

# Planter To Test N.G. Poll

PORT MORESBY, Sunday (A.A.P.-Reuter). — An Australian candidate, who was unsuccessful in Papua-New Guinea's first general election, has warned the Territory's Chief Electoral Officer, Mr. R. R. Bryant, that he intends to test the validity of the Territory's Electoral Act.

He is Highlands planter, Mick Casey who stood against two other candidates in the South Markham Special Electorate.

(Special electorates were those in which only European candidates could stand.)

Mr. Casey claims the Territory's Electoral Act, because of the wording in one section, prevents anyone being elected unless he has an "absolute" majority of votes cast.

Voting was not compulsory in the elections here and the ballot paper was regarded by officers as valid if there was only one mark on the paper.

Voters did not have to record preferences.

The relevant section of the Act, Mr. Casey claims, says the absolute majority is defined as more than half of the total votes cast.

Because of this, Mr. Casey claims the winning candidate, who was hotel proprietor, Graham Gilmore, does not in fact have the necessary majority and cannot be declared the winner.

## SHOPKEEPERS PREFER GAOL

SYDNEY, Sunday. — Two more women shopkeepers have indicated they will go to gaol rather than pay fines.

They are Mrs. Jessie Matthews and Mrs. Katherine Gambleton, both small storekeepers of Dee Why.

Mrs. Matthews will appear before the Chief Industrial Magistrate tomorrow on two summonses for illegal trading on Saturdays.

A third woman storekeeper in the area has also indicated she would follow the example of Mrs. Thelma Cohen and go to gaol rather than pay a fine.

A meeting of storekeepers will be held tomorrow night at the North Narrabeen Surf Club to discuss further moves by the Independent Traders' Association to oppose the State Government's present trading regulations.

The secretary, Mr. A. Thompson, said today he would pick up his neighbour, Mr. John Fisher, as he was released from Long Bay Gaol tomorrow.

# 'SECRECY' IN TEA PARTY FOR ASIAN WOMEN FRAMING OF POLICY

MELBOURNE, Sunday. — "A veil of complete secrecy," covered the policy-making of the Liberal Party, the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Calwell, claimed today.

Mr. Calwell made the allegation in a radio broadcast. He said, "Two incidents—one of them at the beginning of last week, the other towards the end—help to throw light on the true nature of that organisation which styles itself the Liberal Party."

"One was the meeting of something that calls itself the Federal Council of the Liberal Party. The other was a midnight fiasco which took place in Parliament on Thursday."

"The Federal Council is supposed to be the policy-making body for the Liberal Party, or at least that is what the party constitution says it is."

"The public are certainly entitled to know something of the decisions reached by this body, which possesses considerable power. If the Liberal Party's rules and constitution mean anything at all."

### 'Simple'

"Yet you may go through last week's newspapers with a fine tooth comb but you will be unable to find any announcement of any of the policy decisions reached by these gentlemen, and you will certainly be unable to find out from reading your newspapers just who these gentlemen are."

"The reason for this is very simple."

"A veil of complete secrecy is drawn over the policy-making activities of the Liberal Party."

"The only portion of last week's meeting that the Press were permitted to report comprised three set speeches by the Prime Minister, the Treasurer, and the Party's Federal president, Sir Philip McBride."

"But these speeches had nothing to do with policy. They were merely the window-dressing for the conference — propaganda, not policy."

"In his speech to the Liberal Party Council, the Prime Minister spoke of the "loyalty" he had received from his Parliamentary supporters."

"We were able to witness on Thursday night, just how this loyalty is exacted."

"The iron fist of Liberal Party discipline was exposed for all to see."

"During the debate on the

Meat Bill, Mr. Wentworth, the member for Mackellar, moved an amendment designed to allow meat exporters to appeal against a Government refusal to grant an export licence.

### 'Rejected'

"Not only was this amendment not accepted, but the Minister in charge of the Bill, Mr. Adermann, the Country Party Minister for Primary Industries, rejected it out of hand."

"When another Liberal Mr. Turner, protested against the Minister's arrogance, we witnessed a scene disgraceful in the annals of Parliament."

"We saw the spectacle of ministers openly brow-beating members, forcing them into line."

"Liberal members have no rights whatsoever within their own caucus," Mr. Calwell claimed.

"Yet they have tried to pretend that they possessed independence in Parliament itself."

"Last Thursday's incident should destroy that myth."

## Three Charged With Assault

MELBOURNE, Sunday. — Three youths were charged today at the City Watch-house on several counts of assault following an attack on a man in Alexandra Gardens on Friday night.

Police said that several youths posing as security guards assaulted James M. M. of Lorne Street, Prahran, while he was walking in the gardens near Princes Bridge.

## Three Killed In Odd Accidents

SYDNEY, Sunday. — Two brothers and another man were killed and a youth critically injured in unusual separate accidents over the weekend.

The two brothers were killed in a freak tree-felling accident near Tatura, Victoria, yesterday; the man was killed while repairing a heavy

earth-moving vehicle on Saturday at Springvale, Melbourne; the youth was critically wounded by his brother in a shooting accident near Berrima yesterday.

