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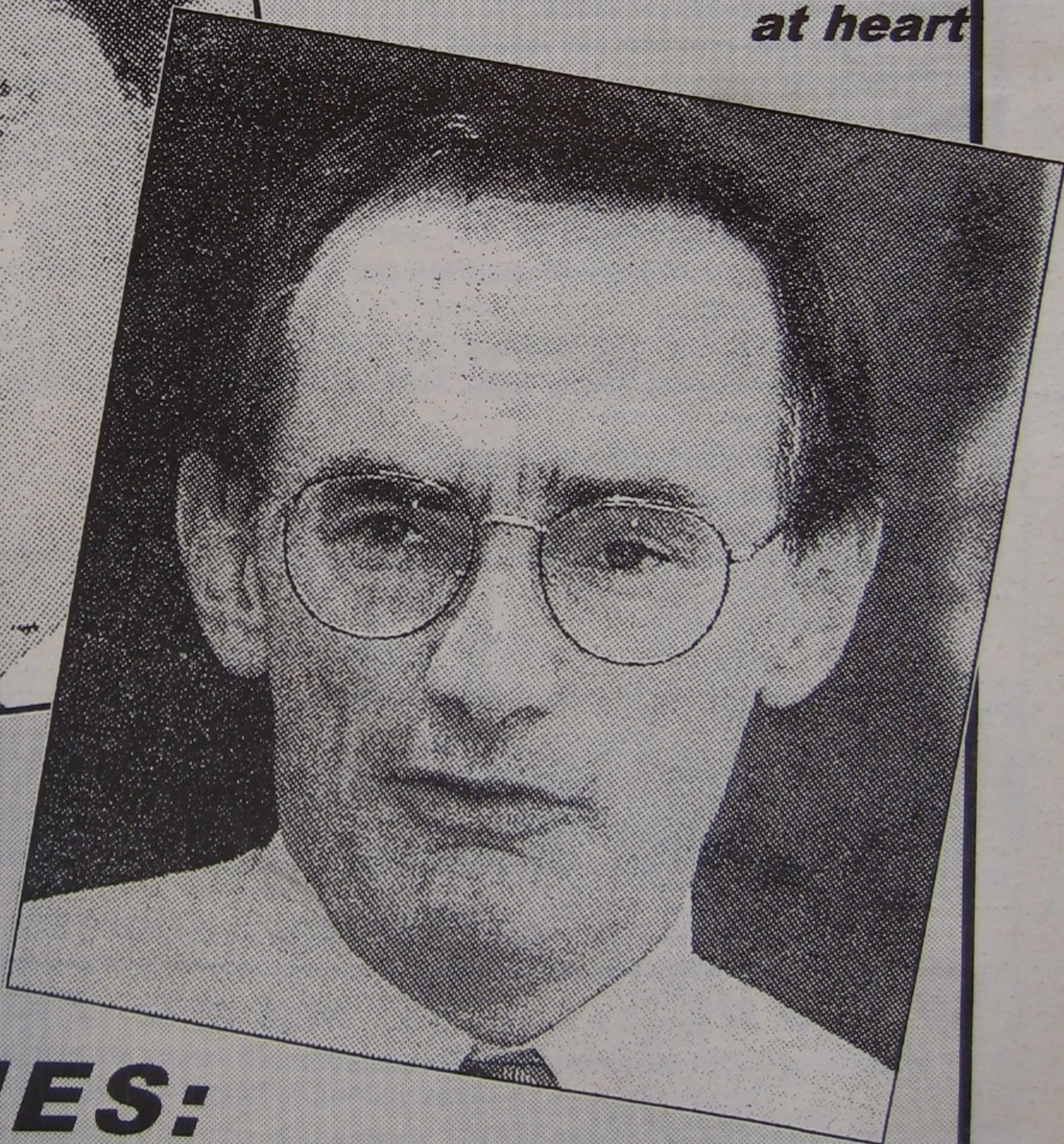
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FOR A STRONG
UNITED WORKING CLASS



*No matter what
politicians claim,
they just don't have
the interests of the
working class
at heart*



**POLLIES:
GET A REAL JOB!**

How ya garn!

Welcome to issue no. 10 and our 3rd anniversary!! Going from strength to strength, we've been able to expand from a 4 page broadsheet to a regular 16 page publication with over 1000 copies going out each issue. This had been due to regular involvement and commitment from a small number of activists and the ongoing support Angry People have received from those who contribute on a more sporadic basis.

We've made Angry People quite an accessible read, being available in shops, community centres, libraries, pubs, social events, etc. We all agree that alternative working class perspectives must be put forward and that these views are no good stuck at the back of a dusty left wing bookshop.

We try to cover a wide range of (primarily) national and local events, although we will cover international stuff as well. To some degree we have been successful in this and Angry People is now one of the more comprehensive publications when it comes to rounding up news nationally. This contrasts starkly with the Left's (including anarchists) coverage in their various publications - they are overwhelmingly focused around the east coast and big southern cities.

Here's to another ten issues!

You're encouraged to get involved with us. We produce AP regularly along with posters, stickers, leaflets, t-shirts etc. We distribute this stuff in our local areas through networks of friends and comrades, through public venues and of course, on the streets where it matters.

If you're interested or just want to lend a hand once and a while or have some ideas you'd like to share with us then get in touch at the addresses below. Most letters are replied to promptly.

We can't run this project on peanuts. We need cash as always and stamps, stationery: envelopes, sticky tape, staples, etc. Send us what you can and we'll say thanks here in advance.

Till next issue, stand proud and stand together.

For working class pride and unity,

Angry People Posse



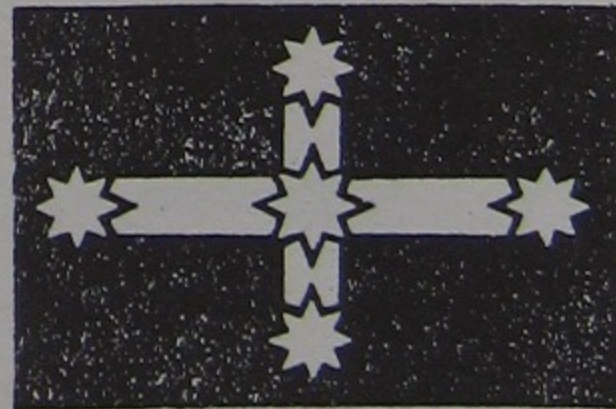
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LIBERTY
OR
DEATH

HOW THE RICH STOLE FOOTY

When I was a kid I used to live up the hill from Penrith Park where I used to watch a largely inadequate but honest outfit pull off an amazing upset from time to time - but more often they'd be flogged. I particularly remember one afternoon when the Silvertails (ie. the money grubbing bastards) from Manly ran up seventy points in flogging a hapless band of locals.

But they were locals, not the mercenaries who arrived with their six figure salaries. Like Manly were. The locals that ran around on Sunday afternoons created a sense of community in Penrith that no shopping mall or carpark ever did. This was before people started talking about all these ridiculous animals that have proliferated to signify not a football team, but a different brand of the same product. What was once a sport is now a commodity, now we have to buy back what was previously ours to begin with.

I don't follow Penrith anymore but I still like football. What's left of it that is.

Most of the column inches in newspaper accounts of football (NSWRL), and this is true of Australian Football too (AFL), seems to be taken up with the politics, money and greed of footy instead of an analysis of the skills, the sacrifice and the spirit of the game.

The last time I went to see a Quit-For-Life cup game was Illawarra v. Penrith at Wollongong in '92. It cost me \$11 to get in, \$5 for a programme (which was all propaganda for the NSWRL) and \$2 for a pie! Then I got hassled by the pigs there. Apparently someone identified me as the projectionist of a certain half eaten pie in the direction of a TV cameraman who was blocking some kids' view of the game from down on the fenceline.

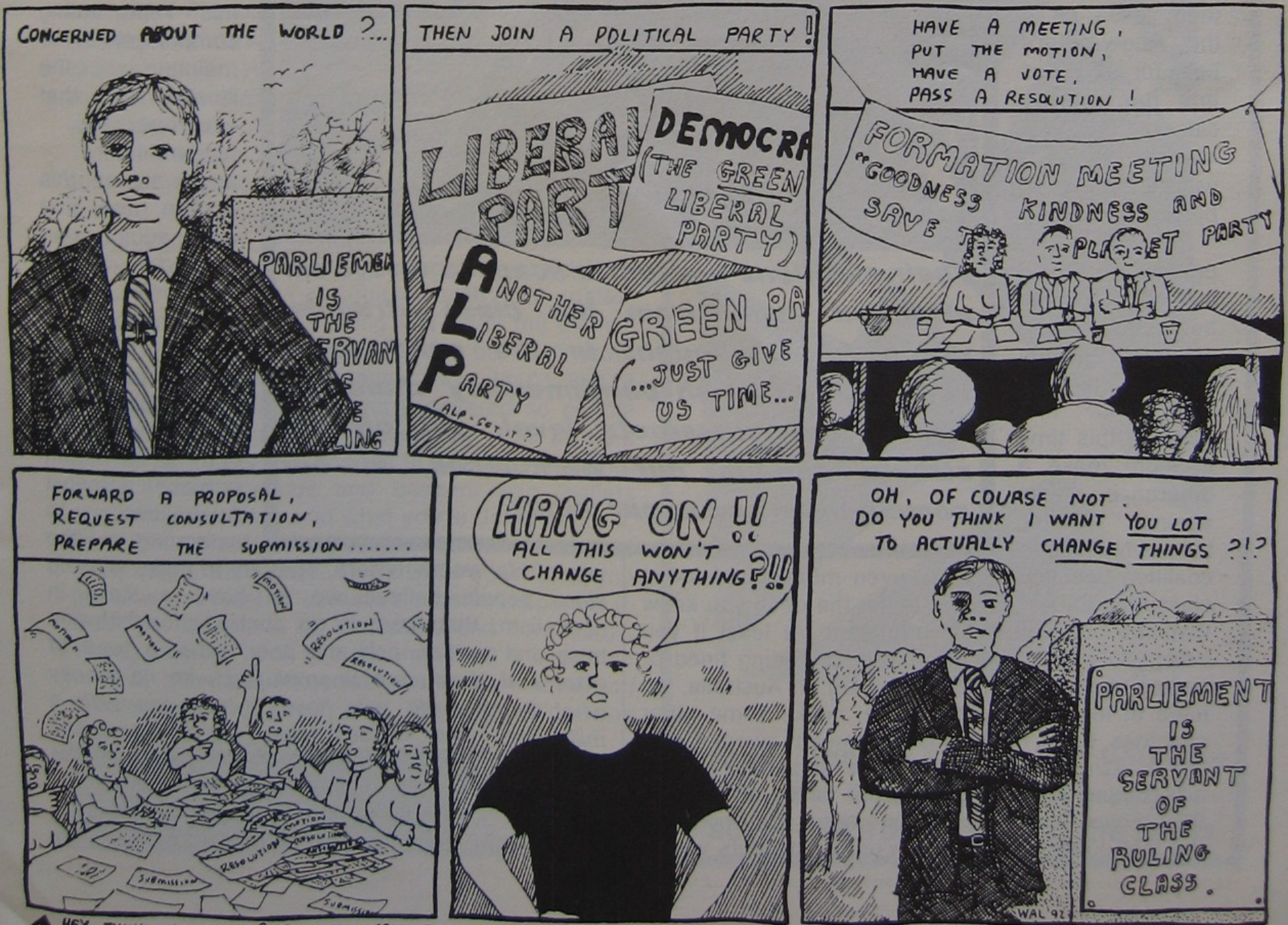
Bloody television! Anyone'd think it was the state religion!

I moved to Melbourne and that was a real eye opener.

Unemployed people allowed into footy matches at a concession. After overcoming that shock I threw myself wholeheartedly behind the debacle facing the mighty Fitzroy Lions, my local team. But it was the same old theme. Fuck the community, fuck the crowds, kiss the assholes of the TV execs and the filthy rich in the corporate boxes. The class war following us around on Saturday afternoons when all we want to do is watch a bit of spirit, skill and footy. These fuckers know no bounds.

Well fuck 'em! I ended up going along to the more community orientated and rather more accessible VFA. It's cheaper, there's less poseurs. It's a team game and you can take your dog.

If you aren't in Melbourne, in Adelaide there's the SANFL, in Sydney the Metropolitan Cup, in Perth the WAFL and in Brisbane there's Roma St station (only joking). Here your money gets spent on football. Simple isn't it?



Whoever you vote for.....

THE GOVERNMENT ALWAYS GETS IN

Is anybody really under the illusion that voting in an election is going to change things? The last time I voted I felt afterwards I'd been sucked in again. Just like Charlie Brown in the Peanuts comic strip when his sister tells him that she'll hold the football on the ground so that he can run up and kick it but at the last moment she snatches the ball away and Charlie Brown goes flying up in the air before coming down for a heavy fall. Every time she promises she won't snatch it away this time round and he believes her but as always she snatches the ball away and laughs at him for being such a sucker. Time after time he gets fooled.

It's the same with the voting game. People know in their heart of hearts that nothing will be any better after the big hoo-ha's over. The same cops

will still be going around harrasing and bashing people, homeless people still won't be housed, hospital wings will still be closed down, the politicians will still be talking out of their arses as if they know what's best for all of us *and the working class - the vast majority of us - will still be shat on by the rich.*

Many people go along to the polling booths every time an election comes around, hoping that perhaps this time it might make a difference. "Vote against the Liberal/National

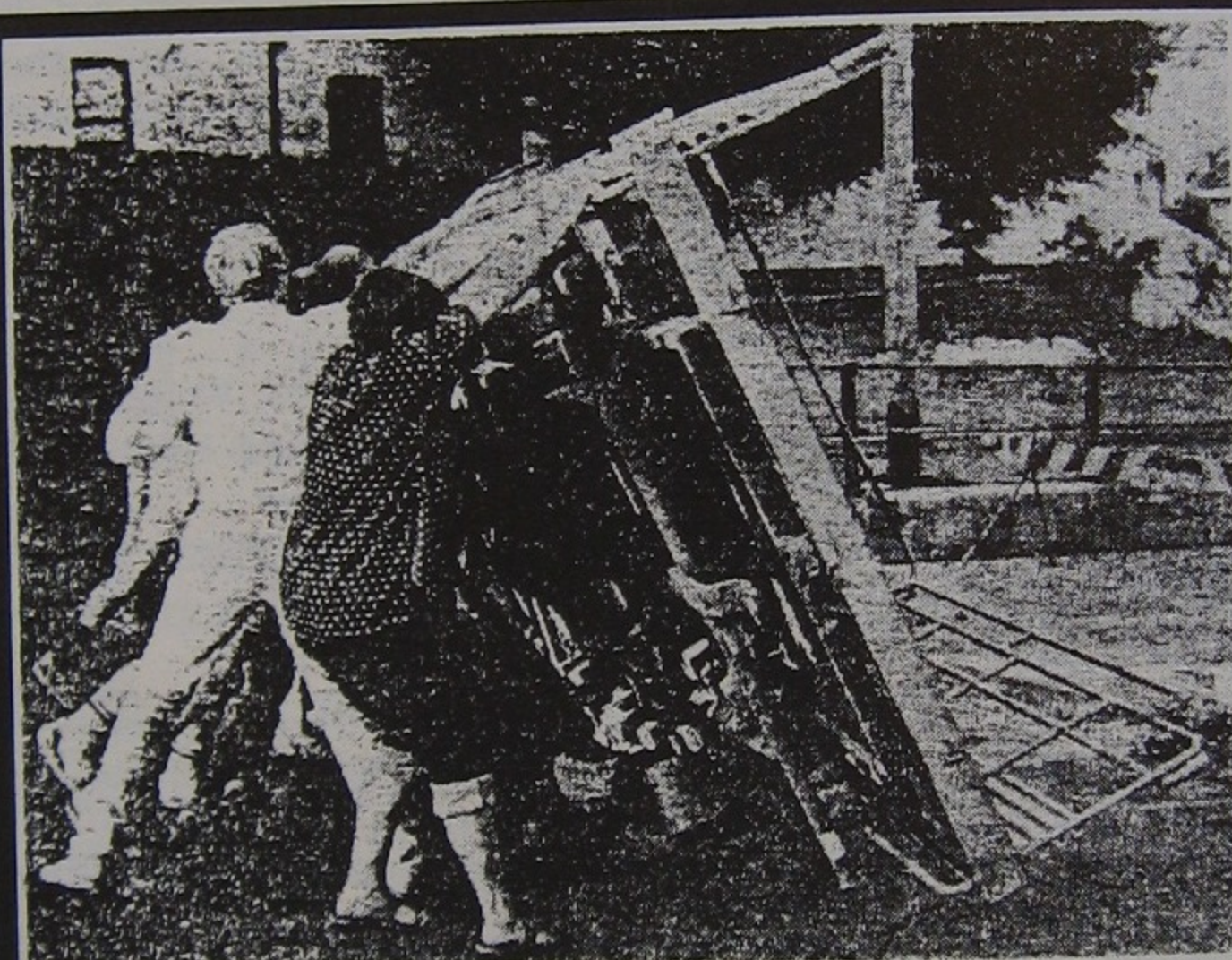
coalition because they are even more anti-working class than Labor". Or the "better the devil you know than the one you don't" argument. At least if you vote, you won't have the hassle of getting fined or having to go to court for not voting. In Australia, we have at least the right to vote, unlike some other countries, but in reality this right means sweet F.A.

On the other hand more and more people are coming round to seeing the futility of it all as they realise that the politicians aren't the ones with the real power anyway. They're just puppets whose

strings are pulled by the largely unseen controllers: top public service bureaucrats, the big banks, company directors and the super-rich like Kerry Packer and Rupert Murdoch, **NONE OF WHOM ARE ELECTED.** People are seeing through the lies and giving the finger to this whole stinking, corrupt system that is directed by wealth.

The number of informal votes is increasing as each election goes by; the ruling class media say it's because people don't understand the ins and outs of proportional representation, the voting system we have in Australia, but of course there's more to it than that. Coupled with this, heaps of people don't even bother to register on the electoral rolls. After all, the authorities don't have the resources to chase up everyone who doesn't vote.

Some people just plain refuse outright to vote and end up going to court. The State (that is the apparatus that administers capitalism...ie. the government, the bureaucracy etc) has kept voting compulsory to maintain the illusion that everyone fundamentally approves of this system and that every adult has an equal say in this wonderful 'democratic' society. Then lard-arse politicians can claim that there's social unity and a common purpose amongst Australians to safeguard 'the



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way of life' we have here. They try to make working class people believe we all have a stake in capitalism, that there is no contradiction between boss and worker, rich and poor. **What a load of utter rot!** *If you are unemployed with no money what the hell do you have in common with a millionaire who cruises past in a Mercedes? NOTHING, apart from the fact that you and s/he both happen to be living in Australia.*

A boss, a rich bastard probably doesn't care too much for award wages or human rights. They

might want to use you to increase their capital, employing you for \$5 an hour or \$10 or \$15 an hour if you're lucky. If they can't make a profit out of you then maybe they'll employ someone in Indonesia where workers are desperate enough to work for \$2 a day. At the same time you're worrying about how you're going to pay next weeks rent and put food on the table. The kids can't eat cardboard. Everyday is a new battle for most working class people. This daily battle to make ends meet is never experienced by those with money and power. Their world is completely contradictory to that of working class communities. When a boss wants to screw you to maximise profit as they inevitably do, Liberal and Labor are standing alongside them eager to help out, taking a cut for themselves at that!

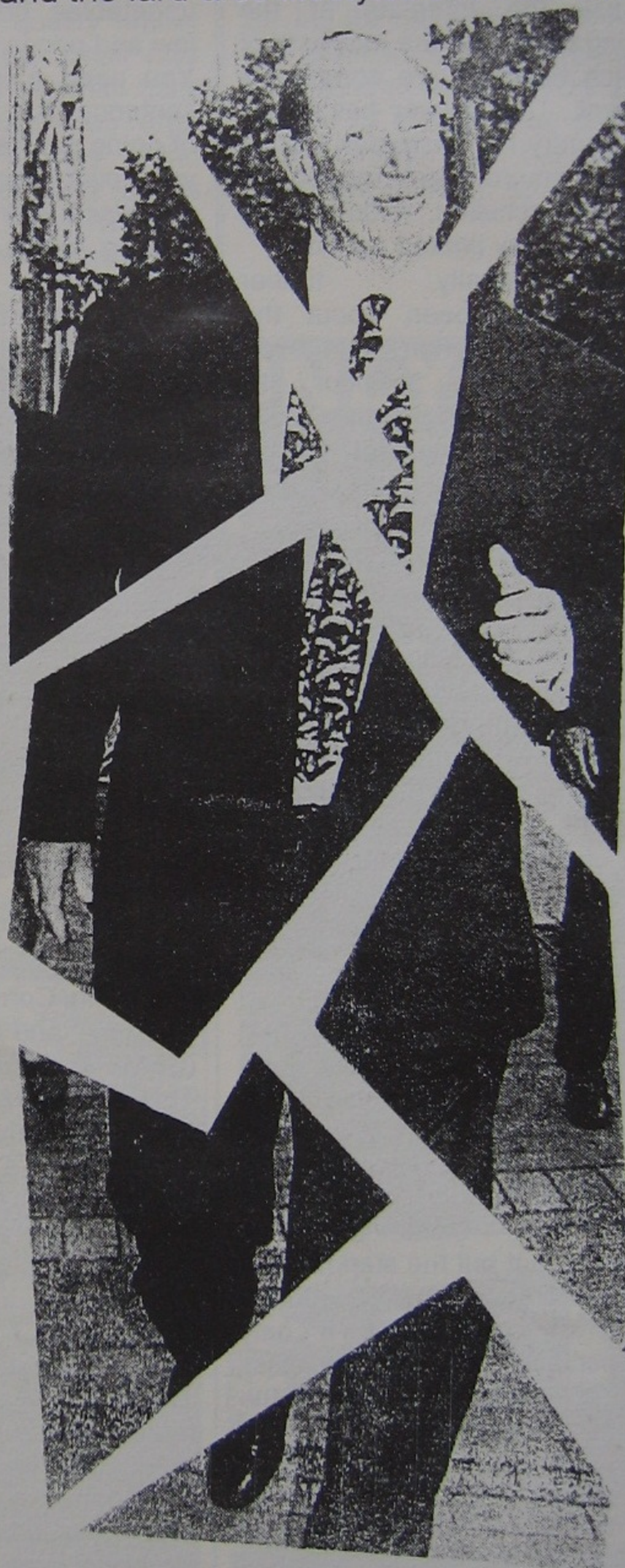
The more people that don't vote, the less our 'leaders' can claim any kind of mandate to continue with this system that they've been getting away with for so long. The right to vote must surely include the right not to: withdrawing your participation in the electoral farce, just like going on strike when you object to the wages and conditions. *As far as **Angry People** are concerned, parliamentary elections are pretty well irrelevant. Their elections are just a scam to divert our attention away from the class struggle, which is not fought in the comfortable surrounds of plush parliamentary chambers but at the grassroots level, out on the streets and in our workplaces, in our communities and in our minds. More effective methods of social change include: demonstrations, boycotts, sabotage, strikes, riots, bombings and assassinations. Why bother to vote for politicians if you can shoot the bastards? In the final analysis votes are made of lead. It's the ultimate veto.*

If you're pissed off with something there's not much use pleading with a polly to do something about it. You'll probably be ignored anyway. Take things into your own hands. Be courageous and daring. Get organised. Maybe organise a picket or demonstration or an occupation with your mates. Get the media to come along and cover the event - they love conflict and confrontation - but don't count on them portraying the event how you'd like it portrayed; the point is to get it covered so people can see that something is going on. This at least creates curiosity and interest in what you're doing. Have a few placards and banners with leaflets explaining the issue and what you're doing about it. Don't be intimidated by the authorities and their hired thugs, the police. Don't back down until you get what you want or at least a substantial part of it. Don't get sucked in by politicians and bureaucrats saying they will 'look into the matter' at a later date or stuff like that. *Show that you're committed and determined and you'll gain the admiration and support of more people.*

Above all, don't bother waiting till the next election to register your protest. it'll probably be too late by then and anyway if voting really could change things they'd make it illegal!!

SHATTER PACKER

and the lard-arse lifestyles of all silvertails



It really doesn't matter who you vote for, the likes of Kerry 'Goanna' Packer will still be calling the shots

BIFFO IN THE FOREST

Why on earth are timber workers thumping Greenies and protesting on behalf of the Boral Corporation on NSW's north coast? A bloody good question because the interests of the working class and the interests of the rich bastards are completely different. The answer has to do with country life, pissweak unions and an environment movement which is exclusive, middle class and has a very limited agenda.

Historically timber workers have been about the worst paid of workers and even now the money is poor. It's deadly dangerous in the mills, requiring constant alertness in spite of the tedium and boredom. But no amount of care ensures you will go home with all your fingers at the end of each day. Things go wrong very quickly when you deal with moving machinery, saws and bloody heavy timber and it's often the older workers who cop the accidents because they feel safe and take things a bit easier.

Timber workers know that the good timber is almost gone and some are more open about it than others. There are few jobs in the country and an ethos of "pulling together" pervades country life. Class is rarely spoken about but the starkness of class differences makes workers aware of class, even if only unconsciously. The middle class have a bloody good life in the country. A big house on five acres and a full range of sport and cultural activities. Driving twenty miles to a new restaurant is no problem in the new four wheel drive, there's easy parking and you can leave the house unlocked because the plebs are docile.

But for the working class it's a constant struggle. Country roads wreck the old car; it's poor housing and landlords that don't give a bugger. Grow your own vegetables because wages are low and prices and rents are high. You need a job. The dole is a sentence to a life of poverty and of going nowhere: unless you own your own place and are super-organised. For working class kids leaving home with nothing there isn't a choice.

On NSW's north coast, the timber industry is basically Boral with many smaller "bush" mills. The Boral mills are a closed

willing to use to educate its membership.

In a mill the whole show can be shut down by one or two men: the saw operators who are skilled in getting maximum yield out of each log. I've heard these blokes whinge about their low pay and they know they have the power to stop the whole mill but they won't do it - even when they have the company over a barrel. In another mill a couple of the better paid workers have just left the union in spite of the closed shop agreement and the union is being truly piss-weak - they are going to wait six months and then summons these blokes for dues owing. With little rank and file support the union is not game to push and actively enforce the closed shop agreement. This says heaps about the "look-after-yourself-and-stuff-the-rest" attitude that the company loves to generate in its employees and that our capitalist society tries to promote in the hearts of all its citizens!

Into this comes the Greenies like visitors from a foreign planet. Middle class children of privilege with a private school accent they make no allies among timber workers even if they are trying to.

Of course the greenies are right. Old growth forests are cathedral-like and flush with life and power. You can see why the dead men who run Boral want to knock it all down - these places are inspiring and uplifting. You feel like singing out among the undisturbed big old trees. Capitalism can't have this - it might distract the wage slaves from the grim reality of concrete, car-yards and a docile lifetime of work and consumption. Problem is, the green agenda is strictly limited and offers nothing

**CHOP DOWN
THE RICH
NOT THE
OLD
GROWTH**

shop: the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) have it all sewn up. This has allowed the union to become inactive in the mills and it just takes it's five dollars weekly union dues, thank you very much. The feeling among workers is basically anti-union (with notable exceptions - shearers and miners!) and so there is very little rank and file activity in the mills. The union says it can only be as radical as it's membership which means we have unions behaving like another arm of the company, promoting industry interests: like knocking over old growth. This is a pathetic response and ignores the education and grass roots activity that a fighting working class organisation would be

to win the allegiance of the working class. After the old growth is saved timber workers can go hang themselves or work some other shit job. A better world for all of us is not on the green agenda.

