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Govt to ban garbage fires

By JOHN O'HARA, State Political Correspondent

Open burning of municipal and industrial garbage will be banned from March 1 in the State's major urban areas.

The ban, authorised by the Minister for Health, Mr Jago, is a significant toughening of Government policy towards air pollution.

Until now the Government has preferred to rely on co-operation rather than compulsion in tackling air pollution.

But it has encountered a hard core of people in local government, industry, and even Government instrumentalities and departments who have not responded to this call.

They have continued intermittent open burning of refuse, causing public nuisance.

When questioned about this, say Government sources, they have frequently maintained that the burning was "accidental."

However from March 1 they will be liable to a maximum \$400 fine for each offence.

They will be confined to disposing of refuse either by filling and covering it with soil or by using approved incinerators.

Even building site fires in 44-

SOFT LINE ON POLLUTION FAILS

gallon drums will be banned since the drums are not approved incinerators.

Mr Jago said yesterday the open burning of refuse in tips and industrial premises often emitted objectionable smoke and irritating or odorous gases.

It was difficult at present to proceed against offenders on the ground that smoke and other emissions from burning exceeded the regulated pollution limits. Also testing was difficult.

Mr Jago said a survey of

open burning in the Homebush Bay area bounding the Parramatta River had shown that it was a big problem.

In 104 working days, 63 emissions had occurred — 11 of them above the regulation limits.

A survey of 57 tips in the metropolitan area had shown that open burning was officially practised at eight.

"It is considered that the only effective method of preventing

open burning is by prohibition," Mr Jago said.

He said the ban would not apply to domestic rubbish fires, agricultural fires, cooking fires, barbecue or picnic fires or refinery gas flares.

It would not apply to fires outside the specified areas.

These were the cities of Greater Cessnock, Greater Wollongong, Lithgow, Liverpool, Maitland, Blue Mountains, Newcastle, Parramatta, Penrith, Sydney and Tamworth.

Government authorities said last night that only two of the eight tips in the metropolitan area found to be officially practising open burning were municipal tips.

But private industry did not operate all the rest.

One authority said at least one tip was operated by a Government department. He would not name it.

He said the normal approved incinerator was one built of firebricks.

The secretary of the NSW Local Government Association, Mr N. T. G. Miles, said yesterday most councils did not burn off rubbish at their tips.

"There are some that do, but they use it in conjunction with the conventional land-fill method," he said.

"The regulation will certainly have some effect on them, but I couldn't say to what extent."

Mr Miles said the association supported any moves designed to reduce pollution.

Cremorne shooting drama: man arrested

Police arrested a young man in Orlando Avenue, Cremorne, last night after several shots were fired from an upper window of a two-storey block of flats.

Commonwealth scholarships

The list of Higher School Certificate students awarded Commonwealth scholarships is on Page 8.

Other examination results published today:

Technical College trade courses, Technical College medical technology, Pages 8-9.

Sydney University distinction and credit lists, Page 14.

Prophet in her own land

Australian-born Germaine Greer, champion of Women's Lib, is now visiting home. From New York Lillian Roxon looks at what Women's Lib has achieved and where it is going.

Experts in psychic phenomena have been interviewed by Australian actress Judy Champ in a recent round-the-world trip.

Today in the Women's Section.

Flooding feared

Flood warnings were in force for north-western NSW last night after a day of heavy rain. More than two inches fell at Bourke in nine hours.

The Weather Bureau said the Paroo, Culgoa and Warrego Rivers were in danger of flooding.

LATE NEWS

Fewer seats for smokers

Every second carriage on metropolitan trains is to be set aside for non-smokers from next month.

The Railways Commissioner Mr McCusker, said yesterday this would be done for a trial period when eight-car double-deck trains are introduced.

