

APOLOGY

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

This article, a report and commentary on the 1982 FOL conference, included a reference to comments made about Mr R G Trott by the Secretary of the New Zealand Meat Workers and Related Trades Union Mr A J (Blue) Kennedy.

Mr Trott, a qualified lawyer, had been consulted by the Oringi Meatworkers committee for advice on the establishment of a separate branch of the Union at Oringi.

In describing Mr Trott's involvement as "his role in organising the anti-union faction at Oringi", Mr Walsh's article may have made it appear that Mr Trott organised or was one of those who organised an anti-union faction, and that Mr Kennedy had stated this.

In fact, Mr Kennedy referred to Mr Trott in his position as advisor to the Oringi meatworkers during their campaign for separate branch status.

Mr Walsh accepts that Mr Trott was retained as legal advisor by the Oringi workers, and that those workers were not an anti-union faction since they held or sought union membership at the time.

An apology is accordingly given to Mr Trott for any false impression created by the report.