Yet both workers and Greenies have a common interest in saving the old growth and creating a sustainable timber industry. For instance small mills easily employ more workers per timber volume cut than large mills and are really careful about the timber they get. To create jobs small mills are the way to go as well as value adding through

kiln drying and the development of speciality uses for timber in furniture, flooring etc.

But the large corporations are moving the industry right away from the small mills - particularly towards woodchip, which will come to dominate the timber industry and do the small guys right out of business by taking the second quality timber and thinings that the small mills now get. Quite a few small mills exist solely by "cleaning up" after Boral, taking crowns and branches the big company leaves behind. There are timber workers losing their jobs NOW as Boral

mills get the timber and small mills close down, unable to get logs to cut.

We need a unity between timber workers and those fighting for the forests because both have the same enemy: the dead-hearted rich men who run our world and are turning it into concrete and boredom. Saving the old growth is only one part of the struggle. There's got to be an end to wage slavery and to the life of meaningless shit-work and poverty that the working class are putting up with right NOW!

NO PLATFORM - THE ONLY WAY



The fascist threat has grown drastically in Europe over the past five years, not only in Germany but in just about every other European country including England. Racist attacks are commonplace and in some parts of England the nazi boot boys own the streets. This could happen in Australia! The majority of these fascists are working class but they represent a huge threat to the formation of a united class struggle. They are the puppets of the rich used to divide and rule. *If different races of the working class are fighting each other, how can we hope to challenge the power and authority that the rich so desperately cling to?*

Anti-Fascist Action exists here in England to physically and ideologically confront the fascists where-ever they raise their ugly heads. We believe that it is the responsibility of the local working class people to organise to

ensure that nazi activities are stopped before they start.

Since the rise of fascism has become a 'fashionable' topic many left-wing groups (most of whom are middle class students!) have launched anti-fascist fronts mainly as a recruiting and publicity stunt. Groups like the Socialist Workers Party have launched the "Anti-Nazi League": as the threat grows in Australia



this may well happen too. These people feel that signing petitions and putting up posters will stop the extreme right, they appeal to the government to outlaw right-wing parties and rely upon the pigs to protect them at demonstrations. We cannot rely upon the government to do anything for us. We have to do it ourselves. It is no good shouting and waving placards saying "Nazi's off our streets". Actions speak louder than words! Let them know that if they show their faces they had better watch their

backs. **No Platform** means not allowing the fascists to preach their race hatred. They stand for the abolition of rights for huge sections of working class communities, different races, trade unionists, left-wingers, gays and lesbians - the fascists **DO NOT** have a right to speak.

If we physically oppose nazi activities they will find it much harder to recruit and spread their lies, in turn driving their movement underground until only a few core members remain. Working class youth will find the idea of joining the boot boys a lot less attractive if they know they run the risk of getting a kicking themselves. *The battle against the fascists is everywhere, even in Australia - you can stop them before they gain momentum.*



Contact Anti-Fascist Action for a copy of their excellent publication **Fighting Talk** at BM 1734, London, England WC1N 3XX.

Fascism doesn't start with concentration camps - that's where it ends!

IF YOU WANT PEACE

PREPARE FOR WAR!

"Protesting in a democracy is fun as long as the Ugly People don't get mixed up with the Nice People. And it had been the police fear all day that professional bover boys would cause trouble. But there was none at the City Square as the rally ended and the Nice People marched off down Collins St with their strollers and bicycles. Perhaps we should open the City Square every Friday evening as Speaker's Corner. A place where anybody can get up on a soapbox and get something off their chest. A place where the Nice People can go to clap or boo. And everyone goes home for a quiet drink feeling much better."

John Hamilton, journalist for The Age and a very Nice Person himself on the ten thousand strong rally and march to save Albert Park from being converted into the racetrack for the Grand Prix.

What more could anyone say about such a display of aggressive impotence? The whole game of protesters who liase with the police, court the media on every occasion and put their energies into single issue campaigns so safe as to be totally harmless, has become such an institution in Kennet's Victoria. Much to the smug amusement of the rich and their media.

And why shouldn't they be smug? If I was in the upper class the thought of thousands of working class people obeying every law, feebly marching by, chanting, passing the bucket round, the odd straggler being picked off by my newly armed and empowered police force and isolated as "professional bover boys" by the dailies whilst the rest go back to their homes and their jobs (if they have either), all in protest at what my mates and I have already decided to do; I reckon I'd be feeling pretty bloody smug myself. No wonder Kennet walks around with that insufferable leer on his mug.

It's even got to the point where the so-called revolutionary left are not only buying into it but taking control of the whole charade. There's truth to the rumours that lefty mobs like the ISO, DSP etc are getting their paws in on this. You only see 'em while a campaign's getting plenty of media coverage, with their banners, papers and paraphenalia to boot, but once the camera's disappear so do

they. This is one reason they've been targeted by the police so much in Melbourne because the image of being seen to be doing something is more important to them than ACTUALLY doing something. These cynical bastards do not have "Save Albert Park" as a priority on their agenda but instead "building the party" comes first and foremost. *What a boring bunch of no-hopers!* And the worst thing is they've been doing it for yonks. It's just gotten more trendy these days, thanks to Kennet.

The point is, YES, Kennet and every other bastard in power have been fucking up our lives. So what do we do about it? Unfortunately for most working class people pissed off and wanting change it's the usual "protest and survive" routine, because it's all that's offered but it'll start sinking in soon that the protest - rally - march game gets nowhere fast, now that it's trendy. The one hundred thousand strong Trades Hall *manipulated* protest against the Kennet government - the biggest demo in Victoria's history - was described by His Highness as "I believe there was a disturbance outside my window". If that ain't a dead giveaway I'm Santa Claus.

OK, so does this mean we're calling for full scale rioting on the streets, the blood of the police choking our gutters and the last capitalist hung with the guts of the last Leninist? Only for starters.....

Look as long as we play the "democratic protest" game their way we'll lose because they set the rules. How can it be any other way? **Angry People** respect the right of genuine activists to protest any way they want but we also understand that some things work better in a particular situation and others don't. Our methods of protest and resistance need to be discussed and developed so that we may find the best possible course of action available to us in our campaigns and struggles. It is the task of revolutionaries to put forward examples of working class self-activity and the various consequences that came from this activity - not as know-it-all's, not as controllers, not as an abstract vanguard *but as equals* - to demonstrate to our class that we are not losers and are in fact destined to realise our aspirations of political and economic liberty.

These Nice People that Hamilton writes about are more an attempt on his part to convince people that a pleasant, mild, civil, well mannered avenue of gradual change exists than a general documentation of protesting sections of the populace. Most protests and campaigns are carried on by people of all sorts of characters, with differing experiences and preferred courses of action - often these differences within a group or a wider campaign compliment each other and add to the strength of the overall struggle. What Hamilton is trying to do

here is divide protest groups and in turn the whole working class between Nice People and Ugly People - between those who know their place, respect the law and are conned that they have an interest in the survival of parliamentary democracy and capitalism and those who have grown tired and cynical of the idea that we're meant to be at the bottom of this society, that have lost all notion of respect for the law of the few and that are increasingly questioning the common sense, usefulness and "caring nature" of the system that governs us.

As a class, as a *conscious class*, aware of the whole tirade of exploitation that we each and all face, we will set our own agenda and work out our own strategies, be they "violent" or "non-violent". We won't care for such meaningless tags when we fight our class enemy and their supporters. Their laws, their ethics, their name calling will all come to only so much bullshit and drivel, when working class people realise who they are and what they can do, together.

Can't wait to see Nice Mr Hamilton's reaction to our revolution. "Professional bover boys, foreign elements, anarchists and communists, troublemakers, rioters, not Nice People at all really.....".

Anything you say John baby. Just stand up against that wall, that's all we're asking right now.

GRAND PRICK



**Jeff Kennet.....
certain candidate
for a hit and run!**

GREEN BAN PARKS

Politicians will promise most anything at election time and truth is always the first casualty.

Fahey's faltering Liberals have made a great show of establishing a koala reserve in south-western Sydney. However little mention was made of the campaign by local residents and animal activists who for years fought this same government to prevent the site being flogged off to urban-sprawl developers.

In their battle the campaigners were supported by a Construction, Forestry, Mining and Engineering Union (CFMEU) who imposed a green ban on development of the area.

Another struggle for green space has seen inner-city Erskineville residents resist, for more than two years, attempts by the government and the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) bureaucracy to sell off two small parks in their suburb. Erskineville has the lowest level of open space in NSW with .4 hectares of park per 1000 people.

This campaign has also been supported by the building trades union.

In recognition of the CFMEU's support, and to apply further pressure on the government, residents gathered on Saturday

February 18 to name the parks Green Ban Parks.

Being election time, that time of miracles, the residents "green knight" appeared in the form of deputy opposition leader and member for Marrickville Andrew Refshauge.

Despatetly needing to bolster Labor's flagging green credentials with inner-city residents after the third runway debacle, Refshauge 'promised' to dedicate the land open space if Drug Marshall Carr falls across the line later this month.

While these community ammenities may yet be saved, RTA shortsighted bloody-mindedness has resulted in the loss of more than 60 off-street parking spaces that served nearby King Street shoppers.

Their actions will clearly result in further congestion and inconvenience for residents, but the bureaucrats, while disposing of "their assets" at market value, flippantly disavowed any responsibility for the chaos that their road building campaigns continue to generate.

For these simpletons vehicles simply disappear into the ether when they reach their destination; much like election promises.



Refshauge: Green Knight or vote-chasing for the ALP?

Two Sides to Every Story

The most frequent shot fired at the forest protection movement by the forest destruction movement is summed up by the large bumper stickers you see around rural areas of the south coast of New South Wales:

<<GREENIES COST JOBS>>

This exercise in confusing the issue is the most powerful weapon available to the logging industry. It's one which neatly polarizes people and appears to make this a workers issue in the opposite way to what it really is.

Certainly, if all logging was stopped right now, a fair few people would be out of a job. But a lot of these people will be out of a job soon either way. There's no future in being a logger or a sawmill worker when all the forests are being rapidly destroyed by the

multinational companies. The timber industry likes to pretend it's sustainable, but everyone who lives in the bush knows it's not really.

Almost all of the forest that existed in Australia two hundred years ago is cleared land today. And

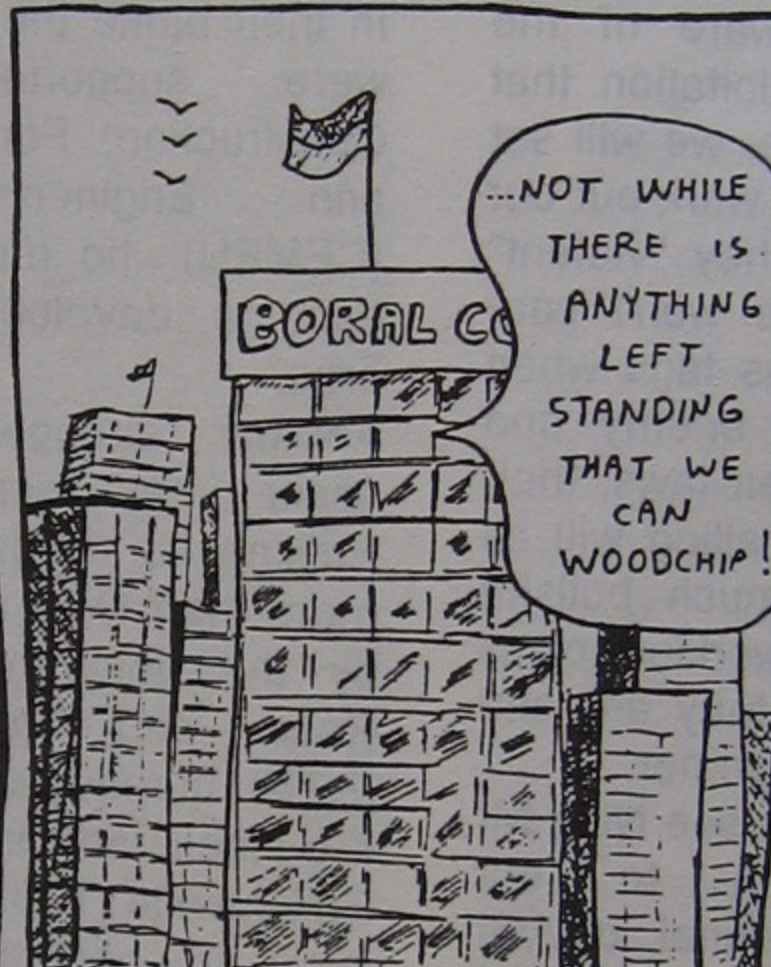
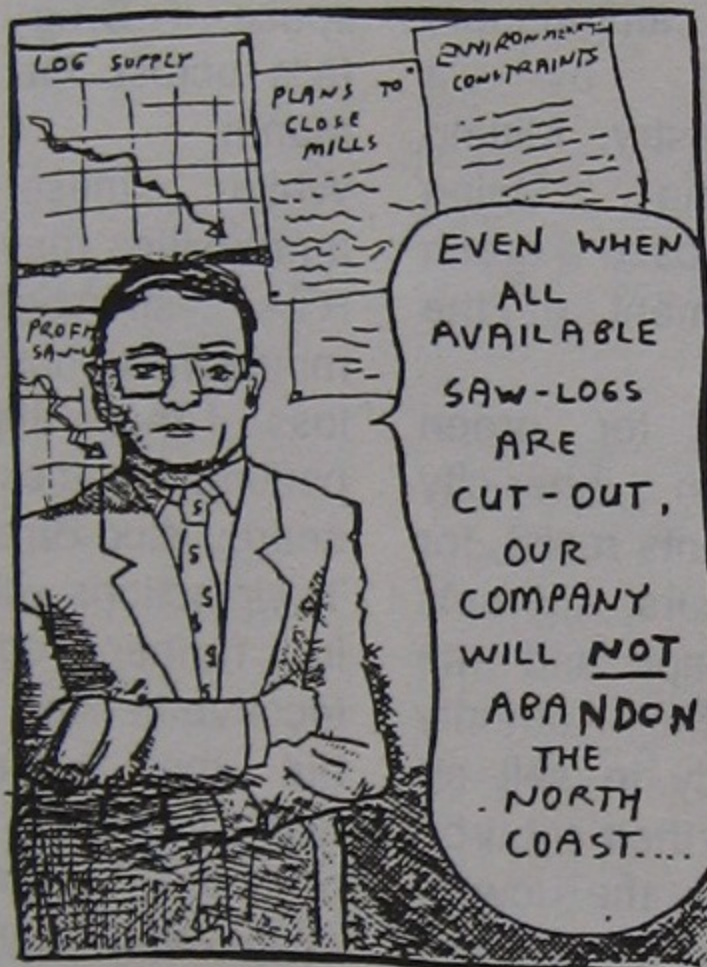
a lot of that is getting very close to becoming desert.

Where's the jobs for loggers there?

They pretend they've changed, but they haven't. Just like every other area of capitalist industry, they're grabbing everything they can and running. Boral, Harris Daishowa and the rest don't give a fuck about sustainability. *They just want the quick bucks now - tomorrow they'll be plundering something else and their workers can get fucked as far as they're concerned.*

Boral have control of 80% of the logging rights on the north coast of New South Wales. They are forcing small mills to close and put their workers on the dole. As always, the international companies are bulldozing everything in their path. They don't give a fuck about the fact that small mills run by locals employ more people per tree cut than they do. Or that when they've grabbed their plunder and moved on there will be fuck all left for the locals to do - no work of any sort.

Not only that, the locals will be lucky to have water to drink or grow vegetables and trees with.



Old growth forests are an essential part of the water cycle. Without them, this continent becomes a virtual desert. Regrowth doesn't hold water in anything like the way old growth does.

This talk of water may not mean very much to city people, who only have to turn on a tap, but it's life or death in the bush. You've only got to look at the effects of the recent drought on the rural population to see that. Farmers all round Australia are going bust because their stock's all died or had to be killed. This is an inevitable product of deforestation in a continent like ours.

When rain falls on forests, it sinks slowly into the ground and comes out slowly into creeks and rivers. When that forest is cleared the rain rushes over the surface and very quickly carries all

the topsoil with it into those same creeks and rivers.

This makes it virtually impossible for anything else to grow there and soil without plant cover bakes hard instantly in the hot sun, making water penetration even more impossible. The end result is a kind of semi-desertification.

This can be seen in vast, almost unimaginable areas of east coast Australia.

With no trees left to log and no land capable of growing food on or supplying water for drinking and irrigation, the timber workers are going to quickly realize they can't eat their redundancy payoffs for ever.

This is not bullshit. The way logging has been carried out in Australia is not and never has been sustainable. There are a fraction of the number of forestry workers now than there were in the past - just the same as in every other capitalist industry. The capitalists don't care. There will always be someone, something, somewhere else to exploit when there's nothing left to take where they are now. Their lying propaganda about us costing jobs is merely a little part of their process of exploitation and theft.

Boral costs more jobs than the green movement could ever hope for! □

GREENIES AND TIMBER WORKERS ARE BEING PLAYED OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER BY THE BOSSES. WHILE WE FIGHT AMONGST OURSELVES THE BOSSES ARE LIVING IT UP.

Crime and Community

We all know that the pigs are useless against crime. Most of the time they are hassling us on the street or sticking their noses in where its not wanted or needed. Most working class people agree that the pigs are scum and should basically be wiped off the face of the earth. *But what are the alternatives?* The most common question among our class when it comes to crime is - what happens when our shit still gets ripped off, when a carload of thugs try to beat the shit out of us, when my husband comes home drunk and beats the crap out of me and the kids, when the car has been trashed and the tyres slashed? We still get shat on and the worse part is that it's our own class brothers and sisters that are doing it to us - the frustration of poverty, work, life and boredom turns us against our own. This is understandable in a society divided by classes but is

NOT

ACCEPTABLE.

We already get shat on enough, we don't need

people in the same boat as us rubbing it in. We have to direct our anger and criminal activities towards those that deserve it - the wealthy and the rich - and we have to defend our community from scabs. Scabs aren't just those in our class that cross industrial picket lines, we have to have our own class community picket lines where we unite against anti-social elements that wreck solidarity - we all know what's acceptable and what's not. We don't need the ruling class and their middle class lackeys laying down the law and then getting their thugs in blue to make sure we follow their filthy morals and values.

When we talk about community policing we do not mean the pseudo-Big Brother Neighbourhood Watch schemes or any other police-controlled scheme where the neighbourhood is supposed to do the dirty work of spying and reporting and the pigs do the rest - we mean real community policing where the community has the real decision making power and ultimately performs an actively policing function - in an organised, voluntary and egalitarian

way. True community policing does not involve extremely hostile stop and search methods, inquisition-style questioning, suspicion, enforcement of petty non-violent "crime" such as loitering, drug use, etc but is purely social defence against socially alienating and destructive behaviour such as muggings, rape, domestic violence, burglary, etc

It is obvious to our class that there is a difference between snooping over the fence to make sure our neighbours aren't growing dope and intervening down the road when we can hear the screams of someone being beaten. However to the pigs there appears to be no difference or even a reverse priority. The point is that as a community,

we are in a much better situation to know when and how to stop anti-social scabs than a beat cop who is told how and when by his or her superiors who have neither the knowledge of local and personal factors nor the class solidarity to understand what is

We cannot count on the police for protection or deliverance from dirty deeds - far from it. It's the people who live in a particular area that ought to be running their own anti-crime squads. Why? Because local people usually have a good idea of who's up to what and secondly are more suited to deal with local criminals because they will have a much better understanding of why someone is doing something. Police are almost always outsiders, do not live in the area they work in and consequently have little understanding, if any, of the needs of the area and the people who live and work there.

to be confronted and how best it can be effectively solved. Community solidarity is the starting point and the ending point to any social policing.

The most effective way to prevent anti-social behaviour is simply looking out for each other in the area - something we do every day. At times physical confrontation will be necessary to defend our communities and when this has to happen it must include as many people as possible in the process - it has to be voluntary, accountable, inclusive and rotated - if it's left up to the same people and not shared, elitism sets in and we have another set of vigilante cops.

We can start by developing solidarity links with our fellow class comrades in our neighbourhood, building trust so that when physical and practical support is needed in confronting anti-social scabs, it will be there, automatic and effective. Through this we will gain the confidence and assertiveness to actively combat community "crime" and show that our class can and will defend itself.

The police have not always been around, although the way some people talk you'd think civilisation would collapse without them and that they must have been around since year dot. The police force of today was developed in the early 18th century in response to widespread working class anger and militancy and to take over the role the military used to have to crush working class popular action. Nowadays, this role is becoming increasingly the dominant role of the police and crime prevention is taking a back seat. We have to tackle crime prevention ourselves and recognise the police as the class enemies that they are.

BREWERY MANAGEMENT SHAMBLES

Toohy's boss Jim O'Mahony cancelled the staff Chrissie party in December. It gives you an idea of the parlous state of the ruling class in this country. Here's a guy who can't organize a piss-up in a brewery, and he runs one!

WORKING CLASS GETS ORGANISED IN THE BUSH

The gutless scabbery of the Australian Workers' Union (also known as Australia's Worst Union) was blown out of the water when working class shearers broke away to form their own union, the Shearers' and Rural Workers' Union (SRWU).

Long time working class activist and militant Steve Roach who is an organiser for the SRWU hit the nail on the head when he said that workers were fed up with "smarmy politicians and go-getters who have never done a days work in their lives representing them".

Since forming in May last year the SRWU has been a runaway success. Fed up with AWU members and for too long ignored by apprentice ALP politicians, workers have turned to the SRWU in droves. The SRWU has gone back to what unions should be about: protecting and advancing the interests of the working class and not sucking up to the ruling class National Farmers' Federation and their mates.

If you work in the bush or know someone who does then you can get hold of the SRWU at PO Box 428 Ballarat VIC 3350.

COP ADMITS RACISM

NSW copper, Sgt Ken Jurotte, admitted what we all knew already when he said "Aboriginal people are viewed by many police as ignorant, second-class citizens". He went on to say "Some still joke about the good ol' days when you could go out and shoot a few blacks". It's bloody obvious that the real thugs and anti-social elements within our communities strut around in

spiffy uniforms under the pretence of caring for our welfare and doing something useful. Don't make us laugh!

STICK THE AIRPORT ON THE NORTH SHORE

Residents of Sydney's inner city have taken direct action to drive home the point to the State and Federal governments that they will no longer put up with the excessive noise and air pollution caused by the planes flying overhead, sometimes as often as every few minutes. Pissed off and frustrated locals are regularly blockading Sydney Airport terminals, including stopping traffic by sit-downs in the middle of the road. This looks like being a long struggle as both governments are blaming each other for the deafening noise and stinking air that those who live under the flightpath have to live with everyday of the year. Politicians are promising all sorts

Runway" groups who are supporting this action. Even if you only check it out once, get down there and become a part of the action yourself. **Angry People** are currently campaigning for Sydney Airport to be moved to somewhere between Waverton and Chatswood so as to let silvertails know what the rest of us are putting up with! Your support and involvement is more than welcome.

"NO WORKING CLASS"??

Poor little rich kid, Rheaba 'snotty nosed' Meagher has been able to sustain her affluence by climbing onto the backs of the working class in Cabramatta. Representing her class before the right wing Sydney Institute, Meagher (aka "the great scab", "the joke" and "who?" by the citizens of her electorate) praised the decline (sic) of class distinctions. *This at a time when the gap between rich and poor is growing at a faster rate than the flipping hole in the ozone!*

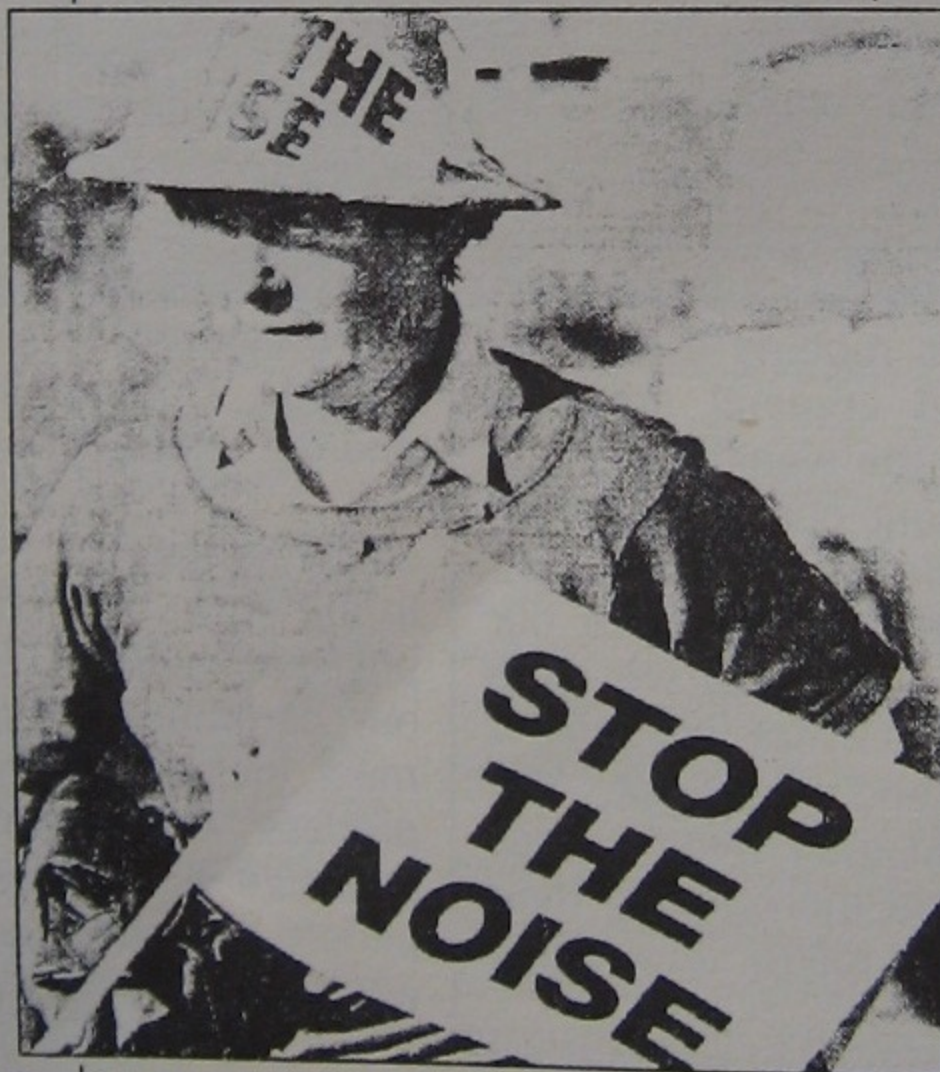
Yeah, anything you say Rheaba..... there is no working class anymore?? Well, what about the bus drivers, cleaners, garbo's, single parents', prostitutes, unemployed, checkout operators, labourers, welders, nurses..... need we say more?!

