

Statement by the New Zealand Industrial Relations Society Incorporated

"In the August, 1982 edition of the New Zealand journal of industrial relations (Volume 7 No. 2) there was published an article written by Pat Walsh and entitled *Commentary: Myth and reality in industrial relations; moderates, militants and social contracts*.

At page 81 of that edition of the journal and in the course of the article referred to it was stated:

"It was predicted in some quarters that international affairs would generate considerable controversy. However with regard to the key question of FOL attendance at the World Federation of Trade Union (WFTU) conferences the right-wing Faction led by Neary (North Island Electrical Workers) and Trott (Harbour Boards Workers) were in a clear minority. Trott himself had to bear a stinging attack from Meatworker's secretary Blue Kennedy for his role in organising the anti-union faction at Oringi. It is probable that this did not help the cause of the right-wing."

The Industrial Relations Society of New Zealand wishes to disassociate itself from those words written of and concerning Mr Trott.

The Industrial Relations Society of New Zealand Incorporated apologises to Mr Trott for the publication of those words and expresses its regret for any embarrassment caused to him by such publication."