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**"WE SWEAR BY THE SOUTHERN CROSS TO STAND TRULY BY EACH OTHER  
& FIGHT TO DEFEND OUR RIGHTS & LIBERTIES" - EUREKA REBELLION OATH 1854**

## LUDICROUS

Sometimes you have to pinch yourself to make sure you're not dreaming because what you've seen and heard is so outrageous it couldn't possibly be true. The Rudd governments proposed package of measures to give the ACCC teeth to deal with predatory pricing practices by monopolies has as much chance of succeeding as King Canute had of stopping the tide from coming in. The government seems to have conveniently forgotten that we live in a capitalist society. Monopolies are the logical outcome of an economic system based on the creation of profits irrespective of the human and social outcomes. Monopolies playing a dominant role in a capitalist society isn't news, what is news is governments who think they can regulate monopolies through legislative efforts. The solutions to the problems caused by capitalism isn't regulation but the creation of an economic system based on co-operation not competition. An economic system based on the satisfaction of real, not manufactured, human needs that takes into consideration the human, social and environmental consequences of economic activity.

Passing legislation to regulate the predatory practices of monopolies that sell products below cost price to bankrupt competitors is just a public relations exercise aimed at appeasing public opinion. No amount of regulation will modify the behaviour of monopolies that have so much power they determine government policy. Change, real change comes from transferring the ownership of privately and state owned monopolies into the hands of the community and using that wealth and power to service the needs of the community, not increase the profits and power of the major shareholders of privately owned corporations or the senior bureaucrats who run state owned and state run enterprises.

## UNSETTLING

There is something unsettling about people making relatively minor criticisms of the Victorian public health system having to wear the cloak of anonymity in the letters pages of the Sunday Age (20/4, 27/4). The problem of the lack of free speech in Australia is not something that is restricted to the public sector. Increasingly employment contracts

stipulate that employees are unable to publicly criticise the companies they work for.

The Universities have been hit hardest by these limitations on free speech. Finding a public intellectual who is willing to criticise government policy and the institutions they work for, has, with the removal of tenure become as difficult as finding a Tasmanian Tiger. The problem is compounded by increasing numbers of media liaison officers on the public and private payroll whose primary role is to obfuscate the truth and denigrate and marginalise anybody who is willing to take the risk of telling the truth. Despite government legislation at both the state and federal level and a plethora of ombudsmen and human rights commissioners who are employed to ensure what few rights we have are not trampled on. The ability to freely articulate our views is as elusive as ever. Nearly everyone who has survived the experience of being a whistle blower would never willingly go through the experience again if they knew the very high personal cost they and their families would have to pay for exercising what most Australians erroneously think is their right to freely express their opinions.

Freedom of speech in Australia is a myth at both the individual and community level. The High Court of Australia in one of its more radical judgements could only find an implied right to freedom of speech in the Australian constitution that was limited to debate surrounding parliamentary elections. No wonder citizens are not willing to raise their voices in a country that only gives lip service to freedom of speech. Our collective experiences tell us that Australia cries out for a bill of rights that enshrines the right to freedom of speech in the Australian constitution.

Unfortunately in Australia because parliament, and parliament alone, has the power to put the question of a bill of rights that enshrines the right to freedom of speech to the people in a referendum, the chances of this ever happening in an era when executive government and cabinet confidentiality has subverted parliament are Buckleys and none.

## AND THERE'S MORE!! YES MORE!!

You wouldn't want to be one of the 40% of Australians who rely on social security benefits or one of the increasing number of working poor in this country. Things aren't looking very rosy for you if you are. Forget about the fifteen year "economic miracle" the crumbs off that table aren't for you. Over the past few months four threats have crystallised that should cause a great deal of concern to the 70% of Australians who are not able to put anything away for a rainy day.