These scumbags are more interested in Morgan Gallop polls than single parents' and unemployed people putting bread on the table. Rheaba Meagher should do the right thing and go back to the north shore and shoot herself!

QLD DOPE INDUSTRY WORTH \$360M

No wonder the cops want to keep marijuana illegal. Worth \$360 million a year and with a monopoly slice of the action they'd be seriously out of pocket if it were turned into any legalised industry.

The finding was made by Bob Aldred of the Criminal Justice Commission. He compared the dope industry to the lacklustre \$44 million a year tobacco



to us but getting them to actually do something ain't all that different to trying to start a car with a toothpick. It just won't happen. Because the campaign has started on a good note - leaving passive resistance behind and focusing on action around the airport - there is plenty of potential for it to elaborate beyond the usual dimensions of community fightback. Blockades are regularly announced, often by Marrickville Council and other "anti-airport and No Third

industry. "A (dope) crop of this magnitude is vital to the Qld economy". He went on to add that ".....it was a myth that all drug users were addicts".

Next the government will discover the sky is blue, the sun rises in the east and that your nose is in the middle of your face!!

5000 RIOT AT PORT MACKA!

When cops tried to take control of a crowd revelling at Port Macquarie on New Year's Eve they were taken by surprise as 5000 joined together to repel their efforts. A riot began and missiles were launched at the cops. One cop was knocked unconscious when a well aimed tinnie hit him on the head. If cops are gonna spend their time breaking up our gatherings and events they can only expect to be met with the fiercest resistance. This, and other similar instances, are not solely a manifestation of anti-police sentiment but a show of strength in order to hold onto territory that is OURS! However, if we really want total control over our lives and the areas we live and work in we'll have to learn to keep the cops at bay for more than just a few hours.

REDFERN AT WAR AGAIN!

(late Jan.) One hundred people attacked police in Eveleigh St, Redfern in an attempt to free four people that had been arrested. Hassling the residents of Eveleigh St for the umpteenth time, the cops suffered under a hailstorm of bricks and bottles. Unfortunately they still managed to carry out the arrests - although some sustained injuries during the riot. Cops have had a number of shots at crushing local dissent in those few "notorious" streets of Redfern but are continuously met with fierce resistance from those who have nothing to lose.

These few streets are populated mainly by Aborigines who are branded by local police as troublemakers deserving nothing

but contempt. Redfern Aborigines have shown on numerous occasions that their path toward self-determination will not be crushed. Now, ain't it about time we took a leaf out of their book?

HANDS OFF COLEDALE!

As is becoming more and more evident, our hospitals are becoming places of rest and

outside the hospital to "stop any equipment being moved out". Get on down there and lend a hand.

VRRRRMMMM!!!!

One of the things working class youth have always done is use their initiative and the street-machiner gatherings are no exception. With less hang-outs and gathering points available to young people it's really a matter of make your own space or sit and be bored.

Converging on car parks, beaches and anywhere they can get away with, hundreds of youth rock up in totally sick street machines to meet friends, talk about whatever, show off - generally looking for a good time without the interference of the police or self-righteous citizens.

On Feb. 16 at Route 66, a burger bar at Cartwright, just west of Liverpool, masses of youth gathered for such an event. Yapping to the sound of revving engines and

doughnuts, it was the usual Thursday night until the cops turned up around 11pm to spoil the party - as they so often like to. But this time instead of packing it in, rev-heads and friends seriously pelted the coppers with bottles, following a working class tradition centuries old. A chant soon broke out: "Kill the cops. Kill the cops". Well, who can argue with that??!

TWO STUMPS SHORT OF A WICKET

NT Chief Minister, Marshall Perron, reckons he might organise another Cannonball Run in '96. As if the four deaths in the '94 event weren't enough to show what a stupid and dangerous idea it was. Then again, if Perron and his ministers were to be marshalls and race officials standing by the side of the road at checkpoints, maybe the race should be allowed to go ahead after all. There would probably be a few more fatal 'accidents', most or all of them involving vehicles driven by the **Angry People Racing Team!**



healing for the rich only. Poor people: working, unemployed or retired are finding it increasingly hard to get medical assistance, operations or a bed as these services, a birthright to all, are privatised and ran for wealthy business people to profit from. When privatisation of the public health system is complete it is working class communities that will suffer for this change. It is us that will have to wait years for an operation whilst beds in private hospitals sit empty and unused. In order to halt this bastard act we'll have to do more than complain to our neighbours over the back fence. Some people have realised this and took to the streets on Feb.12. There was a large attendance of approx. one thousand people. Protesters wore t-shirts and carried banners saying: "Vote Liberal Last". Angry People would like to go one step further and SHOOT LIBERALS FIRST!!

One hotspot is Coledale hospital, on Sydney's south coast (not far south of Waterfall), where twenty people are camping permanently

FRUIT PICKERS WANTED!

It's on again: "We don't have enough pickers. It's good money for people who are not afraid of hard work!" says the smiling true believer from your local CES office.

But before you leap in the old car, have you ever wondered why they always need pickers each year. That's right, pickers don't turn up again for the next season and it's obvious why once you give it a go.

It's piece-work: you are paid by the amount of work you do. This favours the employer because it makes pickers flog themselves and is much cheaper than paying an hourly wage. Only the young and fit can keep up at that pace - day after stinking hot day. That's if you don't fall off a ladder or get your fingers crushed by bins and trailers or get seriously injured in a tractor accident or get just plain heat-stroke. These are exhaustion induced injuries - you're too tired to be careful - and are usually called "accidents" but they are the inevitable result of piece-work and the blame lies directly at the hands of the employers.

And at the hands of the union. The union is piss-weak and doesn't give a bugger. Any picker who tries to organise or "stir up trouble" will be blacklisted by employers and will not find work anywhere in the district.

The "you-can-make-bags-of-money-if-you-work-your-guts-out" idea tends to pervade among pickers and when they've had enough they'll walk off - not organise or act in solidarity.

Even experienced pickers are only bringing in \$60 to \$80 a day before tax and this money has to tide them over for rainy days, travel between jobs, sickies and constant car running. It's pathetic money. You provide your own work clothes, boots, hat and suncreams. If it rains you stop. If it keeps raining you go back to your tent. There is no appearance money, no minimum days pay. You lose.

Coming back to your tent unwashed to cook your meal after a really hard day's work is just more bloody work so the pub becomes a desperate refuge. Counter meals and cold beers and watch your hard earned money disappear!

People get stuck and can't afford to leave - too broke to pay for the petrol home. And I haven't even mentioned the danger of the sprays they use: "Oh, it's safe" they say. Yeah, pull the other one.

So, do I recommend you avoid picking like the plague? No. I think you should go. Just to learn that the working class still exists and that for every piece of fruit you have seen some poor bastard has copped shit!

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GARY HAYES FREED

A big handshake goes out to Gary Hayes on his release from Casaurina Prison in WA. After serving eighteen months of a four and a half year sentence he has been set free on a work release program. Gary's the bloke who took hold of an APC and drove it through Perth streets trashing cop shops and court houses. In effect, Gary was doing what we'd all like to do from time to time, only most of us don't have the nerve. Good on ya Gary and all the best for the future.

PS. *Angry People* had planned to publish a second edition of Gary's story. Gary has requested that we don't do this and let things slide for now, till the heat is off. We respect Gary's wishes and so no new copies of his defiant story will be available for the time being.



SUCKED IN RAY!

Ex WA premier Ray O'conner got eighteen months for stealing twenty-five gran". If he'd been working class, stealing that amount of money and getting caught would have resulted in a far stiffer sentence. As always, silvertails are able to get "benefits" from the system the

rest of us never see, in this case a lighter sentence.

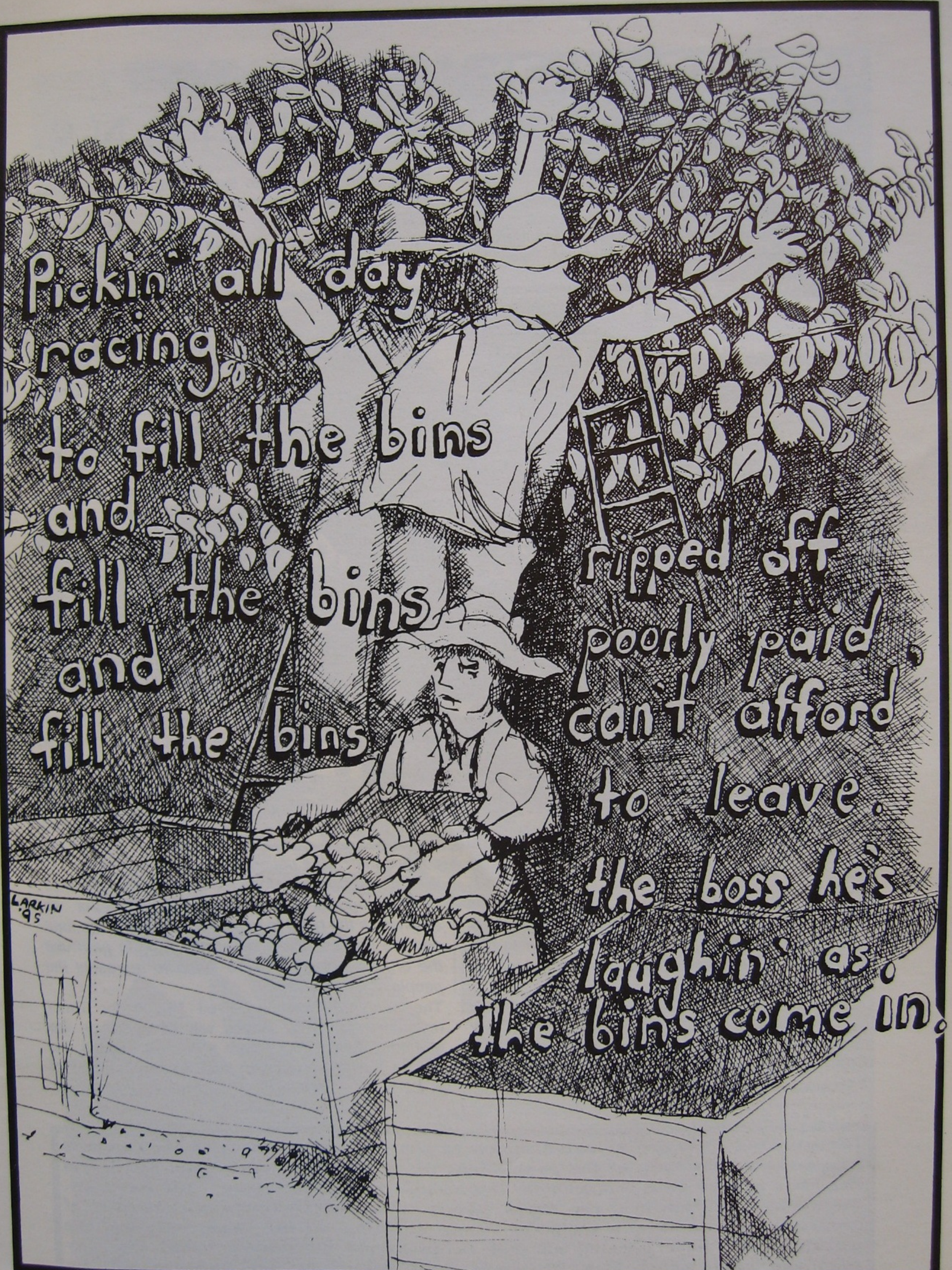
COP CHUCKS HAROLD HOLT

Silly copper Gary Lambert went for a swim and never came back. Out in the surf he got dunked by a wave and that was that. *Now that's what happens when you leave your floaties on the sand!*

Blacktown coppers queue up at Macka's



**Rapes, muggings and domestic violence?
NOT DURING LUNCH HOUR!**



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to fill the bins
and
fill the bins
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fill the bins

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can't afford
to leave.
the boss he's
laughin' as
the bins come in.

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GOALS AND VISIONS

Noam Chomsky, dissident US intellectual and anarchist sympathiser, made a long awaited visit to Australia in January.

As part of the Visions of Freedom conference, Sydney anarchists hosted a Sydney Town Hall public meeting that was filled to capacity.

Noam spoke about his personal vision, a fairly traditional anarchist one, rooted in the enlightenment and classical liberalism, liberalism before it was demolished by rising industrial capitalism and goals that are often in conflict with these visions as one is forced to defend some state institutions to allow a semblance of public participation while working to bring about their ultimate demise. These contradictions are the conflicts of daily life.

A highlight for many anarchists in the disparate audience was the unassuming demolition job Noam performed on the marxist-trotskyite-leninist losers during question time.

Even the evocation of the bearded icon Marx himself, in whose name the authoritarian socialists slaughtered countless working people, failed to halt his delegation of these leftist dinosaurs to the historical trash can.

Unfortunately the Visions of Freedom organisers felt that the success of the meeting and the tour generally was in no part due to the proprietorial behaviour of the East Timor Relief Association (ETRA) whose invitation precipitated Noam's visit.

In an open letter, yet to surface in the leftist press, the committee states in part:

Not only were other East Timor groups only minimally involved in the 'tour' that ETRA organised, but the opportunity to broaden the East Timor struggle by engaging other social justice activists and Chomsky supporters, was hardly explored. And the opportunity for similar struggles to support and complement each other, for internationalism, was lost.....

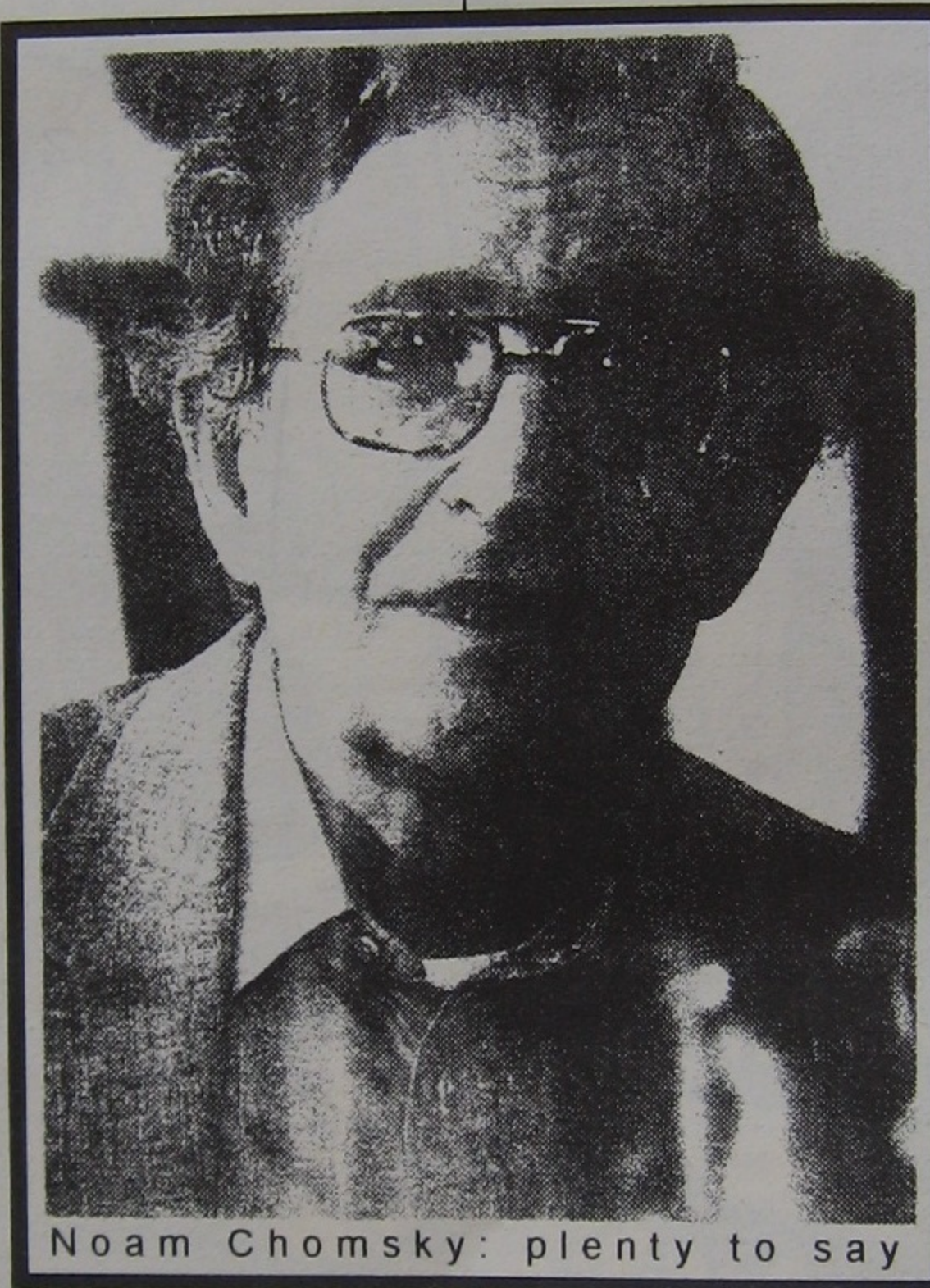
Public interest in Noam's thought and activity proved, as we and others predicted, to be enormous and grew cumulatively as one event led on to another.

If ETRA had been willing to take the risk of open, egalitarian collaboration with supporters of Noam's diverse interests perhaps there could have been a huge, week long teach-in on human liberation, with emphasis upon the East Timor struggle but in a broader

context than mere national self-determination.....

We, as anarchists, defend the East Timorese in their struggle against Indonesian colonialism; but we emphasise the need to examine the nature, the form and the context of the resistance, and in particular the organisations that have come to represent the people of East Timor.

The anarchist meeting raised \$4,500 for Timor resistance which it hopes will be spent on the ground in East Timor where it is most needed and not on the self-promotion and aggrandisement of globe trotting unrepresentatives.



Noam Chomsky: plenty to say

The working class are a varied bunch of people from all sorts of backgrounds who make up the bulk of the population. We are the ones who make this world tick. It's us who built the schools, the hospitals, the warehouses, the factories, the docks, the railways, the shops, the houses. The rich who pocket most of everything never lifted a finger to create anything. At the same time, we, the working class have created all that exists except for nature itself. One day soon the cosy world rich silvertails have gained at our expense will be shattered. Our banners read only: BEHOLD: YOUR FUTURE EXECUTIONERS.

YEAH - OUT EM!

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DESTROY THEIR CAREERS
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FORCE THEM TO SUICIDE

**LET THEIR BLOOD FEED US
AS THEY HAVE FED OFF OURS**

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QUEENS**

**KNIT UNDER GUILLOTEENS
LET BULLDYKE EXECUTIONERS
MASH UP THEIR HEADS**

**LET WORMS CRAWL THROUGH THEIR
EMPTY LIVES**

**LET THEIR BODIES ROT, COMPOST
FIELDS**

FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN

**BURN AWAY THEIR HISTORY
LET IT'S FIRE WARM OUR FUTURE**

HOMOCULT perverters of culture

Last issue (#9) we printed a page from "Queer with Class - the First Book of Homocult" and this issue we're doing the same. This book is so hot it needs an airing! Produced by working class gay men and lesbians, this book (or poster pack) is a breath of fresh air for any fag, dyke, bi or trannie who's sick to death of the "homoscene" being dominated by pompous, washed-up, middle class has-beens.

Not satisfied to whisper during a bitch session at the back of the bar, Homocult comes out loud and hard and **ATTACKS** this society that is so bitterly divided by classes and goes on to take it up with the rich who benefit from these divisions. To go further still, Homocult puts pride into being working class as much as it puts pride into being queer.

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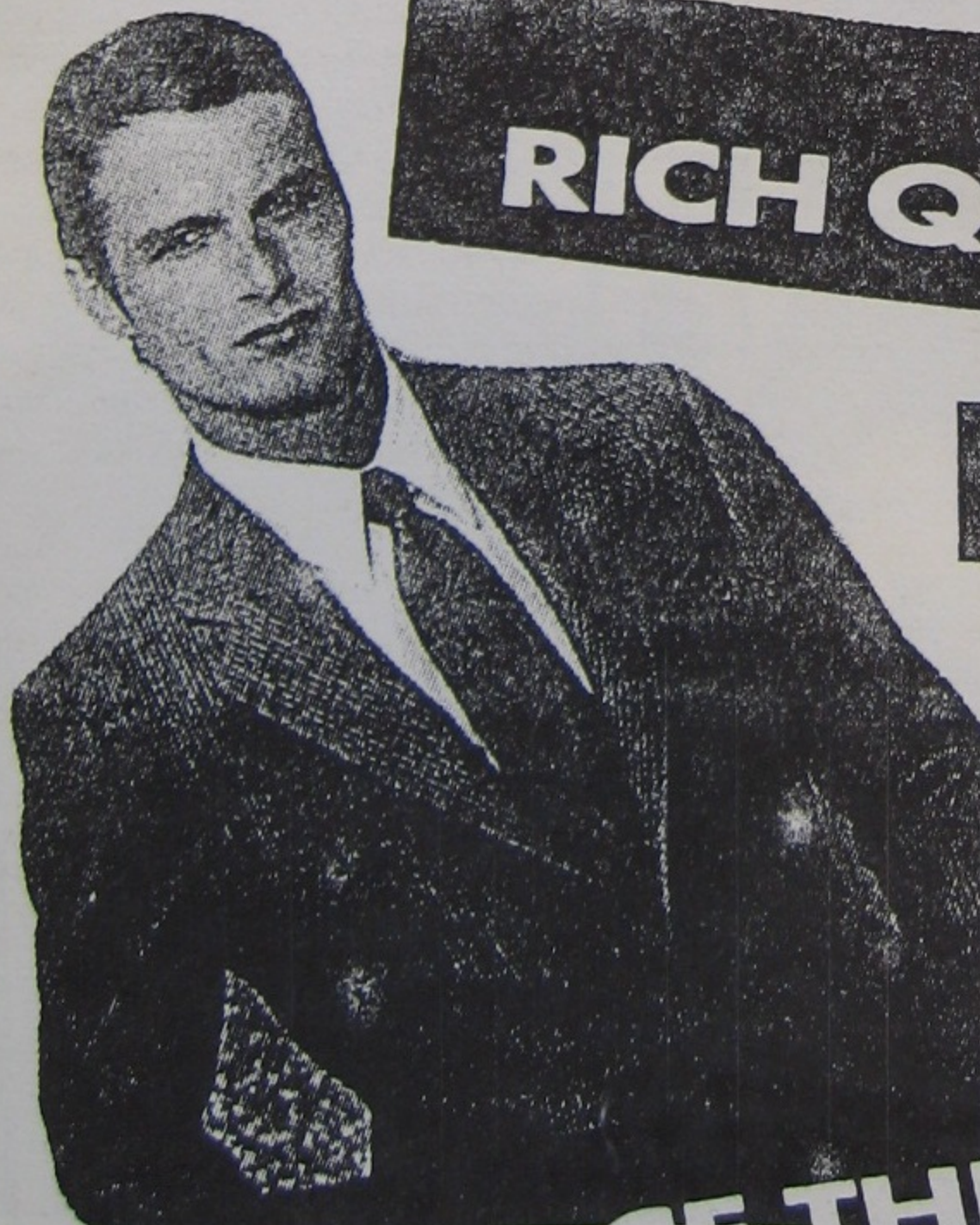
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THIS IS HOW THEY'RE LIVING.....

They don't have to worry about their phones getting cut off. They don't have to scrimp and scrape to pay rent, mortgage and electricity bills. They don't have the fear-of-god tremors thundering through their heart whenever they open their letterbox. They don't have to juggle kids, work, bills and domestic 'duties'.

Theirs is a world full of imported cars and the finest smoked salmon, of prim 'n' proper private school education, of Lah de Dah accents, of hang 'em and flog 'em attitudes, of yachting and chauffeurs, of caviar and au pairs, of executive suites and exclusive living.....

of everything priviledged, pompous and perfect.

They control and own the radio, TV stations, the shopping malls, the golf and football clubs. They are the ones in the driving seat of the companies and businesses that fuck everything up and everyone over.....

They are the real enemy!! Not the gay person because of their sexuality. Not the Asians because of their 'nationality'. Not the person who looks 'different'. ***They want us fighting amongst ourselves so that we never get together to challenge their power.....***



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The French Consulate in Perth is devastated after being firebombed within days of the announcement by the French Government to resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific

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Angry People don't claim to know it all but rather wish to learn from life experience - something you don't find too often in political groups.

So we'll hear from you soon then. Subscriptions: \$5 for 3 issues postage paid.

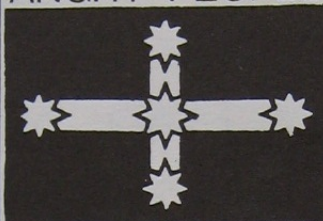
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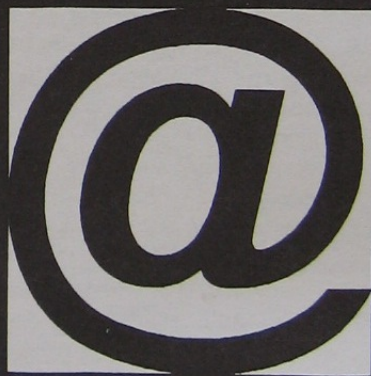
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Q. WHAT'S FRENCH FOR FUCKWIT?

A. JACQUES CHIRAC!

What an arrogant prick Jacques Chirac is! Deciding to resume nuclear testing three years after it was phased out. The fact that nobody else wants it doesn't make any difference. Around Australia and the Pacific there have been huge protests. Even in Europe and France itself there's massive opposition to the testing. Still, Chirac pushes on regardless. He is so stupid to think he can get away with it. Millions of working class people around the world are voicing their opposition loud and clear. I've named my toilet after the French President and I've put a sign on it inviting people to piss or shit in his mouth.

However, it's important not to fall into the trap of racism. Let's have none of the racist talk about "frogs" that's been creeping into the debate here and there. Does anyone imagine for a moment that homeless and working class people living on the streets of Paris, for example, support Chirac's lunacy? Get real! They hate the bastard even more than we do! After all, they have to put up with him at close quarters. They're in the same boat as us: basically they have no say in what happens. They must be embarrassed and ashamed of his behaviour. **THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THE FRENCH UPPER CLASS IS THE ENEMY NOT THE FRENCH WORKING CLASS.**

What's also embarrassing is the hypocrisy of the Australian authorities in condemning the nuclear testing while it's them that have been selling uranium to the French government. The excuse they're coming out with is that if Australia stopped selling it to France then France would just buy it from some other country. Yeah, we've all heard that one before. Pretty lame really. Capitalists can always find excuses when there's a buck to be made.

As for the firebombing of the French Consulate in Perth - good one!! There should be more of it. Some people said it was "terrorism". Bullshit! Terrorism is the governments

hurts - in their bank balances. Destroy their property.

Two people were caught and charged with arson but they weren't necessarily those who did it. Perhaps the cops just grabbed a couple of "likely suspects" and framed them in order to satisfy the French and Australian authorities and make it look like the cops we're "doing their job". Remember how WA police framed "tank man" Gary Hayes for a break and enter he didn't do?

