

IN BRIEF

Police find paintings

MELBOURNE: Police found 80 paintings valued at \$457,000 inside two trunks in a warehouse in Essendon at the weekend. The paintings, including works by Tom Roberts and William Dobell, were among 96 stolen eight months ago from Melbourne art dealer and collector Mr Joseph Brown, in Australia's biggest art robbery. All paintings have now been recovered. Detectives went to the warehouse after the arrest of a man and a woman in Bondi, Sydney, on Friday night.

SYDNEY: A woman known as Sky Blue, 29, unemployed, appeared in Central Court of Petty Sessions on Saturday charged with having received 16 stolen paintings in Melbourne between September 21 last year and March this year. She was remanded to appear again today.

Re-endorsed

SYDNEY: Sir William McMahon and four other senior NSW Liberal Members of Parliament were re-endorsed yesterday for the next election. The Minister for Education, Senator Carrick, was endorsed as leader of the Senate ticket and Senator Puplick for third position on the Liberal-Country Party ticket. Other Members endorsed were: the Treasurer, Mr Howard (Benelong), the Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Elliott (Wentworth), the Minister for Immigration, Mr MacKellar (Warrington), and Mr J. Carlton (MacKellar).

Hair titles

The 19th annual ACT hairdressing competition, organised by the ACT Master Hairdressers Association and held at the Lakeside International Hotel yesterday, attracted 193 competitors, a record, according to a spokesman. The men's championship was won by Mr Vincent Suraci, of Vincents Hairdressing, Queanbeyan, and the women's by Miss Sandra Whyte, of the Hairport Salon, Belconnen.

Prison death

SYDNEY: A 42-year-old man on remand in Parramatta Jail on a charge of refusing to take a Breathalyzer test had been found hanged in his cell yesterday, a spokesman for the NSW Department of Corrective Services said.

TAA's birthday

MELBOURNE: TAA celebrated its 33rd birthday yesterday and announced that it had carried 119,578 passengers in the week ended August 31, up 5.8 per cent on the same period last year.

Gumleaf win

MELBOURNE: A Queenslander, Mr Les Hawthorn, beat 12 other competitors yesterday to win the Australia gumleaf-playing championship, his third win in the three years the championship has been held.

Hawke's mother

PERTH: Mrs Edith Hawke, about 80, the mother of the president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Mr Bob Hawke, died on Saturday after long illness.

Hobby craft crash

MELBOURNE: Mr Leslie Trevor Foster, 43, of Doncaster, the Melbourne distributor of small hobby aircraft, was killed while testing one at Merton yesterday. He had gone 400 metres of a maiden flight in a single-engine Winton Grasshopper when a gust of wind caught it and spun the machine into the ground. He died in Mansfield Hospital.

Infanticide

BRISBANE: The Queensland Government would investigate a statement by the president of the Queensland Right to Life Association, Dr John Simpson, that infanticide was practised in Queensland hospitals, the Minister for Health, Sir William Knox, said yesterday.

Two killed

SYDNEY: Mr Leon Valas, of North Rocks, and Mr Ian Hill, of Baulkham Hills both 20, died when their car ran off a road and into a house at North Rocks yesterday. Three other passengers were injured. Three people sleeping in the house were unhurt. The NSW road toll for the weekend was 13.

Accidents

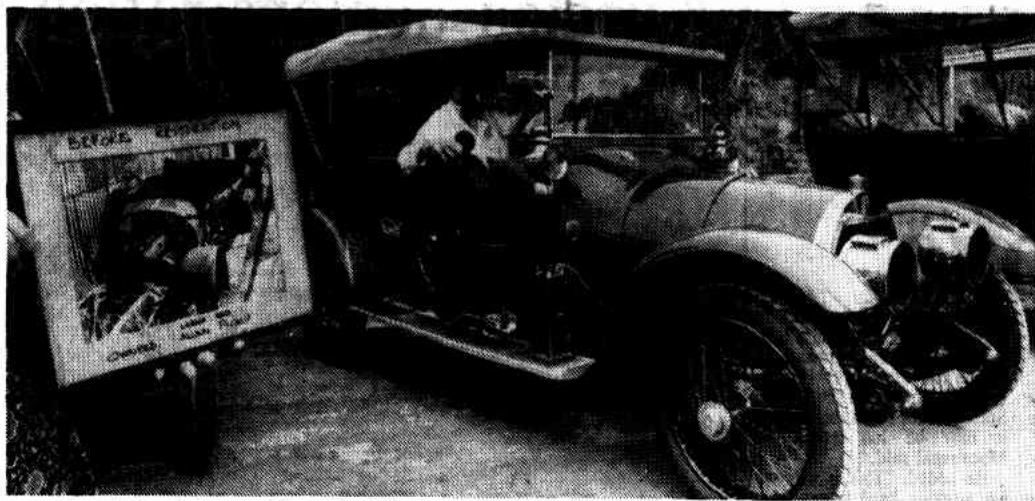
ACT Police reported 38 road accidents, six of which caused injuries, in the 48 hours to 8pm yesterday.

