

SWS/559/2236/G1 4-74

UAW News Sheet

Registered for transmission through the post as a periodical - Category 'B'

SUBSCRIPTION: 50c

APRIL, 1974

Address: Industrial Bldg., Room 210, 55 King William St., Adelaide, Ph. 337 1791

FILM PARTY

On SATURDAY, 30th MARCH, at 5 p.m. the Campbelltown Branch is holding a FILM PARTY for "THE SOVIET ARMY SONG & DANCE ENSEMBLE" and "POEM OF DANCES" at the Warner Theatre, 100 King William St., City. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Bookings can be made through Miss Jessie Gray, 444988 (after working hours) or by filling in the form on the back page and sending it to the office.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see this excellent program at a reduced price. **DON'T MISS OUT.** Make your booking immediately.

METRIC CONVERSION

Worried about the metric conversion? Want to know more about it and how to cope with it? Then come along to the LUNCHEON at the Rooms (address above), on WEDNESDAY, 3rd APRIL at 12.30 p.m.

The Guest Speaker will be Mrs. Fitzgerald, Alderman for the St. Peters Council and the SA representative on the Metric Conversion Board. After the talk there will be time for questions so come along and bring your friends. Campbelltown Branch will cater.

GARDEN PARTY

For our May function Mrs. Marie Lean will entertain members and friends at her home, 16 Walker Ave., Paradise from 11.30 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, 1st May. We plan to make this an Informal Gathering so bring along your question, ideas, gripe etc. It's been a long time since we've had such a gathering. Lunch will be served and further details re transport arrangements can be made by ringing 337 1791.

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

The UAW will be participating on the May Day Committee which has just been formed and our next News Sheet will tell of the history of the day, what it means to the labour movement and women. It is understood that a DANCE will be held on SATURDAY, 27th APRIL to celebrate May Day (1st May) so keep this date free.

WORLD DISARMAMENT WEEK

As part of the activities of the "Greenpeace Pacific" project (see enclosed leaflet), the sub committee of the SA International Co-operation and Disarmament on Greenpeace will hold a MARCH on SATURDAY, 20th APRIL, leaving Victoria Square at 10.30 a.m. taking a route to ELDER PARK where speakers will address the RALLY. The March will highlight World Disarmament Week (21st-28th April) and will set the tone for a week's activities on Disarmament. In trying to halt the French Tests world disarmament is the key. **WE HOPE OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WILL PARTICIPATE.**

WIDE SUPPORT FOR IWD DINNER

About 120 people attended the Dinner to celebrate International Women's Day and to see the presentation of the IWD Woman of the Year Award to Mrs. Flo Wallace, 1st woman president of a blue collar union and the IWD Honour Award to the Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union Working Women's Committee.

Among the guests present were representatives of the Storemen & Packers' Union, AMWU, Building Workers' Industrial Union, Meat Employees Union, Chemical Workers' Union, Seamen's Union. We were pleased to welcome representatives of the League of Women Voters, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, United Nations Association, Waterside Workers' Women's Committee, Seamen's Women's Committee, SA International Co-operation and Disarmament Committee, Greek Workers Educational Assn. (Platon), Young Socialist League and the Socialist Party of Australia. A special welcome was extended to Mesdames Anne Levy, Mary Young, Molly Brannigan. together with a husband and wife from a Soviet ship which was in port.

Due to both Federal and State parliaments sitting it was not possible to have any parliamentarians present. However a long list of apologies were received including greetings for the occasion from:- Senators Drury, Bishop and Cavanagh. MHR's Gun, Wallis, Birrell and Hurford and MP's Kneebone, Banfield, Hudson, Payne, Corcoran, Virgo, Ryan, Langley, Olson, Casey, McKee and Hopgood. The following are excerpts from greetings received:- Extend best wishes for a successful dinner and congratulations to Mrs. Wallace for receiving Woman of the Year Award and AMWU Women's Committee for honour bestowed regard Molly Byrne, MP for Tea Tree Gully

"My congratulations and best wishes to the UAW and I join with you in extending best wishes to Mrs. Flo Wallace on her winning of the "Woman of the Year Award." Allan Burdon, MP for Mount Gambier.

"My congratulations to Mrs. Flo Wallace for her appointment as President of the Storemen and Packers' Union and becoming the first woman president of a South Australian Industrial Union. I would also convey my best wishes to your organisation for this function." G.R. Broomhill, Minister for Environment and Conservation.

"My best wishes to the future for peace, social security and human dignity to all members of your organisation." C.A. Harrison, Member for Albert Park.

"Please accept my congratulations to the UAW for the work it has now been doing for a very long period of years in the interests of world peace and the progress of women and men alike.

The principles of IWD are needed in these times more than ever to help counter the spurious internationalism posed by the profit-taking multi-national corporations which are menacing peace and democracy throughout the Western world.

Best wishes for the success of your function." E.H. Crimes, Member for Spence.

