

Australian School Of Social Science Summer School, 1956

The 17th Annual Summer School and Conference, organised by the Australian School of Social Science, was held at Newport, N.S.W. from 27th to 30th January. Extremely wet weather before and during the School somewhat diminished the numbers, but, altogether, over 50 people attended.

The anticipated visit of Norman Casserley in the last stages of his world tour did not materialise.

At the opening session, enthusiasm was aroused for the proposed weekly broadcasts by the N.S.W. League. Scripts were read and discussed. The general underlying theme of all the broadcasts will be "Justice."

Land Tenure in the Philippines was the subject on the afternoon of 28th January. Dr. A. J. Agbayani, from the Philippines Embassy, gave a great deal of useful information, from which it would appear that the Philippines, like so many other great and naturally wealthy countries, is impoverished by the three great curses — land-lordism, taxation and trade-restrictions.

On 29th January Mr. Eric Baume spoke on Parliamentary Privilege to a crowded room. This subject is strongly related to Freedom, and the whole of the address, questions and discussion, were animated and informative. Mr. Baume contended that the law relating to Parliamentary Privilege should be amended so as to give a person who has been attacked in Parliament under cover of privilege the right to answer the accusation, under privilege, before the House. Others were of the opinion that the special privilege of Members of Parliament should be abolished and that their defence to slanderous attacks on other individuals should be limited to "truth and public benefit."

Mr. Baume has promised to give the School the opportunity to discuss its philosophy of free-

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dom at his session on 2GB and 17 other stations on a Saturday evening in the near future.

At the evening session on 29th January, Mr. R. J. Hauser, an industrial consultant and social worker and speaker of great experience and ability, spoke on "Labour and Management — Is Harmony Possible?" A very good discussion ensued, the main point at issue being whether harmony in industry can be brought about by arbitration, psychological methods, and other ways of removing personal grievances and industrial handicaps, or whether basically conflicts between labour and management arise from exploitation and misgovernment — the Haves versus the Have Nots.

The final session was a discussion session on How To Put Ideas Into Practice. The subjects discussed were Broadcasting, Advertising, Classes, etc.

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