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Bosses reap millions but clamp on wages

Calls for further reductions in real wages, manoeuvrings by large Australian corporations to become even larger by means of “take-overs” (with millions of dollars profit as a “spin-off” benefit for some involved in the manoeuvres), and a huge boost in profit and profit-making opportunities for Australia’s largest public company, the BHP, are main features of recent events in the national economy.

The call for further reductions in real wages was made by the Federal and Victorian State Governments and by the private employers during the national wage cases established by the Australian Arbitration Commission.

The take-overs involve Ansett Transport Industries, Herald and Weekly Times, Three Holdings and Broken Hill South. These big companies are involved in transport, the media and several areas of mining.

NATIONAL WAGE CASE IMPLICATIONS

In the national wage case, the first for six months, the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) supported by another national union centre, the Council of Australian Government Employees’ Organisations (CAGEO) is seeking an across-the-board increase of 5.1 per cent in all wages and salary rates for workers.

The claim is based on a compounding of the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the two quarters ending last June and September which together showed a 5 per cent increase in prices.

The Unions’ claim seeks to raise the current purchasing power of award wages by having them increased fully in accordance with the increase in prices as measured by the official CPI. They are also arguing for a further increase in wages to restore purchasing power lost as a result of a series of partial indexation judgements.

The claims are in accord with decisions of the ACTU Congress held last September.

The private employers, the Federal and Victorian Government, have not accepted the Commission’s decision to reject each of the Unions’ claims. They have called for no wage increase at all and together with the Federal Government have proposed a continuation of only partial indexation at differing rates.

Of even more significance are proposals of the Fraser Government which has called for a tightening of the wage restricting “guideline” to limit the possibility of wage gains to no more than six monthly partial indexation increases. To enforce this the government proposes that the CPI increase be determined by a new “price index” due to government action, e.g. petroleum products price rises, sales tax, etc. To enforce this wage restricting plan the unions have proposed penalties if the unions act to gain wage increases outside this formula.

In the current case, the government is urging the Commission to limit any increase in wages it may feel tempted to grant to only 3 per cent of current rates.

The Victorian Government supports much of the Federal Government’s proposals but calls for the limitation of any increase to no more than 3.7 per cent if any increase is granted at all.

The employers’ main case rests on:

- No increase in the present case.
- Annual instead of six monthly indexation.
- Stringent application of benefits, or changes in the way “work value” is calculated.

The picture shows the public attending one of the Sydney Jazz festival functions held on November 5 at the Addison Road Community Centre. Despite unseasonal weather the festival was very successful and hundreds of people and children enjoyed a day of fun and activity. (For more pictures see pages...

Free universal cover only answer to health fund chaos

The Fraser Government is considering ways to force everyone to take some kind of health insurance. This measure is an attempt to save the health funds from collapse as many people, who cannot afford the increasingly high cost of health insurance, are opting out of the system and going without any protection against illness or accident.

To force its policy on the people the government is considering holding present government benefits from those who do not join an insurance fund.

The situation in the area of health has reached rock bottom in the four years of Liberal-National Country Party Government as successive government budgets have cut to the bone expenditure in health, while health fund rates and doctors’ fees have shot out of reach of most working families.

Doctors’ fees, for example, were increased in November 1 when the AMA (Australian Medical Association) put up a further 5 per cent.

The announcement last week, by Opposition Leader Mr. Hayden, of the new ALP family health care plan, has provided hope, then, at a moment when confusion is reaching a peak because of the chaos created by the Fraser Government in the area of health. Unfortunately Mr. Hayden’s proposal does not fill you the void in the Australian population.

The new ALP health plan shows the great party in the class with the party leadership in seeking to appeal “economically responsible” to the ruling class. The scheme, which aims to cover children under 15 years of age, dependent adults and dependent mothers, would have a cost of $110 million. The plan would be implemented in the June 1981 Budget and examined after a year of operation to see whether it should be extended, although it appears unlikely, in the light of Mr. Hayden’s general plan, that he would go any further in power.

As it stands, the new ALP family health care plan would cover just over six million people.

For more than eight million people health would continue to be the problem it is under the Fraser Government’s health chaos.

In its efforts to satisfy both camps, the bosses and their working class supporters, the ALP leadership leaves everyone dissatisfied, for the ruling class, the health funds, and the capitalist media, even this timid step is too much and they are already working against it; for the average wage or salary earner it is too little, as the plan does not help the needs of the adult, active working population.

Only the complete restoration of Medicare, or the creation of a similar free universal health scheme, can solve the health needs of Australians and end the hardship faced by thousands of families for whom illness or accident is financially disastrous.
The Soviet Communist Party is meeting in Moscow this week to discuss the future of the country. The party is likely to focus on economic development and the maintenance of the current socialist system. The meeting is expected to be closely watched by international observers.

