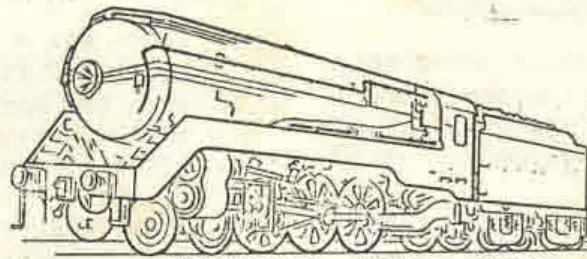


EVELEIGH WORKSHOPS CENTRAL SHOP COMMITTEE

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NEWS

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RANK AND FILE CONFERENCE AGREED ON POLICY

The Government Transport Delegates Conference on April 27 agreed on a program for improving wages and conditions and, equally important laid down a policy to win their demands.

Key of the policy is action. The Government to be given opportunity to grant various improvements and failing this, stoppages of work and a demonstration to Parliament House to take place.

All decisions of Conference have to be adopted by the Unions and Labor Council but the atmosphere of Conference was such that this should be achieved with little delay.

Amongst the demands is improved Long Service Leave, Sick Leave, Passes and Free Travel, Weekly Pays, Compassionate Leave, Amenities and 35-Hour Week. All matters about which we have been concerned in the past. Their achievement would mean we would be sharing in the fruits of technical development.

Our delegates to the Conference did a good job in assisting the production of such a unity around this program and policy. The struggle for attainment is just commencing, the issue will now become one for the rank and file. We must get decisions from Labor Council in conformity with Conference policy and then develop the utmost support for necessary action.

We, at Eveleigh, have been able to provide a stimulus to campaigns in the past, there seems little doubt we will again rise to the occasion when it is required.

E.R.R.S.S.A. AND
EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

The Annual Anzac Smoko this year was most successful, some 120 guests having a very enjoyable evening.

Thanks are extended to members and men in the Shops who brought in flowers and helped decorate the Honour Rolls on Anzac Eve. The decoration of the Rolls was particularly good this year and many complimentary remarks were received.

Two retired members, Bill Smith, ex Watching Staff, and "Peggy" Prior, ex Forge, have been in "Yaralla", and Tom Privett of the Foundry is in Eastern Suburbs Hospital. All are reported as making good progress.

Joe Tell and Jack Goulding made the visit to "Yaralla" this month.

We are happy to see Ted Herbert back at work after 6 weeks off through illness.

We extend our sympathy to Jack Renahan, Spring Shop, in the loss of his wife after a long illness.

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Editor..... S. Jones.

HARRY CHAPMAN FAREWELLED

There was a roll up of work-mates and friends last Friday when the Machine Shop farewelled Harry Chapman, retired after 50 years service.

Charlie Hayes presented Harry with a wristlet watch, a vanity compact for Mrs Chapman, a sum of money and a picture given by an individual work-mate.

Tom Liver and George Goldston expressed the views of the supervising staff when they paid tributes to Harry's excellent qualities as a tradesman and friend. Ern. Honeyman, A.E.U. Convenor, completed this testimony by praising his friendliness and trades union principle.

Charlie Lucre spoke in behalf of retired mates who were present and welcomed Harry into their ranks.

Chairman Kevin Kelly led a very appreciative chorus of "Freeza" which we understand was re-echoed after work at another function.

"Eveleigh News" joins the host of well-wishers by extending to you, Harry, every possible wish for a long happy and prosperous retirement. As was said, "you'll be missed".

TOUGH COMPENSATION POLICY

Reports from the A.R.U. indicate a toughening of Departmental attitude towards compensation claims, taking advantage of every omission of injured workers in reporting accidents, obtaining witnesses statements and immediate reporting to Medical posts.

The Union has been forced into costly legal actions to obtain compensation for members. So as to minimise preparatory work and to avoid delays in settling claims an appeal has been made to members that if involved in an accident they should:

- (a) See a report is properly recorded in Sub-Foreman's Accident Book,
- (b) Attend Medical Post. Under no circumstances should they accept treatment at working location, aimed at avoiding an accident report,
- (c) Obtain names of witnesses and especially note those that actually saw the accident.

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INDUSTRIAL DEAFNESS

Any member becoming aware of loss of hearing which could be the result of his work, should attend his own Doctor. If the diagnosis is 'Industrial Deafness' he should immediately report it to the Union which will arrange for Specialist examination.

This advice is given by the A.R.U. to its own members. Other Unions arrange the original "GP" examination.

CHEERIO CALLS

To our very active Picnic Committee Secretary who at present is nursing a badly injured finger, Charlie Dunnett.

Tough luck, Charlie.

