Union drive wages

The Australian trade unions are poised for a drive aimed at substantially increasing existing wage rates.

That situation follows decisions of the Australian Arbitration Commission made on Monday November 5 increasing wage rates and other forms of payment for workers in the metal and the building industries and decisions made by a recent meeting of the Executive of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU).

The decisions of the Arbitration Commission increase weekly wage rates for metal tradesmen by $8.50 per week with an additional allowance of $3.50 per week. Building tradesmen receive $1 per week and $2 per week for other workers.

The increases for building industry workers approximate $11.00 per week for tradesmen and $10.00 per week for other workers.

They take the form of increases in existing "allowances" with the majority of the increased amount being for "traveling allowance."

The metal workers increase follows three years of varying forms of concessions between employers' and unions' representatives, a series of arbitration proceedings plus shop agreements meetings and various state and white-wide stoppages of 24 and 48 hours duration.

BUILDING

The building industry wage increases followed similar forms of activity over a shorter period of time and were to a substantial degree the result of agreement between the main employers' organisation and the building industry unions. In both instances the Arbitration Commission held that the claims for increases in the various rates fell within the area of the Commission's own wage fixing functions.

That fact, and the position occupied by both the awards concerned in the general award making area, provides the basis for the increases awarded to be spilled over into other awards. That state of affairs applies in particular to the Metal Industry Award and the increases in wage and other rates now to operate under that award.

The decision to increase metal industry award rates will almost certainly have a bearing on claims for wage increases already made by workers employed in the private banks in the railways and by Tele-Phone Australia. The "Fonm" possibilities of the metal award increases are enhanced by the fact that the increases approximate those already won by workers in several other areas.

EXTENSION

Moves for the extension of the metal award increases to other workers are not likely to be deterred by complaints from Government or employer spokesmen alleging inflation dangers arising from such extension. Nor will the metal award increase alter union claims concerning nationalisation.

The Arbitration Commission is scheduled to commence hearing national wage issues on Tuesday November 13. These issues include indexing all wage and salary rates in accordance with movements of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) during the 12 months ending last September, and the question of the continuance of the system of wage indexing.

The ACTU Executive, setting in accordance with provisions of the ACTU Congress held last September, will allow an "across-the-board" Continued Page 12

South Africa's A bomb threatens world peace

The vague and rather tardy reports by the United States on the South African nuclear project by which US imperialism tried to create the impression that the first nuclear reactors were built by the racists with the help of the capitalist powers. Pretoria, Koeteg and Yalidabo became the scene for nuclear activity. An atomic research reactor was constructed in the Karatun desert region of South Africa.

As far back as 1951 the US, Britain and South Africa drew up a long term program for the use of South Africa uranium. In the seventies the United Nations Action Plan for the Pacific and the Trust Territory of Micronesia and the South Pacific Islands was revised to take account of the threat posed by the South African atomic project.

The world knows, however, that the testing of the nuclear device was only made possible by the help given the racist regime by the US, Britain, Prora, FRG, and Israel. These countries continue to give South Africa every assistance with materials, technology and equipment.

The flow of millions of dollars and dollars to Pretoria made it possible to begin construction of uranium enrichment plants necessary to produce the atomic bomb.

Alarm has been expressed throughout the world at the revelation that South Africa now has nuclear bomb capacity. The chairman of the United Nations Council for Namibia, Paul Laskar, has issued an statement saying that if the races possess of nuclear weapons, the conjunction of nuclear weapons and the South African nuclear project introduces the danger of an atomic duel.

Mr. Kuama pointed out that the nuclear bomb in the hands of the races poses an extremely dangerous threat not only to Africa but to the cause of peace all over the world.
Outrageous rip-off by oil companies

The outrageous high profits enjoyed by the big oil companies for the last quarter of the year is a further proof that the big money is in the heads of the capitalists. The US government is only some of the most conspicuous example of the fake profits that are made in this sector. The fact that the profits of the oil companies are now used to pay their shareholders is a further proof that the motives of the capitalists are purely financial.

Party Building

the Socialist Festival is rolling

The preparations for the Socialist Festival are going into full swing. The Festival Committee has been meeting regularly to finalize the arrangements for the event. The festival is expected to attract a large number of participants from across the country.

Queenslanders hear report on Vietnam

Following a visit to Vietnam, the Queensland Leader of the Opposition, Mr. John Gorton, has delivered a report on his visit. He highlighted the importance of maintaining relations with our neighboring countries and emphasized the need for peace and prosperity in the region.

