Leaf

BY JANE THOMAS

New Leaf is a community-based organization that supports elderly people in their daily lives. The organization offers a range of services, including companionship, meals, and transportation assistance, to help elderly people maintain their independence and quality of life.

Sustainable Future

BY MARGARET TURNER

The Sustainable Future project aims to promote sustainable practices in the community. The project focuses on reducing waste, conserving resources, and promoting environmentally friendly lifestyles. It encourages individuals and organizations to take steps towards a more sustainable future.
Women's Rights Vs. Catholic Dogma
by Claire Moriarty

Why the Church Fathers Oppose Abortion

The Catholic Church opposes abortion for a variety of reasons, rooted in its interpretation of biblical teachings and moral doctrine. Here are some key points:

1. God is the author of life, and the Church believes that abortion is a direct violation of this divine order.
2. Abortion is a form of euthanasia, which is contrary to the natural law as understood by the Church.
3. The Church teaches that life begins at conception and that abortion is the taking of an innocent life.
4. Abortion is seen as a failure of marriage and a violation of the procreative intent of marriage.
5. Abortion undermines the sanctity of human life and the divine plan for procreation.

The Church considers abortion a serious moral offense and a sin against human life. It is opposed to all forms of abortion, including legal abortion and chemical abortion. The Church teaches that the unborn child has the same rights as any other human being and that abortion is never morally acceptable.

The Church believes that the pro-life movement is a moral and ethical response to the moral crisis of abortion. It encourages the faithful to support pro-life initiatives and to work for a culture that respects the sanctity of human life.
GEORGE NOVACK ON THE HISTORY OF THE TROTSKYIST MOVEMENT

Socialist Action. Could you tell us when you joined the Trotskyist movement? I joined the Trotskyist movement in the United States in 1934. The American Communist party was in a very bad position in the late 1930's, they were being accused of espionage and many of the Trotskyists were abroad. I joined the Trotskyist movement, and became involved in the political campaigns of the time. The movement was divided, with some more radical elements on one side and more conservative elements on the other. The Trotskyists were accused of being spies, and many of the leaders were arrested. I was involved in the political campaigns of the time, and became involved in the political campaigns of the time.

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ON THE PICKET LINE

Teachers Leadership Retreats

By SADIE DILL

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The World Revolution

Watergate Exposes Attacks Against Radicals

by Chris Carlson

The Watergate scandal, which has not received the same coverage of public interest as Watergate, has already become a significant part of social history. The scandal, however, does not seem to have the same impact as Watergate in terms of public interest. The Washington Post and other media outlets have not given the Watergate scandal the same amount of coverage as Watergate. The Watergate scandal has received less attention than Watergate, but it has not been forgotten.

We have tried to uncover the watergate scandal in the post-Watergate era. A lot of people have been saying that the Watergate scandal has been forgotten by the American public. However, we have found that the Watergate scandal has not been forgotten by the American public.

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Argentina: The Struggle Continues

by Mike Faris

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Sadat's "Internal War" on Students, Workers

BY JON ROTHCHILD

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The Egyptian regime has unleashed a brutal crackdown on student and worker protests, sending hundreds to prison and violently suppressing any form of dissent.

Sadat's regime has intensified its repressive measures against opposition groups, targeting students and workers as part of a broader crackdown on political activism. The government has arrested hundreds of protesters and violently suppressed demonstrations, heightening tensions across the country.

The authorities have imposed strict controls on the media and internet, blocking access to information deemed critical of the regime. This has further contributed to a climate of fear and political repression.

Several organizations, including Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, have condemned the Egyptian government's actions, calling for an end to the violence and restrictions on free speech.

Despite international pressure, the Egyptian regime has shown little迹象 of backing down, continuing to crack down on political dissent.

THE INTERNAL MILITARY CRISIS...

A significant aspect of the government's repression has been the mobilization of the military and security forces to quell any form of protest. Military units have been deployed to areas of the country where demonstrations have taken place, with reports of violence against protesters.

The government has also increased its surveillance of opposition groups, with reports suggesting that security forces are monitoring social media and online platforms.

The regime's tactics include fomenting fear and disinformation, attempting to silence voices critical of the government.

The Egyptian government has denied any accusations of human rights violations, insisting that its actions are necessary to maintain stability and security.

The international community, including the United Nations, has expressed concern over the situation, urging the Egyptian government to respect the right to freedom of expression and assembly.

Palestinians Protest in Occupied Territory

The Palestinian Authority has announced an increase in the number of protests in the occupied territories following recent developments.

The decision to escalate protests comes amid a crisis in Palestinian relations with Israel, following a series of incidents, including the killing of a Palestinian youth in the West Bank.

The Palestinian Authority has called for a day of mourning, with thousands of demonstrators expected to participate in the protests.

The Israeli government has threatened to use force to disperse the demonstrations, with reports of clashes between protesters and security forces.

Meanwhile, international organizations have called for a peaceful resolution to the crisis, urging both sides to engage in dialogue and respect the rights of all parties involved.

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A TALK BY JEFF HAYLER

The following are excerpts from a talk given by Jeff Hayler, gay activist, to the Gays At Metropolitan University (GAMSU) at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle Campus on May 21, 1970.

Jeff Hayler speaking at Marquette University

New York City's Gay Liberation Day March, June 25, 1970

Gay Liberation demonstration in New York City, 1970

DIRECT ACTION FORUMS

Sydney

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Ford Strikers Interviewed

DIRECT ACTION: What sort of work do you do unlike, and which is your union?

We are all production-line assistants in the Whitch Building Union.

DA: What are your wages?

Sixty-six dollars a week.

DA: Under what conditions were you working before the strike?

