



## AM&S IN PEKING . . . .

Australian Mining & Smelting (AM&S) along with about a hundred other companies participated in the Australian Trade Exhibition held in Peking during October. Officially opened by Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Jim Cairns and Vice Premier Li of China the exhibition was the largest ever mounted by Australia in an overseas country.

AM&S was represented at the exhibition by Sulphide's Technical Manager Peter Mead and Barry Braes, Assistant Underground Manager, Zinc Corporation, both of whom presented technical papers to selected audiences of Chinese mining and metallurgical technologists.

The AM&S exhibit featured the twin themes of zinc-lead mining at Broken Hill and ISF smelting at Cockle Creek.

The exhibition, which ran from 11th-23rd Octo-

ber proved very popular with the Chinese and all told approx. 180,000 invited persons attended. Of particular interest was the insatiable thirst of the Chinese for hand-out brochures and leaflets which the Australian companies made available. This is well illustrated in our picture above.

From all accounts it seems this exhibition was successful from many points of view and in time should prove to be an important milestone in the development of greater trade between the two countries

## SUGGESTIONS PAY OFF

Two recent payments made by the Suggestions Committee reflect the high standard of suggestions currently being received.

● An I.S.F. employee was awarded \$200.00 for a proposed method of desilverising lead bullion to the partially refined (P.R.) state. This method included the addition of ammonium chloride and sawdust to the bullion to provide a "dry" dross which can be more easily and quickly removed than the previous "wet" dross. An additional advan-

tage of this proposal which was not apparent at the time of submission is that it has enabled the Company to reduce the silver content in normal lead bullion supplied to one of our customers who recently specified a lower silver grade.

● An upturn in the consumption of restrictor bar heads at the I.S.F. due to more corrosive slags and increased slagging temperatures prompted another I.S.F. operator to check the water flow rate through the bars. A suggestion to in-

crease the water flow and ensuing trials showed that the head life could be extended. After tests and investigation of past and present consumption rates, \$150.00 was awarded for the suggestion.

**Congratulations fellas, and to those of you with ideas, put them down on paper and send them to our Secretary (Ted Oldham). They may be worth something to you through the Suggestion Scheme, but they're worthless if you keep them stored in your head.**