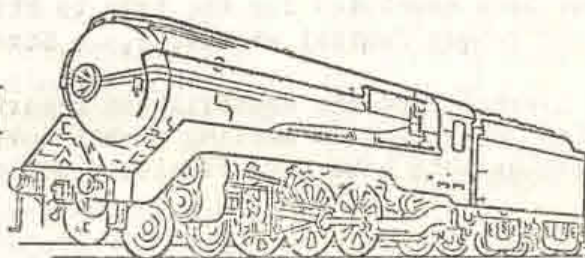


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AN ECONOMY DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF

The storm of opposition to Gough Whitlam's proposal to up-value the dollar is an interesting illustration of the divided state of the Australian economy. It seems nothing should be done to restrict the destructive process of inflation for fear of deepening the crisis in rural industry, with the exception that the Liberal-C.P. viewpoint is that wage increases should be stopped.

Whether or not Mr. Whitlam has the answer to the problem is not so important as the obvious fact that his opponents have no answer at all to offer, apart from putting the lid on wages; a policy that would be positively explosive in a very short time.

The crisis of inflation has grown steadily worse since many years ago when Menzies won an election on a policy to "put value back into the pound". He made such a mess of it that cynical critics claim his main reason for acceptance of decimal currency was to get rid of the pound altogether.

It is significant that the Liberal-Country Party in Government refuses to entertain any suggestions to peg prices or curb profits. It is a profit motive Government concerned primarily with maintenance of profits and the welfare of big business, rather than the welfare of the people. And it would be fair to comment that the concern of Country Party leaders is more for big agricultural and pastoral companies than for the small farmer and farm labourer.

Looking away from the Australian scene we find similar problems in other countries of the so-called Western Bloc. It seems we need to rid ourselves of profit motivation and look to socialism for answers.

EVELEIGH R. S. S. A. AID EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

Arrangements have been completed for the trip to Ettalong on Saturday September 9. Train leaves Central at 8.45 a.m., Strathfield 8.50 a.m.

There will be a speaker from the Repatriation Department and one from the Social Service Department on meeting nights during the next few months. When arrangements have been finalised members will be notified.

This week is for Legacy and the Club hopes support given in past years will be forthcoming again this year.

Sick Parade this month is best for some time as Mick Noonan, Rope Store, has been discharged from Yaralla and will be back with us in the near future. Earl Stevens, Apprentice Section, has been granted a T.P.I. Pension and will be retired from the Railways service. We hope retirement will bring improved health and that he and his wife will have many happy years to compensate for those missed since illness struck at him.

Many thanks to Jack McGregor for his very welcome donation of books for the patients at Yaralla. Books are always appreciated in the wards as they help while away many tedious hours. The monthly visit to Yaralla was carried out this month by Alf Perry and Frank Turner. Ward 11 was visited and patients thanked them for amenities handed out.

LES STEEL RETIRES FROM L.E.S.

In a very sudden decision Les Steel, Large Erecting Shop Foreman's Clerk retired last Friday, after 47 years on the job. During this time he worked at Enfield, Chullora, Flemington, Parkes, Narrabri, Power Houses and finally these workshops. As a Salaried Foreman's Clerk Les was greatly esteemed by all who had contact with him, as a courteous helpful officer. Best of luck, Les and a happy retirement.

ANOTHER EXPERT ON THE JOB

We thought we'd listed all the headings for workshops experts but they keep on turning up. Latest is the English Soccer Pools and Bill Eades of 9 Bay has all the advice about it.

Of course he had years of experience in the "Old Dart" but he's also, now, an authority on posting entries to best advantage. And judging from the cost of this there's room for advice. Anyhow if you have any queries ask Bill.

Universal joints have been used for many years in the drive line of a car. They are sometimes found on steering columns and on some cars replace rear axles.

For the most part they are reliable but they do sometimes fail. This becomes noticeable by vibration through the gears, car and, in later stages a metallic scraping sound coming from beneath the car.

Replacement units cost about \$8 to \$11 and come in sealed and greasable types, this latter having grease nipples.

Home mechanics attempting this job usually need ring spanners, circlip pliers, a three cornered scraper (to remove burrs), a thin punch and a vice. A 'G' clamp with a socket sometimes suffices for removal of the bushes. It is recommended to replace the tailshaft in the same position and take care when re-bushing as the needle bearings may dislodge behind the bushes and with further pressure crack them.

-P.J.

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CHEERIO CALLS TO: Wal Goodger of 13 Bay and Ken Richards of Rail Motors both having bouts with sickness.

Also to Jock Hunter of the Iron Foundry who has returned to hospital for further treatment.

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EDITOR.....S. Jones.

NO PICNIC BOWLS

Fellow Bowlers,

Nothing much to report. We had a good Day at Fraser Park on Sunday 20th. Came third in the Shield Match. We had 3 drop-outs which was unfortunate.

Next event is on Sunday, 9th September, at Ettalong. Those who haven't yet put in their names, please do so. Train leaves Central 8.45 a.m.