Soviet Cultural Festival was overwhelming success

The Soviet Union's Cultural Festival held in Moscow recently has been praised by the world community. The festival showcased the rich cultural heritage of the Soviet Union and provided a platform for cultural exchange with other countries.

Talking back by Ken Rowse

British Prime Minister, Sir John Major, has delivered a speech in which he discussed the importance of freedom of speech and the rule of law. He emphasized the need for a strong and independent judiciary to protect the rights of citizens.

New books from New Era

Mao’s Betrayal

The book is a revealing account of the life and legacy of Mao Tse-tung, one of the most influential figures in modern Chinese history.

Soviet Democracy in the Period of ‘Deep Socialism’

The author of the book, John Smith, explores the evolution of Soviet democracy during the period of ‘deep socialism’.

The Slave Hunter

A novel by Michael Brown, the story follows a slave hunter's journey through the American South in the 19th century, depicting the harsh realities of slavery.

Ganymede: The Story of a Man in Love

A biographical novel by Jane Williams, the book tells the story of a man's journey of self-discovery and acceptance in a world that often fails to understand and accept diversity.

Feminists: The Power of Women in History

A collection of essays by leading feminist scholars, exploring the role of women in history and the impact of gender on society.

SPAC statement

Czechoslovakia has the right to protect itself

"Czechoslovakia has every right to take steps to defend itself from aggression by its neighbors." The statement was made by the Czechoslovak government in response to the recent provocations by its neighbors. The Czechoslovak government is determined to protect its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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Refugees and racism in Australia

The deaths last year of the Australian prime minister and the ever-decreasing number of stories in the news pages about.asian refugees and the migrant camps in Sydney and Melbourne is directly connected to the Federal Government's discriminatory immigration policies.

The situation is a disaster for the Government, who have been forced to take drastic measures to control the influx of Asian refugees into Australia. The Government has been forced to consider drastic measures to control the influx of Asian refugees into Australia.

Marxist-Political Economy and Australian History

The validity of both the Marxist-Political Economy and Australian History is on the line. It is essential that the Marxist-Political Economy be subjected to a thorough examination by all citizens of Australia, to ensure that the history of Australia is not distorted.

SPC support for Women's Decade review

The socialist forces in the SPC are reviewing the Women's Decade review. The review process is lengthy and complex, but it is essential that the SPC be able to provide a comprehensive assessment of the Women's Decade.

Soviet artists for Socialist Festival

A group of Soviet artists is coming to Australia as part of the Socialist Festival. The group will perform in various locations across the country, providing a unique opportunity for Australians to experience Soviet culture.

Disarmament — the only sure guarantee to a future

The problem of disarmament is one of the most pressing issues facing the world. It is essential that all nations work together to achieve a world without nuclear weapons.

Unholy alliance of anti-Soviet provokers

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Militant Brisbane wharfie goes into retirement

The retirement of prominent Brisbane wharfie, George Kellov, has been announced. Kellov, who has been involved in the wharfies' struggle for fair treatment, will now be able to enjoy retirement.

Gold rush

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**Culture and life**

A Monthy Commentary by John and Hellen Watton

The recent publication went Long Live -- Confederacy by the Aboriginal author Colin Eden was impressive in the manner in which it is written and in the manner in which the author attacks the Anglo-Saxon society. The book is real and doesn't let the reader down...and is an important book for all Australians.

**Cultural Advance in the GDR**

It is important to mention the cultural advance in the GDR in the last ten years. The GDR is a very rich cultural area with a great amount of literary and artistic output. The GDR has a strong cultural tradition and is well known in the world for its literature and music.

**Review**

New Victorian pamphlet sets out the facts

Sue Goldsworthy

The Victorian government has recently released a new pamphlet which sets out the facts about the social and economic situation in Victoria.

**Two Mile long**

Dr. H. V. Evatt who died in 1970 was a distinguished Australian lawyer and politician. He was a strong supporter of social justice and equality.

**A striking film**

One of the most successful Australian films has been the film "The First Day" which was produced in 1958. The film tells the story of the first day of school for a group of children. It is a touching story which is relevant to today's society.

