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"Irregular" has been getting regularly bigger. To restore its reputation for eccentricity, this issue is so small you will have to read it !

### Melting Pot

1/4/7 No more crucial period of townplanning ferment can be imagined than right now ---and from now on.

History is to be made (one way or the other) in the period immediately ahead.

By the time you receive this issue of "Irregular", Hamer's Workshop Forum on Melbourne's Future Growth at the Latrobe University, Saturday 7th. October will have just concluded. There could be no more timely occasion for the next TRG meeting therefor, which will continue discussions on the same subject.

The Forum will have heard the first public versions of the Town and Country Board's recommendations, and of the Transportation Committee.

2/4/7 Before the townplanning "elite" therefor there will then be four serious propositions:-

1. Town & Country Planning Board
2. Town & Country Planning Association
3. MMBW.
4. Transportation Committee.

And, we should add, there needs to be taken into account three other official reports, just issued ---

5. The Rogan Report
6. Report of the Decentralisation Advisory Committee.
7. Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry into Melbourne's Future Water Supply

All these plans should be widely publicised and open to public debate, before the Government crystallises a set scheme from the melting pot.

3/4/7 Whatever the decision it will or should create political ferment. If the decisions are good, there will be a struggle against entrenched ideas to carry them out. If they are indifferent or bad, there will be a struggle to improve them.

Now is the time for a concentrated effort to grasp the essentials of these planners, synthesise the best that they can offer, weld it into a popular program, and cast this into understandable language.

### An Integrated Plan

4/4/7 Did we say "synthesise" ? Then, if we are to take modern civilised human needs as our touch-stone (and not the special interests only of the master builders, the car industry or the subdividers), then any plan must integrate these three inseparable factors, each of which affects the other quite directly: Housing, Transport, & Growth Patterns. Agree ?