

TODAY: Lift-out guide to World Cup

"The Age" today publishes a handy four-page lift-out guide to the World Cup soccer series, marking Australia's debut into the big time. It's packed with pen pictures and statistics, all you need to know to follow the Socceroos' fortunes in this great clash between the world's soccer giants. There is a detailed form analysis of every Australian player and an in-depth assess-

ment of Australia's prospects in its matches with East Germany, West Germany and Chile. Top soccer writer Laurie Schwab is in West Germany to cover all the games. He'll be on the spot for the Socceroos' first big bout with East Germany tomorrow morning (Melbourne time) and will file daily reports on Australia's progress. Exclusively in "The Age".

TOMORROW: Did they deserve to die?



Twenty-one years ago this month the most sensational spy case in the Cold War ended with the death, in the electric chair, of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. They had been found guilty of passing the secret of the atomic bomb to the Russians, and in the aftermath of the Korean war there was to be no reprieve. But doubts about the evidence have grown over the

years. They centre on the prosecution's main witness, Ethel's brother, and a flimsy sketch. These doubts have now become the focus of a campaign by Rosenbergs' sons to clear parents' name. In a two-part series beginning exclusively in "The Age" tomorrow, special writer Yergin examines the available evidence and asks: were Rosenbergs wrongly convicted?

INSIGHT

Big land profit for developer

Reporters: BEN HILLS and PHILIP CHUBB

A profit of more than \$4 million of Commonwealth housing money has gone into the pockets of Victorian land development companies.

The profit was made on the sale of two slabs of rural land at Melton and Sunbury to the Housing Commission for "satellite city" development.

Independent senators hold sway

From JOHN JOST and PHILIP MCCARTHY

CANBERRA — Two independent Liberal senators will hold the balance of power in the Senate.

This means an historic joint sitting of both Federal Houses of Parliament is likely to be held to decide the fate of six Government bills.

It could also mean the possibility of another early election. The leader of the Country Party (Mr. Anthony) said last night he was prepared to force another election if the Government broke its promises.

It was learned last night that the Opposition parties would return six senators from Queensland and five from Western Australia.

It is likely that five Government senators will be returned from NSW, giving the Government a total of 29 senators.

A sixth Government senator from NSW, giving a total of 30, is only a slim chance.

The Government cannot absolutely control the Senate in either case.

The fate of the six Government bills used to justify the calling of the double dissolution last April will depend on the attitude of the two independents, Senator Townley, from Tasmania, and Senator Hall, from SA.

Under the Constitution a joint sitting of the House of Representatives and the Senate may be held if bills which were the subject of a double dissolution fail to be passed by Parliament subsequent to the election.

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The commission paid more than \$3 million for 2268 acres of land at Melton and Sunbury to be developed as housing estates.

The land — paid for in cash — was bought from two development companies for near-record prices in the past six months. The deals were:

- Lensworth Finance (Victoria) Pty. Ltd. sold the commission 1005 acres of land at Sunbury in December, 1973, for \$3,418,604. Lensworth made a gross profit of about \$1.5 million on the deal.

- A company called Welmac Pty. Ltd. sold the commission 1263 acres at Sunbury for \$4,675,875. Welmac bought the land less than 15 months before for \$1.8 million.

The Minister for Housing (Mr. Dickie) — who this week attacked the Federal Government for cutting Victoria's housing grant — defended the purchases.

"As far as this land was concerned, we still think it was a very good purchase. We are not squandering public money," he said yesterday.

An INSIGHT investigation of the Melton land sale, in which the developer cropped a profit of more than 400 per cent. on some areas, has found:

- Welmac was still buying land in the area after the Cabinet decision last year that authorised the commission to make the massive land buy at Melton.

- The land was only registered in Welmac's name in March this year — less than a week before the commission bought it from the company.

- The commission signed to buy the 1263 acres only days before the Government declared most of Melton an "investigation area" — the first step to a possible land freeze.

- Only one valuation was made of the land before the purchase, by the State Valuer-General's office. This valuation was \$300 an acre more than the commission paid, and \$1600 an acre more than some recent sales at Melton.

The \$8 million spent on the Melton and Sunbury land represents about 15 per cent. of the \$53 million total grant to Victoria this financial year under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement.

