

Educational Forum

TRADE UNION TRAINING

MR JOHN BRUMM, a leader in trade union education in the United States, has been appointed by the Industrial Relations Centre of Victoria University of Wellington to head a team in determining the educational and training needs of New Zealand trade unionists, with special emphasis on the role of shop stewards.

The project is sponsored by the Engineering Union, the Trade Union Training Board, the Vocational Training Council, and the University.

Mr Brumm, recently education director of the International Association of Machinists in Washington, arrived in New Zealand late last year as a result of an approach by the New Zealand Engineering Union to the Industrial Relations Centre. Mr E. J. Keating will be associated with Mr Brumm as a special consultant.

An advisory committee consisting of the Federation of Labour's secretary, Mr W. J. Knox, and research officer, Mr D. B. McDonald; the Engineering Union's national secretary, Mr J. A. Boomer; the Vocational Training Council's director, Mr R. C. Stuart, and the Industrial Relations Centre's director, Professor F. J. L. Young, has been set up.

The basic aim is identification of the skills and training needed by union job delegates. Mr Brumm has spent almost 20 years organising and administering programmes for shop stewards in a wide range of industries in the United States and Canada.

1951 WATERSIDERS' REUNION

A reunion of loyal watersiders, wives, freezing workers, seamen, miners and supporters, will be held on the 25th anniversary of this historic dispute. It will be held in the **Sheraton Lounge, Mt Eden Road, Auckland, on Thursday, 22 July commencing at 7.00 p.m.-midnight.** Admission will be by Loyalty Card or other positive identification.

Tickets are \$10.00 each, which includes first class supper, all refreshments, entertainment etc.

RESEARCH ON WOMEN IN TRADE UNIONS

The reasons why the vast majority of women in New Zealand do not participate in the affairs of their union will be considered in a booklet to be published later this year. The booklet will examine, in three sections, why people do or do not become involved in their unions, the experiences of women who have become prominent in the union movement, and the attitudes towards women's participation of a number of Union Secretaries. The booklet, partially financed with a Department of Labour grant, is being researched by Alan Gair, management department, Professor John Howells, economics department, and Mrs Heard, all of Otago University.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SOCIETY MEETINGS

On Tuesday, 11th May, the Minister of Labour, Mr Peter Gordon, addressed the society in Auckland on the topic of redundancy and re-employment. On Wednesday, 23rd June, a forum will be held in the Discovery Room, Royal International Hotel, Victoria Street West, Auckland. The topic for discussion will be the question of voluntary unionism. Full details will be sent to members of the Society.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

25-27 May:

Advanced Personnel Management Practice
Auckland University.

9-13 August:

International Personnel Management
Conference, Massey University.

Term 2 Courses, Centre for Continuing Education, Auckland University (from May 31st):

Introduction to Economics.
Introduction to Ergonomics.
Introduction to Industrial Law in N.Z.
The Polynesian and Industry.

12-18 June:

Sixth Residential Seminar for Trade Union Leaders, Trentham. Industrial Relations Centre and Department of University Extension, Victoria University of Wellington, in conjunction with the New Zealand Federation of Labour and the Combined State Services Organisation.

University of Waikato, Tauranga extension course. Current Economic Issues (eight sessions, commencing June 1st).

The Industrial Relations Society of New Zealand Incorporated

was founded in 1974 by a group of people drawn from management, government, trade unions, the legal profession and the universities, who saw a need to improve communications among those working in all areas of industrial relations and to promote a wider understanding of industrial relations problems and practice in New Zealand.

The primary aims of the Society are to organise and foster discussion, research, education and publications within the field of industrial relations, and to bring together industrial relations practitioners to exchange ideas, share experiences, and develop greater understanding of industrial relations matters.

Enquiries concerning membership of the Society should be addressed to:

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- ◆ **Articles** that contribute to the advance of knowledge directly related to the practice of industrial relations in New Zealand or to the development of theoretical perspectives on industrial relations issues; the editors will strive to maintain some balance between the presentation of research findings and more speculative articles;
- ◆ **Commentaries** on current industrial relations events as seen by regional correspondents in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and, for a view of the Trans-Tasman scene, Sydney;
- ◆ Reviews of recent **cases in industrial law** and discussion of topical legislative matters;
- ◆ **Book reviews** and **research summaries**.
- ◆ **Opinion pieces** from members and correspondents, including literary contributions;
- ◆ **An educational forum** giving notice of forthcoming meetings, conferences, seminars, educational programmes and other activities of interest to New Zealand readers.

Articles and contributions should be submitted not less than six weeks prior to the date of issue and addressed to:

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