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Mr. SPEAKER (Hon. D. E. Nicholson, Murrumba) read prayers and took the chair at 11 a.m.

#### QUESTIONS

##### MARINE FUELLING SERVICE, MOOLOOLABA

**Mr. Houston**, pursuant to notice, asked  
The Minister for Conservation,—

(1) Why is fuel-loading not allowed from the public wharf at Mooloolaba?

(2) Are fishermen or other boat-owners who wish to take on fuel at Mooloolaba forced to buy from only one dealer? If so, why are they denied a choice of service, fuel or oil brands?

*Answers:—*

(1) "The fuelling of vessels particularly commercial fishing vessels is not desirable at a wharf built for the benefit of the motor boating public on safety grounds and due to the tendency of fishing vessels to create congestion at a wharf."

(2) "Only one fuelling licence has been approved at Mooloolaba Harbour. The licence does not restrict or stipulate the choice of service fuel or oil brands nor does it grant exclusive rights. The need for the issue of further fuelling licences will be reviewed early in 1971."

##### REMODELLING OF OPAL HEADQUARTERS

**Mr. Houston**, pursuant to notice, asked  
The Minister for Works,—

As his Department has provided technical advice and assistance in the invitation of tenders for remodelling the premises occupied by OPAL in Ann Street, why is advice and assistance denied to parents and citizens' associations in such things as erecting assembly halls at State schools?

*Answer:—*

"My Department acted for and on behalf of the Department of Aboriginal and Island Affairs in providing technical advice in relation to the modification of the building in Ann Street for OPAL. Funds are not available at present to permit an extension of the assistance already available under the School Improvement Subsidy Scheme to parents and citizens' associations for the erection of an assembly hall or an activity building."

COMMUNIST OFFICIALS IN TRADE UNIONS  
AFFILIATED WITH AUSTRALIAN LABOR  
PARTY IN QUEENSLAND

**Mr. Houston**, pursuant to notice, asked  
The Premier,—

Did he obtain his details of Communists in trade unions in Queensland from the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. McEwen, on his recent return to Australia after being a guest of the Soviet Union during June, 1970?

*Answer:—*

"No. It wasn't necessary, but I am concerned that the Leader of the Opposition has seen fit to treat a serious matter in such a facetious manner."

PAYMENT TO RETIRED RAILWAY  
EMPLOYEES OF AWARD INCREASE

**Mr. Aikens**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Transport,—

(1) Will the increased wages and salaries recently granted to railway employees from June 11 be paid retrospectively to employees who were retired because of age on June 30?

(2) If so, will the increase also apply to the lump sum payment made for long service leave and retiring allowance and, if so, what will be the aggregate amount paid retrospectively to those employees?

*Answer:—*

(1 and 2) "Yes. The aggregate amount paid is not known at the moment."

BELLEVUE HOTEL

(a) **Mr. Lonergan**, pursuant to notice, asked The Premier,—

(1) Has any date been set for the transfer of occupants from the Lodge to the Bellevue Hotel?

(2) Will the Government be called upon to pay a fairly substantial amount per week to the present owner for accommodation up to December 31 for those who are being transferred?

(3) Is he aware that the transfer constitutes a waste of public money?

*Answers:—*

(1) "Yes. September 28, 1970."

(2) "No. In fact, the Government will receive a rental from the lessees for that portion of the Bellevue Hotel retained by them for their purposes."

(3) "See Answer to (2)."

(b) **Mr. Lonergan**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Works,—

(1) Have Department of Works employees commenced alterations and

improvements on rooms set aside for Parliamentarians and staff now housed at the Lodge?

(2) What will be the cost of the alterations and what is the estimated cost of furnishings?

*Answers:—*

(1) "Various work is being carried out by my departmental employees at the Bellevue Hotel preparatory to its occupation by Honourable Members as a Parliament House Lodge."

(2) "A minimum cost consistent with reasonable accommodation requirements."

NEW BUILDING DEVELOPMENT,  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE

**Mr. Lonergan**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Works,—

Is a new building to be erected to replace the Lodge? If so, have sketch plans been prepared or any estimates made of the final cost of the building?

*Answer:—*

"The scheme for new building development at Parliament House includes a new Lodge. This scheme has been the subject of discussion and acceptance in principle by the Parliamentary Building Committee. Further action is related to availability of finance. This has yet to be determined in consultation with the Treasurer, and the whole matter is subject to ratification by Cabinet."

NORMANTON STATE SCHOOL

**Mr. Wallis-Smith**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Works,—

(1) When was the new addition to the Normanton school commenced and how many workmen are employed?

(2) When is it expected that the work will be completed?

*Answers:—*

(1) "January 8, 1970; five."

(2) "End of September, 1970."

MILK PRODUCTION, KAIRI RESEARCH  
STATION

**Mr. Wallis-Smith**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Primary Industries,—

(1) What quantity of milk was produced at the Kairi Research Station dairy section during the year ended June 30, 1970?

(2) What becomes of the milk produced?

(3) If payment is made for this milk, what was the amount received for the above year?

Answers:—

(1) "Milk production from the Kairi Research Station dairy for the year ending June 30, 1970, was 632,905 pounds."

(2) "Bulk milk produced at the Kairi Research Station is supplied to the Atherton Tableland Co-operative Butter Association, Malanda. A small quantity is sold to Station staff."

(3) "Total gross payments for milk for the period July 1969 to June 1970 amounted to \$23,161.12."

#### DIMBULAH-NORMANTON ROAD

**Mr. Wallis-Smith**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Mines,—

As the road from Dimbulah to Normanton has been gazetted as a developmental road and as the section from Dimbulah to Chillagoe carries a large volume of tourist traffic, will he consider permanent road works on those sections between Petford and Almaden which are narrow, winding and dangerous?

Answer:—

"The priority of permanent works on this section of the Dimbulah to Normanton Road will be considered when future works programmes are being formulated. It must be realised that there are insufficient funds available to construct all the necessary works throughout the State."

#### LAW GOVERNING VASECTOMY

**Mr. W. D. Hewitt**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Justice,—

(1) With reference to the law governing vasectomy, is there any legal impediment which prevents or restricts the right of a surgeon to perform the operation?

(2) Is there any necessity to clarify or reword the relevant Act in any way and, if so, will he instigate early action in this regard?

Answer:—

(1 and 2) "This operation legally is in no different category from any other surgical operation, in that there must be proper medical reasons for the operation for the benefit of the patient."

#### LAUNDRY, STUART PRISON

**Mr. Aikens**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Justice,—

(1) When is it proposed to install the new machinery promised for the laundry at Stuart Prison?

(2) Have representations been made to him concerning the urgent need for new washing, drying and pressing machines and, if so, when will they be installed?

(3) What tonnage of laundry was done for the Townsville General Hospital for the months of July, 1969 and 1970, if the latter figure is available or, if not, for the corresponding months in both years for which the latest figure in 1970 is available?

Answers:—

(1 and 2) "Funds have been requested for the installation of additional laundry machinery. Specifications have now been prepared and will be submitted to the State Stores for tender for the supply and installation of the equipment after which the Department of Works will be required to connect the new machinery to the present power. No specific date of operation can be forecast at this stage."

(3) "Processed articles returned to Townsville General Hospital in July, 1969—32 tons 20 lbs. In addition to this 1,705 nurses' uniforms washed, starched and ironed. Processed articles returned to Townsville General Hospital in July, 1970—48 tons 30 lbs. In addition to this 3,228 nurses' uniforms washed, starched and ironed."

#### DIRRRANBANDI-HEBEL ROAD

**Mr. Hungerford**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Mines,—

Can further funds be made available, outside those already allocated to the Balonne Shire Council's works programme, to further develop the main road from Dirranbandi to Hebel, which is a most important road linking Queensland and New South Wales?

Answer:—

"No main roads funds are available this year outside those already provided, which include construction of a 6.5 mile section to bitumen surfacing standard. Work on this job has been seriously curtailed due to the extreme dry weather conditions. The availability of loan funds is still being considered."

#### ALTERATION OF DUARINGA AND EMERALD SHIRE BOUNDARIES

**Mr. O'Donnell**, pursuant to notice, asked The Premier,—

(1) As it is not allowable under Standing Orders to debate at this stage a Notification in pursuance of the provisions of section 5 of the *Local Government Act* 1936-1969 and as the Emerald Shire Council and the ratepayers it represents are opposed to the alteration sought by the Duaringa Shire Council to include in the Shire of Duaringa part of the Shire of Emerald, will he request the Governor in Council to revoke the Notification, as it does not comply with the principle of alteration by mutual agreement between the shires concerned?

(2) Is he aware that the Honourable N. T. E. Hewitt, M.L.A., the former Minister for Local Government, expressed the observance of the principle on July 4, 1969, to an Emerald Shire Council deputation and the Honourable W. A. R. Rae, M.L.A., Minister for Local Government, has adopted the principle in relation to a border dispute between two South Coast councils?

*Answers:—*

(1) "As the Honourable Member is aware, three months' notice of intention to alter the boundaries of the Daringa Shire Council and the Emerald Shire Council has been given strictly in accordance with the provisions of section five of the Local Government Acts. There is no principle contained in the law which requires any alteration of boundaries to be by mutual agreement between the shires concerned. The notice expires on the 9th instant."

(2) "I am informed that the Ministers mentioned stated that all objections received to the proposed alterations would receive consideration at the appropriate time."

#### RURAL RECONSTRUCTION SCHEME

**Mr. O'Donnell**, pursuant to notice, asked The Premier,—

As graziers, graingrowers and business men in rural communities are holding meetings and expressing great concern as to their future and the future of rural drought-stricken areas, when will the Rural Reconstruction Board begin operations and what will be its aims and *modus operandi*?

