

Enclosed screeds give details on wage discrimination against Aborigines and draw attention to the crucial nature of the Commonwealth Arbitration hearing next Tuesday. Every effort should be made to draw attention to this hearing. Exams notwithstanding SAFA members are urged :

1. To write letters to the press on the importance of the decision -- if they get enough they may print some.

2. Post the enclosed letters and on Monday, 23rd, send a teleg stating that you support equal pay for Aborigines to the one of the following contestants marked with biro :-

X Shearing Contractors Association of N.S.W.,
17 O'Connell Street,
Sydney.

United Farmers & Woolgrowers Association of N.S.W.,
10 Castlereagh Street,
Sydney.

3. If at all possible attend this hearing at the Commonwealth Arbitration Court, 119 Phillip Street, (Opposite 2GB) at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 24th.

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Some of these measures may seem drastic, but while these issues are settled by bureaucrats in back rooms then injustices will continue. Help bring it into the public gaze -- this will make liberalisation possible.

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Our SAFA badges have been printed but they were too late to be sold before term ended.

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Thanks to Chris Page for arranging the reprinting of extracts from Martin Luther King's famed letter from Birmingham City Jail. Sample is enclosed. You'll find the full text of this letter and a vivid description of the events surrounding it in his latest book, "Why We Can't Wait", available as a paperback from Pocket Bookshop, Penfold Place. Would make ideal light after-exam reading.

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Thanks to Chris also for the Christmas cards which I am assured are very attractive. They will be ready soon, so hold off buying your supply till then. Sample copies will be sent out to members.

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For those who don't know our full committee is as follows:

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| President: | Charles Perkins |
| Vice-President: | John Powles |
| Secretary: | Jim Spigelman |
| Assistant Secretary: | Beth Hansen |

Committee Members: Colin Bradford
David Ellyard
Margaret Hall
Ian Murray
Chris Page
David Sloper.

And for those who are on the committee here is a reminder for the next committee meeting :-

Monday, 14th December,
7.30.p.m. at Charlie Perkins'
27 Catherine Street, Forest Lodge.
(not far from the Mackie building)

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Arrangements are under way for our public Folk Concert at Paddington Town Hall on Thursday, 21st January.

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Dan Coward from the University of Tasmania says he and three other students are keen to join us in February -- should help to give our venture an interstate flavour. Participants are also expected from Victoria, Queensland and South Australia.

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A reading list is being prepared and suitable material from periodicals etc., being gathered into a reference library.

So far we have several reprints from Oceania magazine which give good detailed accounts of situations in rural N.S.W.

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A letter signed by Charlie Perkins, myself, Gary Williams Paul Cohen and Ken Buckley has been sent with explanatory material staff members in the faculties of Arts, Law and Economics. It incl the three letters for posting.

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Circulars like this are our only means of communication during the vacation. This one is going to all those who wrote the names on sheets handed around at meetings - some 85 students. Some of these will not be directly interested in SAFA's functioning during this long vacation and to these we simply cannot afford to send any more circulars. So, if you are one of the many who are interested taking part in the bus trip or in keeping informed on it then fill the section below and post it to :

Charles Perkins, 27 Catherine Street, Forest Lodge.

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Best wishes in your remaining encounters with the examiners.

JOHN POWLES.

NAME

Address

With respect to the proposed bus trip

I definitely wish to go
am undecided

S.A.F.A. TALKABOUT

No. II

December 1964.

There are still many Christmas cards left, their sale is absolutely vital to the successful financing of the bus tour. People who have sold the cards have met little or no resistance. Last minute efforts are required to sell those remaining, this would mean that those going on the tour would not have to pay as much. The cards can be picked up at the S.R.C. Office or at the General Meeting to be held on Monday, 21st December at the Foundation Building, 812 George Street. Remember your credit is good.

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Thanks to Chris Page for fixing the Xmas cards; to Paula Bloch for the Cover piece; and to Mr. Waters for printing the cards for free.

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Members should keep in mind the folk concert at which we hope to raise the balance of the money we need. This will be held in Paddington Town Hall on the 21st January. Members will be asked in early January to help out with the all important publicity, e.g. putting up posters.

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Thanks to all members who sent letters and telegrams to Graziers Association etc. on the equal pay for aborigines case.

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A Committee meeting was held on Monday, 14th December - apologies from Charles Perkins, John Powles, Colin Bradford and Dave Ellyard. This meeting set up four sub-committees to facilitate the pre-tour organisation.- Finance; Social Survey; Seminars and Training; and Itinerary. Any member who has any ideas on one of these topics should contact the Secretary at FJ7398. The names of people who could help out with formulating the questionnaire for the social survey, would be appreciated.