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Shop organisations are a bit unlucky at the moment, the Picnic Committee is in Secretary trouble and the Garden Club is without the services of Merv. Attwood who, with Laurie Ranson, is responsible for trading.

Merv is still in Manly Hospital after another operation to his knee.

Best wishes Merv, from friends and all members.

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Cheers, rather than "Cheerio" to Ted Herbert, back again in the Brass Foundry after six weeks of back injury, involving a stay in hospital.

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Good wishes to Stavros Hadzelis, who sustained a terribly crushed hand in an accident involving an overhead crane in the foundry.

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And to Harold Penrose who also met with severe hand injury.

DELEGATES EXPENSES

The collection for lost time and expenses for rank and file delegates from these workshops, attending the Labor Council Conference on April 27, was as follows:

Total Collected: \$292.44

Total Expenses: 214.05

Credit \$ 78.39

The balance \$78.39 has been paid into the Combined Union Stewards General Fund, as directed by a mass meeting.

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WE SEND DELEGATES FROM NEWPORT WORKSHOPS

A mass meeting unanimously endorsed a decision of the Combined Union Stewards to forward to Newport Workshops Unions Committee and amount of \$20, to finance the sending of delegates to represent Eveleigh at mass attendances at the Basic Wage/Margins case in Melbourne.

Newport had previously acted similarly towards us when the case was being heard in Sydney.

Despite statements from Judges condemning mass observation, there is little doubt we need more a bigger efforts to obtain any wage justice at all.

AUSTRALIA IN PAWN

Overseas ownership of assets in Australian manufacturing companies amounts to the staggering total of \$4,730,803,000, in 872 companies.

This information is in a directory prepared and released by the Federal Department of Trades.

Total assets of the 872 companies amounted to \$6,086,697,200. The assets represented by this figure were apportioned to overseas ownership in proportion to the percentage of ordinary capital owned overseas.

Australia must pay dividends on this huge investment each year, whilst profits are being made. And there will be no hesitation about slashing workers wages to maintain them at required levels.

And Bonus shares will inevitably be handed out from undistributed profits, which represent no investment but only added burdens for the profits/wages structure to carry.

Australia is in pawn to overseas banking and monopoly commercial interests.

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WALLY FORD TO RETIRE

Our well known Swap Shop organiser, Wally Ford, is retiring on June 17, and his many friends are organising a presentation. There will be a collection for it this pay day.

OLD EVELEIGH

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The repair of locomotives was originally carried out in Nos. 5 and 6 bays, tenders being repaired in No. 8 bay. The movement of locos and tenders in and out of these sections was by way of a steam driven traverser in No. 7 bay. This was converted to electric drive in 1915.

A Water Supply section was in part of No. 11 Bay, covering details of water supply for pumping stations and watering points throughout N.S.W.

With expansion of services repairs to locos increased and in 1898 the "New Erecting Shop" was commenced, 300 feet long and 117 feet wide. This was extended to a length of 600 feet in 1905 but remained the original width. Its name in later years was changed to "The Large Erecting Shop".

During the period when it was known as 'the "New Erecting Shop" the repair section in bays 5 and 6 became the "Old Erecting Shop". This section accommodated 24 engines and 12 tenders. The "New Erecting Shop" provided, at first, for an additional 24 engines, increasing with the extension in 1905 to 48 engines.

This gave the workshops a capacity for repairing 72 locomotives and this was increased when New Loco was used for engine repairs.

ANTI- TB ASSOCIATION APPEAL

The Shop Committee at its last meeting decided to renew its annual contribution of £2 to the Anti- TB association. In a letter to the Committee the Association made the following significant point:

"Please don't believe T.B. is beaten. During 1965, there were more than 1,100 notifications of active Tuberculosis in New South Wales alone. No human being can contract pulmonary Tuberculosis unless he or she has been infected by germs spread by another person with active Tuberculosis. Every undetected case of active T.B. is a source of possible infection of those who come in contact with him voluntarily or involuntarily."

During the past year the Association took 664,109 x-rays in its surveys.

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S W A P FOR SALE S H O P

Pair size 5 football boots.
"Crusader" kerosene heater. English make. Like new.
Workshop manual, Zephyr, Consul, Zodiac. Will exchange for 1960 Holden manual F B.
4 hubcaps F.J.Holden. £2.
FJ Holden 2 wheels.excell condition
WANTED. Buy or hire portable dance floor. Wanted FB or FC Holden manual.

GARDEN CLUB

Congratulations to our Secretary John Royal on his marriage, and our best wishes for future happiness of himself and his wife.

May and June are the months to plant roses and summer fruit trees such as, peach, pear, plum, apple, etc.

The Club has high quality well-known varieties of roses available at 60c each, latest varieties are dearer.

Summer fruit trees are priced \$1-15. Final orders close on Friday, June 3 for delivery on Friday, June 10. Place your orders with Laurie Ranson, 12 Bay.