*Answer:—*

"As I have stated on many occasions recently, my Government is most concerned at the plight of those who are suffering from the hardships of a prolonged and cruel drought. I have also emphasised on many occasions that the Government is taking all positive action within its financial capabilities to preserve and maintain our drought-affected primary industries. I have also made it perfectly clear that the only way a rural reconstruction scheme could be established would be with Commonwealth financial assistance. It was with this in mind that I made the original approach to the Prime Minister in this connection and I am still awaiting advice of his Government's decision."

#### SCHOOL COURSE IN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**Mr. O'Donnell**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Education,—

Has consideration been given to the introduction of a prescribed section in primary and secondary curricula defined as a course in social responsibility? If not, what is the reason?

*Answer:—*

"Yes. However, rather than devote a prescribed section only to such an important matter, it is considered preferable that teaching devoted to this purpose should pervade the entire social studies course and in fact other courses as well. In keeping with this view one of the major aims of the new social studies course to be introduced in primary schools is 'to develop the social and academic skills, understandings and attitudes that will enable the individual... to accept the responsibilities of active participation in the life of the community'. As stated in the introduction to the secondary school citizenship education syllabus the aim of the course is to assist the youth in our secondary schools to be well informed and effective members of their communities."

#### VACUUM-OPERATED DOORS IN BUSES

**Mr. Hughes**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Transport,—

(1) Has his attention been drawn to reports on July 31 that the Coroner, Mr. H. D. Purcell, S.M., when inquiring into the death of a woman bus passenger, stated that buses should be fitted with vacuum-operated doors?

(2) Will he, as Minister for Transport and head of the Road Safety Council, urgently consider the matter with a view to requiring all buses to be fitted with doors to prevent further accidents and death?

(3) If so, will he limit the time in which the work must be completed so that the public will not be unduly inconvenienced?

*Answers:—*

(1) "Yes."

(2 and 3) "The Commissioner for Transport is examining the papers relating to the newspaper reports to which the Honourable Member refers."

#### DENTAL CLINIC, KINGARROY

**Mr. Tucker**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Health,—

(1) Has Kingarroy been selected as the centre for a dental clinic? If so, for what reason?

(2) How many resident dentists have practices in Kingarroy?

(3) Was consideration given to Nanango as the centre for the dental clinic? If so, with what result?

(4) Do residents of Nanango and towns south to Esk have the services of a dentist? If so, on what basis?

*Answers:—*

(1) "Kingaroy has been selected as the centre for the establishment of a dental clinic as it is the main centre in the district for business, social and other activities and is connected to outlying areas by sealed roads. It is considered that a clinic located in the larger, centrally situated town of Kingaroy will more appropriately serve the low income groups not only from that town, but from surrounding districts and towns, including Nanango."

(2) "I am advised that there are two dentists in private practice in Kingaroy."

(3) "Yes. See Answer to (1)."

(4) "A dental officer from School Health Services based at Ipswich periodically visits schools at Nanango and towns south to Esk. I am informed that a private dentist from Brisbane visits Nanango and Toogoolwah for a total of two days a week."

#### MINEING LEASES IN COUNTRY AREAS

**Mr. Tucker**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Mines,—

(1) Why are many mining wardens, particularly in North Queensland, often unaware of authorities to prospect, occupational licences or other leases, apparently granted by the Mines Department?

(2) Do applicants for small leases, who have searched the records and been assured by the warden that the area in question is free, have any redress for loss of time and money when later advised from Brisbane that the area is already covered by a lease?

*Answers:—*

(1) "As soon as proclamations covering areas of authorities to prospect are submitted to Cabinet the wardens are advised and supplied with plans of the areas. These should be in the hands of the wardens by the time of gazettal. Therefore I know of no reason why wardens should be unaware of these titles. Occupation licences are granted by the Lands Department. In the case of mining leases the wardens must be aware of them because the applications must be lodged at the wardens' offices."

(2) "No. As advised in (1), information concerning leases must be available at the wardens' offices."

#### CABOOLTURE BY-PASS ROAD

**Mr. Ahern**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Mines,—

What is the estimated date for the opening of the new Caboolture by-pass road?

*Answer:—*

Provided no wet weather is experienced in the meantime, the estimated date of completion of the last contract on the Caboolture by-pass road is the end of this month, when the whole by-pass can be opened to traffic."

#### "TREASON ROOM" IN BRISBANE TRADES HALL

**Mr. Ahern**, pursuant to notice, asked The Premier,—

Further to his statement in this House on July 22, that two of the four men in the "Treason Room" at the Brisbane Trades Hall are Communists, will he reveal the names?

*Answer:—*

"The names of the two communists on the committee operating the 'Treason Room' at the Brisbane Trades Hall are Hugh Ross Hamilton, whom I named in this House yesterday, and James Herbert Steele. H. R. Hamilton is State President of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners. He is also a member of the State Executive of the Communist Party of Australia. J. H. Steele is also a member of the Queensland Vietnam Moratorium Campaign Committee. He came up from Melbourne last year to take over the Secretaryship of the Seamen's Union from J. E. Fitzgerald who retired and who was a member of the State Committee of the Communist Party of Australia. I might add that Mr. Steele is very highly regarded for his activities by the Communist Party in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Of course, I should point out that the 'Treason Room' has been established by the Queensland Trades and Labour Council, the President of which is Mr. John Egerton, State President of the Australian Labor Party."

#### SOUTH BRISBANE HOSPITALS BOARD ELECTION

**Mr. Melloy**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Health,—

(1) How many nominations were received for election as local authority representative on the South Brisbane Hospitals Board and what were the names of the nominees?

(2) What was the number of eligible voters?

(3) What were the local authorities involved?

(4) How many votes were cast for each nominee and were nominees advised of the details of the result of the election?

(5) Were nominees allowed to attend the counting of the votes or appoint a scrutineer for this purpose?

(6) Who was the successful candidate?

**Answers:—**

The Returning Officer for the election of a representative on the South Brisbane Hospitals Board of the Component Local Authorities in the Hospitals Board's District has advised—

(1) "Two nominations were received. Nominees were Muriel Drynan and Robert Joseph Bradfield."

(2) "Sixty-one."

(3) "Brisbane City Council; Beaudesert Shire Council; Redland Shire Council; Albert Shire Council."

(4) "Twenty-seven votes were cast for Councillor Drynan and 25 votes for Alderman Bradfield. Nominees were advised whether successful or not."

(5) "No request was received for nominees to attend the counting of votes or to appoint a scrutineer for such purpose."

(6) "Councillor Muriel Drynan."

**HOSPITAL STAFF ESTABLISHMENTS**

**Mr. Melloy**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Health,—

(1) How often are hospital staff establishments reviewed and who carries out the review?

(2) Are members of the medical and nursing staffs consulted?

(3) As members of the nursing staffs at public hospitals are at present over-worked, will he have an immediate review made of the trained nursing staff establishments?

(4) What action has been taken to have student nursing staff relieved of all domestic duties and in which hospitals has this action not been taken?

(5) Is he aware that cadet nurses are carrying out duties of first-year student nurses and/or domestics and what are the specified duties of a cadet nurse?

(6) Is there a shortage of approximately 200 student nurses in the establishment at Royal Brisbane Hospital? If not, what is the shortage?

**Answers:—**

(1 to 3) "Hospitals boards may review their approved staff establishments whenever circumstances warrant such action, and in this review hospitals boards would give consideration to reports and representations of the particular staff section involved, through the permanent heads of the various services, the Medical Superintendent, the Matron and the Secretary. Recommendations made by the Board for amendment to approved staff establishment are submitted to this Department for consideration."

(4) "The allocation and deployment of approved staff establishment is the prerogative of hospitals boards. The Department has given early consideration to requests by boards for increases or amendments to staffing establishments to relieve nursing personnel of duties represented to be more appropriately performed by non-nursing staff."

(5) "I am not aware of the allegations made by the Honourable Member. At Royal Brisbane Hospital where the bulk of cadet nurses in the State are employed, the General Matron has advised that cadet nurses do not undertake domestic duties. The Matron advises that on entry to wards, cadet nurses generally perform only basic nursing duties, normally undertaken by first-year students."

(6) "The Royal Brisbane Hospital has advised that at June 30, 1970, there was a shortage in approved establishment of 206 student nurses. During the period of student nurse shortage, however, the Hospital has employed cadet nurses and assistants-in-nursing in excess of approved establishments, and as at June 30, 1970, a total of 136 excess staff in these two categories were employed."

**ROYAL BRISBANE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**Mr. Melloy**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Health,—

(1) Have the McConnell and Raff wards at the Royal Brisbane Children's Hospital been vacated? If so, to where have the children been removed?

(2) What action is being taken in relation to these wards and are they to be reoccupied?

**Answers:—**

The North Brisbane Hospitals Board has advised—

(1) "No patients have been accommodated in Raff Ward since July 24, 1970, and that it is not intended to vacate McConnell Ward. Of the four patients from Raff Ward, two were transferred to Turner Ward, one to McConnell Ward and one to Fraser Ward."

(2) "The future use of Raff Ward is under consideration by the Board. The Board's artisan staff has commenced the erection of an additional staircase on the western end of Raff and McConnell Wards."

**CONTAINERISATION OF EXPORT MEAT CARGOES**

**Mr. Wright**, pursuant to notice, asked The Premier,—

With regard to the proposal of foreign-owned shipping companies to use a

centralised port for meat export and in view of public concern in Central Queensland and northern areas,—

(1) Will all meat for export eventually be shipped through one or more central ports? If so, which port or ports?

