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## Stoppages Action

The Federal Unions' Conference called by the A.C.T.U. voted 84 to 63 against strike action in protest against penal clauses of the Arbitration Act.

Delegates representing 97 unions affiliated with the A.C.T.U. attended the two-day conference.

The meeting had been called early in April to consider penal clauses, control of industrial disputes, and a request for a national stoppage.

The conference accepted an A.C.T.U. recommendation that the A.C.T.U. arrange a representative delegation to the Federal Government to—

- Press for the elimination of penal clauses; and

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**NEW MEMBER**

**TODAY**

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- Protest against heavy fines and costs.

### Control Of Shop Committees

The key A.C.T.U. recommendations seek important changes in the handling of industrial disputes and greater control of Shop and Area Committees.

When a dispute is threatened or develops to a point where a stoppage is likely, the Union or Unions concerned must refer it to the State Labor Council before the stoppage takes place.

The Council would then control the dispute.

In cases where Unions are likely to be fined under penal clause provisions, the State Labor Council must advise the A.C.T.U. which will arrange for conferences of the Federal Unions concerned.

If there is still no agreement, the Federal Unions (under A.C.T.U. auspices) will take control.

### Stop Press

#### DECISION RESERVED ON BREWERY INCREASES

The Clerks' Union application to vary the Clerks (Brewery) Award to increase the margin prescribed in the Award by 15 per cent has now concluded.

The Union had asked that an increase should be granted because there had been an increase in the salaries paid to other clerical employees and that there had been a general movement in wages and salaries.

Commissioner Findley has reserved his decision on the Union application.

**If In Doubt**

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