**Teenage delincents in our streets**

By Graham Williams

Thursday, 11th June

The problem of juvenile delinquency has been a concern for many years. The problem is complex and there is no easy solution. The problem is not just a matter of individual responsibility but also a social issue.
CIA changes pawns in South Korea

Diplomat Park Chung Her of South Korea has been removed from his major diplomatic post in Australia. South Korea's top diplomat, Mr. Park, was replaced by Mr. Kim Jong Pyo, a former diplomat who had served in Australia.

The change comes amid growing tension between South Korea and Australia over a number of issues, including trade, defense, and human rights.

The decision to remove Mr. Park was made by South Korea's Foreign Ministry, which cited a need to strengthen South Korea's diplomatic presence in the region.

Mr. Kim Jong Pyo, who has served as South Korea's ambassador to Australia since 2015, is expected to focus on strengthening economic ties and promoting cultural exchanges.

SYP's growing influence among NZ working class

The Socialist Party of New Zealand (SYP) has continued to gain momentum in the country's working class. The party's recent success in organizing strikes and protests has garnered attention from both the media and the general public.

The SYP has been active in organizing protests against government policies, which have led to a surge in membership and support from the working class.

The party's growing influence is a reflection of the rising demands for labor rights and social justice in New Zealand.

Brazilian communist leader back from years of exile

The Brazilian Workers' Party (PT) leader, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, has returned to Brazil after spending years in exile in France. Lula da Silva was overthrown in a coup d'état in 2016 and has been living in self-imposed exile.

His return has sparked widespread protests and demonstrations across the country, with many people calling for his release.

SAPA exposes Peacock on attitude towards Kampuchea

The Shanghai People's Daily has published a report on the Chinese government's stance on the situation in Kampuchea (Cambodia). The report criticizes the Chinese government for its support of the Khmer Rouge regime.

The report states that the Chinese government has been providing military and economic assistance to the Khmer Rouge, despite criticism from the international community.

The report also highlights the Chinese government's lack of accountability in the region, which has led to widespread human rights abuses.
**Dialogue on disarmament**

In the wake of the recent treaty, issues related to nuclear disarmament have become a focal point in discussions. The British government has been at the forefront of international efforts to reduce military spending and promote peace. This initiative has sparked a global dialogue on disarmament, with countries around the world expressing their commitment to reducing nuclear arsenals.

Mr. Brown said that the government would work closely with coalition partners and other nations to ensure a comprehensive approach to nuclear disarmament. He emphasized the importance of multilateral cooperation in achieving a nuclear-free world.

Warm greetings,

Mr. Brown

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Food for thought**

In this climate of anti-war sentiment, it is refreshing to see some of the "refugees" from the nuclear arms race taking a stand against the war in Iraq. Their perspective is often overlooked in the media.

A Polish man, by the name of Jan, recently sent a letter to the editor of the Polish Journal, expressing his concerns about the war. Jan writes:

"I am a Polish citizen and a pacifist. I believe that war is a tragic and unnecessary way to settle disputes. The suffering caused by war is immeasurable, and we as a global community need to find peaceful solutions to our conflicts.

I am writing this letter to express my support for the anti-war movement and to encourage others to join in the fight against war. Let us stand together for a world of peace and prosperity."

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**Sixty-two years of the October Revolution**

by Orlov

Sixty-two years ago, the October Revolution began to bring about a new era in the history of the world. The workers and peasants of Russia rose up against the czarist regime and established the first socialist state. This event marked a turning point in the history of the world, as it inspired millions of people to fight for a better future.

The October Revolution was not only a victory for the working class, but also a turning point in the development of international socialism. It inspired workers and peasants around the world to organize and fight for their rights.

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International union meeting begins in Sydney

Union representatives from countries with a total population of 1,300 million people will meet in Sydney on November 12, 13, and 14 to discuss matters of common interest. The meeting is expected to focus on the issues of trade unionism, human rights, and economic development.

South Coast Labor Council battles anti-union Bills

A special meeting of the South Coast Labor Council held on October 29 discussed the ongoing attacks on workers' rights. The council passed a resolution condemning the anti-union legislation and expressing solidarity with workers across the region.

NSW needs state-owned coal mines

The NSW Government recently announced that it will spend $10 million in the next ten years to assess the viability of state-owned coal mines. This decision is part of the government's broader strategy to reduce its reliance on coal. However, some environmentalists argue that state-owned mines would be less regulated and thus more damaging to the environment.

Waterfront unions end dispute successfully

The dispute between the waterfront unions and employers has been resolved. The waterfront unions have agreed to the terms of the agreement, which includes wage increases and improved working conditions.