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press statement

FROM THE MINISTER FOR LABOR
AND IMMIGRATION
MR. CLYDE CAMERON

Press Advice

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LABOUR STUDIES SEMINAR ON WORKER PARTICIPATION

In my absence the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Immigration, Dr Ian G Sharp, will open a 5 day Seminar on Worker Participation at the Commodore Motel, Glen Osmond, Adelaide at 10.45 am on Monday 28 October.

The Seminar is being conducted by the Geneva-based International Institute for Labour Studies under the direction of Dr Ralph H Bergmann.

Official guests at the opening and at the luncheon, to be given by the Premier of South Australia, Hon Don A Dunstan QC, at the Colonial Hotel, Glen Osmond at 12.30 pm include:

Senator D N Cameron

Hon Mr Justice Moore, President, Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission

Hon J D Akumu, Secretary General, Organisation for African Trade Union Unity

Hon D M McKee, Minister of Labour and Industry, South Australia

Mr R J Hawke, President ACTU

Mr G Polites MBE, Executive Director-General, Central Industrial Secretariat

Press, radio and television representatives are invited to attend the opening and the first session of the Seminar and to meet guests at the luncheon.

Participants at the Seminar on this important topic (list attached) are drawn from the ranks of employers' organisation trade unions, governments and universities in accordance with the Institute's policy.

The Seminar which has been made possible by the Australian Government is designed to review different forms of participation and to examine experience in other countries with the operation of various forms of participation based on a series of country reports prepared as part of an international research project conducted by the International Institute.

After reviewing different systems of workers participation, the Seminar will consider the problems arising from the various approaches. Participants will develop a list of factors which must be taken into account when considering any type of participation system.

Dr Bergmann will be assisted throughout the Seminar by Group Leaders:

Professor Kevin Hince
Faculty of Economics & Commerce
University of Melbourne

Mr Gordon O'Brien
Department of Psychology
The Flinders University of South Australia

Professor John Niland
Department of Industrial Relations
University of New South Wales.

Participants will be attending in their individual capacity to examine the issues. In keeping with the Institute's function as an educational institution, there will be no attempt to reach a consensus of views on the question.

Note for

The International Institute for Labor Studies is engaged in education and research on labor questions. It was formed in 1960 by the International Labor Office and its activities customarily involve, as is the case in Adelaide, participants from governments, employer groups, and trade unions. The Director of the Institute is Dr Kenneth F Walker, formerly of the University of Western Australia.

Dr Bergmann who is directing the Seminar, is Senior Staff Director with the Institute where he has been employed since 1962.

He received his Doctorate in Industrial Relations from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and for 11 years, was Research Director with the United Rubber Workers, an AFL-CIO Affiliate. He has also taught at the University of Illinois and Akron University, Ohio.

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