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LIQUOR BAN ON N.S.W. ABORIGINES TO BE LIFTED

SYDNEY, Tuesday. — State Cabinet today decided

lifting the liquor ban on N.S.W. aborigines' 1909.

It was decided by the State Cabinet today that the liquor ban on N.S.W. aborigines should be lifted.

The decision was taken after a long and heated discussion.

The ban was first imposed in 1909.

It was then extended to cover all N.S.W. aborigines.

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Allocation For Wheat Research

CANBERRA, Tuesday. — The Federal Government has allocated £200,000 to State Departments of Agriculture for research into the wheat industry.

The Minister for Primary Industries (Mr. Adermann) said today the money represented the unused balance of funds that had been available for State activities under the national wheat areas scheme which had ended some years ago.

The money would be provided under the condition that it be used to provide for additional activities than those now being undertaken.

Expenditure of the money would be subject to the approval of the Minister for Primary Industries for the specific projects on which the States proposed to use it.

N.Z. 'QUAKE'

WELLINGTON (New Zealand), Tuesday. — An earthquake of major intensity has been reported from New Zealand, but little damage has been caused.

Tremors were felt all along the North New Guinea Coast in New Guinea and other common.

The epicentre of the earthquake was reported to be in the Bismarck Sea, some distance from the mainland in the early hours of today.

The plane was one of two dropping superphosphate on the property yesterday.

It is understood the crash occurred as Whalan was returning at the end of the day's work at about 5 p.m.

The crash completely crushed the cockpit, jamming Whalan's flying boots on the pedals.

Although suffering lacerated facial injuries, and dislocation of a shoulder, Whalan managed to struggle free of his boots and the cockpit, and set out for help.

He walked nearly two miles in near-freezing temperatures over rough country in the darkness to reach a house occupied by Mr. V. O'Neill, of Dwyer Mountain, at about 6.45 p.m.—nearly two hours after the crash.

Whalan was taken to Walcha Hospital by Mr. O'Neill's sons. He was admitted.

A police constable party located the plane this morning and stood guard over the wreckage till the arrival of an official from the Department of Civil Aviation.

The pilot of another light aircraft working with the crashed plane, Mr. K. Dural, of Tamworth, set out for Walcha at the finish of his run. Whalan remained in complete drooping operations.

The other pilot became concerned when he could not see Whalan's plane and returned to Walcha to give the alarm. However, by this time Whalan had himself given the alarm.

Late tonight Whalan was in a satisfactory condition in Walcha hospital.

The Inspector of Air Safety with the Department of Civil Aviation (Mr. G. Treasurer) is investigating.

The crashed plane was owned by Airfarm Association Pty. Ltd. of Tamworth.

Whalan, an experienced pilot, came to Tamworth to join Airfarm Association several months ago.

2 Railway Workers Die In Collision

CANBERRA, Tuesday. — Two men were killed and four injured, two seriously, when a diesel shunting engine and a hand-trolley carrying a railway work gang collided near Quamby today.

Dead were William Thompson (about 45), single, of Goulburn, and George Hughes (40), single, of Queer.

Two other men, Byron Ash-ton (35), single, of Wyong, and Frank Wainwright (40), married, of Narara Via Goulburn, were admitted to the Quamby Hospital with serious spinal injuries.

Railway authorities had to send a special train and van from Quamby to the scene of the accident to bring out the injured men.

Amusement, who could not bring cars near the scene of the accident, travelled in the van.

Other railway workmen in the area, who heard the crash, went another hand-trolley to go to Quamby for help.

The collision took place in a deep cutting about two miles south of Quamby. Police and railway authorities are conducting an inquiry into the accident.

The trolley was carrying 14 men at the time of the accident. Eight of the men were thrown from the trolley to the side of the track, but suffered only minor injuries.

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