

PRIME MINISTER

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From the Press Office

SUMMARY OF ABC'S 7:45 am NEWS

The Commissioners of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission have approached the Federal Government over changes to the industrial law. The Minister for Industrial Relations, Mr. Street, has received two telexes signed by Commissioner Clarkson on behalf of 25 Commissioners. A spokesman for Mr. Street confirmed today that the telexes had been received. He said both were only short notes. The spokesman would not comment on their content, but the ABC's Canberra office understands they express concern about the amendments to the Conciliation and Arbitration Act passed last week by the House of Representatives. On Friday, Mr. Street confirmed he was seeking legal advice on a letter from a member of the Commission, Mr. Justice Staples, who criticised the amendments.

As international aid begins flowing into Kampuchea, there is a worsening of the situation on the border with Thailand. Two planeloads of food and equipment arrived in Phnom Penh during the weekend. Yesterday there was a mortar attack on a refugee camp inside the Thai border. Five Kampuchean were killed and 12 were wounded.

There has been a big anti-nuclear demonstration in West Germany. Police estimated there were as many as 100,000 marchers demanding the closure of atomic power stations.

The Federal Opposition Leader, Mr. Bill Hayden, has welcomed Mr. Hawke's pre-selection win and has indicated that the Industrial Relations Ministry would be available to him in a Labor Government. Mr. Hawke yesterday gained Labor pre-selection for the safe Victorian seat of Wills. Last night the Opposition Leader said that he was delighted that Mr. Hawke would be joining him in Canberra. Mr. Hayden said his indisputable talents in the field of industrial relations and his success in resolving disputes would be great assets during an election campaign and in Government.

In the United States, President Carter's electoral hopes have been given a boost by his strong showing in his first contest against Senator Edward Kennedy. There has been solid support in the Democratic Party Caucuses in Florida. President Carter and Senator Kennedy have not yet declared officially they are running for the Presidency but announcements are expected from both in December.

Cricket: On second day's play declared at 7 for 510. At stumps Australia has scored 20 without loss.

Former test cricketer Rick McCoster will captain the N.S.W. Sheffield Shield Team for the first two matches of the season. Rod Marsh has been named captain of Western Australia, also for two matches.

The Commander of the Zimbabwe Rhodesia Armed Forces has arrived unexpectedly in London. The Salisbury delegation to the London Conference says the General will be a close adviser on security matters.

A 20 year old man will appear in Pahrn Magistrates Court in Melbourne today facing nine charges relating to shooting at Longford Theatre in South Yarra yesterday. Four people were wounded when gunman fired at least 6 shots in the foyer of the cinema during the interval of an Indian film. One man's condition is serious.

President Castro is back in Cuba. He left New York under continuing blanket of heavy security and arrived in Havana early today.

Soccer: Australia will play New Zealand, Fiji, Indonesia and China Taipei in first round of qualifying matches for 1982 World Cup in Spain.

A gold nugget estimated to weigh nearly 4 kilograms has been found in the Kalgoorlie area of Western Australia.