Socialist Party's First Congress

The first Congress of the Socialist Party of Australia (SPA) will be held from Friday, September 29 to Monday, October 2, 1972, in Sydney. This decision was by a meeting of the Provisional Central Committee which met in Sydney recently.

This issue of "SPA" has been issued to supplement the Draft Programme and Draft Constitution of the Socialist Party prepared by the Provisional Central Committee. Lezade up to the Congress, Party members will be examining these documents critically. Congress has the task of finalising them as a guide to the future.

This work will be assisted if people not in the ranks of the Party offer their suggestions for improvement of the draft material. They are warmly invited to do so.

The Socialist Party was formed in December last year to restore and develop Marxist-Leninist theory and practice in Australia, following the abandonment of such principles by the Communist Party of Australia.

Already the SPA has given useful service to the working people and gained much experience which will be examined at Congress.

The Party has expressed its support for working class internationalism and Congress will consider endorsing the documents of the 1969 Conference of Communist and Workers Parties held in Moscow.

Congress will also consider special resolutions submitted by the Provisional Central Committee on peace, international working class unity, the defeat of the McMahon Government in 1972, the building of the Socialist Party, immediate issues for working class unity in action, young people, immediate issues in the struggle for women's equality and rights, education and Aborigines.

Relations from Branches will also be considered by Congress.

Finally, Congress will elect a Central Committee to lead the Party until the Second Congress.

The 1972 First National Congress of the Socialist Party will be an important event in the working class movement of Australia.

GOVTE'S OIL CONSPIRACY

Oil companies in collusion with the Federal Government rejected the oil workers' justified claims for a wage increase of $12 a week as part of a comprehensive bill of claims, and adopted every legalistic and tactful device to frustrate the workers' demands.

Oil workers are not sufficiently informed about the oil companies' international activities. Only by exposing the struggle between oil companies and workers can progress be made in this struggle.

Out WITH McMAHON

Rich can pay

The oil companies are some of the most profitable and the claims of the 1500 maintenance men are small in comparison.

Black Exploration and Production (Australia) increased profits from $10 million to $27 million in the year ended December 31, 1971 and paid a dividend of 12c to each of its 29 shareholders. The largest of any Australian companies, Euro has assets of $19.2 billion.

The Shell Group of companies in Australia made a net profit of $26 million. They have assets of $13 billion, fully owned by Shell in London.

Mobil Oil Corporation, world-wide, made a net profit of $435.7 million in 1970.

Torch and Standard Oil, two of the major oil companies, made net incomes of $335 million and $454 million respectively in 1970.

The RBP made a record net profit of $76 million of which $36 million came from the sale of oil.

With few exceptions the big names in petrol and oil represent overseas capital and are not of the same origin as and ownership. The majority of oil companies are owned or controlled by British or American interests. They own the oil deposits in Australia and are responsible for the costs of exploration and production.

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Broken Hill
MINERS DESERVE
BETTER DEAL

Travel to
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Retraining?

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WAS OBSERVED

US bombing
condemned

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Medina fights
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SOVIET MARITIME GROWTH
By Max Wood, President Brisbane Maritime Branch, SPA

Port position

Mintoff, Malta and Mao
By Nazzareno Cassar

Dimitrov

GUS HALL ON "SUPER POWERS"

By Jim Cooper

STORY BEHIND BIG BUSINESS IN-FIGHTING

CPUSA and elections

By Nazzareno Cassar
Seamen's Union changes

END THE VIC. THC DISPUTE
By J. Sparks
President, AMIEU

KEY MARITIME GAINS SCORED
Two significant advances have been scored by Australian maritime workers in recent months. Indigenous workers fought for and won better conditions and rights.

AUGUST 9
SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN'S DAY
August 9 is South African Women's Day.

HELP FOR KEY PAPER
The Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) has called for Federal Government help to end the strike. The executive feared the strike would cost taxpayers millions.

From the Socialist World

OBLIGED ECONOMY
The economic distortions of private capitalism, the concentration of industry, and the control of workers by employers, all serve to keep the economy and the country down. The only way to break this system is by the development of socialist society.

Vietnam is one nation

LOSS OF IDENTITY
The loss of identity and the cultural and economic malaise that accompanies it is an inevitable consequence of the Vietnam war. The war has led to a decline in the standard of living and the feeling of national identity.

In the field of culture, the loss of identity is reflected in the decline of traditional arts and crafts. The war has also caused a decline in the standard of education, with many schools closed and teachers leaving for the front lines.

BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS SERIOUS
Britain's economic problems are serious and require urgent action. The government must take steps to control inflation and unemployment, and to improve the standard of living for all workers.

Obituary

Seaman saw British attack

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DIMITROV HONoured

Along with the rest of the world, the progressive movement in Australia is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the birth of heroic Bulgarian communist Georgi Dimitrov, who died in 1949.

The tradition of today's Dimitrov's Day in Australia, which began in 1949, is not to commemorate a man's death but to celebrate a great personality who availed his talents, energy and persistence to serve his country and people.

The celebration, usually marked by a wreath laying ceremony, starts at sunrise and includes a wreath laying ceremony at the feet of the monument to Dimitrov.

Unity

While the traditional Croatian Press conference in Adelaide on Wednesday was held, the focus was on the 50th anniversary of Dimitrov's birth.

The event was attended by a number of prominent Croatian and Australian politicians, including the Australian Federal Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs Jone Mariner, and the Premier of South Australia Peter Malinauskas.

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Hit Govt. on prices

Mr. Bob Brown and Mr. John Howard were the main focus of the event, with Mr. Brown delivering a speech highlighting the need for price reduction and Mr. Howard responding with his own views.

Campaign won wine tax cut

The event was a significant victory for Mr. Brown, who managed to get the wine tax cut passed by the government.

US dollar confidence trick

Part 1

By Ted Jones