

OWENS, MUNDEY, PRINGLE CLEARED

On 20th April the Industrial Court declared that Joe Owens, Jack Munday and Bob Pringle were to be admitted as members of the Union. The Court cleared us of charges, laid by Gallagher, Black and Co., that we had stolen money. Abe David and 'Darcy' Duggan had previously been cleared of the same charges.

Gallagher and Black alleged that \$67,000 had been stolen in 73, and \$113,000 stolen in 74. This included \$93,000 allegedly taken in October 1974. These are the same charges used in 1974 when they moved in to smash the NSW Branch. They used the charges to expel all the officials who have since been denied the right to work.

Despite a long Court hearing and an expensive QC, M. Einfeld, Gallagher and Black could not produce any evidence that money had been stolen. Einfeld QC admitted this when he said to the Court on behalf of Gallagher.

Quote "I am making no allegation in respect of that \$93,000 that the money did not finish up back in the organisation bank account. They came back into the bank account of the Branch."

Rejecting Gallagher and Black's charges on the \$67,000 the Court said,

Quote "In October and December 1973 cash amounts totalling \$67,000 were transferred from the Branch accounts. Subsequently the moneys were transferred back to the Branch accounts. The Branch suffered no loss whatever."

The Gallagher/Black lie that \$113,000 including \$93,000 had been stolen was rejected by the Court when they said,

Quote "\$18,000 was transferred in February 1974 and placed back some time later. A further amount of \$95,000 was withdrawn on 9-10-11 October 1974 and again repaid later. As to these amounts, the evidence is that the Branch at the times feared it would be taken over by the Federal Committee of Management. This was not done clandestinely and was not done with any intention of theft or dishonest motive. The monies were repaid to the organisation without the organisation suffering any loss."

The Court disposed of all of the Gallagher/Black lies when they finally stated,

Quote "The upshot of all this is that no material has been placed before us on which it could possibly be held that one of the applicants is of general bad character."

GALLAGHER AND BLACK HAVE LIED TO THE MEMBERS

They have denied us the right to work for 3½ years. Allegations of stealing have finally proved to be lies. Yet Gallagher and Black still refuse us our union tickets. We want tickets in order to work - we are not standing for union positions.

Members' money is wasted on slanderous leaflets whilst the union goes down-hill fast. Despite growing unemployment and a disastrous \$30 wage claim the present leadership are totally absorbed in fighting the membership rather than working for them.

BL's CAN NO LONGER AFFORD SUCH PEOPLE

GET RID OF GALLAGHER AND BLACK