Alcohol

Forty-two people were charged with having more than the prescribed amount of alcohol in their blood in the week ended 8pm yesterday. Nobody was charged with refusing a test.

CORRECTION

Tickets for the Canberra City Soccer Club's ball at the Hellenic Club, Phillip, on Thursday are \$38 a double, not \$3, as reported yesterday. The error occurred in typesetting.



Mr Allan Pickup, of Narrabundah, with his 1914 Hotchkiss at the Spring Festival of the Child at the Old Canberra Brickworks yesterday. It took Mr Pickup seven years to restore the car which he thinks is the only one of this kind in the world. At left is a photograph of the car before restoration.

Brickworks 'a bit of our history'

"It's about time we had something like this; it's a bit of our history that the whole family can appreciate", Mr Bill Baker said yesterday during a visit to the Old Canberra Brickworks. The Brickworks Foundation's inaugural Spring Festival of the Child yesterday. It was also the first time the partly restored brickworks were open for public inspection. A vintage and veteran car display, slides, a film and a display of old musical instruments and cameras were added attractions for adults and children alike. The proceeds of the day — from \$2 donations at the gate — will go toward handicapped children of Canberra.

Workers prefer injury risk to job loss

Thousands of Australian workers are risking permanent injury to their hands because of their fear of unemployment, according to a study conducted recently by doctors at the Workers Health Centre, Lidcombe. They are afflicted with tenosynovitis, an inflammatory condition of the tendon sheaths and tendons, resulting from rapid repetitive movements requiring some strength. A report of the study, which appears in the latest issue of the Doctors Reform Society's journal New Doctor, says the condition is most common among process workers, cleaners and clerical workers, specially speed typists. Process-work jobs were mainly unskilled, usually shift work, and not well paid. They were mostly filled by married migrant women working to supplement a meagre family income. Unfortunately, when the symptoms of tenosynovitis first appeared, these workers continued working for financial reasons or because they feared being dismissed if they took time off sick. Eventually the swelling and pain became so extreme they were incapable of working any longer. The usual pattern was to go off work on compensation and many were never able to work again. Of those that did return to work (after one to three months) only two out of a sample of 29 said they were recovered at the time they resumed work. All 29 workers said their symptoms recurred, half saying their symptoms had been aggravated on their first day back and most had to go off work again. It was usual by that stage for the company to have dismissed such workers and, of 44 interviewed by the Lidcombe doctors, 19 had been dismissed, only two of them being non-migrants. Many migrant women were not aware of their rights to workers' compensation and resigned without applying for compensation or failed to follow through for a settlement when they were dismissed and insurance companies cut off compensation payments.

Lyneham Park protest

Residents of Lyneham and O'Connor will express their opposition to the National Capital Development Commission's infill program for Lyneham Park at a meeting with NCDC representatives on Thursday. A spokesman for the Lyneham Park Preservation Association said yesterday that 80 people had attended a barbecue at the park yesterday. A submission outlining the reasons against the proposed encroachment on "one of the best parks in North Canberra" had been presented to the Minister for the Capital Territory, Mr Elliott. "The Lyneham community objects strongly to the arbitrary way in which the NCDC has put forward this development scheme proposal to reduce the existing green space in developed suburbs", he said.