There will be no Bowls on Picnic Day owing to lack of support by members.

All for the present,
Cheerio,
Clarrie.

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PAYMENT OF INCREMENTAL INCREASE

The Chief Staff Superintendent advised Union negotiators that the increases in increments should be paid in pay weeks commencing:

Country areas Sept. 17
Metrop. areas Sept. 24

This means Wednesday, Sept. 27 pay day for these Shops. Unions were told this should be the latest date.

Retrospective to July 30.

BIG JACK McALLISTER RODE OUT ON STEAM

When Big Mac rode out on the footplate of almost the last steam engine of any type to move out of these workshops he became a symbol for the end of an era, and the blasting of detonators that accompanied his exit was like the finale of an orchestra. He was the last of the steam men, no longer comfortable in association with a strange transport medium.

Mac's integration with the steam era was fittingly demonstrated by the list of visitors who attended his send-off and by the roll-up of workshop men who came to wish him well.

Retired Officers, active Officers, Union delegates and rank and file speakers all testified to Mac's drive to get jobs out, and to his sympathy in times of sickness or trouble.

He had been associated with steam engine repair work since the commencement of his service, as an apprentice fitter in 1920, until he was promoted to Large Erecting Shop Supervisor in 1964, after occupying various supervisory positions since his first sub-foreman's appointment in 1947.

The Large Erecting Shop job is no sinecure and pressures can be exhausting. This no doubt was felt by Mac and in his last years his health was not standing up. Retirement should bring easing of pressures and a build up of healthy relaxation.

This is what was the expressed wish of speakers at his send-off and it can be taken as true that Mac did his job departmentally in a way that did not antagonise those who worked under his direction.

Eveleigh News reflects the rank and file view by wishing him a long happy life, together with his family.

VISITORS' LIST

Snowy Edwards, ex Boilermak
Darby Smith, ex Machinist,
Harry Simpson, Assistant
Jack Nobbs, ex Supervisor.
Sid Goodwin, ex S. Foreman.
Kev. Ryan, ex Fitter.
Alec Walker, ex Supervisor.
Harry Taylor, Fitter.
Jack Knight, ex Chief Foreman
Frank Heard, ex C. M. E.
Harry Vipond, ex Planner
Tommy Jones, ex Foreman

OUR APOLOGIES

There is little doubt we missed some who came in to the send-off, there was such a crowd it was impossible to note everyone.

To those we missed we tender an apology with this excuse.

We hope to have opportunities at future send-offs to note their presence.

SEPTEMBER 14 A BIG DAY FOR CHARITY QUEEN ACTIVITY

GO GO GIRLS AND ARTISTS TO HELP FINANCE DRIVE

FUNCTION IN WORKSHOP CANTEEN

September 14 should be a big day for collection of finance to assist the candidature of Maureen Phillips in the contest for the Charity Queen Section of the Miss Australia competition.

An extended lunchtime contest in the canteen will feature the Go Go Girls and Artists in entertainment aimed at increasing financial response. A professional compere will be in charge of things and it should be a good show.

A team of Miss Phillip's girl friends will visit the Workshops the day before and will be engaged in selling Charity Queen badges. It is expected they will return with Miss Phillips for the lunchtime function on the following day.

A splendid feature of all this activity is that all finance goes to assist the Spastic Centre, a charity that has tugged at heartstrings and pockets of the men here for many years.

Right through the ranks of Trades Unionists, Waterside Workers, Miners, Seamen, Clerks and Bank Officers, there has been a traditional response to charitable appeals. This is not always recognised in times of industrial conflict but it is a basic trait in trade union character - to extend a helping hand.

Railwaymen are as generous as other sections of workers and we join the appeal to this generosity by asking all fellow workers to make this function a big success.

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A. R. U. CONFERENCE APPROVES MOVES TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL BODY

The recently held A.R.U. State Conference approved moves towards a national conference aimed at developing an authoritative national union leadership, in place of existing autonomous State Branches. It was considered the Public Transport Crisis made such a move an urgent necessity if Transport Unionism was to meet the challenge of updating the industry and providing for its workers.

RISING COSTS ENDANGER PICNIC

A fifty percent increase in Luna Park hiring fee has created difficulties in the running of this year's workshops picnic.

Executive officers of the Committee conferred with the Park management last Friday but were unable to obtain a better price than £1,500 for the day's hire. Even this was an improvement on the sum asked at first and was obtained after a tough business discussion.

The price paid last year was £1,000 compared to £1,500 this year. In addition to the price rise there is a cut in some services and the Olympic Pool is not included in the price to be paid.

Secretary Charlie Dunnett stated the balance in hand from previous years could help offset some of this year's extra charge but a good support would be needed in order to do this adequately and to provide for future picnics.

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S W A P S H O P
FOR SALE: Boys new Malvern
Star 28" push bike. £30.

Small caravan, 2 berth
only with annexe. P/gas stove, etc.
good order. £250 (O.N.O.).