The government of South Africa is facing criticism for its handling of the recent violence and unrest. The opposition parties are calling for the resignation of the Prime Minister, who is accused of being responsible for the unrest.

The mass rally reject second amendment plan

The rally, which was organized by the anti-gun lobby, was attended by thousands of people. The speakers called for the immediate repeal of the second amendment, which they believe is responsible for the recent mass shootings.

The speech, which was given by a prominent lawyer, was met with cheers by the crowd. The speaker called for a ban on assault weapons and for stricter background checks on gun purchases.

The rally was peaceful, with no incidents reported. The organizers are planning to hold similar events in other cities.

The media has been covering the rally extensively, with many journalists and photographers in attendance. The event has generated a lot of interest and has been widely debated on social media.

The rally was supported by many organizations, including the National Rifle Association, which has been a vocal opponent of gun control measures.
Unemployment helps growth of racism

A rank of racism has affected Australia, its roots in the post-colonial period and the high rate of unemployment among the indigenous population. The problem of Community Relations and Racism (CARA), a government body, has been discussed at length in the Sydney Telegraph.

The meeting was organized by the National Association for Community Relations (NACAR), which has four main objectives: to educate the public about racism in Australia, to promote understanding between the races, to work with the media to combat racism in the media, and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on racism.

Mr. Green, the main speaker at the meeting, highlighted that Australia, with its diverse population, has been affected by racism. He noted that the NACAR has been instrumental in raising awareness about the issue and has been actively engaged in promoting understanding between different communities.

Unity defeats reactionary forces at women's conference

A broad alliance of women's groups, including the Women's Electoral Lobby, the Women's Referral Service, and the Women's Resource Centre, have formed a coalition to defeat reactionary forces at women's conferences.

The conference is being held in Sydney, and the coalition is seeking to ensure that women's rights are not compromised. The coalition has been active in organizing protests and rallies, and has been successful in raising awareness about the issue.

Miners remember Rothbury tragedy

On December 16, the Australian Labour Conference commemorated the 100th anniversary of the killing of miners in Rothbury. The event was attended by several officials from the Australian Workers' Union and other trade union organizations.

The tragic event took place in 1914, when workers from the Rothbury Coal Company's mine went on strike for better working conditions. The mine owners responded by sending in the police, who used excessive force, resulting in the deaths of several miners. The event sparked a series of protests and strikes, which eventually led to the establishment of the Australian Workers' Union.

The miners' family members and friends were present at the event, along with representatives from the Australian Workers' Union and other trade union organizations. The event was marked by speeches and a moment of silence in memory of the miners who lost their lives.

The significance of the Eureka Stockade

The Eureka Stockade, a famous incident in Australian history, took place on December 2, 1854, when a group of miners rebelled against the British government's policies. The event was marked by a series of protests and strikes, which eventually led to the establishment of the Australian Commonwealth.

The significance of the Eureka Stockade lies in its role as a symbol of resistance against oppression and exploitation. The miners' strike was a response to the conditions they faced in the goldfields, and their struggle for better working conditions and fair treatment.

Peace actions in Sydney

The Australian Peace Committee has organized a series of peaceful actions in Sydney to protest against the threat of war. The committee has been active in organizing protests and rallies, and has been successful in raising awareness about the issue.

On November 27, the Australian Peace Committee (APC) held a demonstration in Martin Place. The event was attended by several hundred people, who gathered to demand an end to the threat of war.

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Getting nuclear energy in perspective

by Professor Eric Chilton
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The discovery of man, how to release nuclear energy is often, and quite correctly, compared with the discovery of fire. But the two are not comparable. Both, it is true, are controlled and have immense benefits to mankind. But the destruction of a few nuclear bombs in the atmosphere might bring about a renaissance of nuclear power stations could in a few years result in a few days in a world-wide nuclear explosion and a nuclear winter. If the explosions took place in the middle of a big city they could be serious enough to cause massive damage. If they occurred in the atmosphere, they could upset the weather pattern and increase the risk of flooding, drought and cyclones.

The atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki produced such a enormous burst of energy that no one could doubt that nuclear power was available. But it was not until after the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima that the first nuclear power station was built. And it was not until after the first nuclear power station was built that the first nuclear reactor was built. And it was not until after the first nuclear reactor was built that the first nuclear power was produced.

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Thirty vigorous years in the fight for peace

By Jay gases

The Australian Peace Council is calling for the doubling of its membership, the Peace Council is an international organisation that has been fighting for peace since its founding in 1915. The Peace Council is calling for the doubling of its membership, and the support of millions of people throughout the world.