Return to 'place of torture'

A young married man living in Canberra returned recently with Australian citizenship to his native Chile, the place where he says he was jailed and tortured before bribing government officials and fleeing. The man, who would not be named, is married to an Australian woman and has a child. His sister and father still live in the town where he was imprisoned. He spent six weeks in Chile, returning to Australia last week. He told of the situation in his home town, where the Roman Catholic church feeds 3,000 children twice daily because their parents cannot. He said he had seen widespread hunger. The lowest-paid labourers earned \$25 a month while anyone who joined the army or police as a recruit earned \$200 a month. Professionals, like his sister who had been a teacher for 11 years, earned \$150 a month. "There are professionals like teachers pooling their money and buying a taxi because they can make more like that", he said. On his return to Chile he and his wife had been constantly followed. In September, 1973, he had been arrested at the Technical University in Santiago and taken to his home town, where he had spent a month in prison and was tortured and beaten.



Johnathan Green, left, and Squadron Leader Don Pollock.

Up and away to a most amazing experience

By JONATHAN GREEN We reached the apex and suddenly all went quiet. The Pitt hung in space momentarily before performing a duck-like manoeuvre and spiralling earthward. The secret of enjoying this sort of thing, I discovered, was not to fight it but to move with the aircraft. A flick roll involves spinning the aircraft at a rate of 400 degrees per second. We did three. Stall turns, a couple more loops, and the occasional barrel roll enlivened our return journey. By the time we neared Canberra I was entranced. The feeling on stepping out of the aircraft was euphoric. Squadron Leader Pollock likened it to being "half-drunk". Whatever, it was the most amazing experience of my short but ever-lengthening span. It was of little consequence that Squadron Leader Don Pollock had 8,000 hours of flying experience, or that the Pitt Special in which we were seated was one of the best aerobatic aircraft in the world; I was scared. Mind you, I hid it well as we taxied on to runway 30 at Canberra Airport, yesterday afternoon. The little biplane, wingspan six metres, length about five metres, trembled with every irregularity of the tarmac and the breeze, which had all too easy access to the open forward cockpit, ruffled my hair. With a shudder and a roar, we accelerated down the runway and took to the air. Squadron Leader Pollock, with more than a dash of the spirit of Icarus, took us into a steep climb. We raked sunwards. A wing dipped, rather too suddenly for my liking, and we turned to face the place of launching. Into a dive. At about 30 feet from the ground, by now over the runway, the aircraft did a "knife edge". This involves speeding only inches, or so it seemed, from the ground with the wings perpendicular to the surface. We assumed a more normal flying position, skirted the suburban wastes of Queanbeyan and headed in the general direction of Bungendore. The sensations were beginning to resemble joy, when an unseen hand sent the aircraft into a loop. Lake George, the sky, and visions of the hereafter flashed before my eyes in succession. A near-vertical climb.

Qantas not responsible for ad

SYDNEY: Qantas has denied responsibility for an advertisement that has been criticised as helping to promote an undesirable image of Australians in South-East Asia. The advertisement, in a Bangkok newspaper, was for an Australia Day barbecue. It said that "staggering" quantities of beer and enough food to feed half the Third World would be available. Dr Milton Osborne, a senior research fellow at the School of Pacific Studies at the Australian National University, said the image depicted in the advertisement was disturbingly close to that projected by some tourists. Dr Osborne, who made his remarks to the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence, said many Australian tourists in South-East Asia were "large, loud and lacking in understanding of the area". A Qantas spokesman said on Thursday that the advertisement was in an English-language newspaper not aimed at local people, but was not the type of advertisement that Qantas would run. The advertisement had been drawn up and lodged by the social committee of the Thai-Australia Chamber of Commerce. Qantas and several other organisations were named as having helped to pay for it. Qantas was a sponsor of the chamber and helped to pay for the advertisement in that capacity. It had known the advertisement was to be placed, but not what form it would take. Yesterday's editorial, in which reference was made to this matter, was intended as a light-hearted gibe at the Australian image abroad. The explanation issued by Qantas of how the advertisement came to be published did not, by mischance, reach those responsible for the preparation of the editorial. The Canberra Times regrets this and apologises to Qantas. — Editor.

Skiing still good

Overcast skies and light rain have done little to spoil skiing conditions in the Snowy Mountains. The Cooma Visitors Centre said last night that skiing was good on a heavy snow cover with a wet surface in all resorts. Most lifts were operating and there were no major parking problems. After early fog Canberra should have a fine and warm day today, with moderate to fresh winds and a maximum temperature of 22 degrees.

