

# Fresh rural appeal for extra finance

The United Farmers and Woolgrowers' Association of New South Wales will "urgently" renew its appeals to the Federal Government for more finance for rural landholders.

The general president (Mr. L. Ridd) said yesterday the decision to approach the Government again followed telephone talks with members of the Association's General Council throughout N.S.W. during the weekend.

He said that, following the talks, "it was resolved that everything possible should be done to ensure the Government has a full understanding of the special problems of finance for rural landholders."

"A realistic approach to the specialised type of financing required by primary industry is urgently needed."

Mr. Ridd said full government understanding of primary industry's special financial problems "has not been apparent in the past."

He said: "We have twice been promised that the gap in suitable credit would be closed."

"But on both occasions the assurances have not been put into practice."

Mr. Ridd said the Commonwealth Development Bank, as first proposed by Sir Arthur Fadden, was to help rural industry in a number of ways. These included progressive availability of funds

# Hills' denial on traffic report

Mr. P. D. Hills, MLA, last night said he had not ordered the "pulping" of a report criticising a \$400,000 plan for Sydney's traffic needs.

HE said he had "never heard of the report." Mr. Hills, Labor member for Phillip and Deputy Leader of the Opposition, was Minister for Local Government in the previous Labor administration.

He was commenting on an article in yesterday's Sunday Telegraph.

The article said the Government had paid \$400,000 to De Lew Cather and Company, of San Francisco, for a report on Sydney's traffic problems and road needs.

The Government sent the report to the Cumberland County Council, then Sydney's town planning body, for analysis and comment.

Proposals

Mr. Rod Fraser, then chief planner of the Cumberland County Council, made a written report to the Council.

In his report, Mr. Fraser said the proposals:

- Failed to consider special characteristics of Sydney's overall land-use pattern.

- Omitted to note that Sydney's transport system had changed from being predominantly radial to an intricate network of movement.

- Dealt only superficially with the movement of goods and people on Sydney's roads.

- Gave an unrealistic and

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# APPEAL TO PREMIER

# New effort to halt golf-links extension

Parramatta Chamber of Commerce has asked the Premier (Mr. Askin) to stop Parramatta Golf Club extending its nine-hole golf course into Parramatta National Park.

It also asked him to see if the club already in the Parramatta Park Trust.

In the Legislative Assembly on February 23 last, Mr. D. J. Mahoney (Lab., Parramatta) asked the Minister for Lands (Mr. Lewis) to reconsider a decision to allow the golf club to extend its course into the parkland.

Mr. Mahoney said a Labor Government in 1957 had given the club a 25-year lease for part of the parkland, and the club was now trying to extend this area.

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# Protest

The Chamber of Commerce has sent a letter to Mr. Askin, dated March 10, protesting against the club's alleged attempts to encroach on the parkland.

It said the chamber is "most perturbed" at the very devious means being adopted by the club to have the area of the course extended at the cost of public parklands."

It said that in 1962 the then Minister for Lands, Mr. Compton, had refused a similar proposal because of widespread objections.

The Chamber says that on March 4 this year more than 800 residents had attended a protest meeting.

This was an indication of the "public resentment" at this latest attempt to fetch a further area from an already much restricted park.

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In the Parramatta Park Trust.

It considered the trust had not maintained the ethical standards of public administrators because it had failed to make public its intention to allow the extension of the golf course.

The Chamber fully agreed with this decision.

The letter asked Mr. Askin to:

- Ensure the boundaries of the golf course are restricted to those being used before the start of the present development works.

- Ensure that any development works leading to a further encroachment on the park area be stopped immediately.

- Investigate the possibility of revoking the golf club's present lease and restoring the land to the public.

- Introduce legislation to ensure that in all future cases when it was intended to change the land usage of any public park the community opinion must be considered.

The letter said: "As it is public property which is at stake, full cognisance should be taken of the wishes of the community in this matter."

The chairman of the Parramatta National Park Trust (Mr. J. N. Argent) said last night the extensions would take up only about six and a half acres of the park's 240 acres.

"I can see nothing whatever wrong with this extension," he said.

"The area where these extensions are proposed has previously been a wilderness of lucerne and paspalum, hardly ever used."

# Prince report is confirmed

LONDON, Sun. — A Buckingham Palace spokesman said today it was possible Prince Charles would spend a second term at Timbertop.

HE said this when asked to comment on a report in the Sydney Sunday Telegraph.

"No decision has yet been made," the spokesman said. "The original plan was for him to spend one term at the school."

The Prince is the first Royal child to attend a school in a Commonwealth country.

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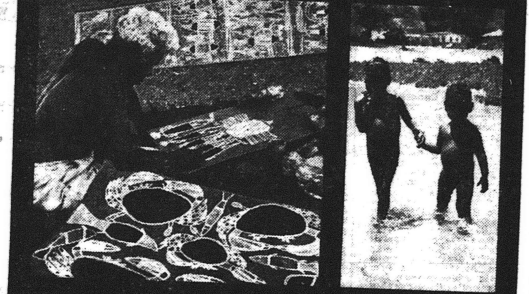
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# 872 Aust. firms have foreign ties

CANBERRA, Sun.—Overseas companies have a financial interest in 872 Australian manufacturing firms, Mr. McEwen said tonight.

MR. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) released a 68-page "Directory of Overseas Investment in Australian Manufacturing Industry—1966."

He said assets of the companies listed totalled \$6,086,697,000. Assets apportioned to overseas associated com-

- Food, drink and tobacco — \$540.8 million.
- Other manufacturing — \$55.1 million.

Britain remained the largest investor with assets worth \$2,181.6 million.

The United States is next with \$1,782.1 million, followed by Canada with \$264.4 million.

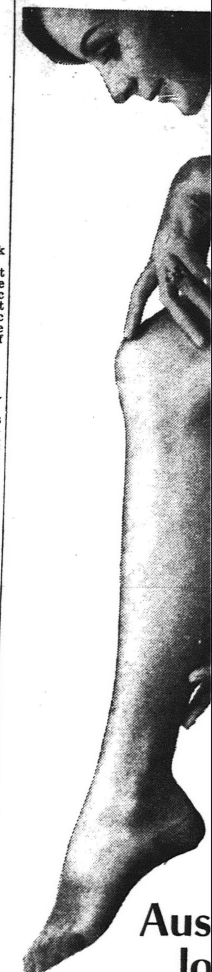
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