

APPEAL FOR GIFT TO THE QUEEN Aid For Mothers And Children

Easing On Imports "Gamble"

CANBERRA, July 5.—Easing of import controls was a gamble that many thought was premature, the Director of Associated Chambers of Commerce (Mr Latham Withall) said tonight.

"Many economists and business men believe that international prices for primary produce will fall during the next few years, but the distant future," he said.

The additional relaxation on goods from Japan might be to the detriment of British exporters as well as to Australian industries.

"Great care would have to be exercised in selecting goods to be allowed to enter Australia if unemployment were to be averted."

"The exceptionally good overseas trade figures for 1952-53 had been made possible by import licensing which had been eased substantially twice in the past four months."

The effect of the previous relaxation was only too well reflected in higher import figures and the effect on the balance of payments had yet to be determined.

The increase now announced would be reflected in trade statistics for five or six months.

Mr. Calwell Says Budget Figures "Faked"

CANBERRA, July 5.—The Acting Opposition Leader (Mr Calwell) tonight accused the Treasurer (Sir Arthur Fadden) of "faking" budget figures.

"No doubt the £13m surplus was arranged by post-poning the balance of the defence contracts," he said.

Mr Calwell said that Sir Arthur Fadden's predictions could not be hidden by such banalities as "Today we are in smoother waters and have pleasant prospects ahead."

The Government was still taking £300m more in various forms of taxation than Mr Chifley took in 1949-50, he said.

Mr Calwell said that the "token" nature of the Government's gesture of welcome in which they have participated was a disgrace.

Fun And Fury On Mess Deck "Token"

"Seagulls over Sorrento," by Australian Hugh Hastings, which opened to a crowded house at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, is an entertaining mixture of comedy and drama.

Topical and well-constructed, this three-act play about a group of naval men on an island experimental base in peacetime, is efficiently produced by John Dawson, the Royal Navy man himself, and acted by an evenly-balanced cast.

The author has made effective use of his five years' experience in the senior service in creating typical characters and most of the humor comes from drawings on the naval vocabulary.

No Hope For Two Baseball Bodies, Says Official

SA baseball could not maintain two associations, the president of the SA Baseball League (Mr P S Mann) said last night, commenting on the proposed formation of a company to start professional night baseball at Wayville Showgrounds.

The existing league would resume night baseball next summer and if two games were played simultaneously attendances and playing standards would drop.

Mr Mann added that he would not meet with any of the promoters of the proposed formation of a company to start professional night baseball at Wayville Showgrounds.

Death Of Mr. W. T. Foster

Mr William T Foster one of the most widely known figures in the North, collapsed and died during the running of a race at Quorn on Saturday.

He was born at Quorn 65 years ago and was managing director of W W Foster and Co, one of the oldest companies in the North.

The firm was established by his father, the late R W Foster who, at one time, was a member of the State Assembly and then the Federal Parliament.

Foul Play Not Suspected

Police believe there are no suspicious circumstances connected with the death of Anibal Prosdocimo, 49, laborer, of Berti, whose body was recovered from the River Maroon at Berti on Saturday.

A post-mortem examination revealed that death was due to asphyxia from drowning.

A cut on the back of the head is thought to have been caused by Prosdocimo striking his head in a fall.

Condition Of Burned Pilot Improves

Improvement was reported yesterday in the condition of W O Robert Turner, the RAAF pilot who was severely burned while attempting to save a passenger from the wreckage of a biplane at the crash site at Ardrossan on Friday.

A Red Cross transport carrying 12 pints of blood made a dash to Ardrossan Hospital from Adelaide on Saturday, following an emergency call for blood for W O Turner's wife.

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Australians Visit Capitol



Australian servicemen give a cheer as they pose on the steps of the US Capitol during a sightseeing tour in Washington. The visitors included soldiers, sailors, airmen and sea cadets — some from the aircraft carrier Sydney which brought them to nearby Baltimore and some from the contingent which represented Australia at the Coronation last month. — Radio photo.

Cables In Brief

Australian Associated Press And Our Special Representative

NEW YORK, July 5.—Violent deaths totalled 125 in the first 24 hours of the Fourth of July holiday in the US. There were 85 traffic deaths, 29 drownings and 11 miscellaneous.

BUILDING ON STILTS—Plans for a Y-shaped building on stilts as permanent headquarters are approved by UNESCO at the week-end. The building will cost £2m, will be situated in Paris and will be completed by 1956.

BID FOR FREEDOM GIBRALTAR

Polish training ship Darnowka was set to depart Gibraltar on Friday night as young Polish cadets diverged overboard and were picked up by a British steamer. He asked for political asylum.

