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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**

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!!

The great thing about living in Australia is that most Australians never let the facts take the gloss off our more enduring myths. Take the extraordinary media interest taken in the discovery of up to 170 bodies of Australian diggers slaughtered on the European killing fields during World War One. Reading the homilies about the battle of Fromelles you could be forgiven for thinking these young Australians died for a noble cause. Sixty thousand young Australians were sacrificed on the European killing fields for the glory of God, King and Country in a dirty little trade war that had nothing to do with the struggle for liberty or democracy. World War One, the war to end all wars, paradoxically set in motion a train of events that culminated in the horrors of World War Two.

The media coverage given to the discovery of these poor men's remains is about all that can be expected from a fourth estate that long ago gave up questioning the myths this country is built on. Even the very day that has been set aside to remember the men and women slaughtered on Mammon's altar during World War One, Remembrance Day 11th November, is being usurped by the war mongers and purveyors of death. In Adelaide on the 11th November this year the Federal and the South Australian government are hosting the Asia Pacific Defence and Security exhibition, the biggest arms fair this country has ever seen.

This is the first major weapons trade fair that has been held in Australia since public opposition put an end to the Aidex arms fair in Canberra in 1989 and 1991. The APDE death fair will be launched on Armistice Day, the very day set aside to remember the horrors of war and the sacrifices made by ordinary men and women during World War One. The hypocrisy about launching an arms fair in Adelaide on Armistice Day seems to have, to date, been totally ignored by the fourth estate. It seems in Australia even the day set aside to remember those slaughtered in World War One is up for sale if the price is right. try.

GOOD ONE

Remembrance Day, 11th November, is a totally inappropriate day to hold an arms

fair in Adelaide in Australia. The day that was set aside ninety years ago to remember the millions that died for the glory of God, King and Country in a trade war fought by workers at either end of a bayonet, should be set aside to remember the horrors and the sacrifices made during war, not the glorification and sale of military hardware.

The Asia Pacific Defence and Security exhibition is an arms fair that provides corporations that specialise in making the latest killing machines to display their wares to potential customers. Mike Rann, the Premier of South Australia, keen to showcase Adelaide to the world has hailed the arms fair "a terrific business and investment opportunity". The government's of France, Germany, Israel, South Africa, Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States have booked major exhibition space at the fair.

These seven countries are responsible for manufacturing over 70% of all military equipment made in the world. Cluster bombs, depleted Uranium bombs, warships and the best war planes money can buy will be available for sale. The run of the mill small arms, bullets and surveillance equipment that is needed to keep the dozens of wars that are going on in the world in the headlines will also be on display. Considering that Australia has not hosted an arms fair since 1989 and 1991 military fairs that were held in Canberra that were met with overwhelming public hostility, its hard to fathom why the South Australian government has rolled out the red carpet for the war mongers in Adelaide.

It seems that the Premier concerned about the state's withering manufacturing base is willing to turn over South Australia to the purveyors of mass destruction, hoping to expand the arms and military manufacturing industries that have been set up by successive Australian governments in South Australia.

The Remembrance Day Arms Fair was endorsed and supported by the Howard government. They encouraged the organisers to set up shop in Australia. The Asia Pacific region is seen as a growth market in the war machinery business. In their press release in September 2007, the organisers of the

Remembrance Day Arms Fair boasted that the Asia Pacific Region was in the period between 1994-2006 the only region which had an increase in defence expenditure as a percentage of GDP. They also believe they will overtake Europe and the Middle East as the largest military market in the world. There are billions of dollars of defence projects that have been earmarked for the region within the next decade. Little old Australia is keen to get its hands on billions of dollars of defence equipment to ensure it will be able to keep up with the arms race that is enveloping the Asia Pacific region so it can continue its role as the United States Deputy Sheriff, in the Pacific.

All in all a business opportunity that the Asia Pacific Defence Exhibition organisers couldn't pass over. With the help of pliant Australian governments that are only interested in "business opportunities". Remembrance Day has been willingly sacrificed on the altar of war.

Interested in finding out what is planned to give the purveyors of death the welcome they deserve in Adelaide, check out www.apdexhibition.org

LAUGH!! LAUGH!! LAUGH!!

I smiled to myself when I read The Age's editorial (4/8) about the need for Mr. Costello to play the game or remove himself "for the good of the Liberal party and democracy at large". It seems whoever penned the editorial hasn't looked at the Australian Constitution lately.