Many helpful suggestions were made at this committee meeting by Bill Ford and Sandra Silverman. They were involved in the "freedom rides" in the U.S.A. and, we look forward to further co-operation with them. Their knowledge of techniques to be used and the American publications they have collected should prove most helpful.

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A comprehensive bibliography is being compiled, however, as preliminary reading the following are both brief and easily available.

- J.H. Bell - "Aboriginal Education in N.S.W." - Aust. Quarterly J
1961
- J.H. Bell - "Officials Policies Towards the Aborigines in N.S.W."
Mankind Vol. 5 No. 8, No. v 1
- R. Fink - "The Educational Minority in our Educational System"
The Forum of Education Vol 22 No. 1 Mar. 1963.
- J. Horner - "Acceptance of Aborigines" - Australian Quarterly
December 1962
- Colin Tatz - "Queensland Aborigines - Aust. Quarterly September

Finally many members will probably have kept the two articles recently published on the "assimilation" U.S. "integration" issue in the Sydney Morning Herald - December 14th and 16th.

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For the U.S. situation members are again referred to Martin Luther King's "Why We Can't Wait".

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On behalf of the S.A.F.A. committee I would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jim Spigelman.

TALKABOUT - NO. 3

Over the Christmas break much progress has been made and there has been much constructive work for the forth coming tour done. The executive have met and formed 3 main committies:

- (a) itinerary
- (b) survey
- (c) preliminary tour

The 3 committees have also met and developments are:

(a) The Survey Committee - headed by Mr. C. N. Perkins and directed by Mr. T. D. Noffs have formulated a comprehensive survey needed to cover the towns we pass through on our tour. **This survey is the major factor around which our tour will revolve and at the General Meeting it will be outlined in detail.**

(b) The Itinerary Committee - under Ian Murray has the route all planned and has the time schedule for the tour arranged. This will also be elaborated on at the meeting.

(c) The Preliminary Tour Committee - under Chris Page have set out on the proposed route we will take. **At the meeting they will inform us on accommodation, travel times, nature of problems in the various towns and etc.**

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday, 13th January, 1965 at 7:30 p.m. sharp (if possible) at the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs 810-812 George Street (opposite Central Railway Station).

This General Meeting is most critical and all members and others are requested to attend. This meeting will demonstrate the progress so far made and indicate the future activities of S.A.F.A. I make a personal request to everyone to attend as a good attendance will justify the efforts of the small committees and the cause which we all believe in.

The Rev. T. D. Noffs who is a recognised authority on Aborigines and who has organised similar comprehensive surveys in the U.S.A. has agreed to organise and direct the survey for S.A.F.A. **He will give us direction and his vast experience in these matters.**

The BIG FOLK CONCERT will be at the Paddington Town Hall on Thursday the 21st of January, 1965. **At the meeting details of the Concert will be explained by Pat Healey. She has organised the Artists and publicity but needs some helpers for various chores.**

I will give a brief (5 minutes) talk on my recent tour by plane through N.S.W. and explain reasons why emphasis is now on the Social Survey aspect more so than the integrating of Cafe's, pool, etc.

Again I appeal to everyone to attend as this meeting will be interesting, dynamic and constructive.

Charles N. Perkins
Chairman

TALKABOUT - NO. 4.

Work has continued on the tour with an itinerary having been fixed and committees concerning the serial survey and the more overt of the publicity gaining acts have been formed.

To hear more of these committees and to hear the final arrangements for the seminars a GENERAL MEETING has been called for 7:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3rd at the FOUNDATION FOR ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS, 810-812 George St.

Among other things the Executive has made contact with the American integration group, the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee.

Seminars, which it is emphasised, all compulsory for those making the tour, will commence on Thursday February 4th. Seminars will take place almost every night after this, full programmes being ready at the next general meeting.

By the time of this general meeting, the tour will be imminent, thus the executive has requested that those intending to make the tour should make their deposits (£4) then. Only in this way can the numbers really going be known and correct arrangements be made.

The Folk Concert took place on January 21st. - all there enjoyed it and it netted some £72. We are grateful to Pat Healy who undertook the organization almost single handed, and to Mr. Walters who was responsible for the posters.

Other things which people are requested to do before the next meeting are:-

Obtain a bibliography of required reading for the seminars, from Jim Spigelman (Phone FJ 7398).

S.A.F.A. Badges are available from the Foundation, where Charles Perkins is most times of the day. Charles may be contacted at the Foundation at Phone 2110112.