Greenpeace are doing some good work. The trouble is though, they're a wealthy corporation, virtually a transnational corporation and they want to take all the credit for stopping the French tests with their peaceful, non-violent protest tactics and martyrdom that look good in the media. One of their bosses, Jean McSorley, said they didn't want other

The French government and the French upper class is the enemy NOT the French working class.

with all these nuclear weapons which have been terrorizing the world for the past fifty years. That's terrorism, not burning down a building which represents the French government and hurting no-one. We assume the building owner will recover the loss with insurance so what's the big deal? (not that we give a toss if the owner gets a cent or not) It was a clear warning. Hobart's French Consul heeded the warning and did the right thing: he resigned. Hit the capitalist bastards where it

boats to go out to the French testing site, Mururoa Atoll, as well. She gave the reason that it would be dangerous and that their safety couldn't be guaranteed. The real reason is that Greenpeace wants all the honour and glory for themselves so that they get more and more media coverage and so that more and more people send them money. They don't want anyone else stealing the limelight. I was a paid-up member of Greenpeace at one time but I got sick of their

endless requests for money and their glossy propaganda. Sure they do some good stuff like stopping pollution and anti-driftnet campaigns and so on but their general approach is "DON'T DO ANYTHING YOURSELF. Leave it all to us. Just read our literature, buy the merchandise and send us your money". It doesn't do much to empower working class people. In fact it alienates us

from environmental campaigns as do most other institutions in this money-mad system. apparently one Greenpeace staff member got sacked for talking to the media about social class and its relevance to the environmental struggle. They were probably afraid that their yuppie membership would be offended by talking of this taboo topic.

Chirac will be forced to back down in the end. Not because of Greenpeace (despite what Greenpeace claims) but because of the sheer force of working class anger. So many people are up in arms about it. How dare the French State dump it's toxic, radioactive shit on us!



CHIRAC: STICK YOUR NUKES UP YOUR ARSE AND TEST THEM THERE!

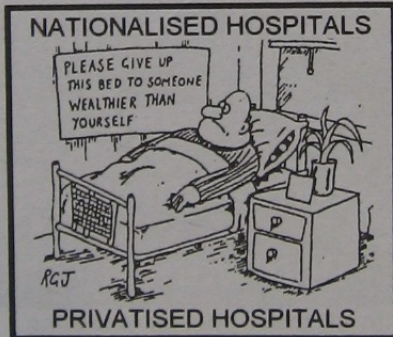
Neither Nationalisation Nor Privatisation

Privatisation has become a key issue in radical politics. With state governments wanting to sell-off 'public' assets like prisons, parks, hospitals etc, everyone from the far left to more conservative institutions, from anarchists to church groups, are making the fight against privatisation a priority.

There's no doubt that this mass sell off that both state and federal governments are into now is bad news for the working class. By selling amenities such as electricity, for example, to a private company who then sells it at a profit to local government who then sells it to us, basically translates in real life terms as a higher cost for a shittier service. Many industrial countries who have already taken this step have resulted in richer bosses and poorer workers. There is no simpler way of explaining privatisation: **it means you pay more for less.**

That reality is that nationalised services aren't much better and aren't much cheaper. In Victoria, a Victorian Council of Social Services (VCOSS) document explained that government assisted relief funds were more frequently going to help pay for energy bills, especially in winter. *This begs the question: how much better off are we under nationalisation? If it's 'our' power, 'our' gas and 'our' services, why are we paying for it?* How many times have you had your phone cut off or had to starve yourself to pay the electricity bill?

We say that community control isn't an abstract political theory, when you apply it to these questions. Workers running their industries, who of course face job cuts and pay cuts as privitisation comes in, need to organise to take control of these industries. Not under the present trade union burden, but by their own organisations. Surely these workers, who know the nuts and bolts of the system they work, can give their communities a far superior service than at present. *This, however, means a change of heart from the ideas of 'I just work here' to 'this belongs to me, this belongs to my workplace, this belongs to my community, this belongs to everyone.'* The boss, whether a government or a corporation or a trade union leader, won't get a look in. Workers have the power and imagination to run and provide the sort of services we all need. We can do this by ourselves for ourselves.



Privatisation would only make matters worse and should be fought, but does the fight have to be restricted to maintaining the present system?

But we'll have to fight for it. And that means revolution. A far cry from what the 'radical' movement is begging for now.



SKASE TO GET THE CHOP!
Angry People have hired bounty hunter Fred Kruger to bring Christopher Skase back to Australia. Freddy has agreed to work with us voluntarily as he hates rich bastards just as much as the rest of us! *Angry People* have supplied him with a new set of steak knives and in return Freddy has promised Skase a nightmare he'll never forget. What a carve-up this'll be!!

----- **HOT STUFF** -----

Angry People take a look at the goings-on in one working class lad's life.

I was interested to see some **Angry People** stickers recently that suggested car thieves should steal from the rich and not the working class. This struck a chord with me as I remember feeling the same way myself when I was seventeen. Coming from a working class area I was aware of the day to day struggle to keep the metal monsters on the road and the inconvenience it caused neighbours waking up to go to shit jobs in the morning to find their regular, less-painful means of transport ripped off. At least with their own vehicle they spent less of their free time at work.

I distinctly recall one guy who worked as a cleaner and lived in a suburb with only bus routes (no trains). His car was stolen and he lost his job because of it as he couldn't make the 4am start. The anti-social bastards (who didn't even live in the area) burnt it out in nearby bushland after a twenty minute joyride. I knew the car because I helped him swap an engine in it once.

When I was about eighteen and moved to Sydney, me and my cash-starved mates concentrated on BMW's, Jag's and some older Ferrari's and Porsche's. We could get heaps off bent wreckers for a whole car full of parts. Naturally these cars tended to have alarm systems which made it fucking difficult at times but I couldn't be as slack as to pinch an old Holden just because it was piss-easy. I'm not saying we never took working class cars but that if we did it was because we had to get around in a hurry and I remember feeling bad about doing it.

The good thing with posh cars was that they were usually full of fuel, had good sound systems (extra cash at another place, plus heh, you had to have tunes!) and they drove bloody well. Let me assure you, the best car to drive down George St at 3am at about 120kph plus is definitely a Jag. These cars were built for it, not to carry the fat arses of rich bastards around from one meeting to another.

This was the mid-eighties and luxury cars were going through a cheap-shit, plastic, alloy stage which made it nice and convenient to us as the locks were easier to bust. From younger blokes now I hear that the lock mechanisms are even shittier. Car alarms were a pain, disconnecting the swarky things takes ages and getting around all the cut-outs and safeguards could drive you mad! Getting in was easy with a "hammer" (an American invention) which consisted of a spring propelled "lock fucker" and a turn-

bar. They're not too hard to make (a mate from school who was an engineering apprentice made mine) but are only really effective on doors as they were sometimes too cumbersome for steering locks.

Steering locks on luxury cars are a bastard. Most European cars use a sprung pin, unlike Australian cars which use a fixed pin that can be snapped away. The sprung pin involves a bevelled pin which is spring-loaded. If you force the pin it will move but the spring pops it back into place once you steer the wheel back that way. The only way around this bastard is to take the steering wheel off and bust it out of the way; luxury cars then didn't have any special bolts on the steering wheel. We'd do this for long trips or for short trips we'd use a nail file slipped inbetween the wheel and lock once it'd been moved. Sometimes the file moved so we used a big blob of that great invention Blu-Tack to hold it in place - they should put that amongst the list of uses on the back of the packet!! Of course you can be a perfectionist and use pick-locks and shit (about the only way to get into a Roller - unless you're a rich arsehole) but with six-tumbler and upwards barrels this can take all night, even for the most skillful.

The old coat-hanger on the button looks nice on television but that's where it belongs. This takes forever, just watch the NRMA sometimes, and screwdrivers are a bit the same.

A brick through the window is a certain way to get caught.

Some people have asked me what we did about those great infra-red, remote alarms. Well some of the earlier infra-red alarms of that time could be fried with a fairly simple circuit emitting an over-power signal. These little boxes were great to watch, the car just opened itself and sat there totally defenceless, although I don't think it would work on all the multi-circuit, coded crap they've got these days.

I remember a very nice black convertible BMW that was quite near where I lived in Sydney and we could never get into it because of it's high-tech alarm - which probably cost more than the car - so in the end I had to content myself with scratching "*Yuppies Fuck Off - this alarm sucks*" into the bonnet with a pocket knife.

Anyway, my philosophy is rob the rich and if you can't fuck their cars up instead. ***Bullet holes in the windows of all BMW's would be a nice trend!!***

FERRARI

BMW

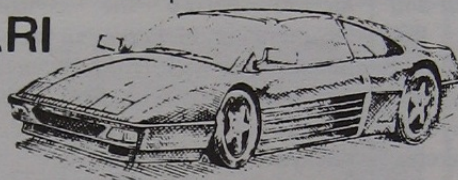
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**TAKE ONE FOR A TEST DRIVE TODAY!
don't rob your own, rob the rich**

Angry People say: If you steal from working class people you're a bloody loser!

the HEMP & DRUG TOURIST the MARSHALL

At the end of April, US Help End Marijuana Prohibition (HEMP) founder Jack Herer began his Australian tour to promote the first local edition of his best selling book *The Emperor Wears No Clothes*. Published under the title *Hemp and the Marijuana Conspiracy*, this edition contains an essay on the history of hemp in Australia by John Jiggins. Jack was accompanied by Lynn Osburn, a cannabis researcher and co-author of the recently published book *Green Gold the Tree of Life: Marijuana Magic and Religion*. Lynn contributed a section in *The Emperor...* on the hemp biomass debate.

The central thesis of *The Emperor...* is that the hysterical campaign that saw cannabis banned in the 1930's was not because of the intoxicant "marijuana" but because corporations like DuPont, Hearst and the W Grace company had invested large sums of money developing products alternate to those provided by this multi-faceted plant. Jack contends that hemp can provide sufficient fibre, oil, medicine, fuel, paper, food and shelter for all the world if the plant is legalised.

The tour kicked off in Sydney with a press conference at Parliament House where Ann Symonds (ALP member of the Legislative Council) and Michael Moore (ACT Assembly member) welcomed Jack to Australia. Within hours newly elected Premier Drug Marshall Carr was a huffin' and a puffin' about not changing the NSW cannabis laws. In a magnanimous gesture he promised to conduct a judicial

review that would ensure that no one in NSW would be sent to prison for personal possession of marijuana. You can bet your last cone that Bob's definition of possession will be so narrowly cast as to ensure the continued incarceration of large numbers of people for the everyday occurrence of having a few bags for friends or for growing a few plants in the backyard.

Jack Herer has been recognised as the person most responsible for the modern hemp industry. Unlike many of the new wave of hemp entrepreneurs who prefer to talk only about fibre, paper and ecology, Jack refuses to ignore the civil liberties and criminal justice issues inherent in the prohibition of marijuana.

In a lively talk at Glebe Town Hall, Jack outlined how he became involved in marijuana law reform and the promotion of hemp as "the most important plant on our planet" and urged his audience to inform their colleagues, get the information out and "never quit till we've won".

"In 1969, I started dating a young lady. She said to me, "Jack did you ever smoke any marijuana?" I said, "No, absolutely not". She said, "Well you need to, your very uptight, you need to relax" She rolled up three joints of this pot, two hits would get me stoned out of my mind. Now I'm not afraid of it, I'm gonna show off to her. I started smoking and she said, "Hold it". I held it. I let it out. I got stoned and stoned. She kept passing the joint back and I was going 'wow' and my head was going I listened to

music through earphones. I could see each instrument playing, I could see each note coming out, all these notes, all this incredible music. I'd never liked music as much as that day. I'd never seen it in full living colour. I said, "This is great".

After writing his first book called *G.R.A.S.S* which sold in head shops throughout the United States, Jack became involved in the campaign to legalise cannabis, researching the issue with Captain Ed Adair. "One night in 1974 we were loaded out of our minds on many different things. We were so stoned. All of a sudden, we had a realisation that we hadn't had before; that nobody on Earth had had for 400 years: **marijuana was going to save the world.** We can make all the paper, all the fibres. We can make all the clothing and all the fuels. We can run the cars, we can make food. We extrapolated it to the nth degree and everything came back to; marijuana was the most important thing on our planet. We thought when we came down we'd realise how ridiculous the idea was. But when we came down it was still true. We told our families and the children said, "Dad your nuts, don't say this, your going to be an embarrassment to us. Don't say that marijuana is going to save the world. Please don't say this in front of our friend"."

At first Jack and Capt. Ed were denounced as crazy; but after a three page article appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* in the early eighties: "Suddenly, we had tens of thousands of people that believed in hemp as one of the, if not the, greatest ecological thing on earth. Hemp is the greatest plant, but there is a negative side. The cops will shoot you because of the misinformation put out by the US government.

The companies that funded the campaign to outlaw hemp in the 1930's stood to lose billions of dollars if it was known that hemp had these qualities. During WWII they had to re-legalise it. Isn't it strange that the government would outlaw the number one plant just

when machinery was invented that brought hemp production from 2 to 3 hundred man hours per acre down to 1 hour.

That's what we're stuck with. We can't legally grow a plant that is the healthiest, strongest, the biggest and the best of all the plants on earth for all the paper, for fibre, and for fuel. It will produce more fuel annually and sustainable than any other annual on the earth. It's really neat of the powers that be, of the gods, that we have a plant that does this for the human race, without poisoning it. Yet, this plant is outlawed.

It should be honoured. In any sane society they would be congratulating us, kissing us and thanking us for growing cannabis; not putting us in jail. We have the highest incarceration rate in the world. Right now in the United States 190,000 people are in prison, 160,000 in jail, and 800,000 on parole and probation for marijuana. I want them out; I want all this to end.

Yet they will not teach one word of this information on hemp. Nor will they deny it, they try their best to ignore it, but they can't ignore the information here or in the US if you keep knocking on the door telling it to them, getting in their face and challenging them. They will come down".

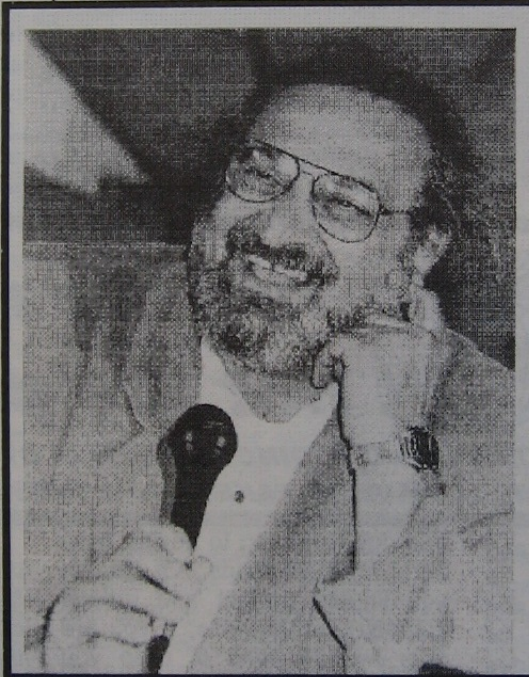
The public meeting called on Drug Marshall Carr's government to:

- Remove immediately all criminal sanctions against the personal use and possession of cannabis
- Support the development of an economically and environmentally sustainable hemp industry
- Introduce cannabis medicine trials

After a hectic round of media interviews, Jack flew to Nimbin to launch the new film *The Hemp Revolution*, produced by Anthony Clarke from Tilba Hemp, judge the third annual Cannabis Cup and enjoy some local hospitality. Jack also addressed the thousands

strong crowd that attended the mardi grass street parade and drug law reform rally. Other speakers included U.S. author and marijuana activist Ed Rosenthal and Southern Cross University law lecturer David Heilperm.

In Brisbane Jack was special guest at HEMP Week celebrations. Hemp activists presented Premier Goss with a pot plant for his office window while he was at Queensland University to deliver the T.J.Ryan memorial lecture. Not surprisingly Goss, the person who almost single-handedly has ensured that 'The Joke', so well documented by the Fitzgerald Royal Commission, continues, declined the kind offer. He too is running the 'we won't be sending anyone to jail for possession non-argument' while a well known 'marijuana addict' is



heavily involved in the running of his re-election campaign. Such is the hypocrisy that surrounds this issue. Jack also visited Melbourne and Adelaide for more media and public appearances before he flew back to California to continue the campaign promoting cannabis and seeking to overturn its senseless prohibition. HEMP is working toward having the California Cannabis Hemp and Health Initiative included on the November '96 ballot.

Following the success of this years May Day celebrations, Nimbin is

now a town under seige. NSW's finest, or at least those not doing doggy-tricks for the Wood Royal Commission, are conducting a payback campaign of road blocks and strip searches to intimidate locals and visitors in a futile attempt to stop people from making their own recreational drug choice. This is the implementation of Drug Marshall Carr's do-nothing policy. While he seeks sympathy in the monthly tabloid magazines for the drug related death of his brother, this poor excuse for a Labor politician seeks vengeance against those who resist the criminal sanctions of the very laws which prevented his brother from obtaining a prescribed dose of his drug of choice.

This vengeful attitude is seen elsewhere in the Marshall's comments; during the election crime auction and more recently regarding the seizure of family income from convicted people. Drug Marshall Carr is scapegoating innocent people for his being a party apparatchik and later parliamentarian in a government that for twelve years failed to reform the drug laws; the very real consequences of which he's known only too well.

Meanwhile, the bagmen and the criminal syndicates continue to arrange mutually agreeable protection while making payments to party coffers. Law enforcement agencies and the judiciary continue their selective application of these

unpopular laws that give the State draconian search and seizure powers. The 'wippy' and the 'scrum-down' become part of training. The police commit perjury and "the rules are long due for an overhaul". The legal establishment grows fat on exorbitant fees paid with the proceeds of crimes they so sanctimoniously decry. Carr is a dope, Wood is a joke, legalise it! *Pass me the mull bowl, I'm in need of a good 'laugh'.*

DON'T ROB YOUR OWN!

There's been a lot of hoo-ha in the media once again about people with guns. We've got innocent citizens defending both life and property against slimy home invaders or burglars getting blown away by gun-crazed people depending on which side of the debate you're on. We've got right-wing extremists infiltrating the Australian Defence Dept and preparing for a war with Asia or good-thinking, god-fearing patriots calling for their countrymen to take up arms against an increasingly undemocratic government, again depending on which side of the debate you're on.

In amid the inevitable cries for "common sense", however, a few issues have yet to be raised. Let's look at this "home invasion" thing. Most people think it's OK for you to defend your life and personal property against a burglar, attacker or whoever and whatever. Well this should be obvious! Whether it's a good idea or not to blow someone away for coming through your window may depend on whether you're an old age pensioner or not. But no-one seems to want to ask *why* people are breaking into other peoples' homes.

Living in a society of poverty, oppression from police, bureaucracy and government and a divided community inevitably leads people, **WORKING CLASS PEOPLE**, to turn against each other. Whether they're in need of money for food and bills, a drug

habit or just in it for the kick, there are reasons behind burglaries and home invasions. We at **Angry People** have always called for those who insist on breaking into houses and stealing to get by to take their business to the wealthy suburbs of the rich and influential and OUT of the communities of the poor and working class. Unfortunately, it's our houses that are easier to get into than the patrolled fortresses of the boss class. This is why more and more working class people, who are not right-wing gun freaks, are merely

people with all their needs and not just the basics like food and shelter but real human relations - (a living, breathing, dynamic sense of belonging with those who live and work around us) - doesn't have to rob off itself and doesn't have to defend itself against it's own. So the real answer here is class solidarity and mutual aid. But is this possible when things seem so fucked up? It probably sounds like a lefty pipe dream because few people are talking about it and acting on it. Hopefully, this paper can start shedding some light on the idea.

SHARE THE WEALTH

RICHEST 20% OWN 75% OF AUSSIE WEALTH!



**rob the rich
not the poor**

**THEY'RE NOT GOING TO HAND IT OVER SO
WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT FOR OURSELVES**

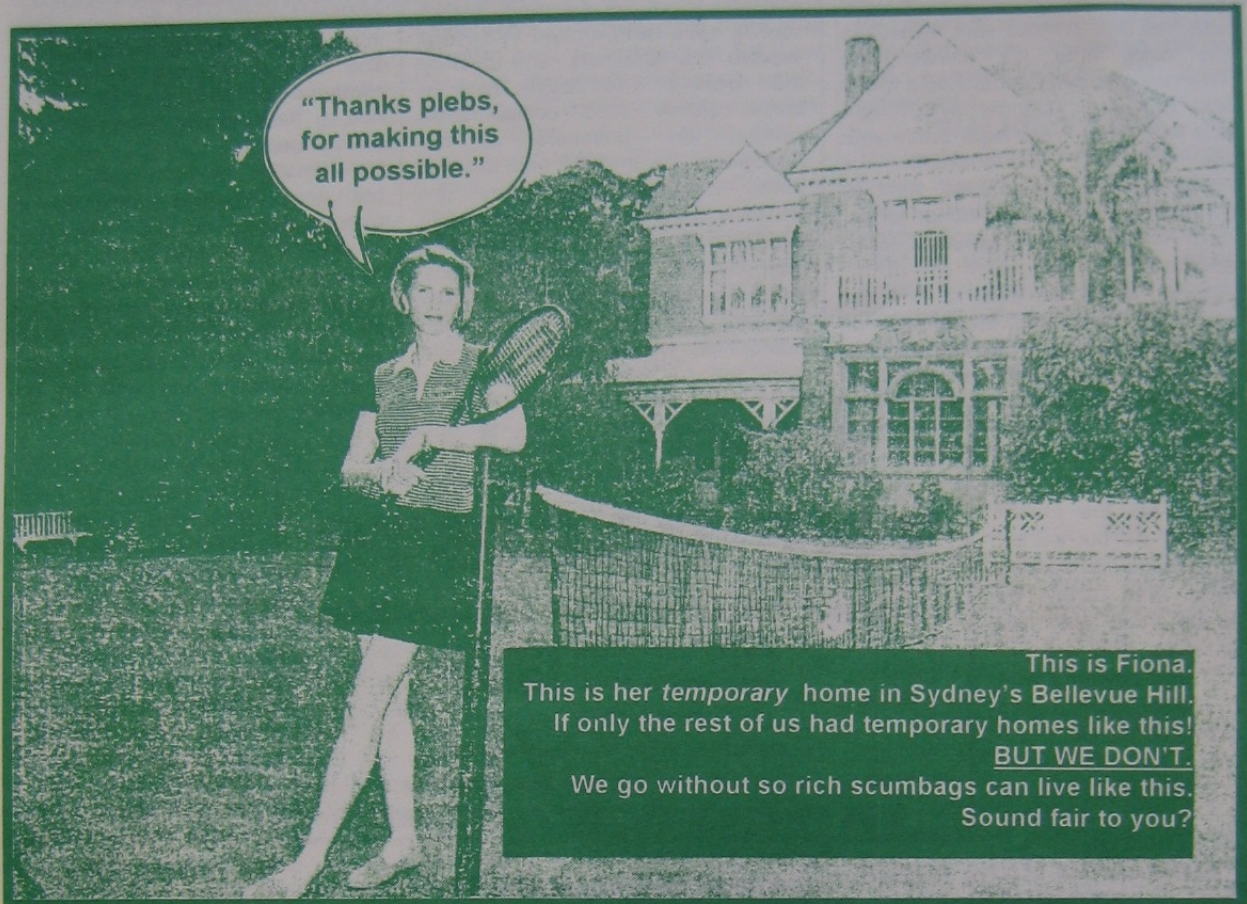
We say, **DON'T ROB YOUR OWN, ROB THE RICH.** You can see yourself as an honest citizen but there's nothing honest about the wealthy scum who don't have the same daily struggle you do. *Recognize the*

divisions class has caused in our society and you'll see that, honest citizen or crim, we're all under the thumb of the coppers and bosses. If we stop preying off each other and begin to see each other as allies we can start to rebuild our communities through helping each other and start to defend ourselves against the real thieves and right-wing loonies at the same time.

As for right-wing "citizen's militias", OK, sure they're conspiracy freaks and all of that, but we think they have a point in calling for people to arm themselves in case the government goes ga-ga and

and rightly turning to buying guns and other weapons. Of course you should protect and defend yourself! But likewise, if you are poor and in need of cash you have the right to get your hands on money by any means necessary. *But does this mean we have to turn on each other?* What we end up with is fragile communities bitterly divided; working class folk standing on either side of a fence, each knowing that they have no other option - (and don't the media and our bosses just love rubbing our faces in it).

It's time to unite and fuck off these divisions. **Angry People** reckon that a community that sustains itself, that provides its



This is Fiona.
 This is her *temporary* home in Sydney's Bellevue Hill.
 If only the rest of us had temporary homes like this!
BUT WE DON'T.
 We go without so rich scumbags can live like this.
 Sound fair to you?

starts coming for people in the dead of night. What these (mainly) middle class whites don't know though, is that for ages it's been happening. Any Koori, Murry and other indigenous people will tell you that this is, for them, a police state. So too, immigrants, often so desperately poor that they'll do anything to get in and stay in the country, including putting up with being super-exploited by heartless bosses and immigration officials. So too those deemed by the state to be insane; as new legislation is passed in Federal Parliament making it easier for a doctor to incarcerate someone (read: arrest and hold in custody without charge or trial and destroy your brain with drugs), so too a growing list of various groups in

society. Well, why the hell can't we defend ourselves against the cops, who are the real home invaders, who seem to come out smelling good from all this media hype! Laws already exist for coppers to come and get you if you do something they don't like and more laws come in all the time. If they clamp down on these right-wing mobs we'll be the last to shed a tear, but it shows to us that anyone who says things like "people, arm yourself" and "the government is not your friend" is liable to be clamped down upon. **That could be you.**

Many people like to think the government only goes for "extremists" but these days, with widening gaps in society, dwindling resources and an

increasingly desperate ruling class, "extremists" don't have to be right-wing conspiracy freaks, junky house-breakers or even shit-stirrers like us. It can be anyone who does and says anything against the status quo. **Angry People** say, by all means arm yourself because we know that people will get and/or make weapons anyway, whether it's legal or not, whether some people consider it unethical or not. The right-wing bumper sticker says "When guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns". We say *all must be outlaws because they'll never outlaw guns for police.*



UNITY IS STRENGTH
don't let the power-brokers divide us
DON'T PLAY INTO THEIR HANDS
ONLY ROB THE RICH

DOB IN A RACIST!

The gravestone of Eddie Mabo was attacked and painted with swastikas the night after it's unveiling in Townsville in early June. Eddie Mabo was a Murray Islander who fought and won a ten year legal battle with the Federal Government for recognition of his peoples' right to ownership of their traditional lands. *This is the now famous Mabo decision.*

Angry People are keen to find out any info concerning the groups or individuals who are pushing the use of the nazi swastika in Townsville (or anywhere else across the country for that matter). *We reckon racism sucks and that nazi's are the lowest form of life but worse, they divide the working class and draw us away from our real enemies who are the rich and powerful who run this country and screw us all, black and white.* Any info treated confidentially, drop us a line. Addresses inside front cover.

RICH SCUM MAKE GOOD COMPOST!