Food prices are rising and will continue to increase in the foreseeable future. Increasing food costs like increasing rent and mortgage costs hit those with the least the most. On top of this the Australian carbon trading scheme that's proposed will have the greatest effect on those on fixed incomes. The irony is not lost on a population that sees that those responsible for increasing greenhouse emissions continue to profit from producing greenhouse emissions while those who did not profit from producing them are being asked to carry the can.

Most importantly of all, the inaptly named Fair Pay Commission is about to hand down a decision that will take into account the tax cuts that will be introduced in July when it hands down its decision about wage rises for the country's poorest workers. Talk about the betrayal of this country's working poor, once again they will be asked to make major sacrifices to keep the rich and powerful in the lifestyle they have grown accustomed to.

When the costs of the staples of life increase (food, accommodation, energy costs), people on fixed incomes and the increasing numbers of working poor in this country are being asked to tighten their belts while the rich and powerful continue to rake in corporate welfare and grossly underpay the very people who create their wealth for them.

## HOWARD'S SOLOMON ISLANDS LEGACY

Just in case you've forgotten the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI) is still going strong. Five years into Australia's intervention into the affairs of a sovereign nation state RAMSI is still involved in the task of "nation building". The intervention in 2003 was a

thinly disguised Australian takeover of the Solomon Islands, not only were military personnel and police sent in but bureaucrats and judges were airlifted into the country to take over the bureaucracy and the judiciary.

1.3 billion dollars later and five years down the track, Australian taxpayers should be asking if they've received value for money. It seems Solomon Islanders believe the exercise is a waste of money and time. The RAMSI intervention has generated inflation and has not brought any of the economic benefits that were promised. Solomon Islanders have some temporary security but little else. Security continues to be provided by RAMSI because no attempt has been made to address the political and social concerns that led to the breakdown of law and order in the Solomon Islands. The same economic conditions that led to riots two years ago continue to exist and there is no indication that the bureaucracy and the judiciary will be handed over to Solomon Islanders in the near future. The open ended intervention is a sham, nothing has changed because no efforts have been made to tackle the significant issues that led to the intervention. It's time the Rudd government pulled the plug on this failed boys own adventure before the locals, sick of the neo colonialist mentality that drove the intervention, will turn their attention to the well paid, well housed RAMSI staff whose presence has only succeeded in putting off, not addressing, problems that will resurface when Australia's security presence in the region is eventually scaled down.

#### SAD

Its sad that the Australian media portrayal of Anzac Day has become such a predictable propaganda exercise. Its a pity not a word is uttered about the senseless sacrifice of 60,000 young Australians on the European killing fields for the glory of God, King and Country not freedom, not the right to vote, not for the Australian way of life, whatever that may be. It's a pity not one tear is shed for those Australians who during World War One were arrested, imprisoned, deported, had their organisations banned and their assets confiscated because they had the audacity to successfully oppose the Billy Hughes led government from sending another 60,000 young Australians to be sacrificed on the European killing fields for what was essentially a trade war fought by workers at either end of a bayonet.

It's a pity not a tear is shed for the deaths of men and women who were sent to war to fight other peoples wars and continue to be sent to fight other peoples wars for ideological and political reasons not to defend this country. While we continue to blissfully churn out propaganda as fact the same mistakes will be made over and over again. We will continue to sacrifice "our men and women" for mammon, for political advantage and for purely ideological reasons that have absolutely nothing to do with the defence of this

country. Those societies that refuse to acknowledge the mistakes of the past repeat them over and over again. For the fourth estate to repeatedly churn out the same tired old clichés highlights the fine line that exists between propaganda and reality in what is laughingly called a free society.

#### ANARCHIST QUESTION AND ANSWER

**Q. What practical measures would an anarchist society take to maintain internal security?**

**A.** Even if property crime markedly decreased in an anarchist society, people would still be faced with the problem of how to handle personal and sexual assault and murder. Anarchists reservations about the role police play in society is related to the twin roles they currently play. They protect the community and maintain the status quo through the implementation of laws that maintain the inequalities that exist in society.

