

New \$2000m bid for BHP has conditions

Mr Robert Holmes a Court yesterday unveiled a "dramatically simple" system bid for control of BHP, but again there are conditions attached which appear to offer an exit at virtually any time.

The revised bid, which offers \$770 cash for half of BHP shareholders' parcel, drew a hostile response from BHP's chairman, Dr James Hargest.

Mr James said the bid was an attempt to seize control of the company for far less than it's worth.

The bid has been designed by US Mr Holmes a Court's interest in BHP from the present 18 per cent, to something around 40 per cent, which would be enough to give him effective control over Australia's largest company.

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Jews want Australia to extradite Nazi war criminals

SYDNEY — The Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, will be asked to bring to justice 130 suspected Nazi war criminals who have found a haven in Australia — some allegedly with Federal Government knowledge.

The chairman of the Australian Jewish Board of Deputies, Mr L. Kaplan, says he will seek a meeting with Mr Hawke once he receives the list containing the complete names and case studies of the suspects.

The list comprises mostly former members of the German SS, or collaborator groups such as the Hungarian Arrow Cross and the Latvian secret auxiliary groups — said to be

even more brutal in their persecution of Jews than the SS or the Gestapo.

Mr Kaplan said many of the war criminals, especially those from Baltic States, entered Australia with the full knowledge of the Government.

This followed a directive on war criminals from British Prime Minister Clement Attlee to Commonwealth governments in 1948 in which he said "time has come to close the chapter."

"Australia took the recommendation," Mr Kaplan said.

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Mr Kaplan met Mr Hawke last month and he was told the Federal Government needed more information before it could take any action.

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Old-timer still packs a punch

The boxing ropes in his Brompton gymnasium sag and the punching bags look like ornaments, but trainer Tommy Smith can still pack a punch with his iron-glove hands.

Tommy, 88, has been around for so long that he even looks like in faded photographs of him training the Army boys in Adelaide.

But the old-timer is tough and he shuffles around the gym followed by his dog, Crackerjack, while a group of young men, mainly unemployed and bored looking, aspire to become a couple of tough-looking local police.

Tommy has seen them all come and go — the wild ones, the shy ones and Adelaide's first migrants.

He says a wonderful thing, "he said."

"You can get a nervous boy and give him a good old-fashioned punch and show him that he can get hurt too."

Before World War II, boxing and gymnastics were Tommy's life when he was in the Adelaide army as a bare-knuckle fighter, stockman and driver in the Western Territory, canoeist and lumber-jerk.

He remembers watching the heavyweights slug it out in the 1920s, as when Australia produced some notable champions.

Today he still trains about 25 amateur boxers and practices physical therapy in an abandoned church in Seaton Avenue he converted into the SA Premier Hotel Building and Boxing Gym about 10 years ago, moving there from the city.

He has a small room out the back and was having a cup of tea yesterday morning when a couple of tough-looking local police walked in to give him \$4 — the small amount for a couple of weeks' use of the gym.

Boxing was "still not as popular as it used to be," Tommy said, recalling the days when Adelaide staged bouts each week at a city stadium.

"All the trouble with the game now is that there is so much potential going to waste."

Farm-aid package approved

CANBERRA — The Federal Government has approved a farm-aid package which includes a series of economic and welfare measures to help the ailing rural economy at a cost of up to \$360m.

The Cabinet met for the second time yesterday but failed to pass the final touches to the aid package, which will be announced by the Minister for Primary Industries, Mr. Kerin, will make a 45-minute statement to Parliament, and the aid package is strong on the long-term economics of the rural sector with a few short-term sweeteners.

Much of the cost of the aid package will be in income that the Government will lose rather than in payouts to farmers.

Under RAS, farmers are able to get funds at low interest rates if they are regarded as being viable in the long term and if they have been rejected by conventional money lenders.

The Cabinet also provides welfare payments for farmers who can be eased out of the industry slowly and enables farmers to get cheap loans to diversify.

It is unclear what the Cabinet decided to do with the quantum of farm losses, where farm can earn off-farm income and claim it as a tax deduction on farm losses.

The president of the National Farmers' Federation, Mr. Jim McLeish, said he would not appear to this stage to what appeared to be speculation.

However, if the package is mainly a welfare package rather than one which addresses the fundamental issues we have faced, such as total removal of all taxes on farm inputs, it won't be as fast but with the farmers of Australia," he said.

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CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS REVIEW COURSES

A programme of REVIEW COURSES in Chemistry and Physics will be conducted by the Centre for Secondary Science Studies for students in year 12. The course is designed to provide a comprehensive review of all relevant topics specified in the Senior Secondary Assessment Board syllabuses in these subjects.

Students attending the course will be provided with a specially prepared workbook containing the summary notes on the topics being covered each day.

The course in each subject consists of a 2-hour session each day, over a five day period. The following is a list of subject areas to be covered in each of the subjects. Courses will be conducted by highly qualified chemistry and physics lecturers from the South Australian Institute of Technology with many years of teaching experience in these subjects. We are confident the courses will be very helpful to year 12 students studying these subjects. The course at the Flinders University is accessible by public transport, and car parking is available.

CHEMISTRY
Day 1: Chemical Equilibrium
Day 2: Qualitative Analysis
Day 3: Atomic and Molecular Structure
Day 4: Organic Chemistry
Day 5: Electrochemistry and Redox

PHYSICS
Day 1: Mechanics
Day 2: Electricity
Day 3: Magnetism
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DATES AND TIMES: Monday 25.95 - Friday 30.95
CHEMISTRY
8.00am - 10.00am
PHYSICS
10.00am - 12.00pm
Lectures: 10.00am - 12.00pm
Practicals: 12.00pm - 2.00pm
COST: \$50 for the complete course in one subject. This includes the workbook.
BROCHURES: Students wishing to apply for enrolment in the course should contact 332 5505 for further details.

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GOOD MORNING.
The people of SA each contributed an average \$70.80 in State and local government taxation in the year 1984-85. But we didn't have too badly compared with other States.

ST VINCENT GULF prawns fishermen have called for the closure of the gulf for putting up to 70 fishermen out of work, as the only hope for the future of the albacore fishery. Page 3.

EYE DOCTORS have warned of the danger of trying to win tomorrow's election of the sun. Page 2.

THE NEW Federal-State \$100m offensive against drug abuse is likely to fail because it was framed by politicians who had no "university" approach and an "unholy" image, according to a pollster. Page 3.

TREASURY's no shortage of backtracking in the game of the federal government upgrading the Adelaide to Victor Harbor railway line into a major trunk for steam train travel. It's due to open on August 31. Page 1.

DISCUSSIONS will continue today between police officials and members of the Yatala Aboriginal community in a bid to end