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PRINT GOES DAILY

Last year well over 100 million words of extremist propaganda poured fourth from the Labor Club press in the form of 35 issues of Print, 3 issues of Analysis (our 20 to 30 page theoretical magazine) and numerous additional leaflets. Since Print pioneered the field in 1967 a number of other sheets have begun to appear at Monash - eg "Free Speech", a Communist inspired attempt to discredit the DLP Club. Last year the total number of such independent sheets was around half the number of Labor Club publications and it became clear that an insidious attempt was being made to challenge our monopoly over student communications. In view of the serious situation being created we have decided to totally demoralize our opposition by coming out daily. This will enable us to comment on national and international events as they occur (or in the case of Monash news, as we create it!) and to reply to enemy slanders even before they are published. Print will therefore be available (from boxes in the Union, the Ming Wing, Science Library and elsewhere, from the Club bookstall on two days a week, by personal distribution and from the HQ in Prahran) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Except on special occasions (eg Orientation week) there will be no Wednesday Print because of the half-holiday; however we hope to also publish a weekly selection of the best non Monash oriented articles from the daily Prints - primarily for distribution outside the Uni, at Melbourne, La Trobe, interstate, Techs, High Schools and work places. For collectors, back issues of Print will be available from the bookstall, and copies will be mailed out fortnightly to subscribers. We also expect to publish Analysis monthly and bring out a number of printed leaflets. Autonomous faculty left groups will probably bring out their own newsheets as well so all in all we will be needing a lot of money. Daily production with a circulation of 2000 can only continue if all supporters make maximum financial contributions - details of fund raising activity will be announced later.

In case the above information should give any University bureaucrat sleepless nights we should point out that propaganda is not and can never be the main activity of a left-wing movement. Increased production of Print is a result of the increasing tempo of the student movement at Monash and throughout Australia. We will certainly return to weekly or bi-weekly production if Print begins to interfere with our main work of agitation and organization.

Support Australia's (and possibly the Southern Hemisphere's) first Revolutionary Socialist Daily! Pick up Print with your Daily News.

INTRODUCING... THE RED PERIL

Normally Print will consist largely of brief items reporting the latest gossip, exposing fascist reaction in the Admin building and illustrating the lighter side of US imperialism, together with occasional theoretical polemics against modern revisionist elements within the University. During Orientation week however we are forced to devote some space to explaining our basic policies etc and accordingly the rest will be an introduction to the Labor Club (mainly reprinted from our submission to the Orientation Handbook which was, of course, rejected).

ORIENTATION ACTIVITY

The Labor Club will be organizing several officially approved speakers, films etc on each day of Orientation Week. Details in Prints. Watch out however for hourly loudspeaker bulletins as to which buildings are being occupied, riots held etc. Also additional leaflets, eg car parking bulletin out today. Don't forget march from Melbourne Uni on NS Act Friday afternoon, Revolutionary party at Prahran HQ

Friday evening. Today's happenings are:

1. Dr Alan Roberts (Senior Lecturer in Physics and chief secret staff influence on the club) speaks on "Nuclear Forces Under Capitalism" 1pm, H1
2. Bookstall - membership cards, literature, posters pamphlets etc.
3. Marx Brothers Film - "Off to the Circus" 7.30 pm, Union Theatre see ads
4. Working bee every night at new HQ
5. Vice-Chancellor's patronising homily to freshers, 11 am, cafeteria. While not strictly a Labor Club activity, this incredibly boring function has always been very useful in winning supporters. Come along and meet acting VC Westfold, the man who officially banned the Labor Club last year and then had to withdraw under student pressure within 24 hours.

GET WITH THE STRENGTH

The Monash Labor Club is the only activist left-wing organization on campus and it welcomes members of all political shades from Whitlamite to Maoist. The Club believes in Socialism and participatory democracy and works in co-operation with the anti-war movement and the labor movement outside the University. It has no connection with the ALP and does not want one (the feeling is mutual). Membership last year (over 300) was larger than any other club affiliated to the University and several times as large as the opposing political clubs put together. We are the largest and most radical socialist student organization at any Australian University.

The Labor Club or its members has been the driving force behind all major radical activities within the University as well as organising student participation in demonstrations outside. We are therefore mainly responsible for the present "concern" over the possibility of student revolution (see dramatic revelations of bed-wetting in high places in Print this week!) and for the fact that Monash is the University least loved by the RSL and Sir Henry Bolte. We believe that Monash should be proud of its reputation for radicalism (even if unjustified) and that students should try to live up to it. Accordingly we have been on one occasion banned from the use of University facilities and attempts have been made to censor our publications. Members have been "disciplined" for collecting aid to the NLF and a special Act of Parliament was brought down specifically because of our aid to the Vietnamese people. We have also had attempts to gaoil club leaders on "riot" charges and similar indications of the Government's concern for our well-being. Despite all this we are not a collection of ratbags but a serious organization which includes most responsible student leaders at Monash.

No doubt this is due to our obvious modesty.

BE WHERE THE ACTION IS

Apart from the usual run of demonstrations, sit-ins, riots and insurrections, club activities have included weekly parties, speakers, films, seminars, debates, weekend conferences and interstate factional struggles. We have also supported activities of the New Left Group and Anti-Conscription Society (joint membership encouraged). Weekly general meetings are held to decide Club policy and tactics (no other Monash group operates in this way - that's why they all call us authoritarian). These are held every Monday lunchtime in H4 - visitors welcome (usually!), starting immediately. Together with an organization called the 'Revolutionary Socialists' we have just established a large off-campus headquarters at "the Bakery", 120 Greville St Prahran (ph 51 3667). This place will (as soon as its fixed up) be always open for people to drop round and do some revolutionary work and will be a center for many club activities - particularly those concerned with developing joint student-worker action which will be one of our major concerns in 1969.

Most Monash students probably regard the Labor Club as extremist but few can now dismiss it as irrelevant. We have proved in action that we are the most effectively organized political force within the University. You will have been fed a lot of crap about education and society from schools and parents. You will get more here. If you want to hear the other side read our publications and attend our functions. If you agree with the need for radical change then join - it's only 50c! -
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