

QANTAS BAN HALTS JETS

SYDNEY, Sun, AAP — Australia was almost isolated today to air travellers as the effects of Qantas dispute escalate.

Quakes rock

Italy, US

NAPLES, Sun, AAP — A strong follow-up earth tremor last evening literally frightened to death eight people in the part of

people in the part of Southern Italy already ravaged by a quake that killed 2916 people last November.

Six died of heart attacks in Naples, one at Avilla near Avellino and one at Arpaia near Benevent.

At least twelve others were injured as a number of buildings damaged on November 23 collapsed.

Other quakes shook Algeria and Portugal.

Meanwhile hundreds of tiny aftershocks quivered beneath the earth today after the Pacific north-west's largest earthquake in 16 years rattled dishes and shook pictures on walls from northern California to British Columbia.

No injuries and no major damage was reported from last night's quake, which also caused buildings to sway in Seattle and Portland, Oregon.

Portland, Oregon,

The quake measured 5.5 on the Richter scale and was centred about 19kms north-west of the Mount St. Helens volcano.

International airlines relying on Qantas ground facilities have abandoned flights out of the country today and tomorrow.

Air New Zealand and other airlines have also been caught up in the dispute and an Air New Zealand spokesman said all the airline's flights out of Sydney to New Zealand were cancelled today.

Some flights were still operating into Australia but all Qantas flights were terminating at their first port of call here.

Qantas deputy general manager Mr Ron Yates predicted every international airline would not be able to operate in Australia within two days unless the dispute was settled.

Qantas said flight cancellations on Saturday stopped 2500 travellers and this figure rose to 3500.

The airline said it may have lost up to \$A6 million (K4.5 million) since the first stage of the dispute began two weeks ago.

Spokesman Mr Jim Eames said an ACTU ban on Qantas servicing facilities that has grounded all Qantas aircraft for the past two days had already cost the airline \$A1 million (K760,000) in lost passenger revenue and disruptions caused

by three flight sta-

by three flight stewards stop-work meetings in the past two weeks.

Additionally, no Qantas jet can move out of Australia until after a compulsory conference of all parties in the arbitration commission tomorrow.

The meeting is set for 11am in Sydney.

Five-day week for Hungary

VIENNA, Sun, AAP — Hungary has announced a phased introduction of the five-day work week as of July 1, 1981, a move made in the Soviet Union and other East-

Union and other Eastern Bloc countries with much stricter political and economic controls.

A survey of the seven Warsaw Pact countries and nonaligned Communist Yugoslavia shows that five of them observe a five-day week and only Romania appears to lag behind.

At a weekend conference on working and economic issues, Hungarian Labor Minister Mr Ferenc Tre-

thon said that the shortened work week would be introduced this summer and early next year.

But it was not clear if the 44-hour week would be continued in 1982 or further reduced in what is expected to be a gradual, lengthy process to forestall "dislocations" of the national economy

nomy.

Jeff's surprise

LONDON, Sun, AAP — Teenager Jeffrey Corps got the shock of his life early today when he was floored by what he thought was an unidentified flying object.

Jeffrey, 18, of Crawley, Sussex, was walking home after watching the late night horror movie when he was knocked to the ground by a large metal object that fell from the heavens.

Police identified the UFO as a meteorological balloon from the local weather office.

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