

## What You Can Do:

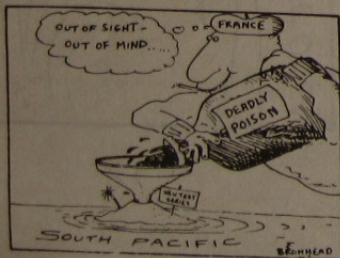
Accompany your boycott action against UTA or other French government services with a letter to the French Ambassador, Bernard Merimee, French Embassy, Canberra ACT 2600, explaining the reasons for your protest.

Write letters to the dailies and your local press about the continued French tests. Draw attention to their increased budget allocation, their recent "absolute priority" status, and their threat to our health.

Write to Charles Hernu, Ministere de la Defense, 14 rue Saint-Dominiqu, Paris 75007. If you can get it translated into French, all the better.

Organise a picket against UTA at your local travel agency, and ask them to adopt a policy of booking clients on any airline that offers an alternative to UTA for specific destinations.

Contact your local Federal Member and ask him/her to put pressure on the Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr. Street, to object to the French government's cavalier attitude to our health.



## Rally

LUNCHTIME PROTEST RALLY AGAINST FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE PACIFIC.

UTA OFFICES 459 COLLINS ST, MELBOURNE  
NOVEMBER 5 - 12.30 P.M.

### SPEAKERS:

DICK WOOTON - UNITING CHURCH

JOHN HALFPENNY - A.M.W.S.U.

LORRAINE ETHEL - PACIFIC PEACEMAKER

JOHN HINCHCLIFF - HEAD OF HUMANITIES, RMIT

JEAN MELZER - WOMEN FOR A NUCLEAR FREE AUSTRALIA, MAUM.

## Picket

JOIN THE WEEK-LONG "BOYCOTT UTA" PICKET DURING BUSINESS HOURS OUTSIDE THE UTA OFFICES,  
MON NOV 1st - 12 NOON  
TO FRIDAY NOV 5th 5.00 P.M.

## Talk

EVENING TALK, YWCA, ELIZABETH ST, MELBOURNE THURSDAY, 7.30 P.M. NOV 4 BY LORRAINE ETHEL ON THE VOYAGE OF THE "PACIFIC PEACEMAKER" - THE PROTEST YACHT THAT SAILED INTO THE MURUROA TEST ZONE, AND WENT ON TO CONFRONT THE LAUNCHING OF THE FIRST TRIDENT SUBMARINE.

**SPONSORS:** People for Nuclear Disarmament, Nuclear Free Pacific Committee, Friends of the Earth, Movement Against Uranium Mining, Pax Christi, Clergy For Peace, World Christian Action, Women For A Nuclear Free Australia, Ivanhoe PND, Southern Peninsula PND, Sherbrooke PND, Melbourne University PND, Kew PND.

# NO BUSINESS AS USUAL

WHILE FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS POLLUTE THE PACIFIC!

## Boycott... THE FRENCH

### GOVERNMENT AIRLINE

Refuse to buy French Government products and services!

If you're thinking of travelling to the Pacific or Europe this summer, register your protest against French nuclear testing in the Pacific by boycotting UTA, the French government airline. Ask your travel agent to book you on one of several other airlines going to the same destinations - such as Qantas, Air Nauru, Air Vanuatu and Air New Zealand.

The Mitterrand Government has just dashed all hopes that it would begin phasing out its Pacific test programme at Mururoa. Defence Minister Hernu announced on October 7 that France was stepping up its nuclear weapons programme by a massive 18% over the present budget. New missiles, warheads and submarines are to be developed. The consequence will be a substantial increase in French weapons testing in the Pacific - despite the universal opposition of South Pacific countries.

The French are conducting their tests underground, but this is proving almost as destructive to the health and environment of Pacific countries as previous atmosphere testing. Underground testing at Mururoa is causing massive spillages of radioactive wastes into the ocean, severe damage to the ecology of coral reefs, and contamination of marine food sources on which Pacific Islanders depend. Radiation-related cancers and the debilitating fish-borne disease, ciguatera, are on the increase all round the Pacific, and are especially prevalent in the regions closest to the test site.

Meanwhile the French are refusing to grant independence to the Pacific territories still under their control - New Caledonia and French Polynesia - despite the fact that all other South Pacific countries have been granted independence. France is clinging to its Pacific colonies for its own nuclear and economic ends, and seems bent on suppressing indigenous movements seeking independence and a nuclear-free Pacific.



## Australia's Uranium

**Fact 1: THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OPPOSES NUCLEAR TESTING BY FRANCE IN THE PACIFIC.**

"Australia has joined other governments of the South Pacific Forum 'in strong condemnation of testing of nuclear weapons or dumping or storage of nuclear wastes in the Pacific by any government as having deleterious effects on the people and environment of the region'".

Hon. A.A. Street, Foreign Affairs Minister.

**YET —**

**Fact 2: AUSTRALIA ASSISTS THE FRENCH TESTS BY SELLING URANIUM TO THE FRENCH.**

Our uranium either:

- 1) ends up as plutonium in French weapons or
- 2) frees other uranium for use in the French tests.

**Result: OUR URANIUM COMES BACK TO US AS RADIOACTIVE POISON VIA CONTAMINATED SEAFOOD (since 1974) OR AS FALLOUT (1964-74).**

## The Policy of the French Socialist Government

Despite hopes of a change in military policy, the Mitterand Socialist Government in France has not stopped testing nuclear bombs at Mururoa. On the contrary it has stepped up the programme, now testing neutron bombs — the ones that kill people and leave property relatively unharmed — as well as H-bombs. While claiming the tests are safe the French Government refuses to disclose information about them, and actively suppresses figures on the alarming increase in leukemia and other cancers in Polynesia.

If the tests are safe what is the French Government trying to hide and why don't they conduct them in France?

## The History of French Testing

**1962**

● Algeria won independence from France, so no more nuclear testing could be done there. With 52 million people in France, and only 120,000 widely dispersed people in French Polynesia, De Gaulle decided, in the greatest secrecy, to carry out above-ground tests in the Pacific.

**1964-74**

- 41 atmospheric tests on Fangataufa and Mururoa Atolls.
- Since been revealed that numerous Polynesians were transported secretly to France with brain cancers, leukemias and other health problems suffered by the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, according to *The Age* 2/9/1982.
- An international campaign of protest (including the Australian Government) forced the French to cease atmospheric testing in 1974.

**1975-82**

- France continued tests underground, and have held 48 since 1974.
- The French continue to ignore active Polynesian and international protests. Accidents and tropical cyclones at Mururoa have caused serious radioactive contamination and ecological damage to the Pacific marine environment. Australia's coastline is also being affected as a result of prevailing winds, ocean currents and migratory fish movements.
- Sir Julius Chan warned in 1981 that French tests are causing widespread outbreaks of the fish-borne disease, ciguatera in Papua New Guinea. Ciguatera is also on the increase in Queensland according to the *Bulletin*, and an *ABC 4 Corners* programme in 1981.

**October 1982:**

- French Government announces stepped up nuclear weapons programme.