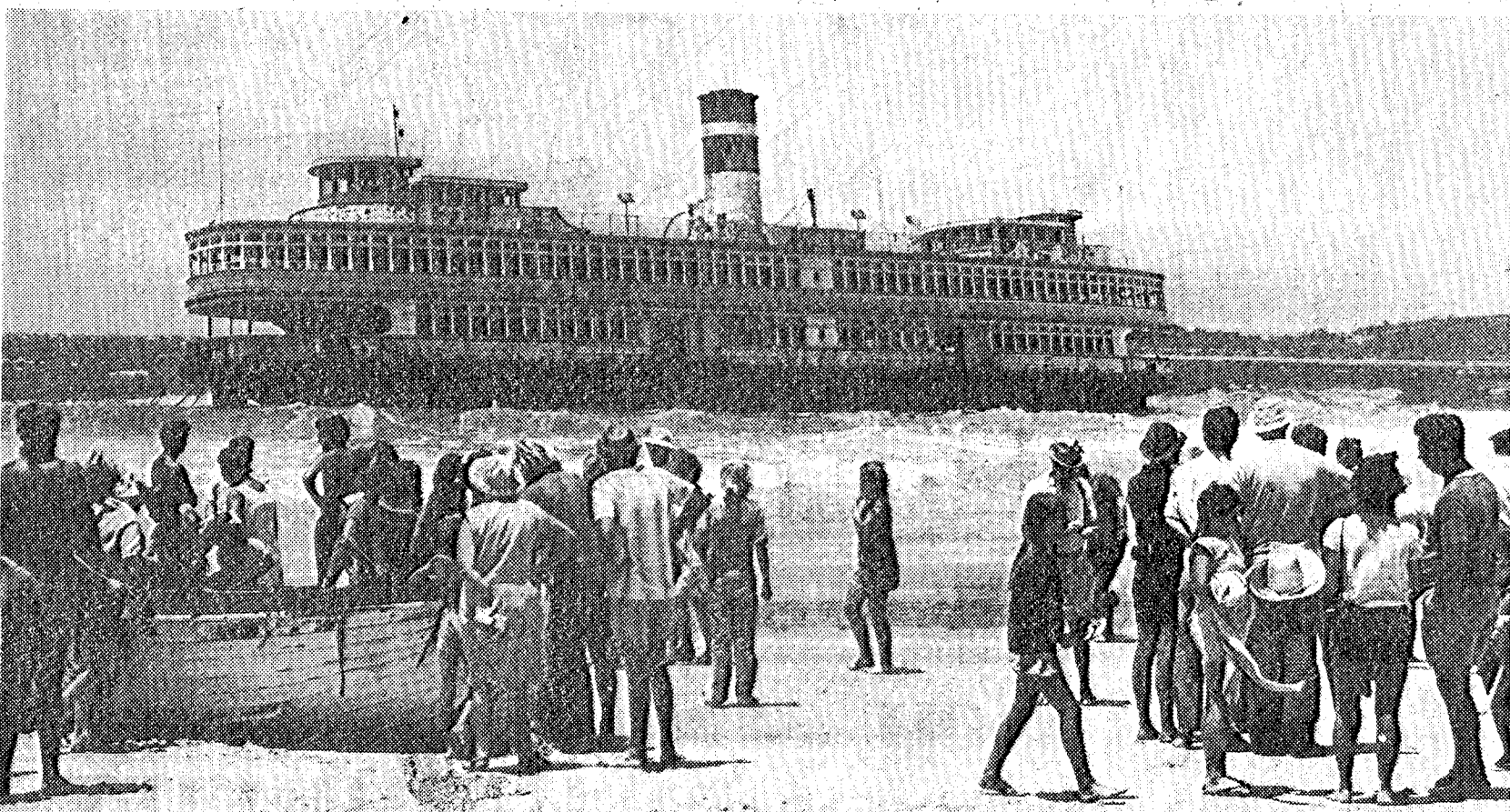
At present the NSW Railways sets aside only two carriages in eight-carriage trains for non-smokers.

Home loan rate up

The St George and Cronulla Permanent Building Society Ltd, with assets of more than \$130 million, is raising its mortgage rate to home purchasers from 7½ per cent to 7¾ per cent.

St George is the second largest member of the Permanent Building Societies' Association, behind the NSW Permanent Building Society.