The role of the police in an anarchist society would strictly be limited to individual and community protection. Some of this role would be taken over by a part time voluntary force that lives within the community it polices. The presence of such a force would be instrumental in preventing disputes and diverting disputes into compulsory community mediation programs. A smaller professional full time force could be called in, to deal with more serious issues. The skills and technology necessary to investigate crimes requires full time trained personnel who are skilled in their fields. Community based policing provided by the community themselves should be able to contain and prevent disputes. A smaller full time skilled force would become involved when community policing is inadequate or there are concerns about the effectiveness of specific local community policing programs. Each voluntary community policing group would have one full time officer attached to the group who trains rotating voluntary officers and liaisons with the full time force. The full time force is responsible to the federation of community and workplace councils it works for. The Federation has ultimate authority over the full time force. Such an arrangement would ensure that the greatest number of people are involved in the task of maintaining internal security, widening the authority to maintain internal security to the community as a whole, would decrease the amount of serious crime that occurs. Having a full time police force to deal with more serious issues when they occur ensures that vigilante justice doesn't occur when local communities are asked to deal with serious crime.

Anybody who thinks there will be no crime in an anarchist society or that part time volunteer groups can provide security is kidding themselves. Crime, especially serious crime, will always be an issue. Mechanisms need to exist that ensure that due process is maintained, individuals are not terrorised by self appointed vigilante groups and that resources and personnel exist to ensure that those responsible for serious crimes are apprehended and dealt with for the good of the community and their own safety.

#### ACTION BOX

**CITIZEN INITIATED REFERENDUMS DON'T WORK!!**

Every time we raise the question of Citizen Initiated Referendums with people, we're met with scepticism and reservations – "Its just Mob Rule", "I don't have the time to research issues", "Many decisions are too complicated for ordinary people to make", "The process can be corrupted", "Public opinion is manipulated by the Media and the Rich and Powerful", "What about the rights of minorities", "Its too expensive" – are many of the arguments that are raised against Citizen Initiated Referendums.

Many of the objections raised to citizen initiated referendums are similar to those raised when parliamentary democracy was first introduced. When a community makes decisions it either relies on the collective opinion of the people or the opinions of

hereditary, political or religious rulers. I know whose opinion I would trust, at least when we rely on the collective wisdom of the people, checks and balances exist which ensure that the self serving decisions made by rulers on behalf of their people would never occur. Those people who think they don't have the time to research decisions don't have to reinvent the wheel, all they have to do is listen to the debate about the issue they are being asked to make a decision about.

Those people who have gone to all the trouble of obtaining the signatures of ten percent of the population to hold a referendum will, if they want their proposal to succeed, conduct their campaign in a way that "ordinary" people would be able to understand.

There is no chance that political backroom deals, pressure from that small section of society that owns the means of production, distribution and exchange, would be able to change the question put to the people in a referendum, as the question that 10% of the people sign a petition for is exactly the same question that will be put to the country as a whole.

Obviously the media, the government of the day and that small section of society that pulls the economic strings, can have a profound impact on the success or failure of a referendum. This problem could be addressed by publicly funding both sides of the campaign and by putting legislative limits on the amount of resources that can be used by the media and private sector to promote their opinions about the forthcoming referendum.

Minority rights can be protected by putting a referendum to the people that gives them the opportunity to enshrine on individuals inalienable human rights to freedom of speech, freedom of association and religious belief, freedom from arbitrary arrest, interrogation and imprisonment as well as access to food, shelter and security in the constitution. Yes referendums, like elections, are expensive but its much more expensive to deny people the right to make their own decisions. To reduce expenses, referendums could be held on the same day as the Federal election. This would greatly reduce costs associated with a referendum.

Citizen initiated referendums are a good way to put power back into the hands of the people. The objections to holding Citizen Initiated Referendums can be easily overcome. The constitutional logjam we face, because only parliament in Australia has the power to call a referendum, and increasing community disillusionment with a parliamentary process that is democratic in name only makes parliamentary reform such an urgent community undertaking.

