New move for world peace

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

Mr. Brezhnev’s statement made in Berlin on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic, is a major contribution to peace in Europe which has been the cockpit of two world wars.

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

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

Other proposals contained in his speech included: a call for an all-European conference to discuss the maintenance of peace and detente in Europe; a simultaneous reduction of the Warsaw Pact and NATO forces; and an agreement for advanced notice of military movements and the scaling down of the size of manoeuvres. The Warsaw Pact will in future not exceed the size of forces used in manoeuvres to no more than 50,000 men.

The West German Chancellor, Helmut Schmidt, said the proposals were “a sensible contribution” but some Western press reports have started to question them. A Department of National Defence spokesman said: “This is a statement by talking about ‘caution’ and ‘cautiously’ and desiring to give ‘achievements’ and ‘a public relations’.

Such responses are irresponsible and do not meet the need for moderation and for the further reduction of the size of the forces used in manoeuvres to no more than 50,000 men.

Mr. Brezhnev

Mounting wages campaign

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

The next CPI figure due to be published in two weeks’ time and the Arbitration Commission is then due to consider indexing wage rises to a national basis in accordance with the increases in the CPI as measured by the CPI in the six months ending September.

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

A further factor, related to these already scheduled meetings, is the outcome of conference discussions initiated by the Commission between the employers and the Federal Government.

In its last decision on June 21, this year the Commission complained that the wage indexation system was “simply not working” and accordingly summed up the position of the parties to the national wage proceedings by saying that “one side wants indexation without restrictions and the other side wants restrictions without indexation.”

The position of the unions is made clear in the decisions of the recently held 1979 Congress of the ACTU and by the current mounting campaigns of the unions.

The ACTU Congress decision on wages contained the following points:

- A “strong commitment to the right of trade unions and collectively bargains with their employers for the purpose of wages

- An agreement to maintain current patterns of wages

- An agreement to maintain current levels of wage increases

- An agreement to maintain current levels of wage indexing

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Help Vietnam's children

The Help the Children of Vietnam Fund launched boldly into 1978 – just as the U.S. is now as ever.

Chinese are keeping up pace in Kampuchea. The Chinese may not have had a President, but they have been there for the Vietnamese, and their support is crucial.

The funds are needed to help the Vietnamese people, who are facing a difficult time. With the help of our friends, we can continue to support them.

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

The Uranium issue has been brought to the forefront. The government is determined to control the uranium resources. The question is, who should control them?

With the recent uranium crisis, the government has been putting pressure on the uranium producers to reduce their output. The question is, why?

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Feeling ripped-off?

There is a feeling in the air that we, the working people, are worse off than a few years back. Just how much worse off is vividly revealed in figures on the Liberal government's budgets and their taxation policies prepared by Mr T. Wills, National Research Officer of the Amalgamated Metal Workers and Shipwrights Union.

The Fraser Government has introduced four budgets. All have had the aim of transferring a massive amount of income from wage and salary earners to both Australian-owned monopolies and foreign-owned multi-national corporations.

In simple terms it means reducing the income of workers and boosting the profits of big business. For example, in the first budget (22/8/79) said to be the last budget:

"Treasure Howard brought down a businessman's budget - a budget designed to appeal to the financial managers of the corporate sector."

The wage squeeze

What has the Fraser government done to the wage packet?

In 1975 when the Fraser Government was electe dthe average wage was $42.45. Since then it has increased by $42.45 a year. The cost of living has increased by $42.45 a year.

After the final scraping of Medibank and the need to revert to the payments, health costs will be $1 per week more than in 1975.

Sales tax, including the cost of all price rises (most of which go to the government) has increased by $3.32 a week since 1975.

Direct pay at the same tax rate is $12.92 per week since 1975.

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

Increased cost of living $12.92 per week gone
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Increased direct tax $1.00 per week gone
Increased total increase $3.32 per week gone
Increased wage $5.00
Which leaves each worker $24.73 worse off

Of the increased costs the government is responsible for $22.24 per week.

The big tax transfer

Since 1975, Pay as you earn (PAYE) taxes on workers have risen in real terms (that means the figures are discounted for the effect of inflation by 2% per year) or a total of $2,113 million current dollar value.

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

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

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Here is where the wealth is going:

Funds multi-national per 5% of all profits made in Australia Australia Ltd per 5% of all profits made in Australia

And here are some of the companies:

Andrew Smith (impacting industries) $1.00 per cent.
John Parry Ltd (engineering) profits per 5% per cent.

A list of companies that have been cut and reduced in the Fraser Government's budgets.

The result of all this is a decrease in the amount of money available to workers and their families for education, health, housing and the like. No wonder the Fraser Government is so happy with the current state of affairs.

