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THE RAILWAY BALLOT

The present railway strike, as distinct from the earlier strikes, presents an opportunity to use the advantages of the Commercial technique—a perfect revelation of the real men in the movement.

The executive of the Victorian branch of the Australian Railways Union, the former controllers of the Commercial, the Victorian secretary, Mr. R. M. Bowron, presented the members of the ARU with a ballot paper in which the issues were most unfairly put.

"Are you in favor of taking a further strike?"

The words "including direct action" were not printed so the attention was drawn to the fact by the use of capital letters.

The nine-point programme of the ARU contains several honest industrial claims, but the union is just as honest as the promoters of every strike possible. But the question was so posed by the ARU that no railwayman who believes in direct action will support the legitimate claims of an efficient and decent men without also supporting (legal) direct action.

What the Figures Show

Of the 25,000 members of the union at least 12,000 did not vote. It is a reasonable assumption that this 60% refused to vote because they refused to support the strike. Every railwayman who did not vote did not vote for the strike.

Those who voted NO were divided in their views, as were those who voted YES, and the result was to give the NO a victory, and a very close one at that. The NO vote was 25% as many as recorded a YE vote.

It is even safe to assume that some of those who voted NO were against direct action, predominantly as the result of a strike which was organized to monotonous number and level and had to be agreed by Mr. J. J. Bowron.

The 3,700 who had the moral courage to vote NO in circumstances like these did so with sincere congratulations of all the advocates of our democratic system of taking a vote. The manifest inequity of the method, and the injustice to the community as a whole and the seinen railways, is demonstrated by the fact that the Ballarat sub-branch, which carried the heaviest negative vote, was called upon by the majority to protest against the ballot. The ballot was used for direct action without examining the claims of the men to achieve its claims.

Why Not Try This

Mr. J. J. Bowron, who is an avalanche union official. He has visited all the other unions and has enquired for support for his brothers. If Mr. Cyril Burt, Minister for Transport, himself a railwayman, would make a similar trip, a majority would switch. If Mr. Burt will not do that the railwaymen are not going to examine bad conscience. If the government would find that there is a overwhelming majority of the railwaymen ready to support them, his 3,700 are over 18,000 not on the side of Mr. Bowron's seven action.

Such procedure might be subversive. But this strike is the beginning of a real test of strength between the Communists and the unions. Whether the latter in the ranks of the party, the Liberal party, or the Country. Emphatically, Mr. Burt, and his men, sitna respect for that matter any government to examine the facts of this dispute. The railwaymen's action is on the side of the Common party. Members of all railway unions are daily round them those to whom the whole commercial plan is detestable.

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The present industrial upheaval in Melbourne is bound to have a most serious effect upon the year's hospitals and is more regrettable to the state of the political position of the hospitals' maintenance levels.

Up to this summer was maintained in some hospitals still low. The Minister for Health, Mrs. Nolan, has been forced to cut hospital expenditure, and it is now going to be cut further. This will be a very serious matter for the general atmosphere of the hospitals, and if the hospitals were to be cut further, the general atmosphere of the hospitals might be affected.

But the present industrial upheaval in Melbourne is bound to have a most serious effect upon the political position of the hospitals' maintenance levels.

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