Peter Costello is the elected representative of the people of Kooyong. He can do whatever he likes for the next three years and neither The Age, the Liberal Party or parliament can do anything about it. He can ditch the Liberal Party and join the Labor Party, he can form a new political party, he can change his political colours, he can turn his back on every promise he ever made and he can continue to collect his parliamentary salary until the next election. No one can do anything about it because there are no constitutional arrangements in place that give the long suffering Kooyong electors the power to bring Mr. Costello or any other parliamentary representative, to heel in between elections.

In an era of mutual obligation isn't it about time electors were given the constitutional power to bring the likes of Peter Costello to account. The power of recall is the constitutional cudgel that is required to keep parliamentary representatives in line. It is about time a fresh election should be called in between elections if 20% of electors in an electorate sign a petition indicating they are not satisfied with a parliamentarians performance.

The power of recall would give parliamentary seat warmers and prima donnas, like Peter Costello, the incentive they need to ensure they represent the interests of the people who pay their wages, not sit in parliament to feather their own nest or use their parliamentary position to stroke their egos.

CAN'T HEAR YOU

I was impressed with Mr. Rudd's cry from the heart to the big bad banks to decrease their interest rates if the Reserve Bank decides to drop official interest rates. I was very impressed with the Prime Minister's resolve, when he stamped his foot and said there would be consequences if they didn't do what they were told. I'm afraid Kevin – THEY CAN'T HEAR YOU!! even if they choose to hear you, they can do whatever they like, whenever they like.

The sale of the Commonwealth Bank by the Hawke/Keating Labor government removed the only stick the government was able to wave at the big banks. Rudd can get on his knees and beg to the big banks to do the right thing by the country, but there is no earthly reason they need to do anything for the country because their major responsibility is to their majority shareholders, not the country, the government or their customers. While the Commonwealth Bank was owned by the government of the day, the government could use it to force the other banks to compete against each other.

It is strange how every time interest rates go up the major banks lift their rates within a day or two of each other. Competition can only occur in an open marketplace. The privately owned banks are part of an unofficial cartel that ensures the major players continue to make extraordinary profits irrespective of what's happening in the real economy. Irrespective of the hash they have made of their business investments, you can bet your bottom dollar customers, especially small customers, will be bearing the brunt of the bank's losses.

Mr. Rudd doesn't have to shout in the wilderness. He can take a leaf out of early Labor Party history and push legislation through parliament that creates a new people's bank that can be used to control the predatory practices of the privately owned banks. This time to ensure that governments faced with a black hole in their budgets don't sell off the people's bank, its ownership should be enshrined in the Australian constitution so the people,

not the government of the day, decides if the people's bank should be privatised.

I FOUND

I found the Sunday Age editorial on China's censoring of websites disingenuous (Sunday Age 3/8). Censorship is a much more subtle issue than the Chinese government's ham fisted attempts to stop foreign reporters reading and seeing what its own people are not permitted to see and hear. Censorship in Australia, like in China, is a very real issue. The concentration of ownership of news outlets in the hands of fewer and fewer players has decreased the range of subjects that are covered in the Australian media. The sins of a mission are as important as the sins of commission in any discussion about censorship. Censorship in Australia is rapidly becoming a problem.

The necessity to create ever increasing profits in a market place dominated by the interests of majority shareholders in a handful of companies, has forced media outlets to cross promote other arms of the business, reduce staff and syndicate news from a limited number of sources.

I've always wondered why the F word, foreign ownership, and the C word, capitalism, never seem to be mentioned in the corporate owned media and the government gelded ABC. In an era when private and state capitalism has brought humanity to the brink of destruction, it's telling, the C word was not used in the Rudd Labor government's green paper on reducing carbon emissions. More importantly this omission has not been mentioned in the corporate owned media or the government gelded ABC. It seems the leadership groups who set the editorial guidelines in Australia's major media outlets have learnt the first lesson of survival in the media jungle, don't bite the hand that feeds you, if you do it's highly unlikely you'll ever be employed in a major news outlet in Australia or anywhere else in the world.

ANARCHIST QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q. Will everybody in an anarchist society live in a collective or a co-operative?

A. No. an anarchist society is a voluntary society. People who decide to live a collective lifestyle will do so for practical, not ideological reasons. Collectives and co-operatives will play a dominant role in an anarchist community because these structures provide practical support for the individual giving the individual the freedom to explore other facets of their lives. Collectives and co-operatives are the driving force behind an economy that holds wealth in common and uses that wealth to satisfy real, not manufactured, human needs.

Citizens in an anarchist society have the option of working outside the co-operative framework. Those that choose to do so still have the right to access the commonwealth as what they produce beyond their own immediate needs automatically becomes common property. Collectives, co-operatives and individuals within an anarchist society do not have the right to use other people's labour to personally enrich themselves.