(2) How long have the various overseas shipping companies been negotiating with the Railway Department for the conveyance of frozen meat in overseas containers from Northern and/or Central Queensland meatworks to Brisbane for shipment?

(3) Has Port Alma, an existing meat port in Central Queensland, been involved in the negotiations as one of the ports which it is proposed to by-pass?

(4) What percentage of the income of Port Alma is received from the existing meat trade?

(5) As the proposal will have a serious effect on the already unsatisfactory financial position of the Rockhampton Harbour Board, will he give the people of Central Queensland his assurance that he will oppose any proposal which will be detrimental to Port Alma?

*Answers:—*

(1 to 3) "The Honourable Member should appreciate the major trading disadvantage suffered by Australia in its export trade is the high cost of freight to overseas markets. The development of bulk handling and containerised freight during the past ten years should, for this reason, be widely welcomed. This is particularly true in Queensland which presently relies for its economic welfare substantially on the export of primary produce. The present negotiations with the Railway Department are exploratory and will take into account all the many factors which impinge on this matter. At the moment, I am unable to forecast what future developments will be in this field."

(4) "I would refer the Honourable Member to the Annual Report of the Harbour Board concerned."

(5) "See Answer to (1 to 3)."

#### STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES

**Mr. Wright**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Works,—

(1) How many motor vehicles were stolen in (a) Queensland, (b) Central Queensland and (c) Rockhampton, during each of the years 1965 to 1969 and since January 1, 1970, and how many of these vehicles have been recovered?

(2) Since 1965, what has been the severest sentence or penalty received by a person convicted of stealing a motor vehicle?

*Answer:—*

(1 and 2) "The information sought by the Honourable Member involves considerable statistical detail. A schedule of this information has been prepared and I lay such schedule on the Table of the House."

*Paper.*—Whereupon Mr. Hodges laid upon the Table of the House the Schedule referred to.

#### ARCHER PARK RAILWAY STATION

**Mr. Wright**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Transport,—

(1) What was the cost of the work recently carried out on Archer Park railway station?

(2) For what reasons have these alterations been made?

(3) Has the Railway Department entered into negotiations with any company regarding the use of the station?

(4) What uses have been proposed by any such company?

*Answers:—*

(1) "\$7,000."

(2 to 4) "Forwarding agents will be using these facilities in conjunction with the bulk wagon service from Roma Street to Rockhampton. This is part of the fast freight door-to-door service which was announced last year and which is being developed throughout the State."

#### SUBSIDY TO PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS

**Mr. Marginson**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Education,—

What was the amount of subsidy granted to parents and citizens' associations during the year 1969-70?

*Answer:—*

"\$652,541.94."

#### ACCIDENTS INVOLVING BICYCLES

**Mr. Marginson**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Works,—

(1) What was the total number of traffic accidents involving bicycles during the year 1969-70 in (a) Brisbane, (b) Ipswich and (c) Gold Coast?

(2) What was the age range of the riders involved in such accidents in the respective areas?

*Answer:—*

(1 and 2) "Accident data is processed in co-operation with the Bureau of Census and Statistics and the information sought



by the Honourable Member is not available at this time. It is not considered warranted to specially modify the existing computer programme to provide details now sought having regard to resultant interruptions to normal work flow."

#### ROAD CONSTRUCTION, MOURILYAN ELECTORATE

**Mr. F. P. Moore**, pursuant to notice, asked The Treasurer,—

Will he consider increasing the allotment of road-making finance to the two local shire councils in the electorate of Mourilyan where, because of an average rainfall of 172 inches, the cost of building a road is at least 1.75 times greater than in other areas?

*Answer:—*

"Finance for expenditure on roads and allocations for such expenditure are made available from various sources. If the Honourable Member would be more specific as to the type of road finance he is referring to, I would endeavour to answer his Question provided I am the Minister concerned."

#### STOCK INSPECTOR FOR TULLY

**Mr. F. P. Moore**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Primary Industries,—

With the increasing numbers of cattle in the Cardwell Shire area, will he consider appointing a full-time stock inspector at Tully?

*Answer:—*

"The appointment of a full-time inspector of stock at Tully has been considered previously, and, of necessity, in conjunction with the appointment of an inspector to a number of other centres. These appointments are dependent on funds being available. Because of the limitation of funds it will not be possible to appoint an inspector to Tully at present. However the increasing claims of the Tully area for an inspector are recognised and the matter will be kept in mind."

#### DAMAGE BY WILD PIGS, SOUTH JOHNSTONE AREA

**Mr. F. P. Moore**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Primary Industries,—

(1) Has he received reports from the South Johnstone Co-operative Mill area that the pig menace in the Utchee Creek Road area near Mena Creek is causing a great deal of damage?

(2) As the pigs are entering cane farms from a Department of Primary Industries experimental reserve, will he take immediate action to have the pigs eradicated or allow the farmers to use baits which they have requested permission to use?

*Answer:—*

(1 and 2) "I have no recent reports. Last year's annual report of the South Johnstone Cane Pest and Disease Control Board indicated some increasing damage by wild pigs, although a lesser number of bonus for pigs was paid. It is not considered that any pigs entering farms from Utchee Creek would constitute the whole problem. However, I will have further enquiries made and advise the Honourable Member."

#### TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

**Mr. R. Jones**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Labour and Tourism,—

(1) Further to his Answer to my Question on March 19 concerning tourist development assistance, is he aware that the Government of Fiji allows a 7% subsidy on capital provision for new hotels, motels, etc., and allows a recoupment out of income, before tax accrues, of 55% of the original capital cost?

(2) Was a submission to this effect made on behalf of Queensland to the Federal Government, together with specific proposals for incentives and benefits in relation to tourist development? If so, with what result and, if not, what are the details and outcome of the representations to the Commonwealth for special incentives and/or tax concessions for the tourist industry of Queensland?

*Answers:—*

(1) "The Government is aware of the types of incentives provided to the Tourist Industry in Fiji and in other countries."

(2) "This subject has been discussed at meetings of the Tourist Ministers' Council and is presently under consideration by the Commonwealth Government."

#### DREDGING, CAIRNS HARBOUR

**Mr. R. Jones**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Conservation,—

(1) Further to his Answer to my Question on August 26, 1965, concerning sea-going dredges and to an advertisement appearing in *The Australian* of July 18, 1970, calling for senior ships' officers, anticipating that dredges based in Brisbane will go into service early in 1971 and will operate for one or two periods during each year in northern ports, will Cairns be included and what other ports will be serviced?

(2) What effect will such operations have on local dredging units, such as the Cairns Harbour Board's dredge "Trinity Bay", continued maintenance dredging, port workshops and dredge and shore personnel?

*Answers:—*

(1) "The new dredger referred to by the Honourable Member will be owned by the harbour authority responsible for the ports of Brisbane, Urangan, Mourilyan, Lucinda and Weipa and it can be said at this stage that the vessel will be used for dredging in the ports of Brisbane and Weipa."

(2) "Responsibility for channel dredging in the Port of Cairns rests with the Cairns Harbour Board. If the Cairns Harbour Board or any other harbour board wishes to have the new dredger carry out work in any of the respective ports under their control, it will be a matter for negotiation between the Board concerned and the owners of the dredger. At this stage no such approaches have been made to the owners by any harbour board."

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS, CAIRNS  
HARBOUR

**Mr. R. Jones**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Conservation,—

(1) Were any hydrographic surveys undertaken within the Cairns Harbour by the Department of Harbours and Marine, the Cairns Harbour Board or Westminster Dredging Australia Pty. Ltd., prior to current dredging operations? If so, who performed the surveys and when were they carried out?

(2) Did the soundings in each or all of the surveys record any discrepancies and, if so, was the depth of 23 feet L.W.O.S.T., as indicated on the charts, found to be inaccurate?

(3) Was the contract figure for the dredge "Seven Seas" amended or renegotiated at any time and, if so, with what result?

*Answers:—*

(1) "Yes. Prior to dredging work being undertaken by Westminster Dredging Australia Pty. Ltd., a contract predredging survey was carried out by the Department of Harbours and Marine in early February, 1970."

(2) "This survey revealed the existence of an isolated area near the entrance to Trinity Inlet with a minimum depth of 20 feet, L.W.O.S.T."

(3) "At the present time negotiations are in hand between the Cairns Harbour Board and Westminster Dredging Australia Pty. Ltd. to increase yardage of dredging under the contract by a net amount of 4 per cent. It is estimated that the Harbour Board dredge *Trinity Bay* will shortfall the quantities of its dredging commitments to the channel development by about this amount."

HOUSING COMMISSION LAND, MOUNT  
GRAVATT SOUTH

**Mr. Newton**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Works,—

What area of land is held by the Housing Commission for housing development at Mt. Gravatt South and where is it situated?

*Answer:—*

"Newnham Road area, Upper Mt. Gravatt, 18 sites; Ham Road, Wishart, 188 sites; Beeregan Street, Wishart, 3 sites; Wecker Road, Mansfield, 126 sites."

STATE HIGH SCHOOL RESERVE, CARINA-  
BELMONT DISTRICT

**Mr. Newton**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Education,—

Has further consideration been given by his Department to my request for a high school reserve to be obtained for the Carina-Belmont district? If so, what are the details?

*Answer:—*

"The acquisition of a State high school site in this area has been investigated. The relevant report is at present under consideration."

MOOLOOLABA MARINE SERVICES PTY. LTD.

**Mr. Davies** for **Mr. Bennett**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Works,—

Further to his Answer to my Question on July 28, regarding Mooloolaba Marine Services Pty. Ltd., the successful lessee for the Mooloolaba slip project—

(1) Who are the directors of the company and what are their addresses?