Help is needed on the various Social Survey Committees and on the Demonstrations Committee. The Committee may be contacted through Jim or Charles. Meanwhile the Committee will meet on Monday February 2nd 7:00 p.m. at the Foundation. All are welcome.

The next meeting will be a vital one. Students minds must be made up finally and irrevocably about making the tour by then. S.A.F.A.'s dynamism depends on yours. Come!

S.A.F.A. TALKABOUT

No. 5

March, 1965.

The Annual General Meeting of Student Action For Aborigines will be held on Tuesday, 23rd March, at 1.00P.M. in the MacCallum Room of the Union. The Executive and the Committee of S.A. F . A . for 1965 will be elected at this meeting and all members are urged to attend.

There will be a S.A.F.A. party on Saturday 20th at the home of Chris Page, 1 Edith Street, Castlecrag. All S.A.F.A. members and friends are invited. At this party I intend to show the films I took of the recent bus tour (one of which has already been shown on Seven Days).

Ian Murray has expressed a desire to set up several study groups on aboriginal affairs. This is an educational function which S.A.F.A. has almost a duty to perform. All those interested should contact Ian at one of the General Meetings.

At the next S.R.C. meeting a motion will be discussed about donating £50 to S.A.F.A. All members should draw the attention of acquaintances on the S.R.C. to this possibility which would set S.A.F.A. on its feet financially and open the way for future action.

Another important activity for S.A.F.A. is to spread the idea of similar bodies to all other universities. Anyone on a committee of a university club could push through a motion asking the national union of that type of club to ask its constituents in other states to take the initiative in setting up a similar body. Furthermore any individual contacts at these universities could be asked to take an interest along these lines.

S.A.F.A. has taken a definite decision to demonstrate at the first election speech of all political parties for the coming state election. This will entail rushing up to Orange one night for the Country Party. All those interested in this action should hand their name in at a General Meeting for use by the Demonstration Committee.

The next major action by S.A.F.A. seems to have emerged at recent meetings. This would entail groups of 3 or 4 students visiting all aboriginal reserves with the idea of discussing their problems with the aborigines; possibly developing a log of complaints for the Aborigines Welfare Board and finally encouraging aborigines to enrol for the vote in their constituencies. This could be held over the May vacation.

Jim Spigelman

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S.A.F.A. TALKABOUT.

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As the May vacation draws closer S.A.F.A. will have to get moving with its proposed activities. As announced previously this would ent ail groups of 3 or 4 students spending about a week in towns with significant aborigine populations. The committee has adopted 3 main aims for this action:

- 1) To establish contact with, and support organization amongst; the white & aboriginal population.
- 2) To complete a log of claims & complaints from each town to present to the Aboriginal Welfare Board.
- 3) To encourage aborigines to register as voters.

This is a very important activity & all S.A.F.A. members should seriously consider participating. There will be a General Meeting to discuss the May action in the Badham Room of the Union on Tuesday May 4th. at 1p.m.

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Ian Murray has set out the framework for the study groups. There will be 5 groups:—

- 1) "Apologetics"— Answering criticism of S.A.F.A? and aborigines in general.
- 2) S.A.F.A. - What now?
- 3) General problems of aborigines throughout Australia and possible solutions of same? —including anthropical aspects of the situation.
- 4) Civil liberties & legal rights;— including land rights & government policy.
- 5) Aborigines in Sydney.

There will be a meeting of all those interested in the study groups in the Badham Room of the Union on Wed. 5th May, at 1P.M.

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I take much pleasure in announcing that our S.R.C. has finally made itself useful to S.A.F.A. by donating £50 to our worthy cause. The SHEETMETAL WORKERS UNION also donated £25. Both organizations have been cordially thanked.

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As most members will know, a S.A.F.A. group has been formed at U.N.S.W. It has Helped greatly in pre-election activities.

A group called Student Aboriginal Survey (S.A.S.) has been formed at Queensland University. S.A.S. organized a student petition to the Minister for Native Affairs and has demonstrated outside Parliament House, the demo. was broken up by the Police.

The A.L.P. Club at Uni of W.Aust. has announced its intention to organize a "freedom ride" in W.A.

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Suggestions are needed, quickly, for a S.A.F.A. float for the Commem Day procession Those with any ideas please contact Sue Johnson at WJII63.

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There will be a ~~stake~~ combined Sydney & U.N.S.W. S.A.F.A. dance at Ling Nam's on Sunday 16th May. Starts 7p.m., finishes about 1a.m.

Cost £1 a double- 12/- for a single boy & 10/- for a single girl. (All prices include food) . Come & bring your friends.

Tickets will be available s' n from Committee Members & S.R.C. office.