Sydney's old showboat queen goes aground



The former Sydney showboat, Sydney Queen, after being washed on to South-West Rocks Beach yesterday. The ferry broke from its mooring in Trial Bay soon after noon. Attempts by the tug Polaris

to free it failed when the tow line snapped. The Sydney Queen lies only a few hundred yards from the ferry, Koondooloo, which was washed ashore on Sunday night.

Wool price up again

Prices improved again at yesterday's wool sales in Sydney and Fremantle.

At Albury they remained fully firm on Tuesday's improved market but at Geelong they tended in sellers' favour.

Sydney prices for merino fleeces and most other lines rose by 1c a kilogram and carding types by 2c a kilogram.

The trade took 98 per cent of the 18,686 bale offering, and the Australian Wool Commission only 1 per cent.

Trade buyers took 96 per cent of the 15,150 bale offering at Albury. The AWC bought 3 per cent.

At Geelong the AWC bought 5 per cent of 18,110 bales offered and the trade 94 per cent.

The trade bought 99 per cent of the offering at Fremantle at prices 2 per cent up on Tuesday's.

Wool house optimists, Page 7. Sydney details, Page 18.

King is weaker

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday. — King Frederik, 72, in a critical condition after a severe heart attack, was weaker today, a bulletin by his doctors said.

Bowen rejects 'dupe' charge on Cambodia

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Bowen, rejected a suggestion yesterday that an American campaign had led to an Australian decision to contribute to a fund to aid Cambodia.

Mr Bowen said the Australian Government reached its own decision to assist the Cambodian Government in this way in accordance with its objectives for the stability and economic development of the Indo-China region.

Mr Bowen was commenting on allegations in a US newspaper column by political writer Jack Anderson that the US Government had secretly prepared a letter-writing campaign for the Cambodian leader Lon Nol seeking contributions to the fund.

Mr Bowen said suggestions made in a version of the column reported in a Sydney newspaper yesterday — that the US Government had duped or misled the Australian Government — were completely inaccurate and without foundation.

In Washington, the State Department spokesman, Mr Charles Bray, said the US had helped Cambodia organise the fund because Cambodia was relatively unfamiliar with international procedures.

Mr Bowen said the question of multilateral support for Cambodia had been under discussion between Australia and Cambodia and among aid donors for almost a year.

On July 2, 1971, Australia received from Cambodia a request to participate in an exchange support fund.

This request was public knowledge and had been reported a number



Mr Anderson

would not however be the \$US3 million referred to in the Washington report but would be around \$US1 million.

"To the best of our knowledge no letter along the lines mentioned in the article has been sent to other heads of Governments," Mr Bowen said.

"Certainly no such letter has been received by the Prime Minister, Mr McMahon."

The US, as the major contributor, had discussed the question of contributions with Australia from time to time and was understood to have been active in seeking support from other donors.

Australia had done so itself, and Japan had also

taken an active interest, but most approaches had been made by the Cambodians.

"It would not be a new departure for Australia to contribute to the kind of support fund now being proposed," Mr Bowen added.

"Australia has for eight years been making an annual contribution of about \$US700,000 to a similar scheme, known as the Foreign Exchange Operations Fund, which has been set up for the Kingdom of Laos. This has proved to be a valuable stabilising influence on the economy of the country."

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — United Press International says Anderson, in his column, said American policymakers apparently did not "trust the Cambodian leader to write his own letters on such a delicate matter."

"One appeal was supposed to be addressed on a personal basis to other Heads of State who might have a little cash

to contribute to the fund," Mr Bowen said.

But he added: "So that the scheme may receive a fair trial, the earnest co-operation of every player is requested."

Mr Moyle's circular has surprised many Sydney bowlers.

Mr Harold Hill, who played in more than 100

Big WA uranium find

By the Financial Editor

Western Mining Corporation Ltd, the pioneer discoverer of nickel in Australia, has outlined a large, but yet undefined, deposit of uranium near Wiluna, in Western Australia.

The company announced the discovery yesterday.