(2) Have any of the directors any convictions and, if so, what are the details?

*Answers:—*

(1) "Meredith Ivan Van Sleave and Mona Lavinia Van Sleave, Tripcony Park, Caloundra."

(2) "Records of the Police Department show that a person of similar name to the director Meredith Ivan Van Sleave and who may be identical with that director, has been convicted of offences as follows:— Supreme Court, Brisbane, November 8, 1957, false pretences; Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane, November 25, 1957, false pretences (20 charges) and possession of property suspected stolen; Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane, April 19, 1963, stealing (2 charges)."

HOUSING COMMISSION OPERATIONS,  
WYNNUM ELECTORATE

**Mr. Harris**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Works,—

In relation to the Wynnum Electorate—

(1) How many Housing Commission homes were completed during the year 1969-70 for (a) rental purposes and (b) contract of sale?

(2) How many homes are under construction?

(3) How many applications for rental accommodation are lodged with the Commission?

(4) What areas of land are held on behalf of the Housing Commission for future building development?

*Answers:—*

(1) "Rental, one; Homeownership on applicants' land, three. In addition, a total of \$202,000 of Housing Agreement money was allocated direct to the Wynnum District Co-operative Housing Society No. 19 Limited."

(2) "Four. In addition, an initial allocation for 1970-71 of \$100,000 of Housing Agreement money has been made to the foregoing Society."

(3) "Applications are not listed under suburbs but applicants' preferences are taken into account as far as possible when allotment of houses is being considered on assessed priority."

(4) "An area off Sibley Road which would subdivide into 48 sites; one site in West Avenue for which house tenders are under consideration; twelve sites recently acquired in Gateway Street, Wynnum, are just outside the Wynnum Electorate in the territory of the Honourable Member for Belmont."

DRILLING, KING ISLAND

**Mr. Harris**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Mines,—

(1) What is the name of the company drilling in the immediate vicinity of King Island?

(2) What is the purpose of this drilling?

(3) On whose authority is drilling being carried out?

(4) Has this company a lease on King Island? If so, when was the lease signed and on whose authority?

*Answer:—*

"I am not aware of the nature of these operations. There are no current mining titles in this locality so no authority has been conveyed by the Mines Department.

DEVELOPMENT OF PORT ALMA AS  
COAL PORT

**Mr. Thackeray**, pursuant to notice, asked The Premier,—

In view of the statement made by the Deputy Director of Industrial Development, Mr. J. V. Bensted, in *The Morning Bulletin* of July 3, to the effect that economics precluded the development of Port Alma as a coal port, will he make a detailed statement on the matter?

*Answer:—*

"I am informed that, in a general survey of current and future developments in the Rockhampton region, the Assistant Under Secretary of the Department of Industrial Development (Mr. J. V. Bensted), whilst recently addressing a group of visiting journalists, extolled the virtues of the district, its resources and its undoubted growth prospects. In passing he expressed a personal view that Port Alma's future depended largely on its ability to increase its exports of commodities other than coal."

DELAY IN CONSIGNMENT OF DROUGHT  
RELIEF FODDER BY RAILWAY  
DEPARTMENT

**Mr. Tomkins**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Transport,—

Is any drought fodder bound for Queensland destinations held up at Wallangarra at present? If so, what is the reason and when is it expected that the delay will be overcome?

*Answer:—*

"There is no hold up by the Railway Department. The fodder is in the hands of the Transshipping Agent who is dealing with the wagons on behalf of his client. The Railway Department has been treating drought relief fodder as priority freight.

FINES PAID BY RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

**Mr. Bousen**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Transport,—

How many railway employees in the Northern, Central, South-eastern and South-western divisions were fined during the year ended June 30, 1970, and what was the amount of fines paid in each division?

*Answer:—*

"The information is not recorded in the form the Honourable Member is seeking."

## MOBILE BUSH-NURSING SERVICE

**Mr. Aiken**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Health,—

As many outback towns and areas are suffering acutely from lack of adequate medical and hospital facilities and service, will he institute a mobile bush-nursing service to provide these necessitous areas with an urgently-needed regular service?

*Answer:—*

“Many towns in remote areas of Queensland are provided with Hospital facilities or outpatient services conducted by Hospitals Boards. The Royal Flying Doctor Service provides an extensive medical service, emergency and routine, to outback centres of the State. The Flying Surgeon, operating from Longreach base, attends twenty centres in Queensland, undertaking both emergency and elective surgical procedures, as circumstances demand. Over 98,000 miles were flown by the Flying Surgeon in 1969-70, attending in excess of 2,000 patients. Planned visits to selected areas of the State are made by officers of this Department’s School Health Services and Dental Services. I am concerned at the Honourable Member’s statement that ‘many outback towns and areas are suffering acutely from lack of adequate medical and hospital facilities and service’ and would appreciate the Honourable Member indicating more specifically the areas to which he refers and details of the alleged deficiencies, so that I can have them examined.”

## REMOVAL OF VEHICLES INVOLVED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS

**Mr. Davis**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Works,—

(1) Is he aware of an accident that occurred on April 24, at the corner of Northey Street and Lutwyche Road, Windsor, which prevented traffic from using both inward and outward lanes from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m.?

(2) As traffic is continually being displaced by accidents on main roads in the metropolitan area, what plans are envisaged by the Police Department to facilitate and co-ordinate the clearing of vehicles wrecked in major accidents in the metropolitan area?

*Answers:—*

(1) “I am aware of a serious accident which occurred at the intersection of Northey Street and Lutwyche Road, Windsor, on Thursday, April 23, 1970, in which a person was killed and two vehicles destroyed by fire.”

(2) “On June 1, 1970, the Traffic Accident Appreciation Squad was formed in Brisbane for the express purpose of thoroughly and expeditiously investigating

all major accidents in the metropolitan area. It is anticipated that the activities of this Squad will result in the speedy reopening of roads which have been temporarily closed because of major accidents. Arrangements are presently being made for the formation and training of a police rescue squad and it is anticipated that the activities of this squad, when formed, will further assist in facilitating and co-ordinating the clearing of damaged vehicles from roads with a minimum of delay.”

## POLLUTION OF BRISBANE RIVER AND CREEKS

**Mr. Bromley**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Conservation,—

As there have been many reports of continued pollution and the dumping of car bodies and other rubbish in creeks in the suburbs of Brisbane, including Breakfast, Bulimba and Norman Creeks, what action is being taken to (a) apprehend the offenders and (b) clean these creeks by eliminating the existing pollution?

*Answer:—*

“In all cases reported to the Department of Harbours and Marine of the dumping of rubbish in creeks in the suburbs of Brisbane, inspections have been made and where the offenders have been detected, written orders to remove the rubbish have been issued by the Department. Officers of the Department patrol the waters of the Port of Brisbane frequently to clear flotsam and rubbish from those waters. Such patrols are carried out two to three times per week from the port office to the mouth of the river and once per week upstream from the port office. A patrol is carried out in Breakfast Creek twice per week. In addition officers in charge of all departmental vessels have been instructed to be on the look-out for flotsam and rubbish and to take all reasonable steps to remove it from the waters.”

## MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING LICENCES

**Mr. Bromley**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Transport,—

(1) How many new driving licences were issued and how much revenue was received from them in each of the years 1968, 1969 and 1970?

(2) How many provisional licences have been (a) issued and (b) revoked for (i) males and (ii) females, and for what reasons were they revoked?

*Answers:—*

(1) “In regard to new driving licenses, I refer the Honourable Member to the Annual Reports of the Commissioner for

Transport already tabled in this House. The latest figures will be available when the Annual Report for 1969-70 is presented later this year. On the matter of revenue I refer the Honourable Member to the appropriate Minister.

(2) "(a) 12,528—(i) 6,748, (ii) 5,780, (b) 67—(i) 67, (ii) Nil. Sixty-three were cancelled for accumulation of four demerit points and 4 for other reasons."

[These figures are as at 30-6-70]

#### CONSUMER PROTECTION LEGISLATION

**Mr. Bromley**, pursuant to notice, asked The Premier,—

(1) Did his Government promise in the State election campaign to introduce legislation in relation to consumer protection?

(2) If so, is the delay in its introduction due to the fact that a private member's motion on consumer protection, standing in my name, was on the business sheet for the whole of the last session?

(3) As more than a year has elapsed since the election, will he have appropriate legislation introduced as speedily as possible?

*Answer:—*

"My Government is well aware of its promise to introduce legislation in relation to consumer protection and its intentions in this regard were referred to by His Excellency the Governor in his Speech at the Opening of Parliament on July 21 last."

#### TEACHER TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Mr. Bromley**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Education,—

(1) Is the committee which was set up to investigate teacher training and education still meeting? If so (a) how many meetings have been held, (b) when did it last sit and (c) who are the present members?

(2) If the committee is still functioning, when does it expect to conclude its investigations?

(3) When will the report be available to Members of this House and will it be published for the benefit of interested organisations and individuals?

(4) Is there any interim report available and, if so, will he have it published?

*Answers:—*

(1) "The Committee which was set up to investigate teacher education is still meeting. (a) and (b) It has held 33 meetings, the latest on June 24, 1970.

(c) The members of the Committee are—Mr. G. K. D. Murphy, Director-General of Education (Chairman); Professor G. W. Bassett, Professor of Education, University of Queensland; Mr. G. J. Black, Deputy Director-General of Education; Mr. A. G. Burge, Head Teacher, State School, Geebung; Professor W. J. Campbell, Professor of Education, University of Queensland; Dr. J. C. Greenhalgh, Director of Teacher Education; Mr. A. C. Growder, Principal, Kelvin Grove Teachers' College; Mr. A. J. Nimmo, Principal, Mt. Gravatt Teachers' College; Mr. G. Semple, President, Queensland Teachers' Union; Mr. W. Wood, Director of Special Education Services."

