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GOVT. PROVOKES RIOT! AGENT EXPOSED

DEMONSTRATORS IN MELBOURNE HAVE FINALLY CAUGHT A POLICE PROVOCATEUR ACTING IN THEIR RANKS.

For some time the use of provocateurs in demonstrations has been suspected, but concrete evidence has been hard to obtain.

The use of such people to provoke situations where the government can use its full force to suppress the peace movement is well documented in other countries — particularly in the United States.

In nearly every case in the United States over recent years, where charges for "bombings" have actually come to court, the chief instigator or the bombings has been shown to be a planted agent of the police or of the F.B.I. Five persons currently facing trial in New York on charges of throwing a bomb into a National Guard truck last November include one George Demmerle, an F.B.I. agent.

In 1965 in the famous case of the alleged conspiracy to blow up the Statue of Liberty one of the key "conspirators" was Raymond A. Wood, an agent of the New York police department.

New York's Assistant District Attorney Joseph A. Phillip recently admitted that five police agents participated in an alleged plot to bomb department stores for which thirteen Black Panther members have been jailed for nearly a year awaiting trial.

The role of such provocateurs has usually been to give motive force to the natural feelings of frustration built up in activists confronting an intransigent system. The blatant use of such tactics at the demonstration on Saturday is not surprising, considering the political climate the government has been trying to create through the mass media over the past few weeks. The government's "emergency" conference on "violent demonstrations" calling for yet further repressive laws and an end to the present police attitude of "tolerance" in the face of "intolerant" demonstrators gave the government 3 or 4 days of front page publicity — all because demonstrators "violently" sat on the floor of the G.P.O. and linked arms.

Obviously what the government needs to put its laws into practice without creating a backlash is a real riot. The government knows that the demonstrators are not going to "riot" unless the police help them along. What better way then to supply the demonstration with a few well-trained police rioters. This is in fact what the government decided to do on Saturday at the G.P.O.



Photo courtesy: Sunday Observer

The demonstration on Saturday was relatively quiet. From 10.15 till 12.00 about a dozen people were urging 20 year-olds not to register for national service, and urging others to fill in false registration forms. A crowd of about 50 people gathered and a few joined the demonstration to fill in false registration forms.

The trouble broke out at about noon when plain-clothed Commonwealth Police attempted to arrest a speaker on the G.P.O. steps. As State Police gathered in Bourke Street the Commonwealth Police charged into the demonstrators and proceeded to drag Barry Connor and Karl Armstrong away in handcuffs.

With this activity on the part of the police, the crowd quickly grew to a couple of hundred. This milling crowd gave Karl and Barry a chance to escape briefly, but they were quickly recaptured.

A middle-aged passerby was so incensed by the police action that he joined the demonstrators around the police car. She was then arrested for thumping on the roof of the car and yelling "South African fascists".

While she was chanting demonstrators surrounded the police cars, a girl in the forefront of the action was arrested by State police (presumably for some illegal action). As she was being led away she produced a card, and on showing it to the State police was immediately released.

A demonstrator who witnessed this grabbed the card and disappeared back into the crowd with it.

THE CARD IS IDENTIFICATION FOR A COMMONWEALTH POLICEWOMAN: MISS D.J. THOMPSON.

The circumstances which led to her arrest deserve special consideration. She was in the front ranks of the demonstration, not only participating in, but playing a leading role in the action around the police car. That is she was acting in the classic manner used by police provocateurs.

POLICE TO BLAME

Michael Costigan commented in the Sunday Observer:

"Commonwealth Police were entirely to blame for what happened at the G.P.O. yesterday."

"They heard well-known people like Labour M.H.R. Dr. Moss Cass express defiance of the Act.

Then they decided to act against the mildest and least-known of all the speakers, a fresh-faced youth of about 19 or 20.

He had just finished speaking when one of the plain-clothes men tried to approach him.

Other demonstrators formed a human barrier around him, while the Commonwealth Policeman went into the Post Office to telephone for reinforcements.

At this stage the demonstration had lasted nearly an hour and a half. It was showing every sign of fizzing out.

Then the police charged the demonstrators, pushing, grabbing and swinging their fists as they advanced.

The demonstrators resisted but I didn't see any of them aim a blow at the police.

Some of the police did their best to avoid brutality in their handling of the situation.

But they should never have been forced to intervene as they did. Somebody at the top issued the order for this action — and it was a piece of either stupidity or cynicism."

He wrote this report before he found out that police strikers were taking part in the demonstration.

ARRESTS AND CHARGES arising from Saturday's demonstration were:

Barry Connor - Inciting persons to refuse to register for N.S.

Karl Armstrong - Obstruction of police

Allan Dowdsley - Obstruction

David Woodham - Obstruction

Dean Connell - Obstruction and insulting words

Bon Hull - Insulting words

Eddie Bramberger - not charged

Eddie was carted off, grilled at the police station and would have been fingerprinted except that the cops couldn't find the ink, then told "Forget it".

He may be charged later, if Sir Arthur feels like it.

A week earlier, Earl Ingleby was charged with inciting persons to fill in registration forms falsely.

Court appearances are scheduled as follows:

10th of August: Barry Connor, Dean Connell, Bon Hull.

17th of August: Earl Ingleby, Karl Armstrong, Allan Dowdsley, David Woodham.



Professional demonstrators' card

TEMPORARY PASS

Name: MISS D. J. THOMPSON

HOLDER'S SIGNATURE

To be returned to Commonwealth Police Officer on completion of Temporary Duty

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CRIMES ACT CHARGES LAID



Barry Connor was charged that he did: "...contrary to section 7(a) of the Commonwealth Crimes Act 1914 - 66 incite divers persons name unknown being persons liable to register for national service to commit an offence against a law of the Commonwealth namely fail to register for National Service contrary to section 48-1(a) of the National Service Act 1951 - 1968"

.....James McNally

Earl Ingleby was charged that he did: "...incite persons to the commission of an offence against the law of the Commonwealth, namely, section 48A, National Service Act 1955 - 68 "If a document that purports to be a prescribed form of registration and to have been completed as requested by sub-section 1, section 13 of this act, is posted or delivered to the Registrar and that Document is false or misleading in any material particular, the person who signed the Document is guilty of an offence" contrary to the Commonwealth Crimes Act 1914 - 66"

We, the under signed urge people name unknown to break the National Service Act by not registering and/or filling in false registration forms as Earl Ingleby and Barry Connor have likewise urged:

- (Signed).....
- Gary Havant
 - Barbara Gayley
 - Bevan Ramsden
 - Margaret Clayton
 - Len Peacock
 - Jean Coxswede
 - Barry Connor
 - Jean MacLean
 - W.H.O'Brien
 - L.W.Smith
 - Mark Taft
 - Lesley Ebells
 - Johannes Staebes
 - Rod Quinn
 - Jill Jolliffe
 - Phillip Dahlenberg
 - J. Harpie
 - Diana Grunden
 - Janet Buchecker
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Con Son "Tiger Cage", seen in Melbourne 25/7/70

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