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Tough line on strikes

No work, no pay: Fraser

PERTH—Tough measures to combat industrial disputes were outlined last night by the Prime Minister (Mr. Fraser).

In two speeches—an address to the Liberal Party Federal Council in Perth and a televised address to the nation—Mr. Fraser warned of inflationary pressures and said his Government would not soften its approach to industrial disputes.

He reaffirmed a tough line against strikes and vowed that wages deals, and said the Government would remain unbent against unreasonable price increases by manufacturers.

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Demolition of the Belle Vue continued yesterday as Mr. Bjelke-Petersen accused Liberal MPs who opposed the action, as 'pathetic'.

In other developments yesterday, the State Liberal member for Stafford (Mr. Gygar) claimed the demolition contractor, Sim Enterprises, contracted to demolish the building.

He said windows had not been removed and the doors were not boarded up.

A 'catch cradle' was required for the rubble, but had not been built. A safety zone one and a half times the height of the building should have been established.

Mr. Gygar said last night that Members had left the joint parties with the impression that the facade of the Belle Vue was to be saved and used as a front on another building on the same site.

Wife gets \$3m plus the horse

PINE RIVERS (LAP)—A woman has been awarded \$3 million and a horse in a divorce settlement.

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Time to say "Thanks"

WALLACE BISHOP. THE TIMELEADERS.

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He said this direction was given after last Wednesday's joint Government parties meeting, but would not confirm or deny that the higher authority was the Premier (Mr. Bjelke-Petersen).

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'Vandalism'

Brisbane City Council planning and traffic committee chairman (Alderman Ardill) said the "vandalism" had wrecked thousands of dollars worth of traffic control equipment.

Alderman Ardill said that a wall of the Belle Vue had fallen on a traffic installation that would put out the traffic lights for several days at the corner of Alice and George Streets and other nearby intersections.

The Town Clerk would be seeking compensation for the traffic installation and parking meters smashed.

Another Liberal backbencher, Mr. Akers (Pine Rivers) criticised the Premier over the demolition during a party conference.

Mr. Bjelke-Petersen said yesterday from his Kingyara home that he wanted to congratulate the demolition contractor for a job well done.

He would not discuss details of the tender for the job but said all normal procedures had been complied with. Mr. Bjelke-Petersen also defended the 1 a.m. Saturday start and said it was wise to get started then, so traffic was not blocked.

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THIS WAS THE BELLEVUE

WEATHER: City: Fine, max. 26. Gold and Sunshine Coasts: Fine. Morston Bay: Seas choppy.

Govt in crisis over demolition

By STEVE RICKETTS and GEOFF STERLING

The demolition of the BelleVue has plunged the State National - Liberal Party coalition into a new crisis.

The Liberal Party leader, Dr Edwards, and state president, Mrs McComb, worked feverishly during the night to stop a backbench walkout.

Dr Edwards and Mrs McComb, who were in Perth attending the party's federal council conference, spoke to backbenchers by telephone.

Mrs McComb said she thought Mr Akers (Pine Rivers) now realised the Liberal Party needed him, and that he would not resign and sit as an independent as he indicated earlier.

Mrs McComb said many questions had to be asked about last night's demolition.

SHOCKED

She said Dr Edwards didn't know anything about the demolition, and was "pretty shocked" when he heard the news.

The four Liberal members who took part in the BelleVue picket are Mr Akers, Mrs Kyburz (Salisbury), Mr Innes (Sherwood) and Mr Gygar (Stafford).

Despite a telephone conversation with Dr Edwards last night, Mr Gygar today was still uncertain about the future.

Mr Gygar said the events of the next couple of days would determine his future in the Liberal Party would be decided in the next few days.

"This is the flashpoint. This is the style of our uncaring and oppressive Government in Queensland must cease immediately or the Liberals will cause to be an association," Mr Gygar said.

"I'm certain I speak for the overwhelming cross section of the party."

The Premier, Mr Bjelke-Petersen today defended the demolition.

He said the people were well aware of the Government's decision to tear down the BelleVue, and when it was done was irrelevant.

"Did they want it done in peak hour traffic?"

ONE CANDLE

Chairman of the Restored the BelleVue Campaign, Mrs Kathleen Marshall, said today she was appalled at the death with which the State Government had moved in to demolish the hotel.

"I think it is an absolute disgrace the way they have carried out this piece of rank vandalism," Mrs Marshall said.

She urged the public to attend the protest meeting at 2 p.m. outside Old Government House at the Gardens end of George Street in the Queensland Institute of Technology grounds.

Mrs Marshall also believed the demolition of the BelleVue could have repercussions for the Premier, Mr. Bjelke-Petersen.

"There were four state Liberal parliamentarians at the site during the night, and they were appalled at the demolition," she said.

She said that the Liberal leader and Deputy Premier, Dr Edwards, could be flying back from Perth where he was attending a Liberal Federal Council meeting.

Mrs Marshall claimed that the contract to demolish the historic hotel had been let weeks ago, making a mockery of any decision the joint government could have made this week.

Mrs Marshall was also concerned that the demolition could open a dangerous precedent all over Brisbane.

The Works Minister, Mr Wharton, had told her that routing timber in the hotel was related with the West Indian terrace.

YOUTH DIES IN CRASH

A youth died and five other people were injured when a car skidded into a power pole at Bealiba last night.

The driver, 16-year-old James Viver, 25, of New Park, a member of the Truck Force. He fell while negotiating with demonstrators and was hit by a tree.

The workers arrived at the BelleVue soon after midnight and at 1.36 the first part of the 51-year-old hotel fell.

A backhoe was used to knock down additions to the main building and then a bulldozer used a chain to pull down sections of the wall.

Arguments sprang up between police, senior police and senior officers on the legality of the demolition order.

Mrs Marshall, Mr Pine Rivers, Mr Akers (Pine Rivers) and Dr. Innes (Sherwood) were seen at the scene.

"Unless the leader of the Liberal Party (Dr Edwards) does something...

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INTERIOR GOES DOWN

Most of the interior of the BelleVue Hotel, George Street, was demolished by 8.45 a.m. The Alice Street facade still remained. Story Pages 1, 2 and 3.

ALBION PARK SCRATCHINGS:
 RACE 1: 1 Thargona Lad, 2 Ponderosa Jody. RACE 2: 11 Cardinal Pigeon.
 RACE 3: 6 Jeki Lad, 8 Miss Goldmine.
 RACE 4: 74 Glendale Adios, 7 Miss Caroline.
 RACE 5: 3 Just A Smoothie, 8 Lasting Hope.