#### AUSTRALIAN RADICAL HISTORY

##### THE EUREKA SERIES 2008 NO. 3

**Dr Alfred CARR (1816-1894)**

**"A Guilty Conscience?"**

Alfred CARR a medical doctor was heavily involved in the Eureka Rebellion – Carr treated more wounded than anybody else at Eureka. He had first hand knowledge of the conflict from both sides and was trusted by neither. In 1852/1853 Carr formed The Ballarat Gold Diggers Association. He spoke from the official platform to the crowds that came to participate in the Bakery Hill meetings. He was also the coroner who held the inquest into the murder of James Scobie, the miner who's death triggered the Eureka Rebellion. Alfred Carr was sworn in as a Special Government Constable in October 1854, his tent was moved to the Army Camp at Eureka just before the Eureka Stockade Massacre on 3<sup>rd</sup> December because he had nearly been shot by a miner who suspected he was a police spy.

Carr trained as a doctor, graduated in 1842 and arrived in Geelong on the Araminta on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1852. He had worked as the ships doctor on what the District Surgeon W.H. Baylie described as "the dirtiest ship he had been aboard – the migrants were swarming with lice and twenty five had died on the journey over". Baylie recommended that Carr never be given charge of a migrant vessel again.


He treated both soldiers and miners in the days following the Eureka rebellion. Distrusted and unpopular because everybody knew he was a government agent and police spy, his medical practice was boycotted by the people of Ballarat.

In 1857 Carr was placed in the Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylum because of his increasingly erratic behaviour. Feeling guilty about his fall from grace the Victorian Legislative Assembly awarded him 150 pounds for his services during the Eureka rebellion. He was released in April 1859 but re incarcerated the following day. In 1861 he was described "as the most dangerous man in the asylum". He was initially confined to a cell 2.5 meters x 2.0 meters and later "confined in a bag and straight jacket fastened behind with padlocks and his hands bound behind". In 1887 he was moved to the Ararat Asylum and was found dead in his bed on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1894. He spent the last 37 years of his life incarcerated in Victorian Lunatic Asylums.

People believed that Carr's downward spiral was directly linked to his participation in the events that led to and followed the Eureka Massacre. A leg in both camps, used and abused by the government, he treated men with horrific injuries from both sides. Unable to reconcile his part in the Eureka rebellion, shunned by the people of Ballarat, he soon found it impossible to cope with life.

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**BOOK REVIEW**

**'THE WORLD'S FIRST ANARCHIST MANIFESTO'**  
Anselme Bellegarrigue – 1850  
Kate Sharpley Library 2002  
ISBN 1-873605-82-X

The World's First Anarchist Manifesto is another of those important and interesting pamphlets published by the Kate Sharpley Library that examines pivotal moments in Anarchist History. Anselme Bellegarrigue like all of us is a product of specific cultural, social and political forces. One of the many people politically active in early to mid 19<sup>th</sup> century France, disillusioned with his experiences with parliamentary democracy, Bellegarrigue's essay is the logical by-product of Goodwin's philosophical treatise Enquiry into Political Justice (1793) and Proudhon's essay on economics What is Property? (1840). Living in a political laboratory where people are involved in continuing political and practical discourse, Bellegarrigue, like Orwell a century later, distils the essence of anarchism from the bubbling cauldron he lives in.

Bellegarrigue thunders "Anarchy is order, while government is civil war – whether what I have just stated is new, eccentric or frightful, I cannot tell. I do not know, nor do I care to know. What I do know is that I can boldly argue my case against all of the White and Red governmentalist prose, of past, present and future".