DOGS MAUL COUPLE—Seven dogs pounced on an elderly couple at a nursing home on Friday night and savagely mauled them. The dogs then bit their woman owner and a man who had gone to the aid of the couple before 17 armed policemen intervened.

WAR CRIMINAL FREE

BONN—British authorities yesterday released from the Werl war crimes prison Ludwig Michel, 59, who had been sentenced to 12 years imprisonment in May, 1947, for having been concerned in the ill-treatment and killing of an RAAF prisoner of war.

NEW U.K. STAMPS—Three new postage stamps featuring a portrait of the Queen were issued in Britain today. The stamps will be priced 5d, 8d and 1/ each.

"Seven Sins" In Australia

SYDNEY, July 5.—The Mission to the Nation was coming to grips with seven deadly sins in Australia today, the leader of the mission (Rev Alan Walker) said at a Sydney Rally today.

The seven sins were: 1. A materialism which dominated national and personal life. 2. A nationalism which blinded us to our Pacific and Asian responsibilities. 3. A complacency which made us satisfied with the second best. 4. A religious class and religious division, which was hindering the progress of the nation. 5. A drinking which was eating into the home life of the people. 6. A militarism which made us more proud of our ability to fight than our power to make peace. 7. A response to the mission had exceeded all expectations.

"Policy Council" For Health Plan

SYDNEY, July 5.—The Federal Minister for Health (Sir Earle Page) hopes to persuade voluntary health insurance organisations to abandon their Scheme which began last Wednesday.

Time would overcome the problem; but it was desirable that full benefits should be available to all members as soon as possible, Sir Earle Page said.

Woman's Bid To Save Sight

SYDNEY, July 5.—"I thought I had better get into here before I became blind, which doctors had told me might be in about four months' time."

I couldn't get a boat until October, so I flew. I might be blind by October."

Miss Shepherd said she had about £2,000 from the sale of her house in Suffolk, England, and that she was preparing to spend it all in trying to save her sight.

Broken Hill Baby Wins Special Prize

Mrs. B. Dunlevy of Broken Hill and her daughter Louise Ann, aged 13 months, Louise received a special prize from the Lady Mayors (Mrs. Arthur Rynhill) at Dolling Court on Saturday for having raised the greatest sum in the Red Cross Baby Competition.—Story, Page 11.

6,300-Mile Flight To Bait Dogs

Under excellent conditions for aerial wild dog baiting, 120,000 baits had been laid along the dog-proof fence and around northern bores and waterholes in the past fortnight. Capt. N. S. D. Buckley said on his return from the trip yesterday.

Capt. Buckley, who is chief pilot for Guinea Airways, and Mr. C. E. Taviour, a member of the committee appointed by the Government to operate the aerial baiting plan, flew 6,300 miles during the trip which covered areas from Wilgena boundary in the north-west of SA to the NSW border.

Around Bores

Capt. Buckley who has made three trips, said he had never before seen so many wild dogs. Because of the dry season they were congregated around the isolated water holes and bores with water.

"There were no dogs about next day so we presumed they had crawled out into the bush," he said.

Car Plunges Into River; Two Drowned

MELBOURNE, July 5.—The man who escaped from a car which plunged into the Goulburn River from a bridge at Seymour yesterday, drowning a man and a woman, had taken over the wheel only a few minutes earlier.

He had driven only a quarter of a mile when the car skidded on the frost-covered bridge, crashed sideways through the bridge railing and sank into 20 ft of water.

Problem Of Films For Children

The problem of children attending films of which their parents knew nothing, was one of the most difficult facing the film endorsement committee of the National Council of Women, the convener (Miss May Mills) said yesterday.

She was commenting on a message from Melbourne in which the Victorian Council of Women's films and television expressed concern at the number of parents who took their children to the cinema despite censorship warnings that the films showing were suitable for adults only.

At Jamestown

JAMESTOWN, July 5.—While clouds of smoke billowed from the balcony of the Globe Hotel yesterday afternoon, "unconscious" victims were rescued from the upper floors by Emergency Services teams and "revived" by Peterborough St. John Ambulance members.

The smoke came from the gas bomb set off at the windward end of the balcony and the "rescue" was part of realistic exercises staged by the Fire Brigade and the J.E.S. crews from Jamestown.

Two Motorists And Cyclist Arrested

Two motorists and a cyclist were arrested on Saturday on charges of being driven while so much under the influence of intoxicating liquor as to be incapable of exercising effective control.

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