

NEW WILLIS PLAY AT NEW THEATRE



JACK MAUGHAN as The Politician (above) and CHARLOTTE HINTON as The Theatre Cleaner (right) in New Theatre's production of "What Happens to Love?"

WHAT HAPPENS TO LOVE?

Do cocktail parties and love-and-lunch episodes throw the spanner into the average post-war marriage?

Or have dog-box "flats," rapacious landladies, and sardines on toast eaten in a six-by-eight kitchen much more to do with it?

What happens between the playing of the Wedding March and the application for a divorce, to drive thousands of couples who were sure they were in love into the courts?

These are some of the questions amusingly posed and pungently answered in New Theatre's production of "What Happens To Love?", which opens this Saturday night.

The play was written by Ted Willis, of London's Unity Theatre, whose recent satirical comedy, "God Bless the Cyn'or," kept Melbourne audiences in gales of laughter.

"There is plenty of laughter in "What Happens To Love?", but underneath the laughter is a shrewd examination of the social factors which are making divorce a feature of modern society.



BUTCHERS ENDORSE DUTCH BAN CONDEMN MENZIES

Use of the Transport Workers' Act to force the unions to lift their ban on Dutch transport was urged by Mr. R. G. ("Pie-iron Bob") Menzies at a meeting of the Prahran branch of the "Liberal" Party last week.

Mr. Menzies boasted that he had used the Act to coerce waterlanders into loading cargoes for Japan at Port Kembla in NSW.

(The cargoes consisted largely of pig and scrap iron, later used by Japanese militarists to equip Australian troops. — Ed.)

Mr. Menzies said 17 unions had "imposed sanctions on the Dutch." He added that, if he was in power, he would do the same as he had done in 1939.

Members of the Butchers' Union employed at Stone-Coopers' Newmarket works held a meeting last Friday morning and strongly condemned this latest attack by Menzies on the trade union movement.

The meeting carried a resolution expressing full support for the unions' ban on Dutch transport.

LECTURE ON USSR

"Freedom of Expression in the USSR" will be the subject of a luncheon address by Miss Alison Palmer at Australia-Soviet House on Wednesday, August 20. The public is invited to these weekly luncheon lectures held on the first floor at A.S.H. every Wednesday.

Professor G. S. Browne, who visited Japan earlier this year, will deliver the next evening lecture at A.S.H. on Friday, August 22, his subject being "The attempt to make Japan a Democratic State"; and on Friday, August 29th, at 8 p.m., there will be a program of Soviet recordings, featuring Aram Khachaturian's Stalin Prize-winning violin concerto played by Oistrakh and the USSR State Orchestra. The program will be annotated by the well-known Melbourne pianist, Douglas Gamley.

CURRENT COUPONS

TEA (2 ea. each): 25-28 (expire August 17), 29-32 (expire September 14), 33-36 (expire October 12).

BUTTER (8 lb. each): 26-27 (expire August 17).

MEAT: Black 51-60, Green 65 and 67 (expire August 17), and available on August 4: Black 61-68, Green 66 and 71 (expire August 17).

Save meat and butter coupons, keep them with a tray or tin as they cannot be used again, but send them in as indicated on the back. (Green Day KYE, C/O GPO, Melbourne)

U.S. MEAT TRUST EXTENDING IN AUSTRALASIA

THE (American) Swift meat trust now operates six plants in Australia and two in New Zealand. Swifts took over the Wellington Meat Export Company (NZ) last year.

Besides its Australasian holdings, the trust operates 42 plants in America, six in Canada, seven in Argentina, and five in Brazil.

Although it has paid very high dividends, the American branch alone has accumulated a profit surplus of nearly 120 million dollars, according to the American CIO paper, "Meat Worker."

The company's profits from its seven Argentine plants amounted to nearly six million dollars last year.

The meat trade of the capitalist world is divided up between Swifts and the British Vestey trust.

Swifts hold meat contracts with the British Ministry of Food which assure the company of profitable business at the expense of the hungry British people until 1950.

Big Communist - Led Rail Fare Protest at Footscray

MORE than 1,200 Footscray residents have signed a petition protesting against increased rail fares.

The petition was circulated by the Footscray Branch of the Communist Party.

The Branch also asked the Minister for Transport (Mr. Storcham) to receive a deputation representing the Yarraville Branch of the AEU, the Footscray Branch of the Building Workers, the shop committee for Smorison's meat works, Yarraville SBC depot shop committee, Angles and Co shop committee, Maidstone Housing Commission job representatives, Footscray No. 2 Branch of the AEU, Sunshine Branch of the Housewives' Association, Footscray Citizens' Relief Committee, Ordnance Munition Area Committee, and Footscray and Sunshine Branches of the Communist Party.

The Minister said that he had already received a similar deputation, and assured it that the points raised would be borne in mind by the government.

He did not think that "any good purpose" would be served by the reception of the deputation.