ON THE INDUSTRIAL FRONT

HE CASE BEFORE Deputy Public Service Arbitrator Booth on the salaries of librarians in the Commonwealth Public Service concluded in Canberra on 29 September. As soon as the Arbitrator hands down a decision it will be published in *Incite*.

Industrial groups

The Women and Management in Libraries' seminar held in Adelaide on 31 August resolved, among other things, to form an industrial group. The aim of such a group is to provide mutual support, advice and information for library staff involved in industrial negotiations. A group of this type has already been formed in Western Australia.

University libraries

Adelaide University librarians held a stopwork meeting on Wednesday, 30 September and a well-supported public meeting on Friday, 2 October over a breakdown in negotiations on a salary offer made by the University. Non-academic professional staff at the University are currently paid on a common scale equivalent to academic salaries.

The University wishes to change this situation and has offered separate scales for these non-academic groups with the scale offered librarians being approximately \$3000 less than the other groups.

All the non-academic professional groups are supporting the librarians by refusing to accept the whole salary package unless a more equitable arrangement is achieved for librarians. The Barr Smith Library closed

on the weekend of 3 and 4 October in protest and dates have also been set aside in the SA Industrial Commission to hear the dispute.

The NSW Universities Library Staff Salaries Award case will be heard in the NSW Industrial Commission on various dates through October, November and early December.

Municipal libraries

Library staff in New South Wales municipal libraries received increases between six and seven percent in the NSW Industrial Commission on 28 September. The award variation also included the introduction of an Assistant Library Officer scale (trainee library technicians) and the partial restructuring of the Librarian classification.

Judith Hill LAA Industrial Officer

SLV: 125 years of service

To celebrate its 125th anniversary, the State Library of Victoria is holding an exhibition entitled *Information — the key to the future* which gives some idea of the range of services offered by the Library, how they have changed since 1856, and how they can help plan for the future.

One display in the exhibition features the wide range of government publications — Victorian, Australian and overseas — held by the State Library. Another shows the work done by libraries in various government departments.

Another display is a range of businessrelated information sources — company and product directories, statistical publications, and explanations of some of the econometric models currently used to predict future trends.

The exhibition, which is in the Irving Benson Hall, will run until 13 December 1981.