Every person within an anarchist society has the right to work in a co-operative, work collectively or work for themselves but they do not have the right to use somebody else's labour to personally enrich themselves.

Some people will work co-operatively and in collectives some of the time and work individually at other times. People have the right to move between co-operatives and collectives and they also have the right to start new ventures with like minded people.

What ventures are undertaken are linked to the resources available to co-operative and collective members and the decisions made by the community they live in about what their community will produce and how they will produce it.

"Co-operative – a business undertaking owned and controlled by its members and formed to provide them with work and with goods."

"Collective – a communal enterprise or system, working towards the common good, as opposed to one admitting competition between individuals."

ACTION BOX

"EMBERS"

1871, 1936, 1968. The time gap between social revolutions is a pretty long one. Seeds don't grow in a drought and social revolutions don't occur unless conditions foster radical change. The more research I do on the Eureka Rebellion, the more I'm convinced that it takes a unique set of circumstances for revolution to occur.

Social revolution isn't about changing the captain of the ship, it's about making sure that everybody not just the owners and the captain of the ship, have a say about what happens on board. An anarchist revolution is first and foremost a social revolution. It doesn't matter how many fires you light if it's raining, the grass won't catch fire. The first and most important challenge an anarchist faces is keeping alive, the second challenge they face is keeping the ideas they believe in alive. Even if the grass is tinder dry, if there is no lighting or the embers of revolt have died out, nothing will happen.

Social revolution isn't an all or none proposition. As conditions change as people become aware of the situation they find themselves in and as they find they have to act to try to resolve the problems they face, conditions change. As conditions change those small anarchist groups that have survived the rain and the floods will find themselves in a position where they are able to significantly influence the people and institutions around them. As the social landscape dries up those radical groups that have survived will be able to ignite the spark that is required to transform the communities we live and work in, into communities that reflect that new world that has been burning away in our hearts for so long

AUSTRALIAN RADICAL HISTORY

THE WHITE AUSTRALIA POLICY

Many commentators believe the major role the White Australia Policy played in the development of the Trade Union Movement in Australia was predominately due to racism. The reasons the trade union movement was attracted to the White Australia Policy during the latter part of the 19th century, go way beyond racism. Much of the animosity between white and non-white workers was due to employers and state governments using non-white workers as a cheap labour source that could be used to depress wages for both white and non-white workers alike.

The governor of Queensland expressed the view in 1869 that the introduction of "cheap coloured labor to Queensland would have the same impact that the introduction of machinery had in England". The Queensland government brought across over 60,000 Pacific Islanders to work in the cane fields between 1863 and 1904. Many were kidnapped by unscrupulous traders from their villages and sold as indentured labourers to plantation owners in Queensland. The death rate among Pacific Islanders was around 180 per thousand. White workers in the same age group only experienced a mortality rate of around 6 per thousand. The Queensland sugar cane plantations were totally dependent on cheap indentured Kanak labour.

The emerging Australian Trade Union Movement (unlike the I.W.W. thirty years later which attempted to recruit poorly paid Chinese workers in Australia) made very few overtures to underpaid Chinese and Kanak workers, preferring to become involved in activity to ban the importation of "coloured" workers instead of directing their anger at capitalists who manipulated colonial parliaments to pass legislation to allow them to import indentured workers to keep wages artificially low.

The wages paid to Chinese workers and the hours they worked were markedly different to the wages paid to and the hours worked by European workers. In 1886 Chinese cabinet makers earned 2 shilling and 6 pence a day for a fourteen hour day, while European workers doing the same work were paid 8 shillings a day for an eight hour day. European workers were more happy to direct their anger at a soft target indentured workers, rather than turning their attention to the more challenging problem of targeting business owners and governments that legally exploited non European labour to keep everybody's wages low. The Union movement enthusiastically supported the White Australia Policy mistakenly believing that non European labour, not the ruling class, was their main enemy. The introduction of the White Australia Policy in 1901 may have stopped indentured labourers coming to Australia, but it did little to improve workers wages and improve workers conditions.

BOOK REVIEW

'RABBLE ROUSERS AND MERRY PRANKSTERS'

"A History of Anarchism in New Zealand from the mid 1950's to the early 1980's"

Toby Boraman - Published by Kaitop Books and Irrecuperable Press 2007 ISBN 978-0-473-12299-7

Exciting, comprehensive, disappointing, are a few of the adjectives that spring to mind when I think about the material in this book. *Exciting* because it examines a period in New Zealand history that has been ignored for so long. *Comprehensive* because if doing the impossible is not easy, collecting the material that appears in this book must have been a Herculean task. *Disappointing* because many of the conclusions drawn from this very well referenced book does not do the anarchist movement in New Zealand, justice.