Conditions vary from plant to plant. There are three main plants at Broadmeadows. The car assembly line and truck assembly plants, plus a separate plastics division. On the car assembly line, there are two shifts of ten hours. The men have been asked to work much harder lately. It's no wonder that the car we produce are shabby in quality - they don't seem so good.

DA: How long have you been out on strike?

This is our fourth week. During that time we have two strike pay. We have no money left to buy food. The strike committee is the only one to help, and we have not seen any money from it. Our families are just now beginning to feel the pinch.

We stopped work asking for an extra $20 a week. As far as we're concerned we will be staying out until we get it.

DA: What sort of offer did the company make for a return to work?

It wouldn't be enough to buy an extra packet of cigarettes. Every worker who had emerged from the afternoon shift was greeted with the words, "I have a cig." from the workers on the picket line.

The five per cent increase which the company offered amounts to nothing. The daily rate of work is not enough to support us, and we have no money left. The men are working to save us from the factory.

DA: What is the main nationality working at Ford?

The United States is here, and there is a lot of Chinese. There is a lot of Japanese, and there are a lot of Australians. There are also some Spaniards, Aussies and a few Australians.

DA: Is there any hostility between these groups?

Look around you today - there's your proof. We all speak different languages, sometimes it is hard to understand, but we get on all right. The police have encountered some difficulty in ordering the pickets to disperse - instructions had to be given in four separate languages. It is interesting to note that the police officials were extremely cooperative in finding interpreters to do this.

DA: Could you describe what happened here this morning?

We arrived at seven o'clock for the morning shift to tell the other not to go in. However, many people had been told by the company to begin at 6.00 a.m., an hour earlier than usual, so that by the time we got here about one thousand had started work. There were nearly two thousand of us waiting outside by 6.00 a.m. There were a few police hanging around but it wasn't until we started to break down the main gates that the homes were sent in.

Everybody was angered by the cops, so we stopped one of the garage trucks from the canteen and used the rubbish to pelt the cops. By this time most of the windows in the assembly plant, offices, and safety officers' quarters had been broken. Things happened very quickly. We didn't see the security headquarters go because we were helping to smash the brick wall. (Under the pressure of the crowd a ten feet high brick wall surrounding the plant gave way and crumbled.)

DA: What are your feelings about the way the union leadership has handled this strike?

As far as the VBU is concerned - that's it. This is the final show. It is impossible to leave the VBU. Some people have been talking about joining the AMWU. We aren't exactly sure of where we can go, but there is nothing new in the way the VBU has neglected the assembly-line workers.}

Going to work.

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Conditions vary from plant to plant. There are three main plants at Broadmeadows. The car assembly line and truck assembly plants, plus a separate plastics division. On the car assembly line, there are two shifts of ten hours. The men have been asked to work much harder lately. It's no wonder that the car we produce are shabby in quality - they don't seem as good.

DA: How long have you been out on strike?

This is our fourth week. During that time we have two strike pay. We have no money left to buy food. The strike committee is the only one to help, and we have not seen any money from it. Our families are just now beginning to feel the pinch.

We stopped work asking for an extra $20 a week. As far as we're concerned we will be staying out until we get it.

DA: What sort of offer did the company make for a return to work?

It wouldn't be enough to buy an extra packet of cigarettes. Every worker who had emerged from the afternoon shift was greeted with the words, "I have a cig." from the workers on the picket line.

The five per cent increase which the company offered amounts to nothing. The daily rate of work is not enough to support us, and we have no money left. The men are working to save us from the factory.

DA: What is the main nationality working at Ford?

The United States is here, and there is a lot of Chinese. There is a lot of Japanese, and there are a lot of Australians. There are also some Spaniards, Aussies and a few Australians.

DA: Is there any hostility between these groups?

Look around you today - there's your proof. We all speak different languages, sometimes it is hard to understand, but we get on all right. The police have encountered some difficulty in ordering the pickets to disperse - instructions had to be given in four separate languages. It is interesting to note that the police officials were extremely cooperative in finding interpreters to do this.

DA: Could you describe what happened here this morning?

We arrived at seven o'clock for the morning shift to tell the other not to go in. However, many people had been told by the company to begin at 6.00 a.m., an hour earlier than usual, so that by the time we got here about one thousand had started work. There were nearly two thousand of us waiting outside by 6.00 a.m. There were a few police hanging around but it wasn't until we started to break down the main gates that the homes were sent in.

Everybody was angered by the cops, so we stopped one of the garage trucks from the canteen and used the rubbish to pelt the cops. By this time most of the windows in the assembly plant, offices, and safety officers' quarters had been broken. Things happened very quickly. We didn't see the security headquarters go because we were helping to smash the brick wall. (Under the pressure of the crowd a ten feet high brick wall surrounding the plant gave way and crumbled.)

DA: What are your feelings about the way the union leadership has handled this strike?

As far as the VBU is concerned - that's it. This is the final show. It is impossible to leave the VBU. Some people have been talking about joining the AMWU. We aren't exactly sure of where we can go, but there is nothing new in the way the VBU has neglected the assembly-line workers. Something which the VBU fails to understand is that we are the union. If today the VBU proves anything, it has shown how far we are determined to take this into our own hands.

DA: The most unusual aspect of the Ford Action has been its peaceful nature. Who is leading the strike at the factory floor?

Everyone is a leader. Some of the shop stewards are behind us. However, many have been taken by surprise since this morning's action. The new strike seemed - some thought it would suffer since the closure of the work at Monday's meeting.

None of them would have dared to interfere with the action this morning. Even the most popular shop steward was out of the building.

DA: Finally, where will you go from here?

That all depends on a number of things. We are determined to keep going - but without a proper strike it will be almost impossible. The most important achievement is for us to have shown the owners, the bosses and the rest of the world, that we are not going to put up with this factory any longer.