Can you guess how Chris Pratt, Australia's second richest man made his pile of \$1.4 billion? Through packaging of course! All that useless plastic, paper and card wrapped around everything you buy has made him mega-rich. We don't need all this junk but bugger the environment, stuff the landfills that are almost filled - there's money to be made! And the Greens just urge us to take individual responsibility for the planet and recycle all this unnecessary shit, while they ignore the pure capitalist greed that creates it all. Bugger recycling, let's hang the rich to save the world!!

TIME TO CUT SOME WIRE

In June rioting broke out in the Derby Detention centre where many Chinese boat people are being held against their will. The internees want to live here in Australia and fear persecution if they are forced back to China. A few weeks later a week-long roof-top sit-in took place at Port Hedland, WA's other detention centre. As of yet we are not sure why, although it's understandable you'd be pissed off if you arrived in a new land looking for a new life and were arrested on site and thrown into prison without anyone taking the

slightest bit of notice at your protests. What we do know is that screws have been drafted in to help subdue the prisoners and destroy their morale. The people held in these centres (read: concentration camps) are prisoners of the Australian Government and deserve better treatment than they are currently getting. Borders have only ever benefited the ruling class and their puppets in state officialdom. *What good is a border to the ordinary person?* Borders have enabled authorities, whose orders originate from the top dogs who own this

made to burn down the local police station in response to their intensifying of operation "El Dockin". The Carr government is trying to clean up the streets of Nimbin by ridding them of the "unsightly" and the "demon drug" cannabis. Unfortunately the station still stands but the message must've got through. Better luck next time!!!

OLYMPIC POTENTIAL?

One of the sports currently growing more popular among working class youth is ramraiding. What's that? Well firstly you nick a fancy car from a rich scumbag and secondly you

ram it through the plate glass windows of an expensive shop, usually in a plush high street, grab what you can and take off again - either in the same vehicle or in another that's waiting to 'pick up'. What makes this sport different is that fact that most ramraiders actually get away with it. They rarely get caught! Every week there's a new story in the tabloids of how police arrived too late

BOOT OUT THE RACISTS

CLEAR THEM OUT OF OUR AREAS

paint over their graffiti

tear down their posters

shut down their events

monitor their movements

confront them whenever possible

CULTIVATE WORKING CLASS UNITY

country, to control the movement of people and thus limit our ability to go where we want to, when we want to and to monitor our movements generally. They are also used to pit the working class of one country against that of another through tariffs and taxes imposed on goods that cross from one territory to another. National boundaries fan the flames of racism and bigotry as is represented in the detention centres scattered throughout this "Lucky Country".

The abolition of borders would not mean a destruction of cultural differences but would in fact encourage friendship and unity where there is now indifference, distrust and division. The working class is a worldwide class, we live in all corners of the earth. We must pull together, INTERNATIONALLY, if we're ever to achieve significant and substantial long-term change for the betterment of all.

UP ON THE RANGE

In June both Nimbin (NSW) and Berrimah (NT) police found out how we really feel. About fifteen shots were fired in the vicinity of the main gates of Berrimah police barracks where thirty-five officers live. After extensive patrols of the area our boys and girls in blue turned up sod all. Back in Nimbin an attempt was

on the scene or lost the culprits in the ensuing chase.

This issue, we take our hats off to those young warriors who trashed a ritzy Duty Free shop at The Rocks even though they got nought as their vehicle could not knock over the bars in the window. Congratulations, and remember all rich bastards are legitimate targets.

TELL US SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW

In a report released late April income inequalities are shown to have increased incredibly over the past two decades and apparently could threaten Australia's 'social cohesion'. While people in poor areas have taken an average \$8000 drop in real income since the mid 70's, those in rich areas have gained an average \$12,000. *In real terms 'threat to social cohesion' means an escalation of the class war, precisely what puts the fear of god into rich scumbags.*

With working class people realising that the money they earn or are paid can buy less and less and the daily drudgery of work and dole queue provide no outlet for creativity or fulfillment we are going to see more and more pissed off individuals. And when these individuals come together that's when the fun really begins.....

LOCKED OUT

"Hopelessness is in the air. Parramatta Jail Oval, where once teams would play football and the running track was cut deep into the grass, is now pristine. Old timers at Long Bay say everyone is lazy now, morale is bedrock. Prisoners wander zombie-like through the yards or flop in the sun. Cells are unloved and dirty. Prisoners are only time-serving. Nothing more is required, needed or useful to them."

In May last year, the International Year of the Family, **Justice Action** (JA) initiated a survey of prison visitors. JA sought the assistance of the aptly Orwellian-named Department of Correctional Services to implement the survey. Acknowledging the value of the survey, the Department then spent six months redesigning the questionnaire and adding a few questions of their own. They then sent out the survey without giving JA a chance to comment on the final package as had been agreed. The letter posted to visitors, clearly and most unnecessarily, identified the nature of the survey. This improper action by the Department angered many visitors who felt their privacy had been invaded. Not satisfied with this slight of the families and friends of prisoners, the Department then did nothing with the survey responses that, for this type of survey, clearly indicated a genuine interest by visitors in the benefits that would result from the survey's proper analysis and implementation. Eight months elapsed before the Department agreed, following intervention by the new Minister, to 'crunch the numbers' and provide JA with the results. Is it any wonder that such an appalling state of affairs exists in NSW prisons when the Department behaves in such a cavalier fashion toward the families of prisoners. The Department must decide if it wants community involvement in the rehabilitation process or a return to the bad old day where the biff and bash reigned supreme.

BOOKSHOP RAIDED!

Melbourne has seen an upsurge of kop/fascist activity, in circumstances

that seem to indicate that there is a certain level of organisation between the two. **Barricade Bookshop**, which sells radical books and also operates as an anarchist information centre, has come under fascist harassment. Their windows were smashed in on one occasion by fascists. A week later, police conducted an armed raid on their premises for 'objectionable' material - and seized t-shirts with slogans 'Jesus is Cumming' with a picture of Jesus and his erect dick as well as a 'Fuck the World's Police - No World Order' t-shirt and a poster showing two anarchist activists having sex. During the raid, the occupants were threatened with guns and the place was ransacked. The search warrant was unsigned, hinting that the raid was primarily for intimidation rather than for any legal reason.

A week later, fascists again smashed the windows of the shop, feeding off the police raid. The police invited the bookshop to retaliate so as to cause a gang fight, and the kops promised to shove the winners in jail! While racism is seen as a political streetfight between the extreme right and left, the police and the ruling class can sit back and watch the show! The fascists in Melbourne

PS Letters of solidarity and money to help **Barricade Bookshop** through this turbulent period is much appreciated.

WALKING DEAD

The world's richest man is Bill Gates whose wealth is about US \$12.9 billion. There are three hundred and eighty eight individuals or families with at least one billion dollars around the world. So there's no need to wonder why there's poverty in the world with this bunch of bastards holding all the money. And think what you could do with a few billion: you could probably end hunger, get clean drinking water to every child on earth and put a simple roof over everyone's head.

But these bastards don't see the misery and the poverty and the children dying from foul water because nothing matters to them but their own stinking wealth. *They are hardly human anymore. They are the walking dead!*

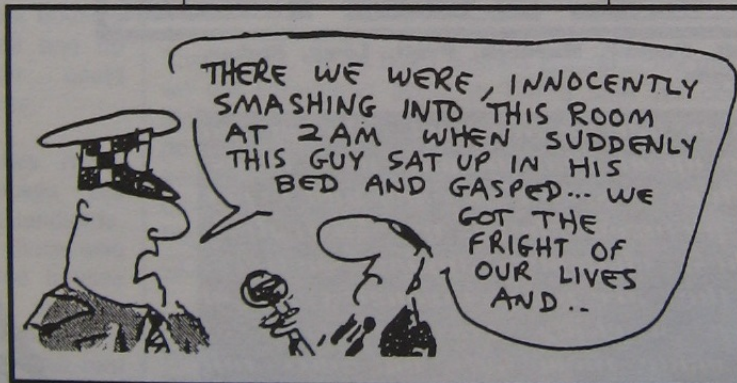
HOUSE YOURSELF!

On last census night there were more than one thousand people after accommodation through the Special Accommodation Assistance Program. And many, many more uncounted Australians were sleeping in parks, doorways, old cars and bush camps.

On the same night there were almost five hundred thousand dwellings unoccupied. And get this, in Flinders Shire, which is the peninsula where Melbourne's stinking rich have their holiday homes, fifty five percent of houses were empty. **The moral to the story is pretty straightforward:**

Organise and Squat -

don't be homeless when houses are empty!



have harassed quite a few working class Asian communities and businesses in the past year, and it's obvious from the typical response to **Barricade Bookshop** that the kops support this harassment.

The large community anti-fascist demonstrations in Brunswick and Northcote show that anti-fascism is a broad-based community concern, not a plaything of politically marginal groups. The attack on **Barricade Bookshop** shows that the fascists will not simply go away, but that they are serious and there must be serious organised anti-fascist resistance whenever they attempt to organise and spread their racist lies.

ANGRY PEOPLE

In case you're wondering - YES, we are looking for new class warriors to join our ranks. We need people to be involved in the production of the paper as well as a range of street activity. What you do for **Angry People** is pretty much up to you but to be sure contact one of our regional contact points listed inside the front cover. Why stay isolated? C'mon and have a chat with us.

TOMORROW BELONGS TO US!

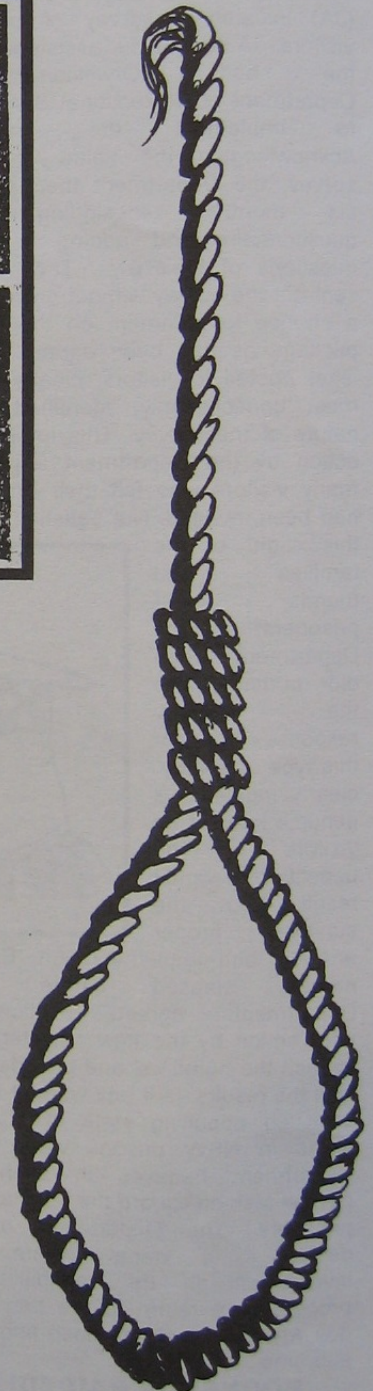
ALL RICH SCUMBAGS ARE LEGITIMATE TARGETS



clockwise from top left, Packer, Murdoch, Pratt, Lowy, Stokes, Triguboff, Laws and Hogan.

The ruling class is not an abstract concept but is, in fact, made up of real people, with faces, who give the orders to screw us each and every day. The faces pictured above are Australia's eight most richest champers-sipping snotters. They got where they are today through years of ripping off the working class. Years of inbreeding has made them ugly but only full scale class war will annihilate them forever.

**STEAL THEIR BELONGINGS
TRASH THEIR PROPERTY
KICK THEIR HEADS IN
TAKE OUR ANGER TO THEIR
DOORSTEP AND MAKE THESE
SCHEMING BASTARDS PAY!!**



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Advance Australia Fair?

According to a study released in May, one in ten Australian children are living in poverty. That's four hundred thousand kids nationwide. The report, titled "Facts, Figures and Issues" also found that twenty thousand children are homeless. *What sort of society are we living in - you may well ask yourself - where basic necessities are denied to those who need them?*

In a capitalist society like the one here in Australia the needs of the working class come second place to the profits of the middle and upper class. It's as simple and nasty as that. Housing, shelter from the elements, a place to call home, a base, whatever way you look at it, decent housing is a birthright to all and no reasonable person could argue it any other way.

In this country, like many others, many houses are owned by absentee landlords. That is to say that those who have acquired these houses have done so as an investment and do not live in the houses they own but rent them out so they can amass wealth from ordinary peoples' daily needs and, for that matter, often have the mortgage paid off in the process. This racket has been going on for years at the expense of the working class, who because of their social position, are unlikely to ever own their own homes, let alone someone else's as well.

On the other hand advertisements everywhere encourage us to take out mortgages: "at least I'll own the place sometime in the

future" or "at least I'll have something to leave the kids and start them off in life". We're being played for suckers as mortgages become less available to the working class. Employers have found asset-stripping fashionable in the nineties, better known as less jobs for less money. Without regular work and decent pay, mortgages are beyond the scope of ordinary folk. We're being laid off, locked out, retrenched, sacked and given few opportunities in the first place: all these factors are going against us and will continue to until we bring down the social arrangement that currently governs us. To do this the wealth and power must be distributed equally amongst all across this land.

Gone are the days when we could pay off our homes in twenty odd years and gone are the sixties where you could purchase a house on a block of land in the suburbs for under ten gran'. IT'S ALL GONE, just parents' and grandparents' stories now - it's little wonder this generation is pissed off with the way of things.

Secondly, as more of us are shoved into the dole queue with all the bullshit that comes with it, plenty of us are being evicted through foreclosure: the bank says you ain't paid on time or you ain't paid enough or fast enough so they turf you and your family out. Advance Australia Fair? It's a load of old cobblers that any fairness exists out there when bosses can chop your job and livelihood at the drop of a hat, when bank executives and managers can decide whether you'll have a roof over your head this month or not, when DSS and CES workers can terminate your payments upon any whim.

That's right, we've been pushed around since day one and it's about time we did something about it. For a start we could house ourselves by shifting into buildings left empty. Why pay rent to a leech and let perfectly liveable houses rot to death? It's the easiest of equations: if you've got homeless people on the one hand and empty dwellings in the other you put the homeless people in these dwellings. It ain't mind-boggling at all - it's what we at **Angry People** have always considered COMMON SENSE.

We could go on to organise our own tenants' groups to co-ordinate and solidify attempts by renters' and mortgagees' to make some gains at the landlords' expense. These groups would remain independant of the Housing Dept, Real Estate bodies, government bureaucracies and political parties in order to keep them from being corrupted. This would also ensure an internal democratic process and that the aims of the various groups were those of tenants' and mortgagees' and not those of landlords' and property owners'.

Organising in this manner can and should lead to solidarity and mutual aid - fundamental planks to working class unity (and **Angry People's** thinking). To shed some more light on this repairs could be arranged and carried out for each other by sharing skills that we each have whilst pooling tools and other resources can make a hard life that little bit easier. Such experiences can only serve to pull people together which brings us to another point that **Angry People** have often trumpeted: neighbours' who get to know each other are more likely to look out for each other thus minimising the chance of burglary and other anti-social behaviour. A genuine feeling of community can come to life through this sort of social organisation.

FASCISM IN THE NEW AGE

You can find *Nexus Magazine* in your local health food store. It looks like another flying saucer and pyramid power "New Age" mag full of conspiracy theories and alternative health care advice. But sitting tucked away next to the voices of the great pyramid and the dangers of electro-magnetic exposure we have the blatant propaganda of the fascist extreme right.

Take a look at the June-July '95 edition and you'll find for starters, an editorial column that claims the Oklahoma bombing was masterminded by the CIA; there was a second bomb and Timothy McVeigh, the man charged with the bombing carries an implant put there by the military to control him. That's right. *Nexus* seriously wants us to believe the US government blew up one of its own office blocks plus a day-care centre full of kids. This is material direct from the right-wing extremist militia's of the US and further justification for the militia's arming up against the total government control that the US government is supposedly putting into place. While the truth is that it was the paranoid, conspiracy fantasies of the militia's which led directly to the bombing.

Nexus also carries an article entitled "Big Brother's Recipe for Revolution" which details the supposed impending government control in six conspiracy filled pages. The magazine is also replete with references to the "New World Order" - an old standard bogey for the extreme right, as it is the "New World Order" which will supposedly bring this total government control.

Any lingering doubts about the attitude of *Nexus* to the fascist right is made clear in the ad's carried in the mag. Next to the ad's for hypnotherapy courses and books on UFO's we have a special offer to *Nexus* readers, two for the price of one, for purchasing a copy of "The Fine Print" by Sydney's own Brian Willshire. This book is a veritable catalogue for the conspiracy theories of the extreme right and is a basic text for right wing groups here in Australia. *Nexus* also carries ad's for *Veritas Press*, the publishing house for the *Australian League of Rights*.

The presence of right wing propaganda in *Nexus* goes way beyond naivety or unawareness on behalf of the publishers. It goes beyond the sympathy that New Age conspiracy nuts might feel for another bunch of conspiracy nuts. *Nexus* is knowingly involved in spreading the fundamental tenets of the new fascists and is propounding their propaganda as gospel.

So do your bit, get *Nexus* out of your local health food store and off the shelves where ever you see it and act against the rising voice of the new fascists.

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PROPHECIES OF THE FUTURE
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Hidden Archaeology
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Simply put, the military will be induced to take over this government in unsuspecting fashion, for purposes of trying to restore order to circumstances which

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• The Great Pyramid •

PICKED OFF!!

As an anarchist activist and a seasonal worker I would like to respond to the 'Fruitpickers Wanted' article in *Angry People*, issue 10. Whilst I agree with most of the statements about the exploitation, lack of a union, and the lack of safety in seasonal work, the defeatist and disempowering attitude of the writer I found frustrating and detrimental to what a lot of activist fruitpickers are trying to do.

Many anarchist and other activists do seasonal work because it gives us a relatively greater degree of control over our work than the bulk of city based jobs, it allow us to travel where we like and work alongside people. It does take experience to make good money from picking and, like in most jobs and skills, there are numerous basic picking techniques which save time and energy and need to be learnt, so that you don't have to work your guts out. I struggled along for about a year and a half until I was able to make more money than a lot of city yuppies! It's not just the young and fit. I've known people in their 60's and 70's make as much or more.

There is a high degree of solidarity among fruitpickers. We do look after each other, form solid, temporary communities, often with people from all over the world, and form a sort of loose network throughout rural Australia. I've been part of successful stopworks for better pay rates and I constantly hear of large and small successful picker's strikes wherever I go, all totally without union support. Rural workers in general still have a strong connection to the militant past when unions were strong and still grassroots; much more, it seems to me, than their city counterparts. But the last time seasonal workers were really organised was at the beginning of this century by the Wobblies (Industrial Workers of the World, or I.W.W.)

Instead of telling people, especially people who read anarchist zines, how shit fruit picking is, I'd be sharing basic information about how to pick, where the best and worst farms are, and how to help organise among pickers. The only way for new pickers to learn the skills and the know-how of how not to get exploited is from other pickers with

experience. The more anarchist and politically minded pickers who are prepared to help change things, the better.

Already there is a pickers zine called 'Crossback News' published in Victoria (address below) which shares such info for and by pickers and is worth getting a copy. The potential to organise pickers is huge and far-reaching. Beginning with basic issues such as health and safety, sexism and discrimination, proper on the job training, accomodation standards and especially pesticide exposure, the long-term potential is to help undermine the power of multi-national agribusiness, redistribute power back to small farmers and be an important part of the struggle for sustainable, organic and socially just agricultural systems. If we are ever to have a 'strong, united working class' then, please, don't just criticize, help organise!

Anthony Kelly, Fitzroy, Victoria.

Crossback News: P.O. Box 2144, Shepparton, Victoria, 3630.

What we reckon.....

"Fruitpickers Wanted" was written in direct response to the annual call by the dopey's at the CES for unemployed people to get up and make their fortune fruit picking. I described the experiences of myself and many others: hard work, exploitation and bugger all to show for it - and the only organisers I've met are blacklisted!

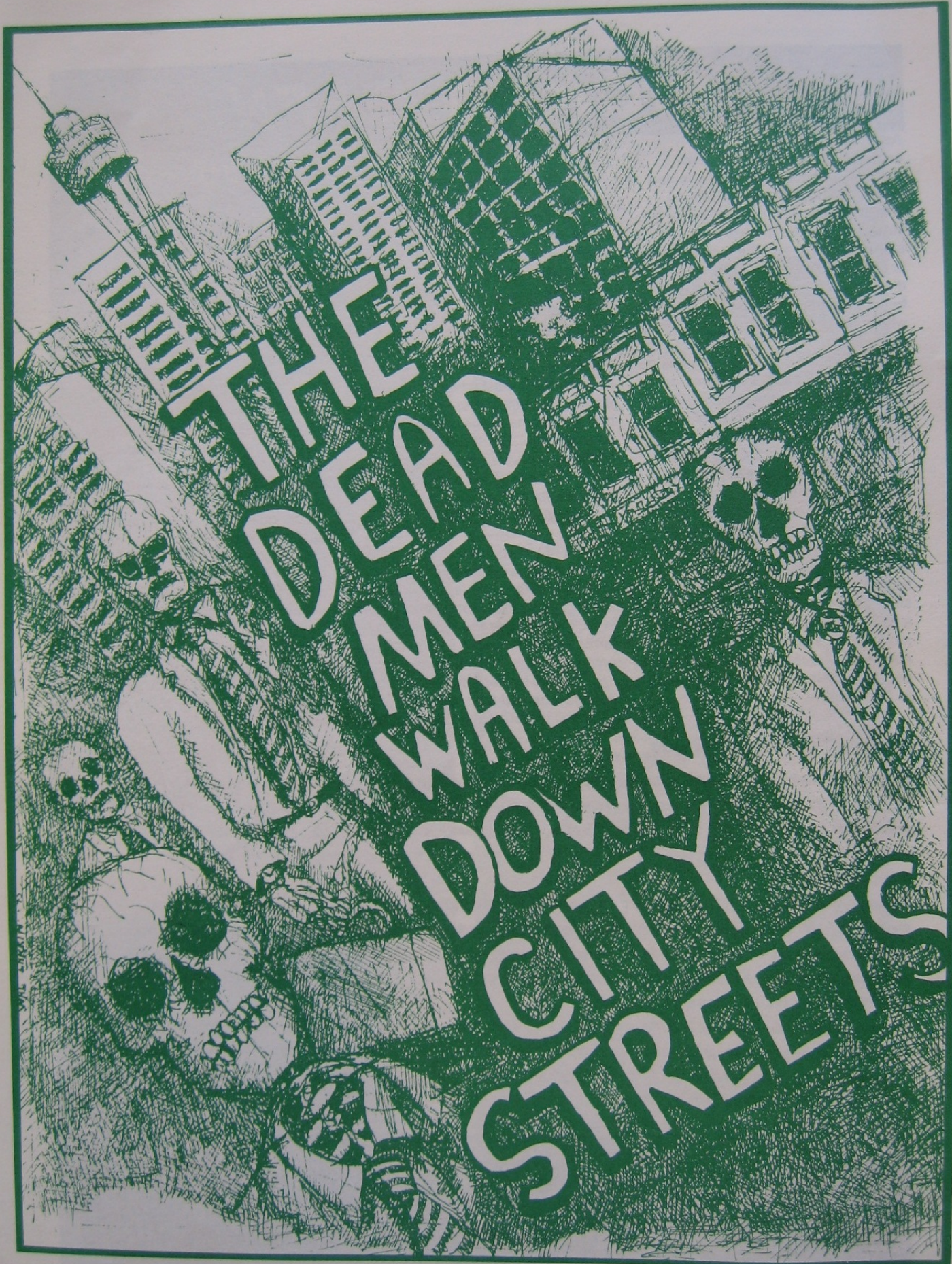
I don't see this article (AP#10) as taking anything away from those who are organising. Not taking shit work when we can avoid it is a valid and traditional working class response: it is what's happening with fruit picking. In fact one reason that organising can succeed and win better pay rates is because there is a shortage of fruit pickers.

Regardless, Anthony Kelly and Crossback News should be congratulated for their efforts to organise pickers (although we'd like to see some evidence of this - ed). There should be more of it and Angry People would be happy to publish articles or info to help with their efforts.

Wal for Angry People c/o Bellingen address.

PICK A PACK OF PICKLED PEPPERS FOR DECENT WAGES!

Orchardists in South Australia's Riverina want to use Chinese and Vietnamese boat people who are under detention to pick their fruit. Because of the lousy wages and conditions in the orchards there is a shortage of pickers every year. So rather than offer better wages the lousy bastards are after slave labour in the form of boat people. This is not the first time orchardists have tried to get cheap labour. Back in March growers in the Riverina area were seriously urging that 'guest workers' be bought into Australia from third world countries. And the idea of course is that these workers will be glad of the pathetic wages being offered and will pick without making a fuss. It's enough to make you angry!



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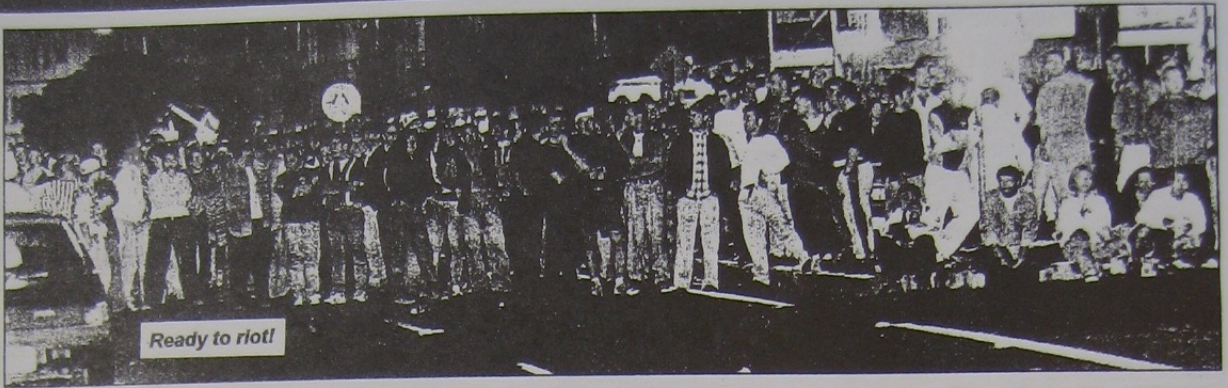
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FOR A STRONG
UNITED WORKING CLASS

WHY
VOTE
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YOU
CAN
RIOT!



fight the power!



Ready to riot!

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Liberal and Labor represent different sections of the same upper class. Those in power are rich bastards themselves, that's as obvious to you and me as it is to a march fly and they work to secure an environment conducive to *their* own survival. When we say survival we mean the continuance of privilege, the amassing of wealth at workers' expense and political domination of our everyday lives because that's what the rich are doing. They view the world as their playground and see the working class as blocks to fit into holes that they create.

While Keating and Howard do battle in the verbal punch-up of yet another election campaign, Packer, Murdoch, Holmes-a-Court, Renouf and their slimy ilk are deciding on which horse to back whilst simultaneously laying down the ground rules for the financial backing and perhaps even public support they are selling to the political parties.