Before arriving in Europe I knew the WPCC was affiliated with Peace Pioneers, one of the main organisations that work for peace. I was delighted to be given the opportunity to visit the WPCC headquarters in the Peace Palace in The Hague.

The Peace Palace is the headquarters of the World Peace Council and the World Peace Council Foundation. It was established in 1919 by the Peace Pioneers, who were members of the International Peace Congress of 1919.

The WPCC has more than 100 member organisations in 40 countries, and it is a member of the International Peace Bureau, the International Peace Congress, and the International Peace Council.

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Life in Kampuchea is returning to normal

"The life of my people is returning to normal," said the President of Cambodia, Pol Pot. "Our country is now free from the scourge of war and peace has been restored." The President was addressing the nation in a broadcast that was broadcast nationwide.

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Close ties between Maoists and racists are exposed

"There are close ties between Maoists and racists," said the Prime Minister of India, Mrs. Indira Gandhi. "We must take steps to prevent this toxic alliance from spreading." The Prime Minister was addressing the nation in a speech that was broadcast nationwide.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Critical of right-wing labor**

In the letters to the editor of the Victorian ALP party, there has been a significant issue that has been discussed in detail. The problem at hand is the right-wing influence within the labor movement, particularly the Victoria Liberal Party. It appears that the right-wing influence is having a direct impact on the leadership of the ALP and is causing significant challenges for the party. The letter from the Socialist Party of Australia (Vic) is critical of this influence, stating that it is undermining the principles of the labor movement.

**Israel debt increase**

The increased debt of Israel is a matter of concern for many. The debt is reported to be increasing by 50% as compared with the previous year, reaching a staggering $13.5 million. The report suggests that the debt is due to the ongoing conflict with Hamas and the continuous military expenditure. The situation is complicated by the current political situation in the Middle East, which continues to worsen the debt crisis.

**Obituary**

**Ted Garman**

One of the contributors to the socialist movement in Tasmania, Ted Garman, passed away. His contributions to the socialist movement were significant, and he will be missed. The Socialist Party of Australia (Tas) has expressed its condolences to his family and friends.

**The Socialist Festival Farewell concert**

Don’t miss this last concert of the Soviet musical group which participated in the Socialist Festival. The Bayan Players and singers Tania Vlasovskaya, Elena Teenovskaya, and popular songs, many of which are old favorites of Australians involved in the labor movement.

**The Socialist Party of Australia**

The Socialist Party of Australia (Vic) has issued a statement regarding their stance on the Israel-Palestine conflict. They have expressed their support for the Palestinian people and condemned the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories. They have called for an end to the occupation and for the establishment of a just peace in the region.

**The Socialist**

Len Haid

Len Haid, the editor of The Socialist, has announced that he will be taking a sabbatical from the publication. He will be spending the next year abroad, focusing on international food and music.

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NSW Public Transport workers make gains

After a three-month long bitter struggle, NSW Public Transport workers have made major gains in their fight for a wage increase and recognition parity with south workers.

As a result of the long campaign, the trade union members have gained an increase of $7.00 per week and a further $3.00 per week from the RTBU. The gains will be paid in two stages with both wage increases to take effect on the first of next month.

While the increase is not large, the union says it is a significant step forward. The RTBU national secretary, Mr. Brown, said the gains were a welcome boost for workers who have been facing increased costs in recent months.

Tradesmen club launched in Western Sydney area

A meeting of 223 people packed the Leichhardt Community Hall on Sunday afternoon for the launching of the Mt. Druitt Building Tradesmen's Club.

The meeting was attended by a number of members from various trade unions, including the Amalgamated Union of boilermakers and ironworkers. The club will focus on providing a venue for social and recreational activities for members in the area.

The club aims to provide a platform for members to connect with each other and discuss issues of mutual concern.

ALP rally against uranium in Sydney

Around 2,000 people attended an anti-uranium rally held at the Sydney Town Hall Square on Monday 3rd. The rally was organized by the NSW Labour Party and supported by the NSW Trades Unions Congress.

The rally called for a ban on uranium mining in the state and for a stronger voice to be given to the traditional owners of the mining areas.

The rally speakers included union leaders, activists, and community representatives. The speakers called for a moratorium on uranium mining and for a more transparent and accountable process for determining the future of uranium mining in the state.

Qld power workers keep pressure on

Over 400 Queensland power workers have walked off the job after a three-hour strike on the morning of October 29th. The workers are demanding better pay and conditions.

The strike comes after a series of disputes in recent months, with the Queensland Government refusing to negotiate on workers' demands. The workers have been-supported by the AMWU and the ACTU.