It follows the outlining of major deposits in the Northern Territory over the past 18 months by the Queensland Mines, Peko-EZ and Noranda.

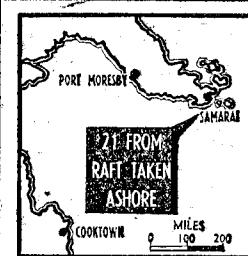
Australia groups which have dramatically projected Australia to the forefront of potential world uranium supplies.

It marks the first large discovery of uranium in Western Australia, whose economy has been transformed from rags to riches in the past decade by the development of large deposits of iron ore and nickel.

Western Mining Corporation's announcement said that uranium mineralisation had been intersected over a very extensive area.

Details, Financial Editor's comment: P.15, section 2.

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21 safe after 17-hour drift on raft

PORT MORESBY, Twenty-one people, including two young women, were landed at Samarai today after drifting last night in the Solomon Sea.

Late yesterday they had abandoned the 200-ton coastal trading vessel Sumiho after heavy seas whipped up by cyclone Carlotta swept away deck cargo and the ship began to list 20 degrees.

The crew and several passengers drifted for more than 17 hours in a 10-man inflatable life raft before being picked up by a fishing trawler, the Gloria Maris, about 25 miles off Samarai early today.

The captain of the Gloria Maris, Mr Jack Burnett, said later the castaways were all well but "exhausted and thoroughly chilled."

The crew of the Sumiho, which was owned by Bishop's Shipping Services Pty Ltd, included three Australians.

They are the ship's master, Brian Thompson, 25, of Newcastle, his wife Dale and the ship's engineer, Brian McKinnell, 32, of Brisbane.

Port Moresby authorities said the other woman was believed to be a Papuan passenger.

Shipping authorities here this afternoon were investigating a report that the Sumiho had not sunk but was drifting half-submerged (AAP)

Record swim

Brad Cooper, 17-year-old Homebush High student, last night smashed the world 800-metres freestyle record.

Swimming in the final of the NSW championships at North Sydney, Cooper recorded 8 minutes 23.8 seconds. This took 4.8 seconds off the previous world record held by his Auburn club team-mate, Graham Windeatt.

Shane Gould and Neil Rogers set Australian records in winning the finals of the butterfly stroke championships.

Report, P. 11, Section 2.

World XI in a spin

Australia's Kerry O'Keefe and John Inverarity had the World XI spinning towards defeat in the fourth international when bad light stopped play last night at the SCG.

O'Keefe, 22, had taken 3-34 and Inverarity, 28, had 2-31 in the World XI's second innings of 5-173, still 408 runs behind Australia.

Match report, P.11, Section 2.

COLUMN EIGHT

ONE of the tasks of the Sydney Cove Redevelopment Authority is to supervise restoration work on buildings in the area recommended for retention by the National Trust. The authority, two years old yesterday, began work recently on its first such project, the Cleland Bond and some century-old terrace houses in Playfair Street. But now the Builders Labourers' Federation, which ironically supports the retention of historical East Rocks, has imposed a black ban and pulled its members off the job.

AT the Manly-Warringah League Club's bistro an ingenious chef has created a truly gigantic hamburger, topped with cheese crinkled to resemble sails. They call it "The Opera House," which is doubly appropriate because it's certainly hard to finish.

FROM Misses M. and A. Welsh, Dover Heights: "The habits of Nielsen Park were charmed to read the tribute paid to them in Col 8, January 7. They know that to walk under the avenue of magnificent trees in the freshness of early morning is a tonic before they even reach the beach and sea. They, in turn, would like to pay tribute to Woollahra Council, its ranger and his staff, who work so hard removing litter after weekend picnic parties and keeping the whole area in such good order."

THAT elusive Nullabor nymph cavorting with the kangaroos seems to be on the move. A Warburton, Victoria, estate agent advertises land "with exotic fern gully reputedly inhabited by nymphs."