They know full well that in order to stay at the top you've got to pull together. By pulling together the rich, as a class, screw the working class in an organised and systematic manner. Very simply put, the rich stay that way by keeping us in our place.

The lesson here is that the working class must seek to organise itself. We, too, must pull together to keep what

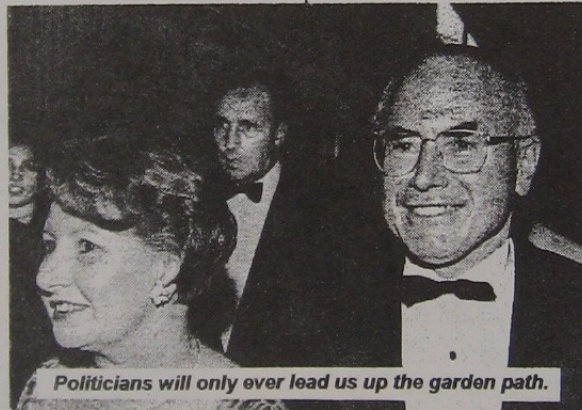
we've got as well as work to gain more through organised struggle. This won't happen overnight but will take shape as more and more of us come out of isolation and begin to work together and provide real mutual aid and support to those who live in our areas.

Parliamentary elections are a distraction from the class war being waged by us and against us. We can never vote for what we really want, only for what the dominant parties decide to offer us. Secondly, the election campaign circus focuses our attention on voting for a single politician who claims to represent our interests but as we all know, *we'd be bloody lucky if they kept even half of the promises they make!*

Parliamentary elections, as the dominant method to choose our representatives trample upon and distort extra-parliamentary or out-of-parliament solutions to the problems and circumstances that we face. The bottom line is that there's nothing wrong

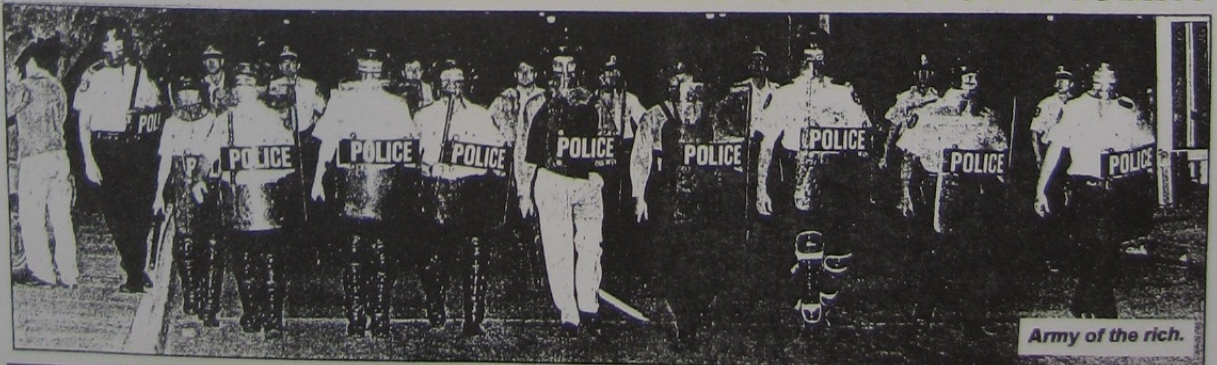
with elections as long as the delegates or representatives standing for election are accountable, recallable and rotatable - and not one, single politician is!

Angry People are all for popular rule, that is, power to the people and we're quite serious about organising the embryo for such a future phenomenon.



Politicians will only ever lead us up the garden path.

POPULAR SELF-RULE CAN EXIST - START BUILDING FOR IT TODAY!



Army of the rich.

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A Nation At Work?

As more and more people in Australia find themselves unemployed as a side-effect of this system, the ALP is trying to sweep them under the carpet and keep them hidden from those of us who have jobs. They don't want us to know just how widespread unemployment is for fear we'll organise ourselves to do something about it and draw potential or existing ALP voters into more grass-roots forms of organisation, which, if done, would seriously discredit the ALP's role in the chaos caused by mass unemployment.

The Labor Government's 'Working Nation' is a master stroke of public relations, electoral campaigning and number crunching. As the political parties wank on and the media takes sides, all the unemployed can see is their lives growing more and more out of their control.

At the moment I'm on a scheme with the pleasant name of 'New Work Opportunities': one of those wanky catch-phrases that fool only the stupid. It's a six month programme designed to take the long-term unemployed off the dole and give the illusion that it's helping us. Here's how it works.

The CES, via it's new branch of soft cops called 'Case Managers', who are assigned a certain number of unemployed to harass personally, gather up as many of us as possible to put into the 'New Work Opportunities' scheme. For six months we do low level maintenance work at selected schools and for one day a week we go to TAFE college to learn such skills as tiling, plastering, carpentry, painting etc, except over the school holidays we're at the TAFE full-time. The promise to us caught in this exercise in futility is that it will make us "job ready"; having recent work experience and training will apparently make us more employable.

The flaws in this line of thinking are obvious so let's look at them. Firstly, the reasons why there are no jobs have nothing to do with us at all. Whether it's because bosses won't hire us on decent wages or because industries are collapsing because of the world economy or even for the simple fact that there's simply not

enough full-time work to go around (an inevitable result of capitalism) unemployment will never disappear. Rather than admit the system's fucked, the State, as usual, chooses to place the burden of responsibility on us, the unemployed. All the scheme's in the world won't get us all jobs.

Secondly, the training is superficial. To learn a trade, such as plastering for instance, takes months and years of hard work and practice. Those of us who have never held a trowel in our lives won't pick up the basics at TAFE one day a week for five weeks (one day a week on plastering for five weeks, one day a week on tiling for five weeks and so on). In any case, many of us are already well trained and experienced in various trades, so for them this is all a waste of time - and the rest of us look and feel stupid for not picking it up in two seconds.

Thirdly, after all this, what makes the CES and the government think that such superficial experience will make us more attractive to potential employers ahead of other, more experienced workers? With the umpteen million of us looking for work (that is, being forced to look for work), simply being placed from the "long-term" to "short-term" unemployed list, via a few months of bullshit, isn't going to fool anyone. The bosses are stupid but not that stupid. The only advantage is that the government will have more impressive stats to point at when a few of us do get hired.

There are other considerations too, most notably the crap rate of pay.

I take home \$230 a week after tax. One bloke in my little mob who trains at TAFE is getting less from this than he was on the dole, owing to the fact that he has to look after two kids. He's not the only one. It's no living wage, not for a week's work. Also,

there's no unions involved. I was told at the interview for the training scheme, that the scheme was actually designed to get around the unions. The unions, of course, have demonstrated their impotency once again by failing to resist this hated scheme.

This is only a sample of the problems. Many of us have been forced onto these schemes by off-the-planet Case Managers. Others accepted the 'offer', simply because, with the Case Manager system, we'd only get hassled into something eventually. It's important to remember that

the whole Case Manager way of things is designed solely to get us off the dole. Whether it's into a training scheme, a job or simple oblivion means nothing to these pigs. How the Public Sector Union, which covers CES workers, allowed their members to enforce such draconian measures onto us is beyond understanding. Did the PSU even try to encourage its' membership to oppose the introduction of the Case Manager system? It may be that we, the unemployed, should start targeting these class traitors for

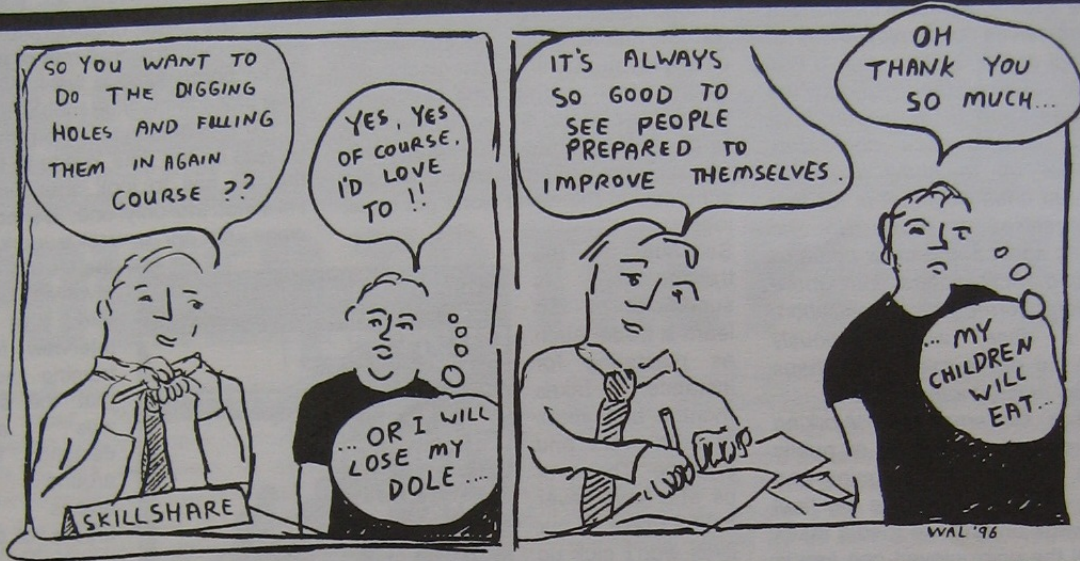


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special consideration. If they moan, we can only reply that if it's OK for you to hassle us, it's OK for us to slash your tyres, ring your office and follow you home.
Such organisation doesn't need any

'official' group with initials, a charter or constitution or whatever. Just a few like-minded individuals with the guts to go ahead and the sus not to get caught.
In any case, far too many of us will

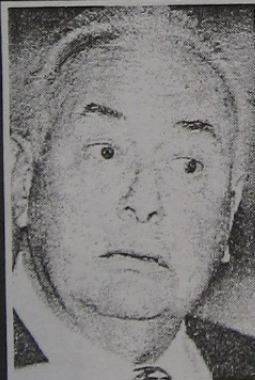
be put through the grinder before we can successfully organise as a class to eliminate this load of bullshit from our lives. But doing what we can in the meantime can make the bigger task of revolution that much easier.



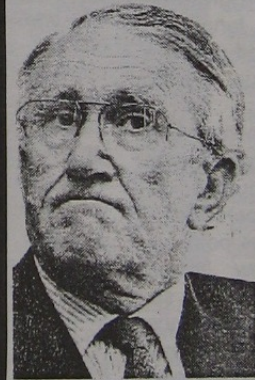
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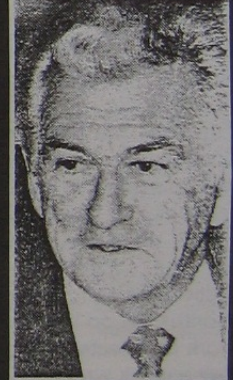
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Well isn't it just wonderful to know that Australia's former Prime Minister's are doing just fine and are being looked after just the way they entirely deserve to be? For generations members of parliament have been able to claim a 'not to be snubbed' "pension" which has kept them well stocked in caviar, lobster, Chivas Regal, Chanel No.5 and Rolex watches. Unlike ordinary people who spend the best years of their lives going the hard yards to keep their heads above the proverbial shit pile and then retire onto a generous pension of less than \$300 a week our ex-PM's are kept in the finest state of health and wealth. It should be remembered that the 'old dears' of yesteryear once ran this country and they earned every cent of their princely "pension" meeting the demands of high society. Luncheons with prominent media proprietors, dinner parties for fake charities, hob-nobbing with societies high-flyers, dressing up in silly hats to be seen at each Melbourne Cup and backing every horse in the race to ensure themselves the rightful title of 'winner' is all terribly demanding stuff and shouldn't be taken lightly. So, after all this hard slogging, our ex-PM's are kindly and generously "sorted" to the tune of \$1 million a year by the people who love them most: the working class. Because we're all such good sports we really don't mind footing the bill for our past heads of State, in fact, we'd like to thank them for the grand service that they have extended to us. With friends like these, who needs enemies?

2000 OLYMPIC GAMES

MAKING SYDNEY SAFE FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS

As the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games draws nearer it is time to consider what is going to happen in Sydney four years from now. Looking behind the hoopla of how wonderful the Sydney 2000 Games are going to be it can be seen that billions of dollars are being spent on this two week long circus and the hypocrisy of the economic rationalists on both sides of the Government who claim that there's not enough money for schools, hospitals, transport and housing. As we see the poor, Black population of Atlanta who have been shoved out of their local areas to make way for the construction of the Olympic venues, funded by huge corporations like Coca-Cola - remember Coca-Cola's "bribe" in order for Atlanta to get the games!! - we should be pondering on what similar results are going to happen in Sydney and what we can do about it. The 2000 Olympics is being hailed by the business lobby as a plus for the economy. The Olympics is seen as one way to boost the local NSW economy through tourism - it is the drive for the tourist dollar which has in the past led Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney all to make bids to host the Olympic Games. It signals that Governments are more concerned about investing huge sums of money for tourism, which by its very definition primarily caters for the middle class (here and abroad), than using that money to fix some of its social problems here at home. We hear of all the money that the Olympics are going to make, how it's going to be good for the economy and how it's going to create all these jobs but when you think about it and see between the lies of Carr, Knight and their cronies, the Olympics are a sham. They will deliver nothing to the working people of NSW and the rest of the country. The Olympics are portrayed as the ultimate sporting event by pollies and the media and we are supposed to feel privileged for hosting the games. Maybe back when the original ideas of the Olympics, as an amateur sporting event to promote

goodwill in sport were still around, we could be glad to be host to such an event but the Olympics nowadays are about as amateur as Murdoch's Super League! Sport is a huge money spinner and sporting entrepreneurs know they can make big profits whilst they bullshit that they are promoting the interests of the sport. The only interests they are promoting are their own. The law of big business says that no rich scum will fund sport for sport's sake if the profit margin isn't high enough!! The same with the Olympics. All the money generated will be going into the pockets of the sporting, entertainment and tourist entrepreneurs, many of them already millionaires. These people have already asked the government to protect their profits by regulating the industry through price fixing during the Olympics so 'renegade' entrepreneurs don't rip off the public: more like ripping off the industry fat-cats, by trying to get a slice of the billion dollar pie!!

Under the 2000 Olympics, the working class will suffer as the Olympics will be used as an excuse to justify attacks on our wages and conditions. Tourist areas will be extra-policed making it safe for tourists to spend their money as we serve them in shitty paid jobs. Police will be actively keeping the 'undesirables' out: those without the money to afford the inflated cost of tourism, and who are not there to spend, spend, spend! The inner west, around the Olympic site, will be bought up by developers hoping to cash in and which will cause rents in the area to skyrocket as property owners try to cash in on tourist accommodation.

Many of us will never share the profits of the Olympics. The only real winners are the egos of the sporting business elite and the profits that they make, industry employers will exploit the working conditions of the tourist industry: part-time work, poor unionisation, under-award wages, shabby conditions, vulnerability of typical part-time workers: youth, students and women. Griener tried to

bring in Kennett-style labour laws, but was not totally successful. Kennett's laws will be made the model of future governments. Even though the Labour Party whimpers pathetic opposition to these laws we will see them implement them - the *Amateur Liberal Party* always finally adopts Liberal Party policies, for example, Kennett's 'reforms' are already adopted policy of the Victorian Labour Party, so voting Labour in Victoria in 1996 will change nothing, except the speed with which those changes are implemented. Rest assured that no matter what government is in power in NSW just before the year 2000, they will follow the advice of the business lobby groups who will be claiming that "the labour laws are too restrictive for the private sector to fulfil the demands of the Olympics".

It is also a sign that the government has no control over the economy or ideas about tackling unemployment. The only jobs that will be created are in the construction, entertainment and tourist industries. Construction jobs will only last for the next couple of years. So what's going to happen when all the Olympic sites have been built?? It's obvious that it's only a short term measure and we've seen that the construction boom in the eighties led to massive job losses in the late eighties and early nineties. And as for the tourist industry, what happens after the two weeks and the whole circus shuts up?? They are going to need to come up with another gimmick to keep the tourists around and spending which is why they've come up with this plan of a nine month "Festival of Sydney" in 2000. And we're all familiar with the 'perpetual beach party' line that Carr tried to sell Sydney to the Yanks in order to convince them to come over and spend their dosh. Well maybe not all of us have the time and money to party all day at the beach! Most of us are too busy working or recovering from work or are in a frenzy looking for non-existent jobs through constant harassment by the CES.

The only way to fight back against the Olympics is to hit them in the pocket: through strikes, sabotage and go-slows of any construction work, fighting against wage cuts in the tourist industry and resisting gentrification of our areas. Cause a massive budget blow-out and then when the State attempts to impose a household tax to pay for it - which they have not ruled out - refuse to pay the tax!! The poll tax in the UK (which is what the household tax will be!!) was defeated when huge numbers of working class people who could not afford to pay organised non-payment campaigns and no-go areas for bailiffs trying to seize non-payers' property.

As the 'new rich' drive us from our traditional areas we run like rabbits from the hunt.

Now it's time to **TURN BACK THE TIDE!**

At the moment, all over Australia, the process of gentrification is in full swing. The powers that be and those that wanna be, the yuppies, are making the cities unliveable for working class people in a variety of ways. This is the latest part of a class war found in every society where the people that own the wealth think they can lord it over others and tell them how and where to live. It's always been like this and we're still no better off in real terms than the serfs who slaved for a 'living' on the land of rich landowners in Tsarist Russia. They were owned by the landholders - they were rent!

When serfdom was abolished in some areas the 'free' serfs found their new lives so hostile under capitalism that they went back to tilling the land of their previous owners. How many people in this country today would be willing to make the same decision given the lack of rights, say or respect they get just because they have no capital?

Working class areas exist in every city, unfortunately, often in overcrowded, industrial sections of suburbs deemed 'undesirable' for the affluent classes. As populations rise they spread out looking for new places to inhabit. The wealthy types, who can afford to live in the trendy parts of the inner city think it might be 'nice' to look for areas that aren't so crowded, that offer natural vistas and a more relaxing place to bring up their 2.3 kids. Consequently they put their feelers out and gradually transform suburbs that are for everyone into exclusive, expensive ghettos.

The threat of yuppification shouldn't be under-estimated. When yuppies move in they raise the cost of living across the board. They create extra demand on housing which leads to higher rents - higher rents that make sure real estate buyers and developers move in for the kill. Once an area has a sufficient number of 'new rich' they begin to cater solely to themselves by replacing corner deli's with gourmet and exotic food outlets. Practical clothing shops become boutique fashion stores and furniture shops with good, cheapish, second-hand furniture are now antique shops for those with more money than sense. And it's another shot at us when yuppies send their kids to private schools putting more pressure on kids in state schools to 'perform'.

Take a look at what's happened in the traditional working class areas of Newtown in Sydney and Carlton in Melbourne. This is the result of what happens when greedy real estate owners and developers smell the yuppies coming and set off to evict shopkeepers and residents in order to cash in on the invasion. In order to catch the rich fish landlords can simply discriminate on grounds of race, gender, class, whether or not you have a job and even if you have pets or kids!

With all these things to keep you down it's easy to see who will always win out over you - rich bastards! Over time, this kind of selective process creates a ghetto of snotty-nosed scum who won't lower themselves to associate with someone on a lower socio-economic level than they are. These attitudes have created real problems with community bonding. Yuppies aren't pulling us together, they're driving us apart.

In the US it is a huge trend to live in a fortress-like suburb, literally fenced off from the world around it, patrolled by security guards twenty-four hours a day with people's movements viewed via the security cameras that line the perimeter. These high-class concentration camps are springing up all around Australia with Surfer's Paradise being the most horrendous example of this trend. Needless to say they are only one of many options for the well-to-do, who fear the 'thieving' classes that the media tells them creates all the crime. Places like this only serve to make class tensions worse: *the have-nots kept away from the haves by eight foot walls*. Some of these places in the US even have shopping centres within

their walls, not for use by those outside, mind you. Break into one and help free those inside from their own irrational fears.

Talking of security, the Sydney suburb of Zetland has been honoured by being the first in Australia to try.....*drum roll.....*"Junior Neighbourhood Watch". It works like this: cops are nice - cops talk to kids about 'crime' - the kids learn to trust the cops - they look out for 'criminals' in the streets when playing or going to the shop etc - they tell mum and dad if they see any 'suspicious' behaviour - mum and dad rings the cops - and hey presto! another area cleaned up for a 'better' class of people to move in!!! This kind of thing is like a scenario from "1984" or Stalinist Russia. No-one will trust anyone before long and the powers that run this society will get what they've wanted all along: a divided working class. Someone go and talk to these kids before these tactics spread.

More bad news for Sydney is the 2000 Olympics. Real estate hounds have

already sniffed out the sites and suburbs where they will force out low income tenants, build 'high quality' (read: expensive!) housing for the two-week tourists and sell them after the event to those who can afford them. This happens in every city that hosts the Olympics, along with the burden on those who have to pay for the damn thing through taxes.

Sydney and Melbourne are bidding for the 2006 Commonwealth Games with Perth and Brisbane also thinking of trying. Which unlucky city that gets them remains to be seen.

The Kennett regime in Victoria has promised to spend \$72 million on the Games if they get them which should be going to essential state services. Kennett has turned Victoria into a fat-cat's playground. As he and his rich mates privatise everything in sight it's

Before too long an enormous shower of class power will rain down on the rich and their lapdogs. Their days of power and privilege will come crashing down around them and they will have only themselves to blame. And as the sun shall rise the following day, streuth, they won't know what hit 'em!

becoming more and more impossible to even shit without having to pay for it!

The income ratio between the richest 20% of the world's population and the poorest 20% has grown from 30:1 to 60:1 in the last thirty years. Approximately two million Australians live below the government appointed poverty line. State assets designed ostensibly for all, which in reality are obviously not for all, are being sold off as government and big business deals are made either behind our backs or in front of our eyes. Privatisation is the last step in the process of the State saying "if you can pay, good; if you can't, tough!". Old age retirement villiages ensure even the elderly are divided on a 'who can pay, wins' system. While thousands of houses remain empty around the country some people wait from five to fifteen years for public housing accomodation. There are over one hundred thousand (100,000) empty houses in Melbourne alone! If you can't pay the rents - TAKE! Squat with some friends. Spray paint suburbs where you see fancy estates going up - let the newcomers know they're not welcome and not wanted. Smash the windows of near-finished yuppie homes and make 'em pay for coming into your suburb and making you pay!

As the cost of living rises in Yuppieville your wages won't so steal stuff from their shops and put them out of business. Scratch the paint jobs on their Mercs or knife the tyres and make them go to work on public transport (horror!). There's a lot of fun to be had at their expense so get going and

KICK THEM
OUT BEFORE
THEY KICK
YOU OUT!

1990 Tramways Dispute

On January 1, 1990, for the first time in the history of the Melbourne Tramways, the tram depots were occupied by the tramways workers and the service was run for free. At most depots the service ran according to official timetables, however at South Melbourne Depot the service was run according to a timetable drawn up by the depot Timetable Committee which included extra services in non-peak periods. The response of management was predictable and they issued an order to cut off the power. Tramways workers were tipped off and organised a blockade of The Central Business District with almost every available tram before the power was eventually cut. For the next thirty three days depots were occupied and picket-lines maintained and hundreds of trams lay idle in the streets.

The issue that precipitated the dispute was the foreshadowed removal of conductors from trams converting the service to a one-person operation. In August 1988, the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) opened a "Met Shop" in Elizabeth St. to sell tickets. It was obvious that this shop, and others that were planned, was the first step toward removing conductors. Despite this, the official union, the Australian Tramways and Motor Omnibus Employees Association (ATMOEA) chose to do nothing other than condemn the move. South Melbourne Depot took wildcat action and stopped work from 8am to march to the Met Shop opening ceremony. When they arrived there they found that the government had provided free sausages and orange juice for the public. South trammies immediately scoffed the lot for breakfast then proceeded to abuse, heckle and jostle the Transport Minister, Mr Jim Kennan, who described the trammies as "the Western Oval outer in green" and "fucking wildcat cunts". Later that morning, they marched to, and occupied briefly, the office of Chief Executive Kevin O'Shea and extracted a promise from him on television that conductors would not be taken off

Workers' control of public transport has and still can provide a far better service.

trams. Incensed by their union officials' inaction, they marched to Tramways House in King St. where they found a severe shortage of union bureaucrats.

For the next eighteen months there was much discussion in the industry about the issue. *SPARKS* magazine, published by the Public Transport Workers Association (PTWA), an affiliate of the Anarcho-Syndicalist Federation - International Workers Association (ASF-IWA), had been advocating workers control of the public transport industry since 1986. *SPARKS* was very popular and widely read throughout the industry. The possibility of a tram blockade as a response to any move against conductors was discussed at Union Executive meetings in 1989. An attempt by management to introduce part-time conductors in November 1989 was thwarted by picket lines at the depots. The government has also introduced 'scratch' tickets in preparation for one person operation of trams. January 1, 1990, was the day slated for the introduction of conductorless trams. During the thirty three day occupation the trammies were assisted by Depot Support Groups initiated by Melbourne ASF groups which included 24-hour occupation of trams strategically located in the CBD. Two mass meetings held in January overwhelmingly rejected calls by union officials to return to work. However, in early February, a mass meeting voted narrowly to return to work after two Federal Officials had signed an agreement stitched up by ALP 'Centre Unity' faction heavies with the government. In response hundreds of outraged trammies and their supporters occupied Jolimont Railyards briefly before being ejected by police.

Despite all of this, there are still conductors on trams to this day (although many are gone) because the government has been unable to develop a reliable automatic on-board ticketing system.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

As we go to press hundreds of tomato pickers are on strike in Victoria's Goulburn Valley. While tonnes of tomatoes are rotting on the vines pickers are after an increase in pay from \$42 a bin to \$50 a bin. We bet the mob at *Crossback* have something to do with this. in the interests of gaining a living wage for fruit pickers. Good on yer!

See *Angry People's* review of *Crossback* magazine also in this issue.

fight the power!

EVICITION in the TOP END

Darwin Music Development Centre is given the boot by the Territory Government



Just before Xmas, on 21st December 1995, the Darwin Music Development Centre (DMDC), alias the Petro-Chemical Love Club because it was situated near the oil companies Shell and BP, alias the Darwin Workers' Club due to the fact that they were the previous tenants of the building, was finally evicted by the NT government, the landlord of the building, after occupying it in one form or another since 1989.

The reason given for the eviction was 'noise complaints' but that was bullshit. Nineteen noise complaints to the police over two years doesn't sound like too much of a problem. On many occasions when the police came down there to say there'd been a noise complaint made, they themselves reckoned the complaint was unjustified! Generally the cops didn't mind the place because there was far less violence and disturbances than from other pubs and clubs around town. The eviction letter, which gave just fourteen days notice to vacate, stated that the government had tried to solve the problem of the noise. This was totally untrue. The letter also stated that the government had also tried unsuccessfully to find new premises for the DMDC. This was a lie too. They did absolutely nothing for us.