(2) "The Committee has concluded its investigations and is preparing a final draft of its report."

(3) "It is not possible to give a definite date when the report will be available. A decision on its publication will be made when it is received."

(4) "The Committee presented an interim report in June 1968, as a result of which Cabinet approved the introduction of three-year training for primary teachers in 1969. It is not intended to publish this interim report."

#### REPORT OF STEERING COMMITTEE ON BLIND WORKERS

**Mr. Bromley**, pursuant to notice, asked The Minister for Health,—

(1) When was the report of the steering committee set up to investigate and recommend future employment opportunities and other matters for blind workers, completed?

(2) Who were the members of the committee?

(3) Who and what organisations gave evidence during the investigation?

(4) As I contacted his Department and requested copies of the report for the Honourable Member for Greenslopes and myself and was refused, (a) how many copies of the full report and findings were prepared, (b) to whom were they made available and (c) why are not copies obtainable by all interested persons?

*Answers:—*

(1) "The report was received by me on August 19, 1969."

(2) "I would draw the attention of the Honourable Member to my answer of November 6, 1968 in reply to a similar question by him. The names of the members of the Committee were:—Mr. K. Stone, Solicitor (Chairman); Mr. K. W. Hooper, M.L.A.; Mr. M. Bryce, Physiotherapist; Mrs. M. Dickinson, housewife; Mr. A. Lobb, Principal, School

for the Deaf; Mr. E. E. Norman, Assistant Under Secretary (Administrative), Department of Health; Mr. V. Handran, Assistant Under Secretary (Services), Department of Health."

(3) "The report of the Committee indicated that information was supplied to them by persons associated with the education and welfare of the blind and by representatives of blind organisations including the Blind Workers' Union."

(4) "Initially the Committee was set up to investigate and report on certain aspects of the education, training and employment of blind people in Queensland. As indicated in my answer of October 9, 1969 to a question by the Honourable Member, Cabinet's decisions on the recommendations of the Committee would be made public at the appropriate time. A press statement was made by me on May 1, 1970, and I lay on the Table a copy of this statement."

*Paper.*—Whereupon Mr. Tooth laid upon the Table of the House the press statement referred to.

#### PAPERS

The following papers were laid on the table:—

Proclamation under the Forestry Act 1959–1968.

Orders in Council under the Forestry Act 1959–1968.

Regulation under the Motor Vehicles Insurance Act 1936–1969.

#### EXCISION OF WORD FROM MEMBER'S SPEECH

**Mr. AIKENS** (Townsville South) (11.57 a.m.): I rise to a point of order. In correcting the pulls of the speech that I made yesterday, Mr. Speaker, I noticed that a word had been excised. If that was done at your direction, I want to say that I am completely in accord with your action. I do not think that such a word should be allowed to befoul the pages of "Hansard". Yet recently, in the presence of women and children, it was loudly chanted with impunity in the streets of Brisbane by louts from the university and the left-wing section of the A.L.P., and they got away with it.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Order! The hon. member got away with it, too. I appreciate his agreement with my decision.

#### DEATH OF MR. A. G. MULLER

##### MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

**Hon. J. BJELKE-PETERSEN** (Barambah—Premier) (11.58 a.m.), by leave, without notice: I move—

"1. That this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the services

rendered to this State by the late Adolf Gustave Muller, Esquire, a former member of the Parliament of Queensland and Minister of the Crown.

"2. That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey to the widow and family of the deceased gentleman the above resolution, together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the members of the Parliament of Queensland in the loss they have sustained."

I was always glad to call the late Alf Muller a personal friend, and there were many other members of this House who also were glad to call him a friend. When he retired from the political arena at the end of the 38th Parliament in 1969 he had represented the electoral district of Fassifern continuously for 34 years. He was first elected to the 27th Parliament on 11 May, 1935.

The late Alf Muller was born and lived his lifetime of 80 years in the electorate he represented. After completing his primary education at the Boonah State School he took up dairying with his family. He first entered public life as a member of the Boonah Shire Council in 1919 and was chairman of that local authority from 1930 until his election to the Legislature in 1935.

He was an outstandingly successful farmer, and his practical knowledge, coupled with his ability to grasp the economics of primary production, earned him prominence in many primary industry organisations. He was, over a period of many years, a member and later chairman of the Butter Marketing Board, a member of the Commonwealth Dairy Equalisation Committee, a member of the Australian Dairy Producers' Export Board, and chairman of directors of the Queensland Farmers' Co-operative Association. He resigned from all these positions on his appointment to the portfolio of Public Lands and Irrigation in 1957.

Under the late Mr. Muller's administration important legislative measures relating to land administration, development of water resources for irrigation, and reforestation were introduced. Among them were the conversion to freehold tenure for farmers, graziers and residents of cities and towns who desired it, creation of the Land Administration Commission to assist the Minister in the administration of the land laws, introduction of a new tenure—brigalow lease—to encourage development of brigalow lands, and a far-reaching amending Bill to implement the recommendations of the Payne Land Settlement Advisory Commission. Passage of the Farm Water Supplies Assistance Act, construction of the Moogerah Dam and a start on the since completed Borumba Dam, in the Mary Valley, were also products of his administration.

The late gentleman relinquished his portfolio after the return of the Government in 1960 and for some months sat as an independent member. His return to membership of the Country Party was welcomed by

all his colleagues and, until his retirement, his experience and advice were of great value to the party, the Government and the State. His long and personal experience in land matters was of great value in the high counsels of producer organisations and in Parliament. He fought tenaciously for the welfare of all primary industries, but away from the heat of debate he was a friendly and helpful man to all who sought his acquaintance and advice.

I personally feel the loss of a friend. I am sure all hon. members feel the same, but we are glad that his son was able to follow in his footsteps as member for Fassifern. This does not happen very often in Parliament, and I know that the late Alf Muller's son, Mr. Selwyn Muller, will be a worthy successor to his father.

To Mrs. Muller, Senior, and to all members of her family I offer my deep personal sympathy. They have lost a dear husband and father, and we have lost a friend. I know all hon. members share this thought with me.

**Mr. HOUSTON** (Bulimba—Leader of the Opposition) (12.4 p.m.): It is customary for the Leader of the Opposition to second motions of condolence, but I realise that the Deputy Premier would wish to say a few words on this motion. I join with the Premier in expressing sincere condolences to the family of the late Alf Muller in their loss. Irrespective of a person's age, when the final call comes it is a great blow to those who are left behind. They share the burden of the loss.

It is worth recalling that the late Alf Muller gave 50 years of public service, and for perhaps more than 50 years devoted much of his time to the welfare of people in the Boonah area. It was a just reward for him to be eventually elected to Parliament and later to obtain Cabinet rank.

I agree with the Premier that, during Mr. Muller's term of office, much of his legislation was endorsed by all sections of this House. I cannot recall any of his Bills, other than land Bills, on which the Government and the Opposition had differing policies. In general terms, the Opposition agreed with his ideas on other matters.

It is a matter of regret, when a member ceases to serve this House and the community, that his term of retirement, as was the case with Alf Muller, is often so short. Although there have been some exceptions, many men who have served lengthy periods in Parliament have had their time of retirement cut all too short. I believe that is indicative of the tremendous mental and physical toll on anyone who is devoted to this form of public service. It seems that the let-down from constant work, thought and worry has an effect on one's physical condition.

This is not the time for long speeches, so I shall content myself by associating the Opposition with this expression of sympathy to the present hon. member for Fassifern, his mother and other members of the family.

**Hon. G. W. W. CHALK** (Lockyer—Treasurer) (12.8 p.m.): It is with sincere regret that I rise to support the motion of condolence moved by the Premier and seconded by the Leader of the Opposition. I knew the late Alf Muller long before I came to this House. My own family background has its roots in the Boonah district, and I knew the late Mr. Muller when he was elected to Parliament. At that time I did not visualise that, later in life, I would join him, firstly, for some 10 years on the Opposition benches. Whilst we occupied those benches there was no more rugged fighter, no keener debater, and no-one more sincerely dedicated to the dairy and other primary industries of this State than Alf Muller. Because of the service that he gave to this House, to the State of Queensland, to Australia, and to primary industries generally, it was a fitting recognition of his efforts that he was appointed as Minister for Lands when this Government came to power.

I sat with him for three years around the Cabinet table, and I am the only one remaining in this House who enjoyed that privilege. All his deliberations on the proposals that he brought to the Cabinet table and the party room were based on the utmost sincerity and in the belief that what he was proposing was for the betterment of the State and to the advantage of its people.

We saw the late Alf Muller, in later years, still toiling as a member of this House, and I know it was a personal regret to him that the time eventually arrived when he had to sever his connection with politics.

As the Premier said, it is a rare occasion when, on a motion of condolence, we have in the Chamber, representing the same electorate, the son of the person to whom we are paying tribute. But I believe that seeing his son elected to Parliament was the greatest reward that the late Alf Muller ever got from his political career. I know that he endeavoured to inculcate into his successor the tradition he set, so that the name of Muller would be continued in politics and so that the standards he set would be upheld.

As I said, I join with the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition and other hon. members in conveying to Mrs. Muller and all members of the family of the late Alf Muller the condolences of this House.