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Dancing,

Women, they're all the same: Somare

By IAN DAY

The women of Papua New Guinea are like women everywhere — they like to "say their bit".

That is how the PNG Chief Minister (Mr. Michael Somare) sums up the demonstrations by the country's women over high prices and their husbands' low wages.

But Mr. Somare, who arrived in Melbourne last night, said he believed the women were being used by Papua separatist leader Miss Josephine Abaijah for her own political ends.

"She is the only woman member of Parliament we have — thank God," he said.

Mr. Somare, who was mobbed by a screaming, milling crowd of women before flying out of Port Moresby, was met by a smaller milling crowd of reporters, photographers and television cameramen at Melbourne airport.

He handled the interviews with admirable calm, and played down the violence of the demonstrations. But he wouldn't have won many prizes from the Women's Electoral Lobby.

"I personally think she (Miss Abaijah) used them, and perhaps most of the women didn't realise she was doing it for her own political ends," he said.

Kept smiling

He said he had not been kicked or punched. Demonstrations in Papua New Guinea were not as violent as in Australia.

"They are typical of women, women everywhere, trying to say their bit," Mr. Somare said.

Of yesterday's demonstration, he said: "I kept smiling. A few of them were waving and saying Hi, Hi."

He didn't blame anybody for the disturbances. Demonstrations happened everywhere, and inflation was a genuine problem.

Not everybody in Papua New Guinea realised that inflation was world-wide.

"They were complaining because of the wage structure. The private sector pays \$11.50 a week for rural workers. Public servants and politicians are in a privileged position."

After the news conference, Mr. Somare left for dinner at the home of Opposition front bench Mr. Andrew Peacock, a former Minister for Territories, who met him at the airport.

He is in Melbourne to give the Roy Milne memorial lecture for the Australian Institute of International Affairs at Dallas Brooks Hall tonight. He will speak on Papua New Guinea and its place in the world.



Picture: JOHN LAMB

ABOVE: Mr. Michael Somare in Melbourne last night. BELOW: PNG Defence Minister Mr. Albert Maori Kiki in the thick of it as demonstrating women saw Mr. Somare off at Port Moresby airport earlier.



Safe seat lined up

Move for Hawke replace Crean

From JOHN JOST

CANBERRA — Moves are afoot for the president of the Labor Party (Mr. Hawke) to replace the Treasurer (Mr. Crean) in the Labor seat of Melbourne next year.

Mr. Crean is expected to leave a senior Government post, and have to retire from politics.

If Mr. Crean retires, the Minister for Overseas Trade and Deputy Minister (Dr. Cairns) would replace him as Treasurer.

Dr. Cairns successfully contested the Prime Ministership with a view to increasing his influence in the Labor Party.

It is no secret that he would be Treasurer, and it is believed Prime Minister (Mr. Whitlam) most happy for him to take the job from Mr. Crean.

There were strong rumors usually reliable sources say last week that the job of Treasurer offered to Dr. Cairns by Mr. Whitlam before the deputy leadership test.

Recently, leading members of the A.L.P. have expressed concern about Dr. Cairns, then readily identifiable individual, replacing Mr. Whitlam as party leader in the foreseeable future.

The Minister for Social Security (Mr. Hayden) has been nominated, leading A.L.P. men feel that it should also be in a position of leadership in the event of Mr. Whitlam's retirement.

In their view, Dr. Cairns, an ideal leadership material, is older than Mr. Whitlam with 58 next month.

2 lost after party at sea

By ALAN DUNN

A young Melbourne schoolteacher and her Perth companion have been missing for three weeks following a midnight birthday party on board the Chandris liner *Ellis*.

The 25,000-ton liner was five days out of Balboa, Panama, when the couple went missing.

The Melbourne girl, Valerie Young, 22, and Raymond Triat, 24, also a schoolteacher, of Gregory Street, Wembley, a Perth suburb, were last seen at 4.30 a.m. on May 29 leaving the party.

A spokesman for the Chandris Line said yesterday about 12 passengers were at the party held beside the swimming pool on the promenade deck. The party started at midnight and broke up about 4.30 a.m.

Miss Young and Mr. Triat were seen leaving the party but had not been sighted since.

Miss Young was travelling to England with her married sister, Mrs. J. Locke, and was sharing a cabin with her and another girl.

It appeared neither Miss Young nor Triat had gone

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