So what was the real reason behind the eviction? The organisation got no funding from the government whatsoever, apart from two trainees working there on a Federal government subsidised training scheme for the long-term unemployed. Because of the eviction this scheme was brought to a halt. In fact the DMDC was giving the NT government a lot of money for numerous things, among them rent, rates and sewerage. *Because it got no government funding it was beyond government control. A stark contrast to other arts organisations receiving government money which become dependant on the funding and don't dare do anything controversial or radical for fear of jeopardising that funding and their jobs. That's called 'Not Biting The Hand That Feeds You.'*

The DMDC had evolved and grown over the years. In 1992 it gained government approval to be developed into a fully-fledged, self-managed, music venue and performance space. It was transformed from a boring government building into a vibrant, thriving venue through the hard work of dozens of enthusiastic volunteers. It became a unique place: there was certainly nothing like it in Darwin, maybe not in Australia. Sure there were problems, arguments and disagreements. But these were worked out. It was an institution, well known for its' friendly, laid-back, tropical atmosphere. There were no bouncers hassling people, no dress codes: you could come as you

are or get dressed up, no problem. Everyone was welcome, including kids and dogs. Drinks were reasonable prices.

There was no racial discrimination at the DMDC. Racism was simply not tolerated, unlike at some other venues. In fact some of the biggest crowd-pullers were Aboriginal events such as NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islander Day Organising Committee) Day gigs and gigs by Aboriginal bands such as Sunrize Band from Muringrida, NT, and Yothu Yindi. The list of Darwin, Territory, interstate and overseas bands and performers that have appeared at the DMDC would run into several hundreds. Some bands such as Darwin band Crimplene, who held their CD launch there just before the eviction, say frankly that if it hadn't been for the DMDC they wouldn't even exist.

There were problems with lowlifes breaking into the place at night to steal whatever they could get their hands on. They stole grog, CD's, a stereo. It was an easy mark because the place was not very secure, especially after the back wall of the building was knocked down to make it more open and because people were trusted. The worst was when an artist and musician had been around for years and was treated like a brother, ripped off a \$600 DMDC cheque and cashed it, leaving us with very little cash flow to work with. We haven't seen the bastard since. The episode left us bitter and saddened. Nevertheless, the lowlifes did not succeed in closing down the DMDC. We had planned to beef up the security with alarms. **Angry People** stickers saying "DON'T RIP OFF YOUR OWN KIND. NO MUGGERS OR BURGLARS. IF YOU STEAL FROM WORKING CLASS PEOPLE YOU'RE A BLOODY LOSER" were stuck all around the building. We hope they made would-be thieves think again. It's one thing being shafted by the authorities: we expect that and are prepared for it. *What really hurts is when it's done by people who are pretty much in the same boat as us. A lot of these people are too fucked-up by alcohol or drugs to realise that they're hurting their own sisters and brothers and of course, the rich are sitting up there laughing at us when this happens. That's exactly what they want to see: one group of working class people against another, forgetting the real enemy: the bastards at the top.*

angry people

Anyway we're not beaten yet, far from it. There's far too much community support for the DMDC for it to simply die. NT Chief Minister Shane Stone refused to negotiate or even communicate with the DMDC. He said the closure was "non-negotiable" and kept on in the media about the noise complaints. When people resisted the eviction he called it "world war three".

He declined to have any contact with the DMDC. Then, right after the eviction, he appeared miraculously at the DMDC (probably the first time in his life he'd actually been there!) with ABC TV cameras saying that we'd trashed and vandalised the place. Capitalising on some minor damage that had unfortunately occurred in order to score some political points. Well fuckface, you wanted a war and we'll give you a war alright. You're not even honest enough to admit that the political groups which gathered at the DMDC - East Timor activists, the anti-nuclear mob, the Territory Greens, Coalition Against Police Violence and the long-term unemployed group - was a factor in you evicting us. We also know that some of the city pubs who were annoyed and felt threatened by the success of the DMDC and that your corporate lawyer mate who'd 'payed good money to move into the area' had more to do with the closure than any so-called noise complaints.

The resistance is growing. Heaps of letters in the NT News have appeared supporting the DMDC. There's usually at least one each day, sometimes three. Posters taking the piss out of Shane Stone have been put up around town. There has also been stencilled graffiti art saying "SHANE STONE YOU GOT A DUNNY FOR A SOUL" and "CLP V. DMDC". CLP is Stone's ruling junta the Country Liberal Party. We'll see what happens. *Chances are Shane will end up stone dead rather than the DMDC!*



I WAS A TEENAGE SOCIALIST

Like many people before me, I had become disillusioned with mainstream politics. In my second year at university and prior to the federal election in 1993 I attended an anti-Hewson rally. I despised Hewson but when looking at the alternative I thought there must be something better. I really wanted to find a political movement I could focus my energy into and try to reverse some of the apathy of my generation.

It was at this time that I joined the International Socialist Organisation (ISO). The party seemed to have many worthwhile objectives. Such objectives included the fight against sexism, racism, homophobia and especially their involvement in the fight for workers rights and the class struggle. It was for these reasons I joined the ISO.

I was welcomed with open arms. I attended meetings at the university and became a seller of the paper "The Socialist Worker". I was extremely motivated for the first six months after joining the organisation. I enjoyed talking to people about socialism but I also enjoyed hearing differing opinions. In a way my habit of listening to different opinions led to my leaving the ISO.

The first problem I encountered with the ISO occurred on a day when I was selling the paper. On this particular day I was told I was selling the paper the wrong way. While I was never told in what way I was selling the paper incorrectly I assumed it was because I was not selling one hundred papers a day. The ISO was very focused on rating success by the amount of papers sold. While selling papers means circulating Socialist ideas, I often felt we forced many paper sales onto people who were only interested in finding out about the organisation and we actually alienated these people. *The ISO seemed to think that selling the paper was more important than just talking to people.*

The next problem I encountered was while poster for a public meeting the ISO was holding. As we passed McDonalds, I stated how much I hated McDonalds and everything they stood for including the oppression of their workers. The person whom I was poster with told me the reason the ISO don't hate or protest against McDonalds is that many workers eat there and if we discuss problems about McDonalds we will alienate the workers.

The way ideas were dismissed as not worthy of discussion if it didn't 'toe the party line' was heart-breaking. There were numerous occasions when people with different opinions were totally rejected without longer serving members trying to understand.

Money is a major concern for the ISO. "Are your fees up to date?" was a familiar catch-cry, replacing "Hello, how are you?". I even saw a girl who didn't have \$2 rejected as a member. It came to the point where I was asked to sign a withdrawal slip so membership deductions could be taken out of my bank account automatically!

It's a pity I was worn out by the negative attitudes and not the positive.

I still have friends who are Socialists and are good people. However I feel it's a shame differences between left-wing groups causes conflict over the 10% of issues that they have differences on, instead of fighting together for the 90% of things they agree on.

Utopia won't arrive in one day and fighting over what's going to happen after the revolution doesn't get us any nearer the revolution.

BARRED BUT NOT BEATEN!

In every election the polities trot out the old hang 'em and flog 'em, law and order policies. In the tabloids they use scare tactics to try to convince us that the State needs more powers in order to protect us from ourselves. By convincing us that there is a rapist in every dark corner, a mugger behind every tree in every park and every kid is a delinquent that is going to flog your car and take it for a spin, we are made to live in a climate of fear. The hysteria generated creates a mood in which ordinary people feel powerless and that they must rely on the State to provide a sense of physical and psychological security. Consequently voters are encouraged to support the polities on the law and order ticket and the police who are the army of the rich are able to bolster their numbers and powers.

The truth behind the law and order facade is that with poverty and unemployment increasing, the middle and upper classes are starting to worry about how they are going to protect their

worldly possessions from the rest of us.

These bludging silvertails are calling for more police on our streets, more prisons, longer sentences and the like so that they can imprison and murder us more effectively when we try to take back a bit of what we, ourselves, have worked for. Don't be fooled, these people and their policies are designed solely to protect their own interests, wealth and property. As far as the rich are concerned the rest of us can go to hell.

It is the working class that these measures are designed for. The history of the police and prisons is that they are used to control the working class. Three quarters of the prison population are unemployed at the time of going inside and a majority of crimes are crimes of poverty: welfare fraud and theft are just two examples. The bullshit spewed out about law and order has real consequences for us; running alongside the push for greater law and order measures is the push for privatised prisons and harsher and more repressive conditions in prisons. While we cop this, the upper classes get off with suspended sentences or some cushy stay at a prison farm with the Governor's personal service!

Greater powers has also led to the cops and screws having greater freedom to do what they want to us. The bottom end of the working class contains the vast majority of Aboriginals and it is these people that are especially vulnerable when it comes to imprisonment because these people lack access to money and legal representation. The political system that has developed in this country has been nurtured by the 'got-it-alls' and is based as much on racial discrimination as it is on class discrimination. If you've got any doubts, just ask any Aboriginal.

When you consider that Aboriginal people make up less than 1.3% of the adult population, yet account for over 17% of all deaths in custody it becomes quite clear that the judicial and prison system are extremely racist. Aboriginals are over eighteen times more likely to go to prison than non-Aboriginal people and in some states the population of Aboriginal prisoners has increased by more than 150% in the last five years. On average Aboriginals who are sentenced by a court of law receive a prison term that is 30% longer than that of others imprisoned for similar offences. It's hard see this as anything other than another step in the continuing genocide of Aboriginal people in this country.

1995 proved to be one of the worst years on record for Aboriginal deaths in custody with fifteen deaths reported in police and prison custody and already as of February this year a further four deaths in custody have taken place. Aboriginal deaths in custody are increasing at an alarming rate proving that despite the 339 recommendations handed down by the 1991 royal commission into Aboriginal deaths in custody, nothing has changed.

Racial and anti-Aboriginal violence is inherent in the Australian 'justice' system and generally perpetrated by those who control their environments: primarily white people of all classes. When in custody, it's the cops and screws who're dishing it out. These scumbags can be viewed as no more than traitors to our class. Although some people may claim that cops and screws are merely 'workers in uniform' it is becoming increasingly clear that they are nothing short of the army of the rich.

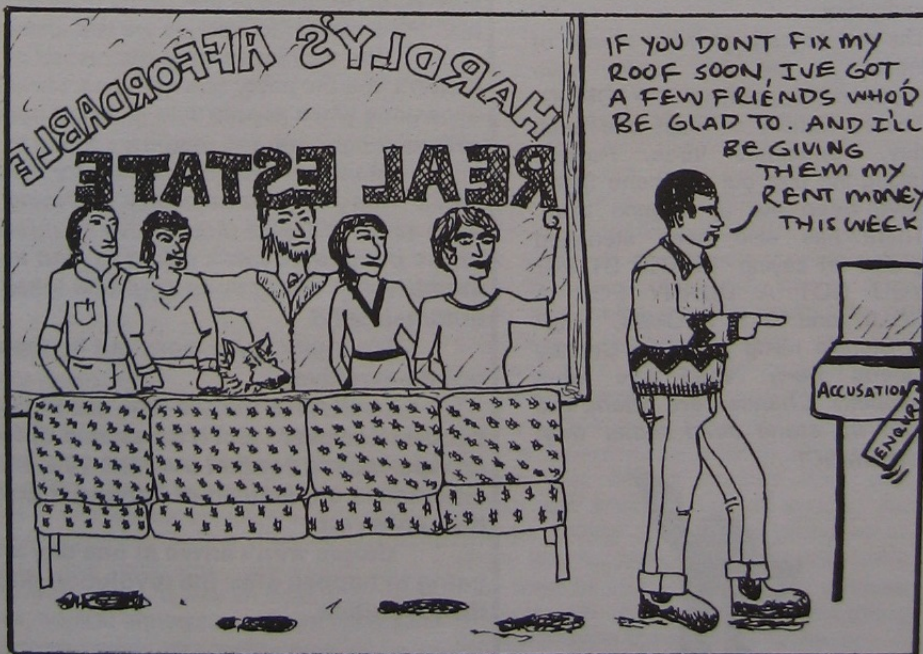
EMPTY HOUSES

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With almost 600 000 empty houses in this country you'd have to wonder if someone weren't taking the piss!

Figures available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. "1991 Census of Population and Housing Unoccupied Dwelling count"



A Look At Life

What is it with people these days? Where has all the community spirit gone? And more importantly, comradeship? Sydney is a huge city and a very segregated one. Coming from another city, you would find this very hard to swallow, as I do. It isn't hard to see and feel that things are unfair and in favour of the people who hold all the money and riches when others risk their own lives everyday living on the streets.

The working class people of Sydney are proud people. Proud, robust, and strong within themselves but who can ignore the pile of shit that is constantly dumped upon us at an increasing rate. *Well that's exactly what we're doing, ignoring it.* It may be the easiest way to cope for now, especially when the stamina isn't there after a hard days work but facts have to be faced in order to deal with the problem.

The first and most difficult step to take, is realisation. It isn't difficult to realise that the ads on the television don't apply to us, but to a different class of people. All these ads about home loans and escape holidays are directed to the middle class who aspire to be rich and play the game made to either make or in most cases break them. If you as a working class person see past this nightmare of a dream, you may just realise that you actually have a lot more going for you than you think, even if your numbers aren't coming up. There is a lot of angry working class people out there who concentrate their anger in the wrong places, leaving behind broken friendships, relationships, and hearts. Not enough time for leisure or money for that well earned break is working us into a rut. The only security or satisfaction we seem to find is in that of our very own daily routine. We organise our own lives around going to work, feeling that we are in charge of ourselves. Standing back and taking a good look at yourself is a hard thing to do and be honest about. Living in a hole doesn't mean you have to act like a mole. Unlike a mole we have eyes and plenty of them. The majority of people in this world are in exactly the same position, you are not alone. The way we are dealing with what is happening is exactly the way the

capitalists have programmed us. It's hard to make friends when there's not a lot of good to talk about and self esteem is limited to the very basics as we don't have a lot of material treasures to wallow in. What matters now is not what we see but what we can do with our minds as a whole community. Pride isn't a new car, pride is something we all have and can use to get what we want, for our people, our friends and families. Standing strong and proud in a group can unite us in a task which can be achieved together. Working class people are being literally pushed aside as the wealthy classes take over our suburbs, our pubs and our houses. We don't have many hang outs these days where we can feel comfortable to relax with friends apart from the local pubs. These to many people are a needed cooling off period after a shitty day at work and a lot of steam is released. It's just a pity that the large majority of frequenters are still men and you have to be sipping a drink so as not to upset the publican.

Working Class people need to open their homes and hearts to each other in order to realise that there's no shame involved, but a need for comradeship in all of their lives and the involvement of women is vital. Real Estate Agents are upping the prices as the Yuppies flow in to our communities breaking up what little familiar territory we have left to grow on. *It's not just progress taking place, but an invasion which is calling us the aliens.* While you're waiting for some vital repairs to be done on the house you're renting, the stingey owner may well be spending thousands on renovating his third house for a new upper class tenant who'll pay three times the rent and you're house might be next. It's easy to say that the ball is in his court but it doesn't have to be. Whilst you are insignificant to him and out of the way doing your weekly routine, you could be putting some of your working class pride and suppressed anger to use. Asking for a hand from some of your mates shouldn't be a problem, after all they are comrades and know you would do the same for them. A little bit of support goes a long way, especially when you're in the right. Rocking up to the Real

Estate office, with a few of your mates outside the window watching on, is going to make the agent think twice about shrugging you off this time. Oh, and you can forget about watching those crap current affairs segments on prime time TV, where the media does a poor working class family a good turn in similar situations. That's their way of getting your vote, the working class, the majority vote and support for the other crap they fabricate in this warped society. It's our family and friends that we must work together with. Why should we continuously be pushed out, of our communities, where we'll lose the friendly faces we meet on the street and in our shops who know us by name. We are losing everything familiar to our lives which we cherish. We have shaped our community into something as comfortable as it can be under this governments rules. We respect each other and get along as best we can, able to acknowledge people with a nod, the person behind the counter at the local shop values us as a needing customer and we try to not whinge when the prices go up. But it's time to whinge now and not only that but to recognize those of us that feel the same way. Small businesses are going broke as they can no longer afford their lease renewals and in comes a speciality shop full of trendy overpriced clothes and next to it a shop exclusively decked out with ridiculous designer socks. It's not that we're getting old and no longer understand the new generation. *This is not another generation, it is another class entirely, making themselves at home with their money.* And what about us? We go that extra mile to find our provisions at a decent price, then settle down at our local pub, to feel at home with friends, thinking that this place could never change. It will, and haven't the bar staff already got flash, new uniforms. The publican isn't always going to be there to lend you fifty bucks just cause your pay hasn't come in on time. You and the other worker's have to sort the problem out where it's happening, with the fuckwits who think you can wait for your hard earned money, just cause their pockets are bulging.

JUSTICE *for the*

ABORIGINES of AUSTRALIA

Aboriginal Australia was crudely attacked at large by white colonialists from the British Empire. This empire was built on avarice, bloody conquest and an ideology of superiority. Aborigines were given no choice in the white occupation of their land. Had they possessed such a choice, with the power to enact it, White Australia would be a contemptuous lie.

On a January day in 1788 the Endeavor, headed by a white supremacist, an invader, a liar and thief named Captain James Cook, found land to set down on. A few days later the Union Jack was unfurled to flap in the wind: the white for their skin, the red for the blood of those who died defending themselves, their families and their livelihoods against advancing, imperialist conquest and the blue for the blood of the British Monarchy: the parasites upstairs who have maintained their comfortable position in society at the expense of all colonised nations.

White colonialists set out to plunder the world of the Aborigines immediately. There was no consultation. This is a white lie of enormous scale. In order to take the land of another, you must first convince yourself that you have a more just right to this land. To reason with yourself, again and again, and still arrive at this conclusion defies the very notion of fairness and equality for all. This mindset is the garden that is nurtured in all of today's tyrants and those who aspire to be tomorrow's.

The invasion of Australia is not simply defined in terms of geographical space. When you take land in a tribal society, a peasant society, any society that literally lives off the land then you are not simply taking space away from others to

make your own. You take a peoples' livelihood, their purpose for living, breathing, eating, loving. You take their source of food and deny them nourishment; sustenance that mothers need to feed their young and the old need to stay strong. If you take this land and change it's composition in any way, shape or form then you will drive out the indigenous food supply and local's will be forced into more desperate circumstances: they will attack you for what you have (what has been stolen from them or denied them unfairly) and in the process treat you with the contempt that you have always treated them with.

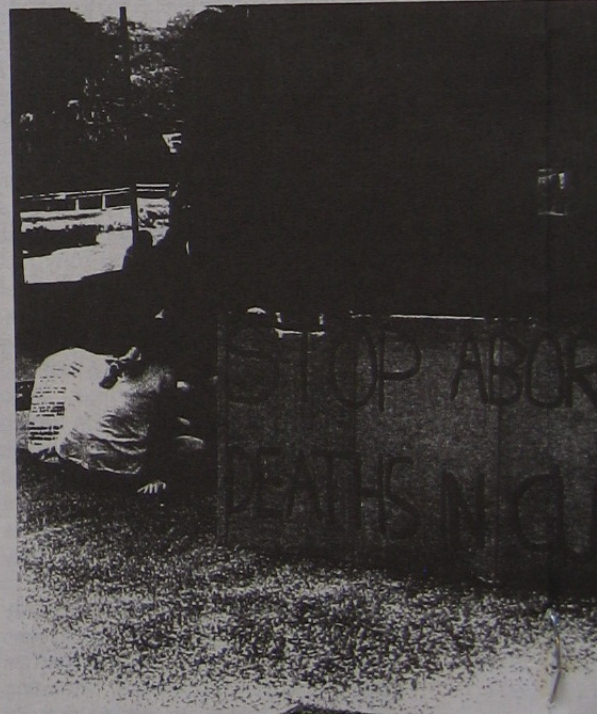
Colonialists, of all backgrounds, know that to conquer a land you must first conquer its people. Never did it cross the minds of the illegal aliens of the Crown that negotiation with the Aborigines should be engaged. They thought nothing of it and prepared themselves for a bloody war. A mindset of white supremacy was to come and nurse them in their hours of need.

Inevitably a race war erupted on this sunburnt country. This war had all the characteristics of all imperialist wars past and post-. The gradual build-up of the invading force, the bearing of arms and the flexing of muscles, the spreading of lies and insidious propaganda, the attacks upon the Aborigines and their attacks and counter-attacks upon the whites. The blood on the soil and the screams for vengeance! The glory of victory and the agony of defeat.

A remarkable difference: The invaders had a choice between showing the hand of friendship and solidarity of international humankind or inflicting a wound so gaping upon Aboriginal Australia. The invaders chose the latter. Aborigines had no

such choice and engaged in a war for independence after this war had been thrust upon them. Their war was a response to invasion, theft murder and rape. The war for white supremacy in Australia was a premeditated event culminating in the almost complete destruction of Aboriginal civilization.

As this war enveloped Aborigines on a larger and larger scale with executions of individuals turning into wholesale massacres of entire tribes and more and more Aboriginal women became the bearers of white



babies through acts of rape, Aboriginal people stood up and mobilised themselves in order to combat the forces of terror that were descending upon them. Aborigines embarked on a campaign of guerilla warfare, and fought this war to suit their own methods of organization

and based it also on the terrain of the battleground. They were and still are smart movers and clever thinkers and not the intellectual dupes we are told they were and are.

Musquito, Pemulwuy, Wandradyne are just three of many Aborigine warriors who fought a war for freedom and ultimately died for that freedom. Liberty bells may chime in swanky cities of decadence built on the blood of a thousand bleeding nations, but the Aborigines of Australia are yet to hear them ring.

When Aborigines gaze upon the world of white supremacy it is likely that they see a world of twisted morals, macarbe thoughts and hypocritical lifestyles. Shipping hulks of convicts, many of whom were Irish warriors and working class advocates of true socialism and who came from a position in their own country that was not unlike the position Aborigines now found themselves in in their land of sweeping plains, white colonialists could show no barer truth of the

framed and nailed to the wall. Locked up, shot down, locked down and shot up.

Transported unwillingly to a land unknown for "crimes" against the Crown, that tiara of torture and symbol of blood-letting, these whites were not colonialists by any choice although some almost certainly adhered to racist, white ideology. Being in the circumstances that convicts were in, they to, often, saw the colonialist actions of the British Empire and its murdering Navy for what they were and wanted no part of their foul deeds carried out against the Aborigine people. Most Irish prisoners were victims of the war for independence in their own land, they had no desire to live elsewhere, in fact they were fighting to stay exactly where they were. Good luck to them too!

If Aborigines were ever to be convinced of the righteousness and superiority of white standards that possibility was destroyed the moment the hulks arrived. Chained up, lashed, beaten and starving; and white's are saying that we have something far better about ourselves that Aborigines should be jumping at the chance to "turn white".

In the early days of white colonialist conquest on Australian soil Aborigines and white anti-colonialists sometimes found themselves together, fighting a war for liberty shoulder to shoulder, arm in arm. In recent times we have seen this in places too, like the white support for Aboriginal Land Rights, support for specific land claims, white involvement in and commitment to social and class justice organizations and prisoners' action groups: many Aborigines are imprisoned because racist cops don't want "the coons walking the streets".

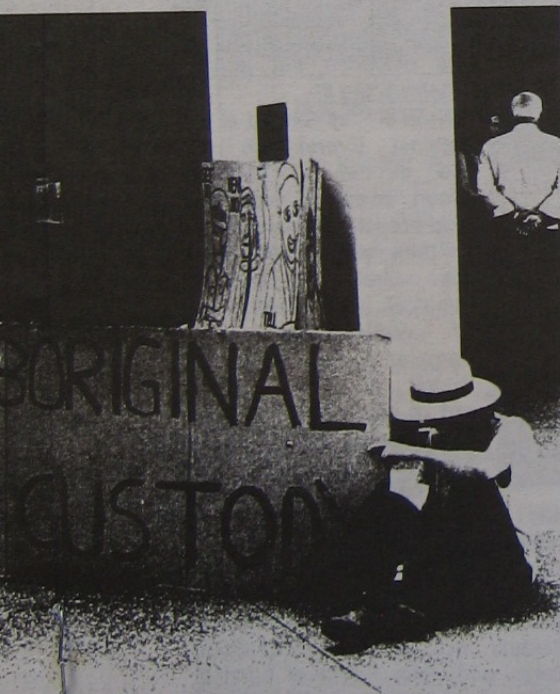
To marry these two parties traditionally at war with each other will be a long and painful process. It cannot happen overnight but it would certainly happen faster if white, working class people took up the cause for Aboriginal Sovereignty and Self-Determination in greater numbers than present.

BREAK THE BACK OF RACISM! FREE ALL ABORIGINAL PRISONERS OF WAR!

What can I do?

- Bring up the issue of equality for all people, including Aborigines, with friends, workmates and comrades.
- Try to get your union to support the cause for Aboriginal Land Rights - like the way the BLF used to.
- Design a poster or two in support of Aboriginal Self-Determination and paste it around your local area.
- If you publish printed matter of any sort, or contribute to it's publishing, then work towards creating a regular space to cover the Aboriginal Struggle.
- Confront racist and snobbish attitudes whenever possible.
- Participate in the annual John Pat Rally that takes place around the end of September.
- Contact Aboriginal organisations for information on current developments in their struggle for total control over all aspects of their lives.

White people must take the initiative to make contact with Aborigines. We are the ones who benefit from white skin priviledge and therefore we are the ones who must demolish it by throwing it to the wind.



society they espoused - they were hunters looking for the kill and they were proud of it.

Heretics, Miss-Fits, Treasonists, Arsonists, Republicans, Freedom Fighters. The imperialist army of the rich came and put the working class down again and again. Ringleaders, Big-Mouths and Martyrs-To-Be were



GETTING BURNT

and fighting back

What follows is a brief account of what can happen to anyone, but definately did happen to this man. His story is one of many, where working class people are screwed by the rich and powerful. In this case though, Alexander Prus-Grzybowski has stood up to these scheming parasites and is still doing so today!

In 1973 Alexander Prus-Grzybowski paid a law firm, Everingham and Co., to draw up a water-tight lease for him for a chicken farm he wished to lease from a William Whitlock. Everingham and Co. is owned by former NT Chief Minister Paul Everingham.

Soon after this a number of disputes with the landlord erupted regarding water supply to the farm and Prus asked Everingham and Co. to begin legal proceedings against Whitlock for alleged breach of contract.

However, after waiting months for these proceedings to begin but having nothing eventuate, Prus went to the only other law firm in town, Martin and Partners, to get his case dealt with. Brian Martin of Martin and Partners is now Chief Justice in the Northern Territory. Prus claims that he had drawn up an affidavit with Everingham and Co. against Whitlock but that Everingham and Co. failed to lodge it in the Supreme Court.

As if that weren't enough to wind you up, Prus then discovered that

Everingham and Co. were now representing Whitlock!

After many adjournments the case against Whitlock was finally heard. Peter Dean, acting on behalf of Whitlock for Everingham and Co. argued in court that the lease Everingham and Co. had originally drawn up for Prus was illegal. Basically the original lease was for six months with a renewable option for ten years and any agricultural lease longer than two years had to be approved by the relevant minister by NT law - which it wasn't.

To add salt to the wounds, Prus, who had sold his house to lease the farm,

WAS THEN EVICTED. *Can you imagine losing all you possessed through a minor legal oversight?*

Inflamed with a sense of revenge that only a person wronged can know, Prus then turned up at Alice Springs courthouse with a rifle and looking for Peter Dean, shot a lawyer in the shoulder. Unfortunately though, due to a cruel twist of fate, Prus actually shot Ted Skuse, the lawyer he had recently hired to act on his behalf from Martin and Partners. Prus was then arrested and charged with attempting to murder Ted Skuse.