**Mr. MULLER** (Fassifern) (12.12 p.m.): Mr. Speaker, Mr. Premier, and members of this Assembly: For me, this is rather an emotional experience. This privilege has been afforded to me by the electors of

Fassifern. I have listened intently to the comments of the previous speakers, and I have noted the attitude of hon. members.

I should like to refer briefly to some of the experiences I had with my late father. His attitude to life and his dedication to duty—perhaps I may be forgiven for saying this—frequently amazed me. It would be folly to suggest that there were no times of extreme political adversity. Even on those occasions I found him to be completely loyal to the people he represented and dedicated to the cause of all the people of Queensland.

When the dust was commencing to clear after the most recent election and I, for the first time, became partly conscious of the responsibilities which lay ahead of me; I said to him, "What do I do now?" He replied, "Use your common sense. If you have anything worth while to say, have the courage to say it; if you wish to comment but are not aware of the facts, remain silent." This was his advice to me, and, in my opinion, it was very sound. That is how we knew him; that is how we will remember him.

I wish to convey, on behalf of his family, our sincere thanks for the way his passing was acknowledged and for the splendid tribute paid to him by according him State ceremonial honours.

If I may digress slightly, I should like to pay a special tribute to three officers of the Premier's Department. I should like their names placed on record. They are Mr. Keith Spann, Mr. Ron Reid, and Mr. Graham Swan. They are the three gentlemen who, during the course of the week-end, willingly gave of their time to go to Boonah and assist me with the arrangements that had to be made at a time when perhaps people are not thinking particularly clearly and require help. I appreciated their efforts and their services.

If I were to sum up my attitude to all those who assisted me during the past week, which was, I openly confess, a fairly difficult time, I would use two words. They are, "Thank you".

**Mr. AIKENS** (Townsville South) (12.16 p.m.): As we go through life, certain incidents occur that imprint themselves indelibly on our memories; it is indeed unfortunate at times that we cannot remember them all. The late Alf Muller, however, is imprinted on my memory very indelibly, perhaps because of the circumstances that I am about to relate.

I entered this Parliament a number of years ago, and if I said that my first years in this House were ones of phrenetic turbulence, that would be perhaps the mildest expression I could use. I had been in the House only a few weeks when I became involved in a very serious altercation in the Speaker's lobby. Being a young member, I did not know what precedents I was smashing or really what I was doing; I just wanted to get on with the job in hand.

I had no friends who would come out into the lobby with me. Although he was a perfect stranger to me at the time, Alf Muller came out, with Jim Sparkes, and said, "If you won't go down to the lawn but insist on remaining here, at least all we can do is stay here and see that you get a fair go". And they did just that.

I always thought very kindly of Alf Muller after that incident. Anybody can be a friend when things are going smoothly. The time that a person really needs a friend is when his days are blackest, and on one of my blackest days this almost perfect stranger came up and said, "We will see you get a fair go".

I did not know very much about Alf Muller, except as another member of this Assembly, till a set of very unfortunate circumstances forced him into sharing the room that was facetiously known as "Uncle Tom's Cabin" with the late Arthur Coburn and me. Later, of course, he went into the big room near the lobby, with Mr. Diplock, Mr. Adair, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Walsh and me.

From being in the same room with Alf Muller I got to know him very well indeed, and the longer I knew him the more highly I thought of him. He was a rugged individualist in every sense of the word. He was under no obligation to any man, and he did not want any other man to be under an obligation to him. It is indeed unfortunate that his type is passing away. He was one of those men who can stand on their own feet and go out and do their own work with their own hands and their own ability, and it is indeed very unfortunate that men like Alf Muller are a vanishing race. That is one of the tragedies of life, and I regret it very much indeed.

In debate, and in fact in his room and around the House, Alf Muller was a man with a rather sharp wit, and at times a rather keen sense of humour. He had the capacity to sum up an argument very succinctly, and at times he could hit very hard. I have been credited—or discredited—with having said certain things about certain men. I have no regrets for having said them; perhaps if I had my time over again I might not say them. But I do not think I have ever said anything as cutting as the late Alf Muller's remark to an hon. member to whom he had a particular antipathy. He very quietly interjected on one occasion during a debate, "If you were dead in the bush, the goannas wouldn't eat you."

I think, too, that his summing-up on the fluoride question—I am not going into the merits or demerits of the question—when he said, "Why should I be compelled to take something that I don't want and don't like for a condition that I haven't got?" came closer to the point than any other remark made during the four or five days of debate on that subject.



Then, too, he had a country sense of humour. I can remember an occasion—I think you were in the chair, Mr. Speaker—on which I was expatiating at length on the traffic snarls that were occurring in the main cities of this State. I was not very much concerned about Brisbane; I was concerned more about traffic snarls that were occurring in Flinders Street, Townsville, during peak hours. The late Alf Muller cut me down to size by saying, “Nearly as bad as on pig day at Boonah.”

I join with other hon. members in expressing sincere condolences to the family of the late Mr. Muller, and to his friends and associates, on his passing. I repeat: he was the type of man who belonged to the days gone by, and I very much regret that he has gone from us. However, he at least did something worth while when he was here, and I am reminded of a plaque that I saw in Parliament House, Wellington. I think the words on it could be repeated here because I do not know anyone to whom they have more specific application than the late Alf Muller. I think that plaque was to one of the former Prime Ministers of New Zealand, and on it were these words—

“So when a great man dies,  
For years beyond our ken,  
The light he leaves behind him lies  
Upon the paths of men.”

I think the late Alf Muller, by his style of life, his way of conducting himself as a man and a parliamentarian, has indeed left a light not only on the pathway of the politicians who come after him but also on the pathway of the future citizens of this State.

I again extend my condolences to the widow and the family of the late Alf Muller.

**Mr. WHARTON** (Burnett) (12.22 p.m.): I wish to associate myself with this motion of condolence and to endorse the remarks of those hon. members who have spoken already. I came to know the late Alf Muller very well indeed through his association with the dairying industry. He was, as you know, Mr. Speaker, chairman of the Queensland Co-operative Dairy Companies Association, chairman of the Queensland Butter Marketing Board, and a director of the Producers' Co-operative Distributing Society Limited. In addition, he was associated very closely with the Queensland Co-operative Bacon Association.

I pay a tribute to the late Alf Muller for his work and for the useful and beneficial contribution that he made to the private sector of the economy of the State, particularly in the dairying industry and more particularly on the marketing side of that industry. I pay tribute also to his work in this House when he was Minister for Lands and Irrigation, and mention particularly the legislation that he introduced relative to the farm water supplies scheme which has had such a wide and beneficial influence on the

people of this State. The wise counsel of the late hon. gentleman had a big influence on my decision to try to enter this Assembly, and he is to be commended for his service to the people of Queensland through this Assembly.

I join with other hon. members in expressing deep sympathy to his widow and family.

Motion (Mr. Bjelke-Petersen) agreed to, hon. members standing in silence.

## ADDRESS IN REPLY

### RESUMPTION OF DEBATE

Debate resumed from 4 August (see p. 247) on Mr. Heatley's motion for the adoption of the Address in Reply, on which Mr. Houston had moved the following amendment:—

“Add to the Address the following words:—

“However, it is the opinion of this Legislature that your advisers have, by their actions, shown themselves unworthy of the high office they now hold and, as a result, they no longer hold the confidence of the people and this House.

“For the following, and other, reasons they show they are unworthy of their high offices:—

Acceptance by some Ministers of a preferential share offer by Comalco; expressed satisfaction by the Premier of the Commonwealth's treatment of Queensland at the last Loan Council and Premiers' Conference in the face of the fact that there is a grave need for more money for housing, development of electrical power, water conservation, drought relief, flood mitigation, provision of adequate hospital and dental services, provision of more normal and special schools and kindergartens and modern teaching aids; their failure to bring industrial harmony to our State; their failure to take active steps to halt the sharply rising costs of living and exploitation of consumers; failure of Ministers to obtain for this State a just return for the State's natural resources and allowing exploitation and destruction of many of our natural assets, such as the Cooloola Sands Mass and surrounding areas; their failure to curb rising costs and take practical steps to find payable markets for our primary products; their failure to take effective steps to stop pollution of our air, water and land; their failure to resolve the question of freight discrepancies throughout the State and to implement a system of encouraging decentralised development; failure of your advisers to provide security for all Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders and to recognise them as fellow Queenslanders; their failure to

deal with the intolerable situation which has developed within the Police Force under their administration; their failure to conduct a full public inquiry to allay public disquiet over the operations of the T.A.B. and its investments; failure to legislate to give long service leave conditions to all workers in industry, irrespective of their employer or calling."

**Mr. LEE (Yeronga) (12.25 p.m.):** I join with other members of the House in congratulating the mover and seconder of the Address in Reply. In moving it the hon. member for Albert, Mr. Bill Heatley, displayed the talents he had already shown as a senator in the States House, and I am sure that we can look forward to many worth-while contributions from him in this Chamber.

I also congratulate the hon. member for Burdekin, Mr. Val. Bird, on his very fine speech in seconding the motion. He too has proved his worth by the very fine contributions he has made to debates in this House.

I take the opportunity now of expressing, on behalf of myself and my constituents, our loyalty to Queen Elizabeth II, and I again wish to thank the people of Yeronga for their trust in me by electing me for a third term against the A.L.P. candidate who opposed me. I think that amply demonstrates their common sense.

While in the congratulatory stage, I should also like to congratulate the Minister for Transport, Mr. Knox.

**Mr. R. Jones:** What for?

**Mr. LEE:** The hon. member would not know, but, as other hon. members know, he has dieselised the railway system throughout Queensland. This has called for tremendous capital outlay by the Government, but it was done in fulfilment of one of our election promises. We have never yet failed to fulfil a promise and we never will.

