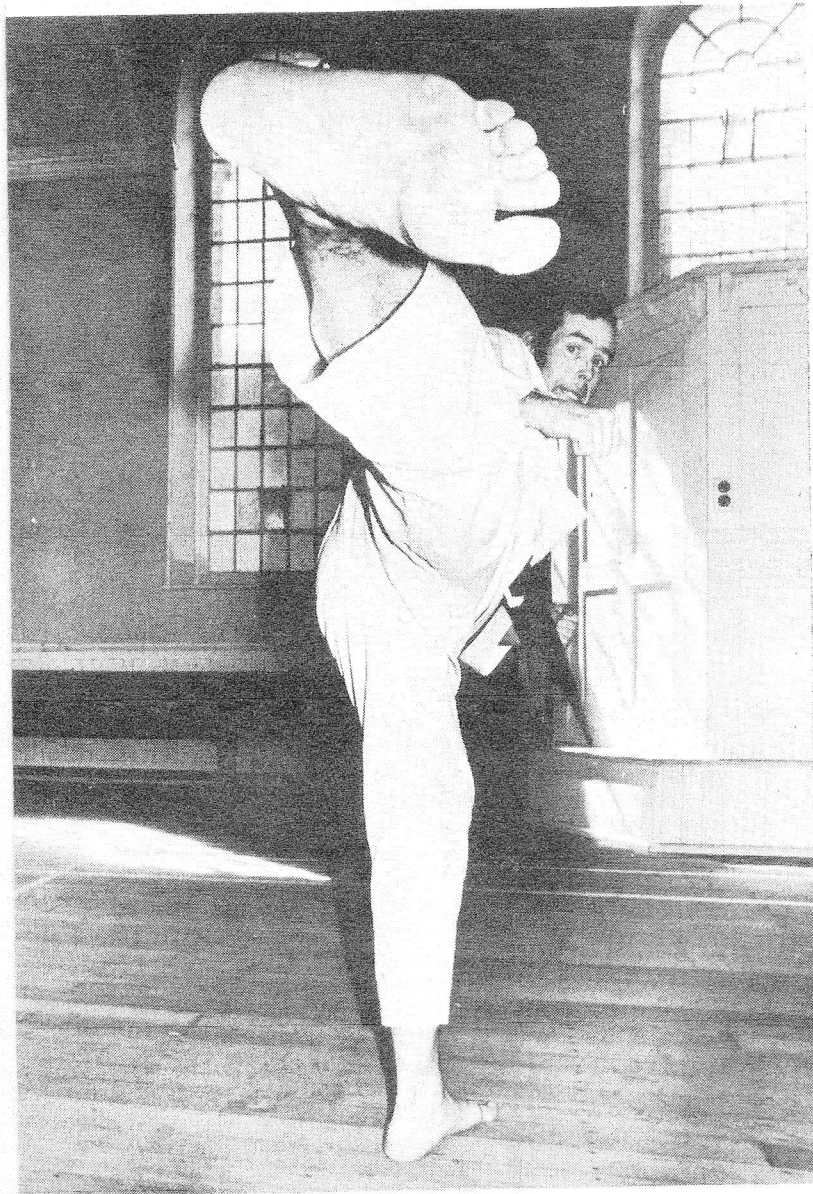


# TAEKWONDO 'TAKES OVER' TASMANIA

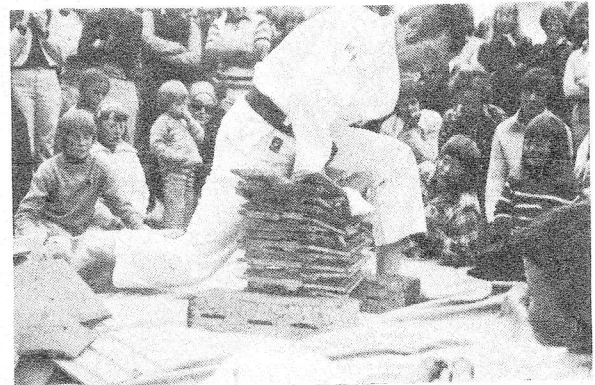


MARTIAL ART statisticians will be interested to note that Tasmania has claimed the distinction of having proportionately the world's largest number of Taekwondo practitioners, on a population basis.

This was reportedly confirmed recently when Taekwondo grand master, Mr Chong Woo Lee, 9th degree, visited Tasmania. Mr Lee said that, per head of population, Tasmania had the highest proportion of Taekwondo practitioners in the world, including Korea.

Mr Lee accredited the remarkable growth rate of the art in Tasmania to the efforts of the chairman and chief instructor of the Tasmanian Tae Kwon Do Association, Mr Dale Eagling, 2nd degree.

The Tasmanian Tae Kwon Do Association claims 6,200 players practising at clubs in Hobart, New Norfolk, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie.



Tasmanian instructor Mr Dale Eagling pictured (left) kicking and (above) breaking stack of 14 roof tiles.

The association has been fortunate in attracting a high calibre of office bearers. These include the patron, Mr Doug Lowe, MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister of Health; and the advisory director, Detective Superintendent Harvey Smith, one of Tasmania's leading Police administrators.

Dale Eagling, a qualified accountant with a degree in business administration, has had about 11 years' experience in the martial arts. He has trained in judo, holds a 1st Dan in karate, and has a 2nd degree from the World Tae Kwon Do Federation. He is Tasmania's representative on the Australian Tae Kwon Do association and last year was appointed team supervisor for the Australian team to the World Tae Kwon Do Championships in Seoul, Korea.

Before becoming involved in the martial arts, Dale played senior football in the N.T.F.A., was one of Tasmania's leading sprint runners, and a successful athletics coach. ■