SYDNEY is developing a Spanish quarter. Along Liverpool Street between George and Sussex Streets there is a string of Spanish businesses, including the Spanish Club, a Spanish tailor, Spanish gift shop, another Spanish restaurant... and a hairdresser called "Johnny Flamenco."

FOR the man who thought he had everything, Tiffany's the famous New York jeweller, displays a sterling silver trouser clip for bicycle riders.

WOMEN'S LIB marches on. The Fawcett Society, formerly the London Society of Women's Suffrage, in its annual report lists "eight notable events in 1971 involving women." These include: Miss Sarah Morphew is the first woman to be awarded the certificate of Master of Wine by the Vintners Company and the Wine and Spirits Association.

Dr Ann Macleod, reading in the department of brewing and biochemistry at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, is the first woman to become president of the Institute of Brewing.

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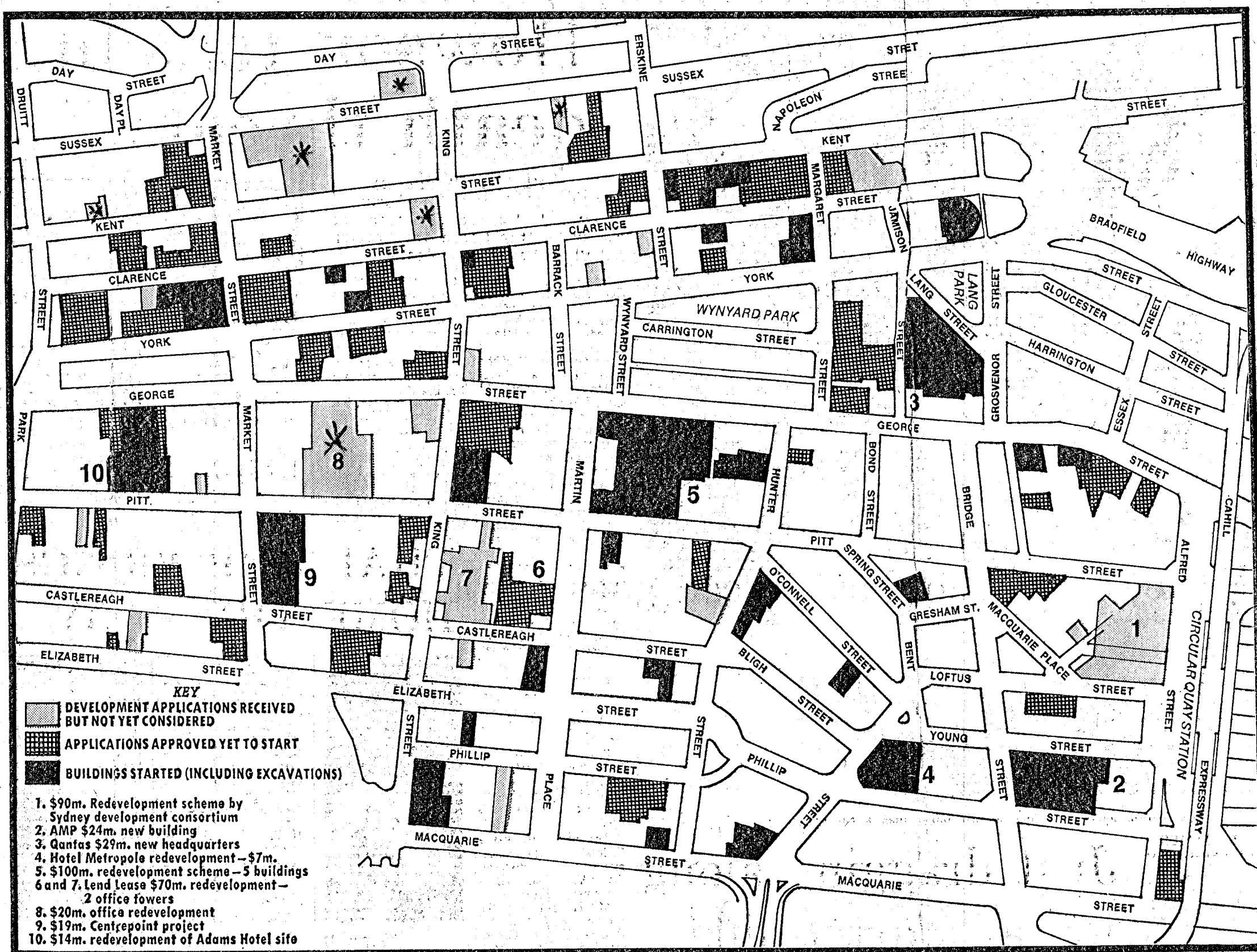
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The changing face of Downtown Sydney