Now you know how you are being ripped-off. What's next?

- Throw out the Fraser Government and reverse its policies.
- Living standards have to be restored. A substantial wage increase is justified. Prices have to be reduced.
- Government expenditure has to be reduced. Housing and education should be restored. Workers should be restored to big business. Make the rest pay.
- Work towards a political movement to create a new party of the working class. This will be the only way to fight and win.
The Moldavian experience

from Tim Mitchell

Imagine the Barossa Valley, the Hunter River vineyards or parts of the Murray lands grape or upwelling areas as big national or even regional and throughout the world in each photograph, the winemaking was the same impression on a visit to Moldova at this time of the year.

The Moldavian Republic's wines are sold in many countries around the world, and are known for their full-bodied, robust flavors and high quality.

Historically, the Moldavian Republic was known for its wine production, particularly in the regions of Moldova and Transylvania. However, due to political and economic changes, the wine industry has faced challenges over the years.

Although wine production has declined, the Moldavian Republic continues to be recognized for its high-quality wines and has made efforts to revitalize the industry. Wineries and vineyards are still present throughout the region, and wine tourism has become an important aspect of the local economy.

History’s rebuff to Trotskyism

Before the Russian revolution which ushered in the period of intensive industrialization, Moldova was generally thought to be a backward, agrarian society. However, the revolution introduced a new wave of reform and development, and Moldova began to experience rapid industrialization.

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Love and care - two important tools in Vietnam's reconstruction

Our delegation was followed by a large group of children who wanted to come home from Cambodia. Apart from being children, they were also experienced in hardship and war. They asked us if we could take them with us. We had to decline, saying that we could not take them because of our limited means.

In some areas, the people were preparing for harvest and the area was more developed than what we expected. However, the attacks and the lack of infrastructure led to a lack of development, and the people were suffering.

One day, we went to a village to see the conditions of the children. We saw that they were living in poverty and lacked basic necessities. We decided to give them some supplies and food. The children were very grateful and showed a lot of enthusiasm.

For Vietnam, it is clear that the country needs care and support. We need to work together to help them recover and build a better future.

Deceptive foreign policy

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Andrew Peacock, has recently released a statement regarding the situation in Vietnam. He claims that the government is working towards peace and stability in the region. However, his words are deceptive.

In reality, the government is still escalating the situation and exploiting the situation for their own gains. They are using propaganda and misinformation to mislead the world and keep their power.

Arték — a wonderful child's experience

Arték is a wonderful experience for children. It is a place where children can learn about history and culture in a fun and engaging way. The museum is well-maintained and the exhibits are well-organized. Children can learn about the history of the Vietnam War and the impact it had on the country.

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

Hope gives way to alarm in Iran

In Iran, the situation is worsening. The government is becoming more repressive and the citizens are becoming more disillusioned. The economy is slipping and the people are living in poverty.

However, the government claims that everything is fine and that they are working hard to improve the situation. The truth is different.

In conclusion, we must be aware of the deceptive foreign policy and the situation in Iran. We need to support the people and work towards peace and stability in the region.
China builds up for another invasion

China, with twelve divisions and six army corps on the way to Vietnam, is preparing for another invasion. The preparations include tank and artillery units moving up to the border and the establishment of supply bases.

Pentagon uses US citizens as guinea pigs in experiments

Without being aware of it, more than 100,000 American citizens, many of whom are college students, are being used in "experiments" conducted by the Pentagon to "determine the psychological effects of weapons on citizens." As it is now admitted by Pentagon representatives, that the experiments are conducted in a secret manner. More than one thousand helmets are used in the experiments, and the results are being reported by the Los Angeles Times and other newspapers.

Rome has a red mayor

ROME—Leftist Spinelli, the new mayor of the Italian capital, has been elected in a landslide victory. He was elected at a meeting of the Communist party, which polled 70% of the votes.

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Mysterious sources paid fines twice

In their ongoing dispute with the Commonwealth Government, which claims the strike is illegal, the miners have been told by Federal Court Judge G. Weir that there were no issues with their rights to strike. The legal process has moved to a court hearing.

The miners are seeking to overturn a decision by the Federal Court that found the strike was illegal. The miners are seeking to overturn a decision by the Federal Court that found the strike was illegal. They are seeking a further hearing on the matter.

NSW state conference

BWIU calls to unite and return ALP Govt.

A series of branch meetings involving miners and workers in Victoria on October 19th, and a conference on October 20th, considered a report by Senator J. Williams of the Victorian Labor Party to establish a new ALP government. The miners called for the formation of a new ALP government to address the mining crisis and to develop a new plan for the mining industry. The miners called for the formation of a new ALP government to address the mining crisis and to develop a new plan for the mining industry.

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Uranium in whose hands?

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