Do not prune roses until the end of July. When planting roses make mound in bottom of hole and lay roots carefully over it. Half fill hole with soil and pour a couple of buckets of water in. Then finish filling hole with soil, being sure bud union is level or slightly above soil level.

Do not use manure or fertiliser at this stage, and make sure drainage is good. Water regularly. Treat fruit trees in much the same manner.

SUPERANNUATION BALLOT

The recently conducted ballot for a vacancy on the Board of the new Superannuation Scheme, resulted in the election of "Bud" Abbott.

He is a well known member of the Australian Railways Union, being a State Councillor and an Australian Council member. He is a Guard in the Department and is also the Secretary of his Union's Punchbowl Sub-Branch.

ARTHUR CALWELL AT BANKSTOWN

Opposition Leader, Arthur Calwell will speak in the Capitol Ballroom, Chapel St., Bankstown, on Thursday, June 16, 8 p.m.

The meeting has been convened by the A.L.P. Federal Electorate Council of Banks, Blaxland, Lang and Reid.

Subjects to be dealt with are Conscription, Vietnam, Defence and Foreign Affairs.

A special appeal is made to men and their families living in the area to attend this vital meeting, which is a Public Meeting.

STAFF DWINDLE: Workshop wages staff figure has reached the low mark of 1,660. It seems like a real "countdown".

CONCERT COLLECTION THIS PAY

It is a considerable time since a collection was taken through the workshops to finance the Concert.

We now have 4 live artist concerts supplemented by film showings. Each lunchtime being extended by 20 minutes to permit of this.

Due to decreasing staff there has been a tendency for smaller returns in these collections and we appeal to everyone to make sure they pay their contribution. Only in this way will the lunchtime entertainment be preserved.

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CANTEEN REBUILDING PROGRESS

It is good to note that the rebuilding and alteration to the Workshops Canteen has gone on apace since the problem was referred to the A.R.U.

Joe Poole, who inspected the canteen and made contact with Departmental Officers is to be congratulated on the way he handled the matter.

Chief Staff Superintendent, A. Griffiths, must have really gone to town to get the action necessary, after we'd been bogged down for months.

Our thanks to all concerned.

VISIT FROM OLD TIMERS

It was pleasing to see so many old time identities at Harry Chapman's send off, and to see how well they looked. They were, Harry Walker, Ted Hayter, Geo Allen, Sid Jarratt, Roger Kelly, Wal. Host, Stan Schofield and Chas. Lucre.

They certainly looked happy and contented.

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EVELEIGH LOCO BOWLING CLUB

A meeting of the Club will be held on Tuesday, June 7, in Ambulance Square, commencing 12.05 p.m.

Business of the meeting is to discuss future outings or games; particularly a visit to Cardiff Loco some time in September.

Any other bowlers who are not yet members of Eveleigh Loco Bowling Club are kindly invited to join and attend the meeting.

Bob Jackson, Asst. Sec.

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HARDWARE: We've been informed the Proprietor of "Vari-kos Hardware", 140 Regent St. Redfern, is prepared to allow concessions to employees of this Workshop, on purchases made in his store.

MAGNIFICENT BASIC WAGE-MARGINS
DEMONSTRATION BACKED BY US

While 5,000 workers from all sections of industry were demonstrating their support for A.C.T.U. wage claims at a Rally in Wynyard Park, a stopwork meeting here, at Eveleigh unanimously declared its support and sent delegates to attend the demonstration.

Our meeting called on Labor Council for further stop work meetings, including metal trades and Govt. Transport Unions.

The Wynyard Park Rally declared unqualified support for the pegging of prices; increased wages and salaries to compensate for past price increases, and strict price control in future.

The resolution also unanimously supported the ACTU claim, now before the Court, for \$4.30 basic wage increase and \$5.90 margins increase, "to restore living standards which have been seriously eroded by soaring prices.

Representative of white collar workers, Mr. P. Allsop, said 250,000 members supported claims.

SWAP SHOP: Garden Shed, 6 feet by 6 feet, ready cut.
1 woodworking machine. See Wally Ford.

WHO LEADS AUSTRALIA?

The "blood, sweat and tears" appeal on the front pages of the national press, by Sir Robert Menzies must cause people to wonder if Holt is merely the boy about the place.

When a Government leader resigns it would be elementary good manners for him to leave affairs of Government in the hands of those who replace him.

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Why is it wrong to indict the Holt Government for the death of 21 years old Errol Noack. It was the Holt Government that conscripted him to his death, wasn't it.

The attempt to protect the Government from criticism, on grounds that to criticise is to make politics out of the tragedy, is simply a political move to protect the Government and its conscription policy.

It is their responsibility and they should carry it to the elections and be judged.