State housing buoyant in 1971

The NSW Housing Commission completed 5,346 houses and flats in 1971—the largest number since 1965.

The Minister for Housing, Mr Stephens, said the figure compared with 4,971 in 1970.

At the beginning of 1972 the commission had 4,395 dwellings under construction.

Mr Stephens said overall cost increases were restricting construction.

In addition, the commission was now acquiring large areas of land to develop for construction sites.

The commission was anxious to provide as many homes as its finances allowed for low to moderate income families.

Mr Stephens said the commission, as part of its development of the Mount Drutt estate, would undertake a group housing project in the neighbourhood of Shalvey.

Falling

The project would provide about 70 houses on lots exceeding Blacktown Council's minimum requirement of 6,000 square feet.

All dwellings would be given carports.

Some lots would be set at an angle to the street; others would have frontages to pathways with "bottle-neck" entry from the nearest road.

Mr Stephens said the commission proposed further group housing schemes at Macquarie Fields, Campbelltown, and Bellambi.

The Deputy Leader of the State Opposition, Mr Einfield, claimed yesterday that the rate of construction by the commission was falling far short of community needs.

Applications for Housing Commission accommodation had been increasing because of evictions caused by the Government's legislation removing protection for the tenants of private landlords under the Landlord and Tenant Act.

Japanese loan for Australia forecast

From PAUL DOUGHERTY, "Herald" Correspondent

TOKYO, Wednesday. —Australia is expected to float a yen-based bond issue of between \$10 million and \$30-million in Japan this year, Tokyo financial sources said today.

A spokesman for the Japanese Finance Ministry said "tentative inquiries" had been received from Australia about floating a loan in Japan's emerging international money market.

But no new information had been received to suggest that the project was going ahead.

Tokyo financial sources said Australia's Treasurer, Mr Snedden, had raised the possibility of Australia's tapping Japan as a source of capital when he visited Tokyo late last year on his way to the World Bank meeting in Washington.

They said Australia appeared to be taking the view that raising funds in Japan would usefully lessen Australia's dependence on London and New York as sources of capital.

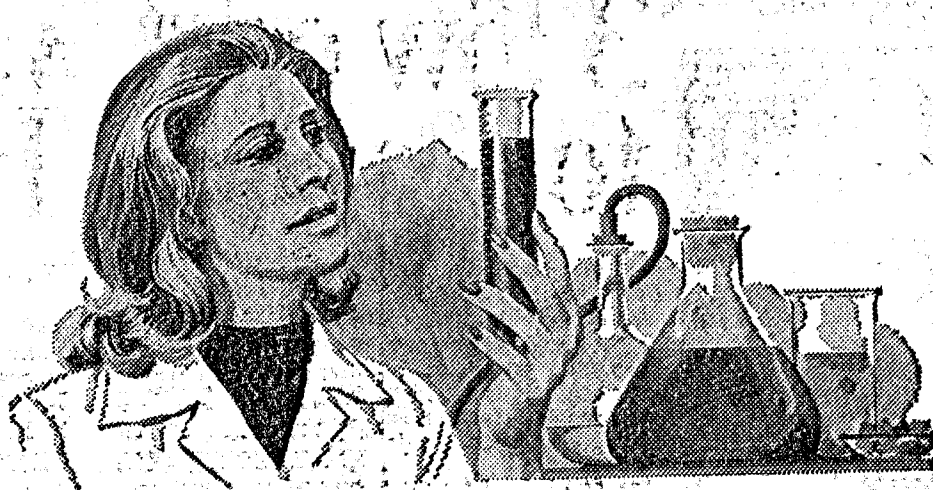
Japan's big securities firms, apparently acting on their own judgment rather than on definite indications from Australia, are gearing up to handle an Australian fund-raising drive in the northern summer.