The brothers killed were Michael Peter Reilly, 35, and Kevin James Reilly, 29, both of Tatura. They were married.

Police said the brothers had apparently cut part of the way through a sugar gum tree with a chain saw and were preparing to pull it down with ropes when it unexpectedly fell on them.

William Waters, 59, of Seaview Avenue, Springvale, was killed when a heavy portion of an earth-moving machine fell on his head while he was under the vehicle making repairs.

The youth injured by his brother was Bruce William Gaffney, 16, who was shot when he was mistaken for a wallaby, while partially hidden by undergrowth. Doctors described his condition as "very grave."

## Unofficial Strike Talks

SYDNEY, Sunday. — Unauthorised stoppages will be the main subject officials and group representatives of the A.C.T.U. will discuss in Sydney this week.

The meetings will be held in the Sydney Trades Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The A.C.T.U. has been concerned about the recent rash of strikes, most of them unofficial.

However, A.C.T.U. officials will be under some pressure for strike action in protest against penal provisions.

The conservative Transport Workers' Union is determined to stage a 24-hour strike throughout Australia by its 60,000 members. The Federal council of the

union last week unanimously decided on strike action in protest against fines totalling £2,700, plus costs, imposed on it by the Commonwealth Industrial Court in Melbourne last week for strike action by 50 drivers at Commonwealth Industrial Gases Ltd.

The Storemen and Packers' Union had heavier fines imposed on it last week. The T.W.U. postponed naming a date for its proposed 24-hour stoppage, but it is believed the union will press the A.C.T.U. for support.



The Canberra branch of the Pan Pacific and South-East Asian Women's Association entertained South-East Asian women resident in Canberra at an afternoon tea at University House yesterday. Among the guests who admired the fountain in the grounds were, from left, Mrs. Hoan of Vietnam, Mrs. Tardif of Canada, Mrs. Sharma of India and Mrs. Gigi also of India.

## Cripple Assaulted

MELBOURNE, Sunday. — A polio victim was found crawling on his hands and knees along Nepean Highway, Ascendale, an outer Melbourne suburb, after he had been bashed, robbed and stripped last night.

The polio victim, William John Burns, 29, of Chestnut Road, Doveton, was bleeding from the mouth and nose when found by the owners of a local milkbar.

Burns, who cannot fully use his arms and legs, was crippled with polio as a small boy.

Almost blind with pain, and bleeding from wounds on his eyes and mouth, he crawled painfully back to the main road for help after regaining consciousness.

Police today described the assault as the most callous and cowardly they had ever seen.

When found, Burns was wearing only his underclothing and shirt. He had been robbed of his wrist watch, his wallet containing about £3 in cash, and his suit.

Burns said today that after returning from the Alfred Hospital where he underwent treatment he had been on his way to visit friends at Chelsea but had got off the train at Ascendale by mistake.

## News In Brief

### Russia Launches Spaceship

MOSCOW, Sunday (A.A.P.-Reuter). — Russia today launched its second manoeuvrable spaceship, Polyot (Flight) Two, Moscow Radio reported.

The radio said there was scientific apparatus on board, implying that it was unmanned like the first one launched on November 1 last year. Polyot One, was stated to be able to change course both vertically and horizontally.

### Heavy Fighting South Of Saigon

SAIGON, Sunday (A.A.P.). — Heavy fighting was reported 130 miles south-west of Saigon where Vietnamese paratroops jumped today to relieve a town reported overrun by strong Communist forces during the night.

A U.S. military spokesman said first casualty figures were 20 dead and 30 wounded on the Government side and 30 Viet Cong killed.

### New President Of Brazil

BRASILIA, Sunday (A.A.P.). — General Humberto Castelo Branco, 63, was elected as Provisional President yesterday to guide Brazil through next year's election and complete the military purge of Communists, British United Press reported.

A Congress already purged of about one tenth of its membership elected General Castelo Branco, former army Chief of Staff who has been called the brains of the revolt that overthrew President Joao Goulart.

### General MacArthur Buried

NORFOLK, Virginia, Sunday (A.A.P.-Reuter). — General Douglas MacArthur was finally laid to rest here yesterday as a 19-gun salute thundered out and buglers sounded "The Last Post."

A standard G. I. coffin containing the remains of the 84-year-old military hero was lowered into a tomb in the crypt of the MacArthur Memorial here.

### Sellers' Condition Improves

HOLLYWOOD, Sunday (A.A.P.). — Actor Peter Sellers was now off heart medications and doctors said yesterday his heartbeat was nearly normal, the Associated Press of America reported.

The British film star suffered a severe heart attack Monday and has been in the intensive care unit of Cedars of Lebanon Hospital ever since. He was in an extremely critical condition for a time.



The New Zealand High Commissioner designate to Australia, Mr. J. L. Hazlett with his wife and son Denis at their residence last night. Mr. Hazlett arrived at the weekend. His predecessor, Mr. S. G. Johnson, died in office last year.



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