- The book is divided into four distinct sections:
- The Early Years, The Mid 1950's to the Mid 1960's
 - The Great Era of Radicalisation, The late 1960's and Early 1970's
 - New Social Movements and Anarchism from the Early 1970's to the Early 1980's
 - Anarchist and Situationist Groups from 1973 to 1982

Each chapter delves into the ideas that drove the movement, personalities involved in the period and the actions they carried out. The book has an extensive reference list but unfortunately no index.

My only reservation about this well presented, meticulously researched book are some of the conclusions the author has drawn. *"I believe one of the major lessons of the period was that most of the left, including many anarchists, retreated from class struggle. Among many others reasons, this one factor unfortunately made it easier for the capitalist class to impose neoliberalism in the late 1980's"*.

"Yet overall the anarchist milieu was almost completely ineffectual in transforming society".
"When there is little popular support for dissent, it seems that very little, if anything, can be achieved".
 Are a few of the conclusions drawn by Toby Boraman that can easily be challenged.

I agree with the author when he mentions that one of the main purposes of the book is to resurrect the past so each new generation of activists does not have to reinvent the anarchist wheel. The struggle for human liberty and equality is essentially apolitical struggle. Anarchist groups and individuals, irrespective of how successful they are, play the important role in keeping the embers of anarchism alive while social conditions make it difficult if not impossible for the ideas to be taken up by the wider community. As social conditions change the embers can light a forest fire that can transform society. If the embers die out the fire that is needed to transform society will never occur.

If you're going to buy one book this year, this is it. I encourage you to get hold of a copy of *Rabble Rousers and Merry Pranksters*. Contact the author Toby Boraman at Irrecuperable Press
 PO BOX 6387, Te Aro Wellington, New Zealand
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 It may well be the best fifteen dollars you've spent this year.

PERSONAL OBSERVATION

Today I realised this is my 40th year as anarchist activist. The long and torturous journey I embarked on began long before 1968. Who we are, what we believe in, what we achieve are to a large degree determined by our experiences. I remember day after day standing in the hot sun waiting for the Australian flag to be hoisted on the school flagpole while students fainted around me. I remember warm milk in the quadrangle. The grade four school teacher who punished the boys for misbehaviour by putting them under her desk. I remember Russell, the young 10 year old, who wet his pants in the classroom everyday, the butt of the teachers and the students scorn. He hid in corners, frightened of being beaten up by everyone who needed a scapegoat to humiliate. I remember standing up for Russell and spending the rest of the year dodging a beating in the playground. I remember lying in a hospital bed when I was 9 waiting to die. I had glomerulonephritis, a viral kidney disease that invariably causes renal failure, a death sentence in 1959. I remember the golden dome of the Russian Orthodox church across the window from the ward I shared with another twenty children. I liked the sun shining on the dome.

I remember the watered down scrambled eggs, the porridge without salt and sugar and the books I poured over from morning till dusk. I don't believe I would have become what I've become if I didn't spend nine months with a bloated belly waiting to be taken to purgatory to pay for my venial sins. I remember a soulless hospital run by the nuns who had so many children to comfort and bury they couldn't comfort anyone, let alone themselves.

1968 would have come and gone, if I hadn't experienced the joys of going to school not knowing a word of English. Those of us who, forty years later, continue to stoke the embers of radical change have one thing in common, we remember the past, we remember where we come from. Those in whose bellies the fire never burnt or the flame has been extinguished have conveniently forgotten where

they come from. Every rung they climb up the ladder of "success", the harder it is for them to identify who those who have had their fingers crushed when they grabbed the first rung of that same ladder.

STOP PRESS
OLYMPIC MADNESS

By the time you read this weeks edition of the Anarchist Age Weekly Review, the world will be full of stories about the Olympic Games. Every four years the "best" athletes in the world will strut their stuff not for themselves but for their respective nation states. Economic power houses like China and the United States will be pitted against minnows like Haiti and Sierra Leone.

Every day you'll wake up to the medals table, individual "glory" will be used by the world's more powerful nation states to highlight the superiority of their people. Some like Australia will punch above their weight, others like India with over a billion people won't find themselves in the top ten. Others won't even have an athlete at the Olympic Games, while others will put their faith in an athlete who long ago left the country forced to train somewhere else to get a guernsey.

The Olympic ideal is based on inequality. Those states that have the income to support "their" athletes churn them out courtesy of the tax payer, others are churned out by the corporate world. The more glamorous athletes are supported by sponsorship deals that help them to become full time athletes.