An official of one of the leading firms said today, "Australia needs long-term funds in order to bolster its heavy industries."

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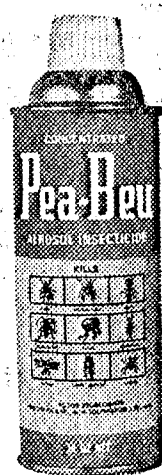
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This map, taken from Sydney City Council records, shows developments planned and under construction in the downtown Sydney area — from Circular Quay to Park Street. A second map showing development in uptown Sydney — south of Park Street — will be published tomorrow.

\$1,100m city building plans

By IAN FRYKBERG, Civic Reporter

If all the building projects on the Sydney City Council's books come to fruition in a few years, the city will have experienced a development boom costing almost \$1,100 million.

The development register at the council shows: Thirty-six buildings under construction costing \$162 million. One hundred and seventy-four buildings approved but yet to start, costing \$563 million. Sixty-three buildings yet to be considered, costing \$337 million. Total cost of buildings on the council's books, \$1,062 million.

These figures do not include the \$500 million Rock's redevelopment scheme, the \$400 million Woolloomooloo redevelopment scheme, and the proposed \$80 million trade centre at Pyrmont.

But the figure of \$1,062 million is not realistic as many of the buildings will never get started.

Even allowing for this, it is obvious that Sydney's skyline will undergo major changes in the next decade.

Council officials are interested to see how many of the 174 approved applications will actually go ahead.

Some applications were made to beat the new, more restrictive floor space ratio code, some to boost values for resale purposes, and in one case several applications were made for one site.

Under the council's new development code, approvals granted before July 16, 1971 — which would include most of the 174 approvals — expire on July 16, this year unless a "substantial" start has been made on a project.

The council is adamant applications for extensions of approval will be treated on their merits, particularly in regard to the reasons why no substantial start had been made.

However, because the applications approved before July 16, last year, qualify for the old — and in most cases, greater — floor space code, developers could make a start on buildings and then leave them until the office space supply position becomes clearer.

The real estate and development industry seems to be divided on the effects of the building boom being experienced in Sydney.

Most people in the industry feel that Sydney is heading for a glut in office space from next year, but are uncertain as to how long it will last.

They say any glut will probably have the effect of stabilising and in some cases lowering office rents — now heading for a record peak of \$13 a sq ft in the central business district.

Other industry experts do not believe there will be a glut and say while there could be a small oversupply, it would right itself in a short time.

The boom is presenting the Sydney City Council with its biggest test — whether the Strategic Plan can achieve its objectives in time, particularly in relation to overcoming the problems of vehicular-pedestrian conflict and the stagnation of the city's "life" by unco-ordinated development.

Talks sought on jobless

The Builders' Labourers' Federation is seeking a conference with major construction companies on rising unemployment in the building industry.

An organiser for the federation, Mr J. Owens, said yesterday that the situation was becoming serious.

He said "We have at least 25 fellows coming into the office each day asking if we know where work is available."

Mr Owens said that men were getting up at midnight to look in the next day's papers for job advertisements.

State secretary of the Building Workers Industrial Union, Mr P. Clancy, said that his union was also "extremely concerned"

at employment prospects for 1972.

Mr Clancy, who represents the building group of unions on the ACTU executive, said that unemployment in the building industry promised to be a national concern in 1972.

He said that on Monday an advertisement in the "Herald" for 15 carpenters attracted more than 100 replies.

Mr Clancy said it had not happened for a very long time.

"We are very worried," he said.

At Kearsley, near Cessnock, 24 metal workers are to be dismissed this afternoon by Elrington Engineering Pty Ltd, a company employing about 120 men.

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