However, the interstate shunting yards, commonly known as "Yeerongpilly" and "Clapham Junction", are in my electorate and, whilst the Queensland Railways have dispensed with steam locomotives, the New South Wales railways are still using them for shunting purposes. I have received many complaints from constituents who wrongfully, but not wilfully, blame the Queensland Government for the soot problem caused by these locomotives. Through you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I direct to the Minister a plea to approach the New South Wales Government to see if something can be done about the soot problem resulting from the use of these steam locomotives. He will readily appreciate that the westerly winds experienced over the past few weeks have added greatly to the problem and, instead of affecting the area for possibly 100 yards, the soot has been travelling a distance of

some miles. I appeal to the Minister to endeavour to do something about this matter.

Whilst I am dealing with the soot problem, I think I should also say something about the Tennyson Power House. Hon. members know that I have spoken about this matter on many occasions. People are apt to forget what the Government does for them. After much debate and many discussions I succeeded in having the Government spend over \$1,000,000 on the eradication of soot from the Tennyson Power House. Whilst the measures that were taken have not been 100 per cent. effective, they have been at least from 95 to 98 per cent. effective.

**Mr. Davies:** Surely you don't claim credit for that expenditure.

**Mr. LEE:** I only claim credit when it is due. That is more than I can say for the hon. member for Maryborough. He is like a little galah.

**Mr. Wright:** You certainly sound like one.

**Mr. LEE:** You are a galah because you are a little bit pink. I couldn't call you red, but I can call you a galah because you are pink.

**Mr. Wright:** I am not a "scab".

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Ramsden):** Order!

**Mr. LEE:** Returning to the point I am making, I ask: why should the people in the Yeronga electorate be made to suffer this treatment? After all, the electricity generated at the Tennyson Power House is reticulated throughout the whole of South-eastern Queensland. Why should they have to suffer?

**Mr. Davis:** Bad representation.

**Mr. LEE:** I have already said that I have had over \$1,000,000 spent on it. You could hardly call that bad representation.

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order! I remind hon. members that I want them to address their remarks to the Chair. Further, I do not want this cross-current of information and private conversation.

**Mr. LEE:** It is foolish to spend \$1,000,000 on solving one problem when nothing is done to solve another. Every day of the week between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. steam is discharged into the boilers at the Tennyson Power House to clean them out. The noise that this operation makes is terrific; it has to be heard to be believed. The hon. member for Kurilpa knows what I am talking about. The noise can be heard within a radius of 1 mile from the power-house, and every morning at about 4 or 5 o'clock the residents in that area are awakened by it. I have written to the Minister about the problem, and he is aware of it.

Again I ask: why should the people of Yeronga be made to suffer this? They had no say at all in the decision to construct the power-house. It was built by the Brisbane City Council and was a legacy taken over by this Government. We have spent a huge sum of money on the eradication of soot, so let us go further and allow the residents near the power-house to live peacefully instead of being awakened every morning at 4 or 5 o'clock.

Many members of the Opposition have screamed about the noise made by aircraft. I remind them that in Brisbane aircraft are not permitted to take off before 6 a.m. or to land after 10 p.m. Yet the boiler-cleaning operations at the power-house are conducted at about 4 a.m., and the noise is much louder than that made by any jet aircraft.

The Minister has said it would take time to provide a solution to the problem. However, it has been going on for too long. I appeal to him to do something urgently. After all, we are tackling the problem of pollution of our environment, so it is not unreasonable to ask that the residents of Tennyson be provided with a pleasant environment.

I will now quote from a report in the Mackay "Daily Mercury," of 11 April this year, following the local authority election. This extract from a statement by the Federal A.L.P. member for Dawson, Dr. Rex Patterson, emphasises the hypocrisy of the A.L.P. I say deliberately that it emphasises how hypocritical A.L.P. members can be. Complete proof of this is provided by the history that I will trace. Dr. Patterson is reported in "The Daily Mercury" as saying—

"The Councils of our area should also give consideration to the possibilities of changing the principles underlying Council elections.

"The Mackay District as a whole, as distinct from individual personal choices, should not be satisfied with the results of the last election.

"The district saw the loss of three highly experienced councillors—Mr. Muller from Pioneer, Mr. Wall from Mackay, and Mr. Wood from Mirani."

Dr. Patterson then said—

"This district is not yet rich enough in experienced councillors that it can afford to lose these three men at once."

**Mr. Davies:** Is there anything wrong with that?

**Mr. LEE:** Nothing at all. I do not disagree with it. But later on I will demonstrate the disgusting hypocrisy that I have mentioned.

After a little more hypocrisy, Dr. Patterson said—

"The sudden-death method by which an experienced councillor chairman could be

excluded completely from the council was certainly not in the best interests of this district."

I agree with that statement entirely. I do not think it has anything hypocritical in it, but I am coming to that. The chairman, of course, was Mr. Muller.

I now propose to read a letter written before the election by the same Dr. Patterson, the Federal A.L.P. member for Dawson, in which he urged Labour support for the Independent Action team and cried for the defeat of Mr. Muller.

**Mr. Marginson:** Is it a long letter?

**Mr. LEE:** It is long enough to embarrass the hon. member

This is the letter that Dr. Patterson wrote—

"Australian Labour Party  
"Dawson Federal Divisional Executive,  
96 Wood Street,  
Mackay, 4740,  
13 March, 1970

"Re: Pioneer Shire Council Elections

"As you know, it has not been possible for the A.L.P. to nominate an officially endorsed Labour team for the Pioneer Shire Council elections to be held on Saturday, April 4th.

"The next best thing, however, was to secure a pro-Labour team. This has been done and no doubt you have seen the publicity given to the Independent Action Team. Mr. Michael Mochin of Slade Point will contest the election against Mr. Muller for Chairman."

This is the Dr. Patterson who was crying out about how terrible it was to lose such talented, good men.

The letter continues—

"Members of the Independent Action Team in No. 1 Division include Mr. John Breen, President of the North Mackay Branch of the A.L.P. and accountant at John Forsyth, Mr. Tom Taylor, member of the A.L.P., and manager of the Butter Factory in Mackay, Mr. Ray Jackson, businessman of North Mackay (he has a bus run and is proprietor of Ray's Diner) and Mr. Roy Trevaskis, a cane farmer of Farleigh. Both Mr. Jackson and Mr. Trevaskis are supporters of the A.L.P.

"No. 2 Division which is of direct interest to yourself is being contested by Mr. Neville Sommer of Walkerston and Mr. Herb. Bovey of Munbura of the Independent Action Team. Both are cane farmers. Although both men have no connection with any political party they are opposed to the Country Party and are supporters of mine. Mr. Sommer has made direct contributions to the F.D.E. to help fight the Federal election campaign.

"In No. 3 Division members of the Independent Action Team are Mr. Denis White, Stationmaster and member of the

Calen A.L.P. Branch, Mr. John Blessas, garage proprietor and Mr. Joe Chambers, engineer and cafe proprietor of Calen. Both Mr. Blessas and Mr. Chambers are supporters of the A.L.P."

**Mr. Hanlon:** Are you putting this to music?

**Mr. LEE:** The hon. member will hear how hypocritical these people are. Hon. members should listen to the next part of the letter, which reads—

"You may have seen where Mr. Uprichard, a member of the North Mackay A.L.P. and a former candidate for the State Election, is not standing in the Independent Action Team. He declined to stand in the pro-Labor team and instead is standing in conjunction with Mr. G. Graves who is secretary to Mr. R. Camm and Mr. Breckell of North Mackay. Both Mr. Breckell and Mr. Graves are well known strong opponents of the A.L.P."

I am now coming to another part of the letter to build up this story.

The letter continues—

"I might add that the North Mackay Branch of the A.L.P. has taken disciplinary action against Mr. Uprichard to the degree that it has stripped him of all official positions in the A.L.P. connected with the North Mackay Branch. The matter has not been referred to the Q.C.E. in Brisbane because, as you can imagine, more drastic action would be taken."

It is Dr. Patterson who is saying this, not me.

The letter continues—

"I do hope that you can arrange for some support for members of the pro-Labor team particularly with respect to how-to-vote cards on election day as well as distribution of any pamphlets which might be necessary.

"One matter which does concern me with respect to Division 2 in which I have received many enquiries is with respect to Mr. Ned Casey. It was the intention of the Independent Action Team to support Mr. Casey in Division 2 in addition to their own members Mr. Sommer and Mr. Bovey. However, Mr. Casey whom it was thought was a strong A.L.P. supporter has in fact signed the nomination form of Mr. Gus Muller a leading Country Party man who is opposing Mr. M. Moohin, a pro-Labor man. As you know Mr. Muller has no time whatsoever for the A.L.P. It was the original intention of the Independent Action Team to put Mr. Casey on their how-to-vote card but I feel that this will not be done now.

"As you know, all other teams or members standing are supporters of the Country Party or fence sitters who run with the hares and hunt with the hounds.

It is my hope that you and your supporters will be able to help the Independent Action Team in some way or other.

"Yours sincerely,

"(Sgd.) Rex Patterson,

"Secretary—Dawson F.D.E."

It will be seen from the letter that I have read that Dr. Patterson went to considerable trouble to manipulate the candidates, and to put pressure on those who did not see eye to eye with him. Even the unfortunate Mr. Casey, who had the audacity to nominate Mr. Muller, became the subject of Dr. Patterson's hostility, and I do not think Dr. Patterson gave him too much support.