WANTED: Girls 20" push bike.
See Fred Savill, Jig Room for full
details. List before September 21.

RESPONSE TO APPEAL FOR PLUMBERS

There was a fairly good response to the appeal for financial assistance to striking plumbers, from the workshop, an amount of £357-25 being raised.

Railway plumbers were particularly appreciative of such assistance from their own industry.

We would like to compliment the men from these workshops and other Railway plumbers for the fight they made. We hope it will produce the results they want.

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TWO WORKSHOP MEN DIE SUDDENLY

Fellow-employees were shocked during the month by the sudden deaths of Bill Weatherall and Stan ("Sailor") McDonald.

Bill Weatherall died on his way to work and Stan McDonald was found dead in his bed.

Both were well known and respected throughout these Shops and there is a sense of loss for all.

Our sympathy is extended to relatives.

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BEST WISHES TO Neville Sheather who is at present in Prince Henry Hospital undergoing severe medical treatment to reduce his weight, as part of general treatment. Seems he is existing on almost nil, plus exercise

G A R D E NC L U B

This is the time of year to commence sowing flower and vegetable seeds for Summer and Autumn picking.

One of the easiest and most productive is the bean. Dwarf French Beans are the most common and we recommend a variety called Royal Windsor for early and late crops, its long beans being excellent eating. Brown Beauty is a splendid cropper in hot summer. Another good grower and cropper being Hawkesbury Wonder, while dwarf Butter Beans are worthwhile. Sow seed according to directions on packets and if possible place a light spread of horse or cow manure over the soil. This to keep soil from caking and so making it easier for the young plants to emerge without breaking their necks.

Climbing beans are also a good proposition with Westralia the best. 6 to 8 ft rows planted every 3 weeks will give continuous picking for average family.

Lettuce can go in now, a popular variety being brown or green mignonette. Lettuce should not be transplanted after October as this causes them to run to seed in the hot weather. A crop of quickly grown radishes will provide a pleasing salad companion for lettuce. Main seeds for summer flowers are Marigold, Zinnias, Calendula, Phlox, Petunia and Portulaca.

THANKS FROM MRS WEATHERALL

"I wish to thank friends and workmates throughout the workshops for kindness, sympathy and floral tributes, extended to me in the sad loss of my husband, Bill.

"Yours sincerely,

"Lavinia Weatherall."
Canteen 2.

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LOOK BEFORE YOU JOIN

Music lovers should weigh the pros and cons before signing any contracts with cassette tape clubs. It seems a contract involves minimum payment of \$11 a month over 36 months - \$371 over the period, the club contracting to supply 8 cassettes and a cassette player. Total value of these goods would work out at around \$150; about \$36 for cassettes and \$124 for the player.

Some clubs are understood to charge \$15 a month over the same period. Admittedly the member has the "privilege" of swapping the 8 tapes for equal number but at the end of 36 months he still owns only 8 cassettes and player.

And, apart from this, some of the clubs bring pressure to bear to make those who join honour contracts. So be warned.

C. Davies.

DARCY McORRIE AND CON SPENCER
RETIREMENTS

Two well known members of these workshops have entered into retirement in the last fortnight.

Darcy McOrrie whose tongue twister questions at meetings tied quite a few visiting speakers in knots was retired by the Department whilst he was still off duty on compo.

He is well known in the foundry where he worked for some years as a moulder and also in the machine shop where he was provided with selected duty on medical grounds.

Con Spencer will be seriously missed from the Shops where he was most active in Safety First organisation, chairman of delegates, and a fund of information on the Manchester Unity Medical Fund.

It would be impossible to calculate the savings his advice on this fund has gained for members employed here. Before suffering a serious illness he was also a constant visitor to the fund's office representing members problems. He was simply a natural front for a fellow mortal in bother and would exert himself to straining point against anomalies in treatment.

There will be a presentation this pay for Darcy, next pay for Con.

1972 INCREMENTS CAMPAIGN ENDS

Acceptance by Railway Unions of the Railways Commissioner's offer on retrospectivity has brought the Increments Campaign to an end.

Apart from the gains of \$4.50 for non-tradesmen and \$3.30 for tradesmen, the establishment of a total 4th year increment of \$11.50 across the board is a highly satisfactory result as it removes any feeling of hostility arising from differential payment.

Non-tradesmen have always thought increments should be the same all round as they are for service not skill. Now, with the assistance of tradesmen's unions, that principle has been won.

The final breakdown of the increases provided for improved payments for apprentices, juniors and anyone working less than a 40 hour week, as follows:

| year | Appren-tices | Juniors Male/F. | Less than 40 hrs. |
|------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1st | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.30 |
| 2nd | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.65 |
| 3rd | \$2.10 | \$1.00 | \$2.15 |
| 4th | \$2.10 | | \$2.25 |

Juniors age 20 years having 1 year's service get \$2.25. Other than this juniors seem to have fared badly in the cut up.