Every Olympic Games we're told these are the best athletes the world has produced. The corporatisation of sport and the use of sporting figures by nation states to promote their states interests have debased the contest. Not every person with ability has the chance to compete. The Olympic Games are a showcase for those countries and corporations that have the resources and money to pump out the best athletes money can buy. The rest of the world pays lip service to the Olympic ideal by making up the numbers in this uneven contest.

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

POEM – Stephen Roberts
LAST LEGS

I'm an old man now
 Shaky on my legs
 My only son lost an eye
 A bullet from an Israeli Post
 Struck him in the face
 He finds it hard to read
 at school if he can make it
 Firings, shots I can hear everyday
 Palestinian kids throw stones
 at the Post but they risk maiming
 I get tired but the Israeli Soldiers
 re-inforced with F-16's, tanks and bulldozers
 keep up an intermittent barrage
 Their marksmen go for the kids
 but I'm afraid my hut will be demolished
 by their bulldozers
 I've heard that was the fate
 of the American Rachel Couie
 who lost her life caught
 in a Palestinian home crushed
 If and when they come
 I'm very anxious, because I've slowed down
 I may not be able to get out in time.



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 HOBNAIL PRESS 2008, Freedom Bookshop, Angel Alley, 84b Whitechapel High St, London E170X, ENGLAND (contact them for their publications)
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RABBLE ROUSERS AND MERRY PRANKSTER

A HISTORY OF Anarchism in New Zealand with references to the history of anarchism in Australia in the 1960's and 1970's. Contact - Toby Boraman for Irrecoverable Press, PO Box 6387, Te Aro, Wellington, New Zealand. Email: fyddless@yahoo.co.nz
 For your very own copy. Cost is \$15AUS includes postage - a bargain in anyone's language
(See Book Review this week for Rabble Rousers and Merry Pranksters book review)

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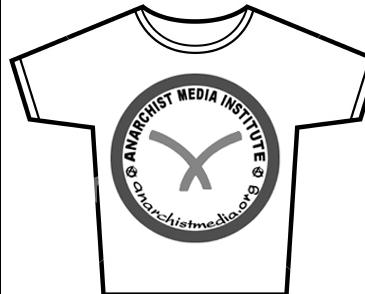
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ANARCHIST MEDIA INSTITUTE OBSCENITY OF THE WEEK

Has well and truly been won by the Asia Pacific Defence and Security Exhibition organisers (APDSE) FOR HOLDING AN ARMS FAIR IN Adelaide on Armistice Day (11th November). GOOD ONE BOYS AND GIRLS!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Anarchism - humanities 21st century survival kit."
 - Joseph TOSCANO - AUGUST 2008

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS - (ATNTF)

New South Wales' liquor store of the year will not lose its title, despite the owner instructing staff to keep groups of Aboriginals out of the shop. Tim Leonard, the owner of the Old Bar Cellars near Taree wrote a memo to staff in February saying that, due to shoplifting by "the one coloured girl plus friends who has come in with two or three other coloureds", Aboriginals "mixed or otherwise" will not be allowed in the shop, unless they come in individually and consent to being searched on their way out. One of the shop's four staff refused to sign the memo. His hours were cut back and he later resigned. Mr Leonard says that he changed his mind after "three or four weeks", and the policy was not enforced. Old Bar Cellars was named the top regional liquor store and liquor store of the year in last year's NSW Liquor Stores Association awards for excellence. The association's chief executive, Terry Mott, said it was not considering stripping Old Bar Cellars of its title because the policy was not pursued. Mr Mott said that if the policy had been pursued, "maybe we would have to reconsider it." (Sydney Morning Herald)

An immigrant with a Masters degree in Business Studies has never been accepted for a professional job in 15 years in Australia, instead working in jobs including labouring and driving a taxi. Abdullahi Habib was studying accounting when the civil war in Somalia forced him to leave. In 2001 he returned to study and three years later completed a bachelor of business in electronic commerce at Victoria University. On the advice of his lecturers, he upgraded his qualifications by studying for a master of business studies (enterprise resource plan system), which he finished in 2005. He tried Centrelink, but "they just put me into a job network, but the job network was not helpful. It is a possibility people from African backgrounds are not given a chance." Mr Habib said he knew "plenty" of Somalis with impressive educational qualifications, which they gained in Australia, who still cannot get work. Some of them are also driving taxis, a job he has returned to. (Source: Sydney Morning Herald)

QUOTE OF THE MOMENT: Without censorship, things can get terribly confused in the public mind - General William Westmoreland

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ANARCHISM - ADVANCING IN DIVERSITY STRIKING IN UNISON - YAMAGUCHI KENJI

WELCOME TO THE 21st CENTURY - THE ANARCHIST CENTURY.....