So far as I can see, there was not even a "crocodile" tear shed for Mr. Uprichard, who refused to toe the party line and was stripped of all official positions. That is typical of the actions of the A.L.P.; one has only to look through their ranks to see that. I do not have to mention names. I wonder what "drastic action" the Q.C.E. would have taken if this matter had been referred to them. I leave that to the judgment of hon. members.

**Mr. Aikens:** Dr. Patterson is only a ring-in A.L.P. man himself. He didn't have a ticket when they selected him to run for Dawson.

**Mr. LEE:** That would be true. I acknowledge that interjection, because the hon. member for Townsville South is much more knowledgeable than I am about things that happen in the North.

I point out that the A.L.P. did not even have an official team in the council elections, and one wonders to what length Dr. Patterson would have gone had there been one. If the Federal member for Dawson wants to interfere in local authority elections, why does he not come out in the open and do it?

**Mr. Wright:** Is this the basis of your speech?

**Mr. LEE:** There is a lot more to come, and the hon. member might be included in it. He is just a little boy growing up.

Are members of the A.L.P. becoming so used to underground intrigue and activity that they fear exposing their actions to the light of day? We had the same type of thing at the last State election, with the issue of scurrilous and anonymous pamphlets attacking opponents of the A.L.P. We have seen that over and over again. We do not want this type of cloak-and-dagger activity in this State; we can well do without it.

There is no doubt that there is a growing encouragement of this kind of thing in the A.L.P., and I believe that a few members of the Opposition, but not too many of them, in this House were surprised at the extent of Communist infiltration in unions affiliated with the A.L.P. when they were named recently in an answer given by the Premier to a question asked in this House. The

Leader of the Opposition has been trying to "crab out" during the last two or three days by asking a number of questions.

**Mr. Aikens:** They've got the skids under him.

**Mr. LEE:** I agree. I shall talk about that matter later.

No reasonable member of the Opposition believes that the "Treason Room" was established in the Trades Hall because the run of rank-and-file unionists wanted it. Only a few days ago the Communist Party suggested that sanctuary be given in South Australia to those who refuse to abide by the law and accept registration for National Service. South Australia, of course, is the only State in Australia with a Labour Government and, again, the only State with a Premier who has openly advocated breaking the law in regard to National Service. I say that Mr. Dunstan should be ashamed of himself.

I should like to hear some member of the Opposition—I issue this challenge quite openly—say during the present debate that he is opposed to the setting up of the "Treason Room" in the Trades Hall.

**Mr. Davies** interjected.

**Mr. LEE:** I challenge the hon. member for Maryborough to rise and say that he is opposed to the establishment of the "Treason Room" in the Trades Hall. No hon. gentleman opposite will do that. They are all tied by the Q.C.E. and dare not do it. If they do, they will, like poor old Mr. Uprichard, be stripped of all their official positions. If hon. members opposite had the intestinal fortitude to say it, it would be a setback to Communist control of the Trades Hall in Queensland. I say definitely that it is obvious that members of the Opposition in this House are afraid to speak out against the establishment of the "Treason Room" and against the men who are gradually, but very surely, taking over their affairs.

**Mr. Aikens:** They are chicken-hearted.

**Mr. LEE:** No, that is not the reason. It is just that they are not game because they would lose their position as members of Parliament if they did.

Only recently hon. members read in the Press that Dr. Cairns went to Hanoi, in North Vietnam, and to the U.S.A. to try to bring back Communist recruits to stir up the Communist element in the community and guide hon. members opposite into further acts of treason, and so on. He was over there getting advice and trying to bring people back to put into the "Treason Room". That sort of thing is going on in South Australia, and it has now begun in Queensland.

On 28 July this year, Mr. McGarvie said that an outer power body controls the A.L.P. in Victoria. It is only when a politician who is a member of the A.L.P. resigns his seat that he is able to say what

he wants to say. Hon. members opposite are bound by the Q.C.E. and can say only what the Q.C.E. allows them to say. For the edification of hon. members I will read portion of a newspaper report that I have here—

"The letter said: 'Over the years I have come to realise that the Victorian branch is controlled in every relevant area by a powerful outside group.'"

**Opposition Members** interjected.

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr. Ramsden): Order! I am finding it increasingly difficult to hear what the hon. member is saying.

**Mr. LEE:** I was quoting what this gentleman said—and he was a gentleman because he was sensible enough to get out of the A.L.P.

The letter goes on to say—

"This group is commonly called the Trade Union Defence Committee group.

"In practice it controls the selection of the names to be placed on a ticket for the State executive at the annual conference.'"

**Mr. Houston:** That is what Alex Dewar said about the Liberal Party.

**Mr. LEE:** The hon. member is trying to imply that A.L.P. members are not controlled. This man was in their ranks for years and years, and he knows the whole inside detail of what goes on. This is what he writes—

**Mr. Houston:** That is what Alex Dewar said about you.

**Mr. LEE:** If the hon. member has so much to say he can rise and speak about the "Treason Room". However, I ask him to let me have a bit of a "go" now.

The article continues—

"It controls sufficient votes at the conference to ensure the election to the State executive of every person named on that ticket, and the passing of every important motion on policy, organisation or penalty."

The Trade Unions Defence Committee comprises 18 unions . . ."

I will skip that part and continue with Mr. McGarvie's quoted letter—

"Through the control of the State executive it has the effective control of the State Parliamentary Labour Party."

That is the Labour Party, and that is what he says about it.

**Mr. Wright:** You have a lot of "bull" there.

**Mr. LEE:** The hon. member has a lot to learn about this House.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr. LEE:** It is not "red bull", as the hon. member is.

The letter continues—

“Labour candidates owe their selection and re-endorsement to the State executive of 33 sitting with only three representatives of the electoral bodies.”

That is why hon. members opposite dare not open their mouths. If they do, their heads will be promptly chopped off. I say here and now that the Coms control the A.L.P. in Queensland.

**Mr. Houston:** You're a liar.

**Mr. LEE:** I am not a liar.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Order! The Leader of the Opposition has used an unparliamentary expression. I ask him to withdraw it.

**Mr. HOUSTON:** I do so, Mr. Speaker; but, on a point of order, the hon. member for Yeronga has stated a deliberate untruth and I ask for its unconditional withdrawal.

**Mr. LEE:** I am saying what I believe to be correct, namely, that the Communist Party is ruling the Q.C.E., and, in turn, the A.L.P.

**Mr. HOUSTON:** I rise, to a point of order. I did not ask the hon. member to alter his statement; I asked for a complete withdrawal. The statement is completely untrue, and it is offensive to me.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Order! If the statement is offensive to the Leader of the Opposition, the hon. member must at least accept his denial.

**Mr. LEE:** I will accept his denial, but his calling me a liar is offensive to me and I ask him to withdraw the expression.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The Leader of the Opposition, at the direction of the Chair, has already withdrawn it. Will the hon. member for Yeronga please continue with his speech.

At 1 p.m.,

**Mr. SPEAKER:** If the hon. member wishes to complete his speech, under the provisions of the Standing Orders I propose to exercise my prerogative and allow him to do so. He has five minutes left.

**Mr. LEE:** I will let the people of Queensland draw their own conclusions, but this fellow McGarvie said that the Communists rule the A.L.P. in Victoria. I agree with him.

The Premier has already named 31 Coms. in 11 trade unions, and they have members of the Opposition by the throat. Labour members are not game to speak about treason rooms. The Leader of the Opposition tried to back down by saying he did not even know about them. He knows about them all right, but he is not game to say very much about them.

I feel that the House should be told of the activities at the Trades Hall, as that is the source of instructions laid down for A.L.P. members in this House, and

Opposition members cannot deny it. We would think that the Trades and Labour Council would employ A.L.P. members, but we could be excused for believing that it is an employment agency for members of the Communist Party of Australia.

I will read a list of the Communists in the Q.C.E. The secretary of the Trades and Labour Council, Frederick William Whitby—this was denied, I know, but the truth keeps coming out—is foundation director of the Marxist Research Foundation. Two members of his clerical staff, Cecily Margaret Cameron and Judith Ann Hamilton, are members of the Communist Party of Australia. The caretaker, John Pearce Penberthy, is also a member of the Communist Party of Australia, as are two cleaners, Agnes Lillian Hall and Edward Joseph Prohaska. It sounds as if he comes direct from Russia, direct from the Coms. I think he must have been sent out direct from Hanoi.

All this leaves no doubt in anyone's mind that at the Trades Hall special employment privileges are given to members of the Communist Party. How can members of the Opposition deny it? Wouldn't they think that the Trades Hall would employ A.L.P. members? But no; here are all these Coms. getting special privileges at the Trades Hall.

**Mr. Houston:** Did they tell you they were Communists? How did you get their names?

**Mr. LEE:** You would love to know, wouldn't you?

**Mr. Houston:** I would love to know.

**Mr. LEE:** As I said, there are special privileges at the Trades Hall for members of the Communist Party. As well, it is the obvious centre for the “Treason Room” and anti-Australian activities generally.

**Mr. Newbery:** Did you know they had Mao Tse Tung's photo on the wall in the “Treason Room”?

**Mr. LEE:** That is right; they would have his photo stuck up on the wall. That is to be expected.

Over recent weeks we in this State have had our share of industrial troubles, and very many people have suffered great inconvenience and, in some cases, extreme hardship. I was pleased to hear the Leader of the Opposition say in this House the other day that he deplored strikes. But when the Premier asked him to use his influence to help settle the recent gas strike and so give some relief to the aged and sick, he replied with a political gimmick and gave no consideration at all to the problems of the people of Brisbane.

(Time expired.)

Debate, on motion of Mr. O'Donnell, adjourned.

The House adjourned at 1.6 p.m.