Hayden says early poll 'not on'

Speculation about an early Federal election was "incomprehensible", the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Hayden, said yesterday. Speaking at an ALP country conference in Traralgon yesterday, Mr Hayden said an early poll would signal that the Government's self-confidence was "shot to pieces". "Not even a raw and uncompromising practitioner of the black art of political unscrupulousness like Mr Fraser, I believe, would act in such a crude, unjustifiable and seriously dislocative way", he said. "Mr Fraser presides over — even if his control isn't too successful these days — the biggest majority in the history of this nation." "He has a mandate in his own right to govern, obtained in 1975 by having the gamekeeper join his gang of poachers, and the mandate was confirmed in 1977." "In such circumstances an early resort to the polls by the Fraser Government would be the most blatant manipulation of the electoral structure, with the sole aim of political self-preservation, in Australia's history." An early election would disrupt the linkage between the House of Representatives and the Senate, thereby doubling the number of Federal elections. Mr Hayden said that the Labor Party's approach to future elections must be disciplined and professional. It had taken steps to establish a more effective monitoring, planning and operating role in its activities and its national executive had established last week a national strategy committee. "By the time of the 1980 general election, our campaign will have the advantage of some 15 months of intensive preparation", he said. Editorial. — Page 2.

Bipartisan energy approach welcomed

LAUNCESTON: The Minister for National Development, Mr Newman, welcomed yesterday a call by the Australian Labor Party for a bipartisan energy policy. But such a joint approach would not be possible while Labor failed to agree to parity pricing of oil, he said. Mr Newman, addressing the Tasmanian Liberal Party State Council meeting in Launceston, was commenting on a call by the Labor spokesman on energy, Mr Keating, for a bipartisan energy policy. He said he agreed with Mr Keating but there were problems. The key to the Government's energy policy was its decision to price oil at the cost of replacing it from imported sources. The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Hayden, had said he would change the oil-pricing policy, but had not said how. "All we do know is that he has said he will reduce prices", Mr Newman said. "Any decision to change our oil-pricing policy in the face of the problems that we have to contend with in the future can only be described as sheer folly." "If we are to have a bipartisan energy policy, this fundamental energy policy question on pricing has to be resolved." Australia gained enormous benefits from pricing oil at the cost of replacing it from overseas. It encouraged conservation of liquid fuels, exploration of oil and gas fields, conversion to alternative energy sources such as coal and gas, and development of alternative or synthetic fuels such as oil from coal or shale. Mr Keating's call for a bipartisan approach was contained in a statement issued in Canberra yesterday. He said agreement on some basic issues would encourage explorers and investors to plan confidently in the long-term. "A long lead time is inevitable with much of the investment in the energy sector", he said. This was one of the reasons the ALP had organised a conference on mining and energy in Perth on September 15 and 16. Bank meetings SYDNEY: Bank employees in five States will hold stopwork meetings today to consider the next move in their campaign for a 10 per cent pay rise. Meetings will be held in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

'Hypocrisy' seen in urban policies

By ROSS ANDREWS, City Reporter Australian governments are "hypocritical" in urging private industry to move out of city centres while they continued to gather public servants closely around them in the middle of their capitals, a national report on urban strategies for the 1980s has found. The report, on 'Urban Strategies for Australia' was the first of a series by the Australian Institute of Urban Studies and was issued in Canberra yesterday. It said "a strategy of multi-centralisation is... essential if the drift of population from country areas to the single-centred cities is to be checked and if the residents of country areas are not to remain disadvantaged". "Each State will have to make its own judgment about the urgency of the need for multi-centralisation and the means of effecting it." Whatever the plan, it will be necessary to cope with the counter-pressure that will result from the growing emphasis on export-oriented industry. "But if the metropolis continues to grow it seems certain that a point will sooner or later be reached where any further undifferentiated growth would not be in the best interests of the existing inhabitants, or the new inhabitants, or the rest of the State; and it would be preferable to attempt to redirect growth towards new systems, within the metropolitan region, or regional cities outside the existing metropolis." The report said government employment — of major importance in capital cities — should be linked to a policy of multi-centralisation. Although some departments had moved out of central business districts in recent years there was considerable scope for more movement. Democrats SYDNEY: Mr Paul McLean, 45, a schoolteacher, is the new leader of the NSW branch of the Australian Democrats.

Advertisement for Canberra Permanent bank. Features a large "\$1,000" and "10 1/2% P.A. Interest". Text includes "Minimum Deposit will earn", "Remember — look for the rainbow!", and "CANBERRA PERMANENT Canberra Co-operative Permanent Building Society Limited".