"The League of Women Voters of SA (non party) sends greetings to the IWD Dinner, with sincere hopes for the continuous development of justice, peace and friendship between all peoples. The League congratulates the Woman of the Year, Mrs. Flo Wallace, and sends her all good wishes."

"The Seamen's Women's Committee fully supports the UAW's actions for IWD.

We stand beside our husbands and families fully understanding that the employer-class, directly associated with the multi nationals both nationally and internationally, are the evils at the basis of our economic and social problems.

We welcome this day decisively and pledge ourselves to continuing the struggle fully understanding that socialism is the ultimate goal and answer for all peoples throughout the world.

Contd. Page 3

IWD Dinner:- from page 3:-

Dinner Voted 'Best Ever'

Wide commendation for the Dinner has been received from a variety of people and we can be proud that it was so successful. We greatly appreciate the greetings of support for the Day and the UAW National Executive call for March 8th to be a National Holiday for Women starts to become a reality.

The success of the function is due in no small part to the wonderful efforts of our own members and a special thanks is extended to those women who helped in the preparing of food, in helping to set up the hall and arrange the food etc. on the day as well as the work of those in preparing the food requirements.

We look forward to an even more successful function for 1975 which will also be UN International Women's Year.

SPECIAL NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING

The National Executive has called for representatives from Queensland, Victoria and SA to attend an extended National Executive meeting on Saturday, 23rd March in Sydney.

Among the items to be discussed will be a Report by Freda Brown on the UN Status of Women Commission and the two Peace gatherings she attended while overseas, consideration of further outlining of our proposals for 1975 and arrangements for the National Committee meeting.

State Secretary and National Committee member, Mrs. Beryl Miller will attend on our behalf and we look forward to hearing the results on her return.

UN STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION

The UN Commission on the Status of Women, 25th Session material has been printed by the UAW and is now available at 60c per copy. This will prove a most useful publication and with the International Women's Year coming up can help develop our ideas on the specific needs of women. Get your copy from the office or branch.

FURTHER SUCCESSES OF WOMEN

Our congratulations are extended to Ann Saberton and Muriel Goss on their election to represent South Australia at the First National A.M.W.U. Women's Conference to be held in Sydney on the 18th and 19th April, 1974.

Further congratulations to Muriel Goss who has been elected the first woman delegate to the Commonwealth Conference of the A.M.W.U. to be held in June, 1974. The Commonwealth Conference is the highest body of the union.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

The replacement of the SA National Committee member has not yet been finalised as we go to press but an announcement will be made in the next News Sheet.

CONDOLENCES to Mrs. Cowham of Kilburn on the sad loss of her daughter, Rita, recently.

IWD Dinner:-

"We fully agree with the decision of the Committee in their selection of a woman from the working class field, fully realising that the basic struggle confronting women today is the employer class, and that the trade union movement can apply decisive action to changing this position. We welcome the Committee's choice, and hope that it will continue successfully in future years." Seamen's Union Women's Committee.

Apologies and greetings were received from the Adelaide Young Women's Christian Association, IWD Committee of SA., Women's Liberation Movement, Transport Workers Union, Waterside Workers Union, Chemical Workers' Union, Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen, Vehicle Builders' Union, Federated Clerks' Union, the Housewives Association, Australian Local Government Women's Association, Australian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Mrs Maree Roberts (Maree Tomasetti, 1st SA IWD Woman of the Year) and Dr. Helen Caldicott (2nd SA IWD Woman of the Year. Late apologies from Liquor Trades Union and D. Simmons.MP.

From overseas greetings have been received from the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, Federated Auxiliaries, Women Strike for Peace (both of the USA) and the National Assembly of Women, England.

Toasts to Women

Mr. Norman Foster deputised for Mr. Clyde Cameron, Minister for Labour in proposing the Toast to the Women of Australia and Mr. John Lesses, President of the Greek Workers' Educational Association and organiser for the Federated Clerks' Union proposed the Toast to the Women of the World.

Support for International Women's Year

The following resolution was unanimously endorsed by the gathering:-

"This gathering of citizens of Adelaide celebrating International Women's Day, 1974 pledges its support for the UN International Women's Year to be held in 1975.

We support the call of the United Nations Association of Australia National Committee for International Women's Year which says in part:-

- * Request the Australian Federal Government to join with us in convening a National Conference concerning the "Rights and Responsibilities of Women as Citizens in Australia."
- * Appeal to the Australian Council of Trade Unions and the Australian Council of Salaried and Professional Associations to sponsor a National Conference on "The Advancement of Women in Employee Organisations" during 1975.
- * Similarly, we request the Australian Council of Employers Federation to hold a Conference on "The Advancement of Women in Management".

We will intensify our action in the following three areas:-

- * the promotion of equality between women and men;
- * the full integration of women in the development effort;
- * the recognition of the importance of women's increasing contribution to the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States and to strengthening of world peace."

The resolution will be sent to Mr. G. Whitlam, ACTU, ACSWA and Fed. Employers Assn.