Anselme Bellegarrigue touches on all the Anarchist cornerstones opening up with the statement "Anarchy is order", he soon progresses to intrinsic anarchist concerns "Individualist Dogma the only Fraternal Dogma", "The Social Contract a Monstrosity", "Power the Enemy", "The People Merely wasting its Time and Prolonging its Suffering by Espousing the Struggles of Governments and Parties", "On Electorate or Universal Suffrage", In These Times Elections Are Not and Cannot Be Anything But a

Fraud and a Robbery". Little is known about Anselme Bellegarrigue the author of this fascinating Manifesto. Born around 1820, he took part in the revolutionary events that led to the overthrow of the French government in 1848. The editor of L'Anarchie (only two editions saw the light of Day), he soon disappeared from sight, his name a forgotten footnote in anarchist history. I doubt you can call this essay the World's first Anarchist Manifesto, it is just one of the many manifestos that have been written by individuals who's personal experiences drive them into the arms of the anarchist movement, a movement that changes its clothes with each new generation but maintains its love of the individual and the people.

The World's First Anarchist Manifesto gives a worthwhile and fascinating insight into how anarchist ideas play a universal role in all struggles for human freedom.

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### PERSONAL OBSERVATION

Have you seen them? The first sprigs of wattle on the Nepean Highway, soon you'll see them everywhere. Wattle reminds me of how Harvey Buttonshaw appeared at the Anarchist Centenary Celebrations held in Melbourne on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1986. Four litre flask hidden behind the flowering wattle tree near the Yarra Bank, he sated his thirst while he waited for the Anarchist May Day March to begin. Harvey was a colourful character, he fought with the POUM a Trotskyist group during the Spanish civil war. He told George Orwell who was sitting in the trench with him to stop bobbing up and down before a bullet smashed through his neck, missing every vital structure. It was easy to take Harvey's stories with a grain of salt. He joined the French Foreign Legion to escape the Nazis in France, he found himself in French West Africa fighting for the Vichy French before four English speaking members of the garrison deserted walking across the Sahara desert to Libya. Only Harvey and his mate survived, the other two died in the desert.

His stories of men dying around him were the stuff that Boys Own Journals were made of, great stories but hard to believe. Harvey only spoke about his experiences when you asked him, he didn't brag, he just recounted what happened to him, whether we believed him or not didn't trouble him. It was easy to dismiss him as an eccentric with an overblown imagination. He lived for years with his wife who begged visitors not to bring any alcohol in a house he'd built himself at Lavers Hill. It was easy to think of him as a harmless old man who loved his wine, who told one too many tall story. Oh so we thought. Imagine peoples surprise when he was awarded The French Legion medal of Honour for his services to the French people during World War Two. Maybe, just maybe, he was telling the truth.

After a three hour video interview conducted over twenty years ago, which I'm sure has been lost in a house fire, I asked Harvey why he survived while so many men and women died around him. He looked at me and said "plain dumb luck". "The secret of my life and your life and everybody else's life is plain dumb luck!". Thinking about it as I get older, I'm beginning to believe Harvey was right.

### STOP PRESS SURPRISE?

Everybody, except the Nepalese are surprised the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) have won a total of 217 seats in the new 601 member constituent assembly. The Maoist won half of the 240 constituencies and a third of the 335 seats that were allocated under proportional representation arrangements. The old government headed by the Nepali Congress Party only managed to snare 100 seats. The other communist party that kept out of the guerrilla war waged by the Maoists, the United Marxists Leninist, gained about 100 seats.

Nepal, one of the poorest countries in the world with a population of over 25 million people, the world's last Hindu Monarchy, is ripe for radical change. A tourist mecca most of the people have not shared the tourist bounty, living a hand to mouth existence under a feudal Monarchy that has imploded over the past few years. The government and communist opposition parties (UML) have been involved in a number of corruption scandals. The Maoist insurgency which began as a reaction to the political impasse a decade ago has changed the political dynamics in Nepal. Over the last few years the United States has poured in equipment and money to stop the Maoists insurgency from spreading and the Chinese government has actively opposed the Maoists refusing to endorse and support the insurgency.