Prus retained Martin and Partners to

their involvement. Prus writes "It becomes clear that there was no 'independant lawyer' but it was B.Martin who took charge of my case".

Prus was tried in the NT Supreme Court on the 26th of August 1975. It was conducted, in his words, "in a truly stalinist way" - there was no jury, witnesses or defence. A fair hearing?

The trial lasted one hour and seventeen minutes. Prus was sent down for eight years and served five and a half, mainly in a mental institution in SA. Prus claims that Foord not only failed to corroborate

his evidence but actually contradicted it!

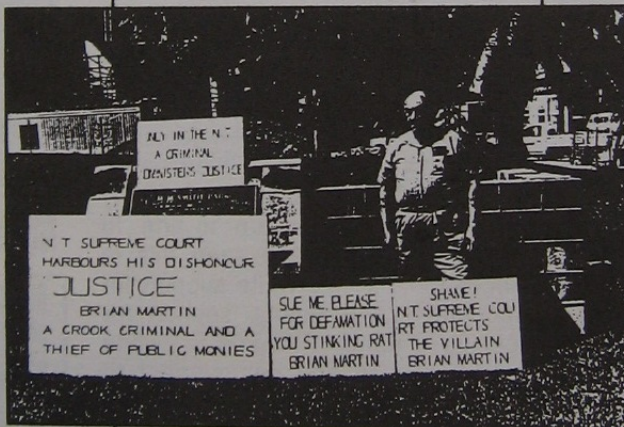
In 1978 Prus lodged a writ against Everingham and Co. in the NT Supreme Court, alledging negligence and breach of legal contract in their representations on his behalf regarding Whitlock. After twelve years of waiting for some semblance of justice, the matter was finally settled out of court in March 1987 and an undisclosed amount of money was paid to Prus.

Prus can't say how much he was paid under the terms of the settlement but he wasn't happy with it.

Later that year Prus then sent a statutory declaration to the Attorney General in Darwin accusing Brian Martin and John Foord of criminal obstruction of justice and requested a case be heard against them in a court of law.

As of yet, Prus is still waiting. Good luck mate, **Angry People** wish you all the very best in your striving for justice.

DON'T LET THE BASTARDS GRIND YA DOWN!



act for him and arrange for his defense. Brian Martin assured Prus an 'independant lawyer' would be arranged to represent him - no doubt to ensure a fair hearing as Ted Skuse worked for Martin and Partners. *However, it seems that the lawyer appointed to represent Prus, a Mr John Foord, was all the while under instructions from Martin and Partners.* In the transcripts of the 1975 trial, after the name of "Mr John Foord" appear the words "instructed by Martin and Partners". Prus knew nothing of this at the time of the trial and believes the words "instructed by Martin and Partners" were added at a later date to keep him ignorant of

Are You.....

UNDER THE INFLUENCE?

It probably had to happen. In Victoria, the Kennett government, in conjunction with the daily tabloid 'Pravda' has declared.....oops! I meant 'Herald Sun' has declared a "war on drugs". Youth unemployment, asian immigration, police powers and umpteen other issues are touted to the full, all reports pushing the usual conservative or right-wing line. But the virulence of this "war on drugs" is such that even the liberal "end prohibition" line is being smothered.

Let's try to cut through the bullshit. Firstly, drugs like heroin, speed and ecstasy are synthetic drugs produced by huge, vested interests. Criminal vested interests perhaps, but in a capitalist society any money made is good money made and only the poor get the laws, for the rich it's virtual anarchy. The "big bosses" that the 'Herald Sun' calls to be caught and punished are just well-off drug dealers who're occasionally sacrificed to the public. This gives the illusion of a competent and motivated police force as well as a 'working system'. In reality no such thing exists: the capitalist system is chaotic at best and the cops are corrupt loafers. The "big bosses"

are just that, big bosses, but we at *Angry People* know better than to make allegations, much less name names, which we don't know, thanks to the law. However, an ear to the ground and a bit of sus is all it takes to work

out that the smart-suited, ponytailed, sunglasses-wearing stereotypes are only middle class individuals in what is only another

layer of the capitalist, class system. Perhaps the police's, shall we say, *tolerance*, of the drug trade needs to go without mention.....

These drugs are provided by the system. Their illegal status only serves to help legitimise a system that wants to appear as honest. Maybe a lot of cops and politicians do hate these drugs but the fact that they're widely available and under the control of large, vested interests shows that they're doing little about it and that drugs have their place in a system obsessed with money, products to sell and profit from and keeping you under control. Drugs are just another product in the marketplace.

Such drugs, like the ones mentioned above, it can be argued are the ultimate capitalist product. They give you the one thing we all crave: ESCAPE. For a few precious hours we are not slaves to bosses, victims of each other, stuck in ruts. Nothing matters but the sensations we feel.

But there's always a price to pay. And as in all things, working class communities have paid a heavy toll.

Drugs destroy the individual. They effect your brain and the way your brain functions. You enjoy the sensations caused by the drug, you enjoy the escape from reality, you enjoy the thrill of illegality. In many, too many cases, the individual surrenders themselves to this.

The drug takes over. You become dependant. As it destroys the mind it also follows that it destroys the body. Physically these drugs play havoc. Mentally

and emotionally they turn you into something else: a user, and if you go too far: a junky.

Drugs destroy the individual's relations with others. You're no fun to be around when you're stoned. You're either a mumbling, lethargic bore or a hyper, over-the-top menace. You do things you wouldn't normally do and the drug becomes a handy excuse. The drug and your dependency on it alienate you from others, best friends, families and neighbours.

As the dependency grows the need for money grows too. That leads to deception: asking for loans from friends on pretences other than buying drugs, stealing from friends and neighbours, whoring yourself.....

Drugs destroy communities. People are important but people who have no control over themselves or their actions also effect others. Homes are broken into, people are mugged and people turn to prostitution. For some prostitution can be a lucrative alternative to 'conventional' work. For others it's the only way to support a drug habit and these people are especially vulnerable and helpless. It's bad enough that they have a monkey on their backs than to have to let bastards act out vile, sexual fantasies on them or suck a cop's prick to avoid jail. Worst of all, people just die. All this turns our communities into warzones and when the government decides to 'get tough' we're all under siege. And it's always the poorest, working class towns that suffer the most. No doubt the rich occasionally overdose but that's just a bit of light, comic relief for us. Too many of our people are DIEING! Dieing inside their minds and their bodies and eventually dropping dead for good. This is drugs. This is what they are: a capitalist



commodity provided by yet another arm of the bosses' system. This is what they do: fuck our brains, ruin our bodies, turn us into treacherous scum, separate us from our loved ones and destroy our communities.

Of course it's possible for people to take such drugs in moderation. Unfortunately though, whether you take drugs to excess or not it won't stop the police attempting to put you away if they catch you using drugs. *Angry People* aren't trying to scaremonger here but we want to illustrate that the police have a long and sordid history of using hard drugs to get their way. As more and more people become active against the system police will use drugs against individuals and groups. Even the most well-meaning, reliable friend can be pulled in and if forced to talk, put away and used as an excuse to crush that person's associates. Hard drug use breeds trouble for everyone, not just the individual user.

Would legislation help? There's no doubt that people who work in needle exchanges and campaigns to end prohibition are courageous and honourable workers, wanting only to keep people alive and sane. They should be supported. But even many of these people would agree that it would be better if people didn't use heroin, speed or ecstasy. In any case there will always be illegal drugs regardless of what is legalised. It's too lucrative a market for the bosses of this industry to surrender. And what of the legal drugs? Alcohol, tobacco, valium etc? Don't these drugs kill us? Keep us apart? Keep our communities in the dirt?

The system always accomodates. We have plenty of legal programmes to 'rehabilitate' drug users. Funded by church groups, rich individuals, donations and sometimes the government itself these programmes have varying agendas. Does 'rehabilitation' mean empowering the individual to think for themselves, to be able to work cooperatively with others? Or is 'rehabilitation' turning the user into a 'good citizen', a church goer, an obedient worker or a submissive housewife? *What the fuck drives so many of us to drugs in the first place??*

Right, so that's the bad news. Now for the revolution.....

Many revolutionaries have recognised drugs for what they are and fucked them off. From the anarchists in Spain in the 1930's to the Black Panther Party for Self Defense to the Autonomists in Europe today, those who see the system and its' bosses as the scum that they are have fought against the influence of drugs, from alcohol to smak, on themselves and their people. Interestingly, in the case of the Panthers and the Autonomists, marijuana was and is seen as permissible. Perhaps there's always an exception or two. This has made them serious enemies of the State.

**JUST SAY
FUCK OFF**



**TO THE
COPPER'S
LITTLE
HELPER!**

**YOU CAN'T FIGHT THE
SYSTEM WHEN YOU'RE OFF
YOUR FACE.....**

We at *Angry People* call for revolution - total, outright, all-empowering revolution. We say that it's too important to throw your mind, body and life away for the bosses bank balance and the

polices' convenience. Many people fuck drugs off and find more satisfaction in their friendships and labours when they have the time and free will to do so. It's not impossible. It takes hard work but that in itself empowers you. A dedicated effort, whether a drug programme, a change in lifestyle, using alternatives that benefit you like exercise, meditation, creative work or organising against the system will attract real friends who will help you. Remove yourself from the subcultures and ghettos that glamorise drugs and you'll find that these groups aren't rebellious but just another empty, soulless scene created by capitalism's endless search for products to sell and profit from. Create your own REAL CULTURE based on mutual aid and cooperation and you'll find you won't need drugs to dull the pain and boredom of life under a crooked system. And if you slip, you have to pick yourself up and not dwell on the bullshit but keep trying to keep yourself clean and active. Grass roots self-help groups exist, and in places where they don't, try to form your own. You'll need people around you who want to help and if you're sincere, you'll find them. Maybe moving to another town will be necessary but remember: your life is important. Once it's in order you'll be able to re-acquaint with old friends.

Above all remember: drugs are a weapon against you and your friends, family and community. Fucking drugs off and taking full control of your life is an outright revolutionary act and another victory for our class in the class war, whatever you choose to do with the rest of your life. LIFE IS HARD, BUT RESISTANCE IS THE ANSWER, NOT SUBMISSION. The more we throw off all of the bosses constraints on our lives the stronger we grow and the closer we get to a world we can all really live in.

Angry People are open to correspondence on this matter, as with everything we write. Let us know your opinions. Also, a lengthier, more detailed pamphlet on this issue will be available soon.

From Behind The Bars

With all the hype from top politicians and diplomats over the 'terrorism' of the firebombing of the French Consulate in Perth splashed out over the headlines of the media, it is interesting that the arrest and trial of the two young people who admitted responsibility did not get the same coverage. Could it be due to that the fact that it was not 'international terrorists' but just two ordinary young people who did the bombing? That this act had demonstrated the uselessness of Keating's empty hypocritical gestures of protest? That extended media coverage over the perpetrators of the consulate bombing may give inspiration to other concerned activists who realise that the politicians of this country don't give a shit about nuclear testing in the Pacific (never mind the nuclear testing performed on Australian soil!) because they are too worried about keeping up Uranium exports and they know that diplomatic sanctions are totally powerless? Keating's chirade was only to whip up support at home, knowing that many people in Australia are concerned over nuclear testing but realising that he has fuck all power to do anything about it, even if he wanted to. Keating's own faction in the ALP tried to expand Uranium mining at the last ALP national conference which clearly shows that his interests lie with the nuclear industry. He cleverly walked the delicate tightrope of appeasing the French nuclear and Australian mining interests as well as joining the popular protests against nuclear testing. His hypocrisy is even more obvious when China's nuclear detonation met a wall of silence.

The half-assed protests fizzled out as quickly as they were called, the French kept on testing, knowing that no-one could stop them, knowing that the major nuclear countries of the world secretly supported them and that the general popular concerns of people world-wide could be safely ignored. It is crucial at this stage to remember those people who have decided to take action into their own hands, and who are being ignored by the media, and even the nuclear protest movement, because that movement doesn't want to rock the boat and its support for so-called terrorists will undermine its job of keeping protest safe for the ALP.

Bosco Boscovitch and Maya Catts were found guilty of arson of the French Consulate in Perth. Bosco copped six months, while Maya is on remand awaiting sentencing. Bosco released a statement from Casurina Prison on 2/10/95. He has now been transferred to a prison farm.

"I am devastated again. The French have today detonated No. 2 in this series, and I'm in a 6sqm cell. Incarcerated in a maximum security prison. Why am I punished? Why am I here? It was for you, it was for our children. The law the judge, the media, society - snap out of it! I feel an utter contempt for the society I am from, will they ever evolve? I am in jail! They have locked me away because I care so much. Oh, there is just me in the mirror, a hard bed, a big heavy steel door and bars. I see my eyes reflected - they are red. I have been crying - the young idealist. I can live with what I have done, it all depends on what you value and from what perspective you view the world, 'our world' - its incongruous. It's hard to breath in."

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Eleven Men Dead in a Queensland Mine

You might have wondered why *Angry People* call for class war and what are we so angry about anyway? Don't we live in a decent country, you might ask, with a fair go for all?

Well sometimes something happens which crashes right through the nice, decent facade of Australian life and shows the reality behind it:

On August 7, 1994 the gas in a coal mine at Moura exploded and killed eleven men working in the pit. Working class men - coalminers. Another gang of ten men escaped from another shaft and were lucky to get out with their lives.

In January this year (1996), the coroner's report revealed "management neglect and non-decision" as well as an understaffed Government Safety Office. Mine management ignored warning signs that the mine could blow and the shift was sent down the mine. Miners were not told of the danger or asked whether they wanted to go down the mine or not.

The only thing that really mattered at the Moura mine were the dollars to be made from ripping out coal for BHP. To put safety as a priority would have cut into profit margins. The workers don't matter. We just don't matter.

To crown it all no charges will be laid. When the coroner's decision was handed down the men in suits from BHP shook hands with their solicitors and congratulated themselves. The ruling class has closed ranks to protect its' own.

The only time in our 'civilized' society when you are allowed to kill openly and get away with it is in war. And when you kill in the interests of a 'higher ideal' you are a hero.

That is just what happened at Moura. The class war rages. Eleven miners dead in the pursuit of profit, the rich man's only ideal.

A Driver's Story

Driving the cab in the inner city when I picked up these three blokes. Best torn jeans, leather jackets and inner city tough. Their hair was perfect, like they'd each done ten miles on a Harley, no helmet.

They ignored me and talked revolutionary politics. And they bagged 'the workers' for not being revolutionary, for being apathetic, for not doing what they should.

I couldn't believe it. Here I was, a 'real worker' and these clowns acted like I wasn't there. But there were my hands on the wheel and my foot pumping petrol, so what was I? A servant or something? They talked about 'the working class' as if such people were miles away on another planet.

Bored of politics they took turns trying to impress each other with their next overseas trip. I dropped them off and was glad to be rid of them. No - don't stop to say thanks, your politically correct movie must just be starting. No, no, don't stop to ask me about work, or twelve hour shifts or life as 'a worker'.

Then it dawned. These jerks were just the aspiring revolutionary leadership of some stupid party. The ISO or DSP or some other mob of private school, born to rule, middle class wankers!!! And I'm supposed to follow them??!

fight the power!

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD.
the Wobblies are still alive after 99 years

The *Industrial Workers of the World* or *Wobblies* are a militant union born in the USA out of fierce labour struggles at the turn of the century. The first local group in Australia was formed in 1907 and 'the Wobs' quickly gained a reputation for uncompromising industrial action. With a philosophy of "one big union" to cover all workers in any given industry the IWW became a real force among miners, itinerant rural workers and workers in the cities. They organised among low paid and unskilled workers who received little comfort from the established 'craft' unions and they also drew militant workers frustrated by the cosy club of trade unions, employers and Labor governments.

At public meetings and in their paper "*Direct Action*" the Wobs were ferocious in their attacks on the rich who lived lives of luxury while their workers sweated. The IWW advocated 'class war' and believed in fighting to win. They saw the government as toadies of the rich and the established unions as being compliant with Capital in the exploitation of the working class. The IWW was almost entirely alone in opposition to the First World War when it erupted in 1914. They at first got little sympathy but as the extent of the slaughter became apparent they began to get a hearing. The Wobs argued that it was the wealthy who were profiting from the war but that it was the working class who were doing the dying. By 1916 war recruiting had begun to dry up and the Australian Government began pushing for conscription.

The Wobs took part in the Great Conscription Battles within a loose coalition of unions, church groups and pacifists. Conscription was beaten but it was the Wobs who were marked for repression. The State could see the real danger they posed to the partnership between Capital and unions that kept the lid on working class revolt. The Wobs were fanning the flames of discontent just a little too brightly for the comfort of the established order.

The IWW was declared illegal in Australia in 1917. Their offices were raided and their presses seized. But the Wobblies kept speaking out. Dozens were arrested and many were deported. Twelve members were imprisoned for terms of up to fifteen years as a result of a frame up. However, the Wobs did not disappear. The organisation survived in Queensland for a few years where repression was less than elsewhere and many members kept in good standing with the US administration of the union.

Wob influence was seen in the "one big union" movement, in the early communist party and right through to the present day. In the 1960's the fierce strike at Mt Isa was won by miners who had elected a Wobbly, Pat Mackie, to lead them. Pat had become a Wob as an American merchant seaman in the 30's and is typical of the militant ideals of the IWW.

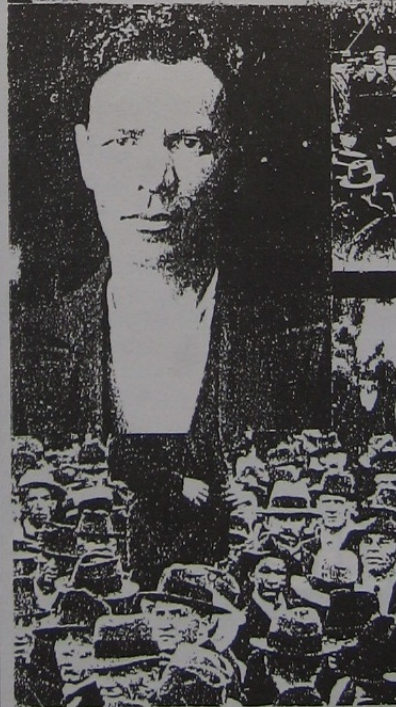
Into the 1990's the Wobs remain active in Australia with groups in Sydney and Melbourne and a commitment to radical grass roots controlled unionism.

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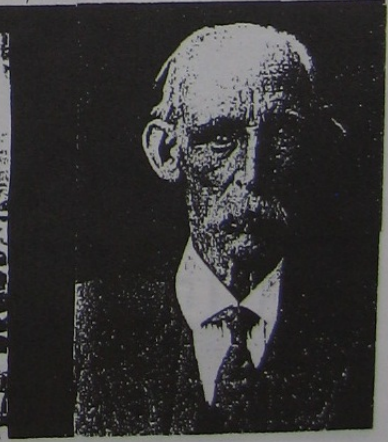
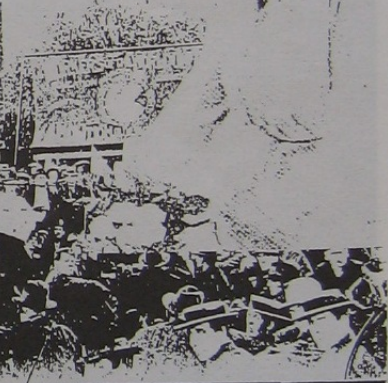
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REVIEWS

LAND AND FREEDOM

About a month ago I went to see "Land and Freedom" at the new Dendy cinema in Newtown. This was ironically fitting. For those of you from out of Sydney, Newtown is a part of the inner west rapidly losing any concrete connection with its past, as it becomes the latest focus of accelerated gentrification.

The socialists selling newspapers on the pavement were a regular feature of Saturdays on King St, even before the arrival of the cinema. That day they revelled in the reflected credibility of the opening of a film that told their story. Before they were just another element in a chaotic mix of students, beggars, shoppers, cafe dwellers and an increasing army of affluent residents. On occasion I've stopped to ask the person offering me 'Green Left Weekly' or some ISO tract if they know what happened in

the Spanish civil war. Or for that matter Kronstadt or any of the other instances of authoritarian socialist violence against workers and particularly anarchists - usually I ignore them. Like people who push religion door to door, negative reactions don't register. Many have simply lost the capacity for independent thought.

In taking on this subject, director Ken Loach set himself a formidable task. The Spanish civil war confronts us not only with the menace of fascism but with the failures of revolution and the all too often hidden face of authoritarian socialism. Like many remembrances of war it is a story of tragic failure. If it makes the people selling papers out the front think again, it will have been worthwhile. But I won't hold my breath.

Loach's solution to navigating the ideological maze of 1930's Spain will be seen as elegant by many film goers. 'David' our central character dies peacefully in contemporary Liverpool and his daughter is moved to look through some letters and photographs. We now travel with him as a young communist who first learns of the fascist threat to the Spanish Republic at a film night put on by a local party branch. Like thousands of others from around the world he decides to leave for Spain and join the fight. During the process of this character's development, we begin to see that the objectives and

means of this fight are entirely different from various perspectives even on the republican side. Initially he is with the POUM; the group of revolutionary Marxists that Orwell joined and wrote about in 'Homage to Catalonia'. The POUM, like the anarchists and other ultra left-wing groups, are fighting for revolution and immediate collectivisation. However the only major source of weapons is via the Russian Communists who support the republican government, believe that Spain is not ready for revolution and ultimately brutally crush all other anti-fascist forces, before being defeated by Franco themselves.

Women fight alongside men at first in the POUM. We are actually disturbed to see 'Blanca' and the other women of 'David's' unit, sewing and cooking later on when gender roles have returned. The relationship that forms between 'David' and 'Blanca' puts into relief a conception of sexual freedom that goes far beyond recycled '60s lifestyles. It is also a vehicle through which we see the political naivety of 'David' in his belief in the party. He leaves the militia unit for a time to fight with the better equipped and trained communists. He returns disillusioned shortly before the POUM are killed, imprisoned, exiled or disarmed by the communists.

Loach's gritty approach has been used to powerful effect before,

'Ladybird Ladybird' is a good example. The selective release of script just before shooting also greatly adds to the overall tension, in that the actors did not know who was scripted to die in any particular battle until they had to.

Land and Freedom is an excellent film whose natural audience should be socialists as well as people with little or no political knowledge at all. A set of complex events are treated with elegant simplicity. For anarchists and others however, there are still many traps to be avoided. The endless contemplation of Spanish history is in danger of making us a society for the remembrance of martyrs. We will only begin to celebrate stories of triumph once we have grown out of seeking confirmation of the purity of our desires in film or any Arts.



Nexus Update

In the last issue of *Angry People* we ran a brief article on the 'New Age' mag *Nexus*. We highlighted the blatant propaganda of the extreme right which sat openly in its pages.

But it looks like *Angry People* only got the half of the story. Our thanks to the *Green Anarchist* of Oxford, England for a copy of *New Statesman and Society* from June '95 dealing with "New Age Nazism". It turns out that over the last couple of years *Nexus* has been a blatant propaganda journal for the ideas and conspiracy theories of the U.S. militias.

We have had *Nexus* articles by Linda Thompson who is the self-styled 'adjutant-general' of the U.S. militias as well as by Mark Koernke of the Michigan Militia. Also appearing are articles openly favourable towards Hitler and ads for Nazi publishing houses.

In Britain *Nexus* is promoted by David Icke who is an outspoken supporter of the U.S. militias as well as the violent British neo-nazi group Combat 18. We also have the British agent for *Nexus* running around telling anyone who will listen that "there were no gas chambers at Auschwitz" and other anti-Jewish bullshit.

The Australian editor of *Nexus* Duncan Roads has connections that lead to the *Australian League of Rights* which is about what you would expect.

We could go on, but the links are clear, **NEXUS IS NOXIOUS!**

Compost this rag.

Nimbin News gets into the act

It was a real disappointment to find anti-semitic bullshit sitting in the "New World Order" June-July '95 issue of *Nimbin News*.

One article tells us that huge numbers of people caught up in the Holocaust were not of Jewish stock at all while another we read "... there appeared to be a contract with Jewry to bring the United States into W.W.1 in exchange for the promise of Palestine"

Hasn't it dawned on you lot at *Nimbin News* that conspiracies run by all powerful 'Zionism' are the stock in trade of the New (and the Old) fascists!

Give it some thought!

LETTER of the issue

Dear Deadshits,

You lot just exposed yourself as just being another front organisation for the CIA and the powers-that-be.

Fancy being so dumb as to write a whole page article trying to defend the virtue of the CIA and other government agents after they keep getting attacked in the pages of *Nexus* magazine. I mean how dare anyone accuse the CIA of doing anything underhand or unethical!! Everyone knows they limit themselves to overthrowing or carpet bombing third world countries, assassinating US presidents and running the world's drug trade and other above board, legitimate business-as-usual activities!

I'm sorry but you've just lost any credibility you might have had as an anarchist, working class publication in the eyes of the world. You're supporting the wrong side. You've lost the plot. You're obviously bogus. How dare *Nexus* magazine accuse the secret service agents of the US military, police, fascist, dictatorship of doing anything naughty! There are good god-fearing racist, capitalist, fascists in the CIA who specialise in mass murder, in case you don't know.

Revolted,
Cairns

Some people on the left consider any enemy of the US megadeath machine to be "on side". We don't. The new fascists claim to hate the state but any fascist regime that has ever come to power has been put there to keep the workforce down. There were no unions in Krupps steelworks under the Nazi regime, I'm telling you!

Same with the new fascists. If they ever come to power it will be on behalf of the ruling class - whatever they say now. And the lines between *Nexus* and the new fascists are there to see.

REVIEWS

Crossback News is a paper for fruit pickers put out by fruit pickers in Victoria's Goulburn Valley. It's quite a varied little paper with items ranging from poetry down to practical advice on how to avoid sunburn and where exactly to find an autobank in the towns of the area. It has info on tax and super and gives minimum rates for picking various types of fruit. This is just the sort of info you need to know when you front up for a job. It gives you confidence to face down the boss if he's trying to rip you off - and won't they if they can! The folk at *Crossback* are members of the Australian Workers Union (AWU) but they still give the union a well deserved serve for being of no help at all to pickers. The clowns at the CES cop it also for being useless but we all know that! So, if you're off to pick fruit this season try the Goulburn Valley, get in touch with *Crossback News* and give them a hand to make life better for fruit pickers.

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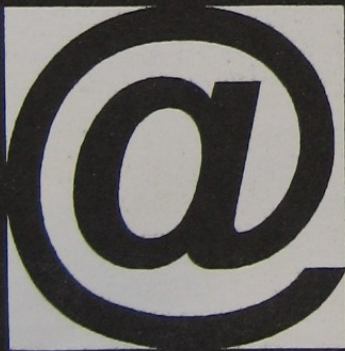
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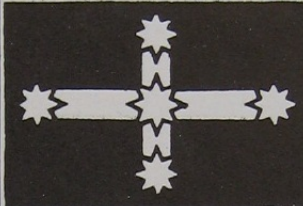
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