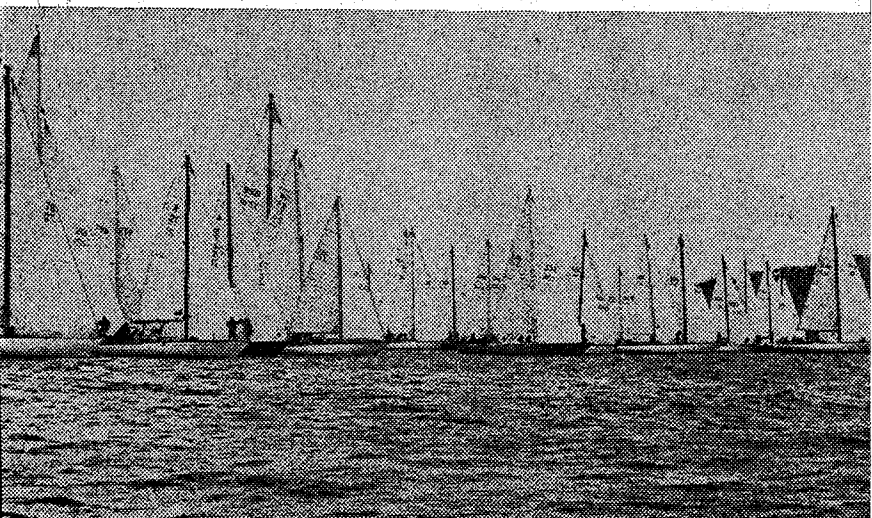


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## Govt has no new Opera parking plan

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The State Government intends to hold the State secretary of the Builders Labourers Federation, Mr J. B. Munday, publicly accountable for any chaos from lack of parking space when the Sydney Opera House is officially opened next October.

Conservationists and the NSW Chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects will also be associated with Mr Munday as "stirrers."

The Government has no plans for any parking stations to serve the Opera House other than the two on which Mr Munday's union has already imposed a black ban.

It claims that these two — under the Royal Botanic Gardens or behind Circular Quay — are the only two practical propositions.

Because of Mr Munday's black bans, there is now no prospect of completing either by the time the Queen officially opens the Opera House.

The Minister for Public Works, Mr Davis Hughes, said last night: "If prospective patrons want to do something practical, they should start raising their voices against the black bans."

for patrons wishing to come by car.

Mr Hughes said: "The whole community is being frustrated by the actions of Mr Munday and his group."

"Mr Munday has placed a black ban on construction of a car park underneath the Royal Botanic Gardens, on the ground that this would require the removal of three Moreton Bay figs."

"Plans to replace these trees with other trees once work is completed have been ignored."

"The method of imposing the black ban has left the Government with no means of retaliation."

"If we had been able to start the work last May, when the black ban was imposed, we could have got close to providing the car park in time, but now there is no hope."

"However, we could start almost immediately if the ban were lifted and

try to make up for lost time."

Mr Munday said last night: "Successive Governments completely forgot the need for a car park to service the Opera House."

"The proper place for such a car park originally would have been under the podium or forecourt."

"I object to Sir Philip Baxter referring to 'three fig trees.' As far as I'm concerned the construction of the car park under the Gardens would mean the defacing of the whole area."

"We believe that under the forecourt is the best position, but we go along with the idea expressed by the chairman of the Royal Australian Planning Institute (NSW Division), Mr G. Clarke."

"This is that professional planners be called on now, at this late hour, to arrange the best possible car park without any destruction of the environment."