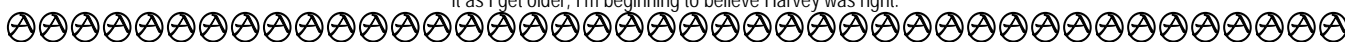
Faced with a long protracted guerrilla war that would lead to massive destruction and inevitable defeat, the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) ceased their armed struggle and last year signed a peace accord with the government and became involved in the political struggle to elect a constituent assembly that would have the power and authority to radically alter the constitution. The stunning electoral success of the Maoists has caught everybody by surprise, except the Nepalese who want radical changes to their lives. Their electoral victory continues the trend of poorer countries around the world that have adopted parliamentary processes electing governments that have radical agendas.

The Maoists success in Nepal is a worry for both the Chinese Communist Party and the United States government. When people begin to use the parliamentary process to challenge the power of those who currently exercise power, the ground work is laid for the creation of communities based on direct democratic principles and processes where the people not satisfied with just electing representatives to make decisions for them, make the decisions and elect or appoint delegates to carry out the decisions they have made. The failure of the parliamentary process to bring about change is the catalyst that is needed to promote direct democracy as an alternative to parliamentary rule.

Joseph TOSCANO /  
Libertarian Workers For A Self-Managed Society.

### POEM – Stephen Roberts OUT OF RANGE

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**Joseph TOSCANO**

**Publisher - Anarchist Media Institute 2008**

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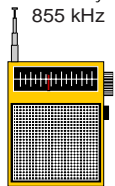
Andrew Stretton has commenced his bicycle ride against lifestyle cancer. Andrew the editor of the Clunes based 'The Anarchist Savants Monthly' will be bicycling from town to town around Eastern Australia holding public meetings about men living and achieving with cancer. Over 60 people attended the launch in Avoca Victoria. Read about the tour online and try to make one of the public meetings if Andrew pedals through your town.

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**AKIN SARI, c/- Barwon Prison,**

**Locked Bag 7, Lara 3212, Victoria, AUSTRALIA**

Akin Sari a 29 yr old Turkish political refugee who was granted political asylum in Australia has been sentenced to 2 years & 4 months imprisonment for offences related to his involvement in the G20 protests in Melbourne in November 2006. Akin has already spent 7 months in prison awaiting trial & sentencing. He has been set a minimum 14 months sentence. Akin will have to serve the maximum sentence of 2 years & 4 months if he fails to obtain parole in October 2008. Write to him today!!

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*they will be holding around Melbourne to promote:-*

**THE POWER OF RECALL** - Electors having the constitutional right to recall parliamentary representatives in between elections

**CITIZENS INITIATED REFERENDUMS** - The people having the power to initiate constitutional change through referendums

**DIRECT DEMOCRACY** - Electing delegates with limited mandates, to co-ordinate decisions that have been made by the people, not electing representatives to make decisions for us.

[www.rulebythepeople.org](http://www.rulebythepeople.org)

We Currently Have 122 Paid Up Members

**\*\*\* DIRECT DEMOCRACY NOT PARLIAMENTARY RULE \*\*\***

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## ANARCHIST MEDIA INSTITUTE OBSCENITY OF THE WEEK

Has been awarded to all those 2020 summit participants who refused to stand up for the ideas they brought to the summit, allowing the Rudd Labor government to use the summit to pursue their own ideological ends.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"Materialism - the bubonic plague of the 21st century."**

- Joseph TOSCANO - APRIL 2008

## ANARCHIST MEDIA INSTITUTE

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*"We swear by the Southern Cross to stand truly by each other & fight to defend our rights & liberties"*

**NOMINATION CLOSE - 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

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\* The name of the person nominated

\* A few sentences outlining why they should receive the award

\* A contact address for the nominee (We need to contact them if they wish to receive the award)

\* The person you nominate can be a public figure or somebody only known to a few people.

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