TIMELINE OF ANNIVERSARIES FOR RADICAL ACTION

1915

21 April

John Manifold (1915-85). Poet and author of 'Who wrote the hallads?'

A life-long Communist, joining at Cambridge in 1937 in response to the Spanish Civil War.

His 'Ned Kelly":

And no man single-handed can hope to break the bars;

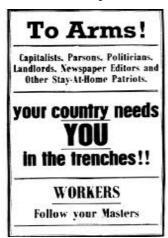
It's a thousand like Ned Kelly who'll hoist the Flag of Stars.

See Rodney Hall, J.S. Manifold (1978).



Late April

Tom Barker, Editor of IWW *Direct Action* releases this recruitment poster:



In September, Barker is fined 20 pounds and sentenced to three months, later lifted for want of proof that it had been prejudicial to recruitment.

Let's celebrate Barker's daring and class-based wit by plastering the country with replicas of the original.

And lest we forget the stay-at-home patriots whose prayer was,

'Would-to-god I were not so rich' or 'Would-to-god I were not so intelligent'

(attributed to Menzies), then I too would volunteer."

We often hear of the white feathers handed out to workers but less reported were the occasions when the workers harassed 'Mr Fat'. Take the case of the Hobart Master Builders, Alderman Dunn, chased down Argyle street by a builders' labourer shouting out, 'You ought be at the front, and get shot.' The alderman brought before the man the magistrates to teach him manners. The Master-and Servant mentality and the convict stain were strong in Van Diemen's Land.

19 May

Jack Simpson-Kirkpatrick killed on Kanakkale.

'I often wonder when the working men of England will wake up and see things as other people see them. What they want is a good revolution and that will clear some of these Millionaires and lords and Dukes out of it and then with a Labour Government they will also be able to make their own conditions.'

Jack Simpson writing to his mother in England, 1 September 1912.

See Peter Cochrane, 'Simpson and the Donkey, the making' of a Legend (1913 edition).

While Simpson was giving his life to help his mates, the directors of BHP were having to have their fingers prized off the profits from their trading through enemy contracts.

See Frank Carrigan's, 'The Imperial Struggle for Control of the Broken Hill Base-Metal Industry, 1914-1915', Essays in the Political Economy of Australian Capitalism, volume 5, 1983, pp. 164-86. Find it on www.Surplusvalue.org.au

Carrigan concludes: 'Only the establishment of socialism promises a future in Australia free from the shackles of imperialism and war.'

31 May

Birth of Judith Wright (1915-2000), poet, feminist, environmentalist, secretary of the Treaty Committee, who took to signing off her personal letters '... with love and fury'.

Her book 'Coral Battleground' (1977) calls the ban placed by the Queensland Trades & Labour Council on drilling on the Reef 'spectacular and unprecedented.' Under Gillard's un-Fair Work Act, the unions would be find a million each and every member who refused to work would be up for several thousand dollars.

1 June

Labor to office in Queensland, T.J. Ryan is the premier www.tjryanfoundation.org.au

The most progressive government ever in Australia until the London money-market cut off funds, for which see Tom Cochrane's, 'Blockade, the Queensland Loans Affairs 1920-1924' (1989).

19 November



Murder of Joe Hill by the copper bosses in Utah.

"Joe Hill ain't dead," he says to me,
"Joe Hill ain't never died.
Where working men are out on strike
Joe Hill is at their side,
Joe Hill is at their side."
Paul Robeson, "Joe Hill" - YouTube

To stir up divine discontent, U.S. Wobbly and folklorist George Mann will be touring the Eastern States starting in Canberra on the anniversary Thursday 19th; to Albury on 20th; to Wollongong on 21st.

http://georgemannmusic.com/

1 December



Diggers around Ballarat raise the flag of stars and take the Eureka Oath:

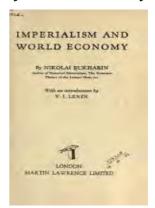
"We swear by the Southern Cross to stand truly by each other and fight to defend our rights and liberties".

3 December

Imperial troops massacre diggers on Bakery Hill.

December

N. Bukharin publishes 'Imperialism and the World Economy' with a Preface by Lenin.



29 December

The last of the invaders have cut and run from Kanakkale

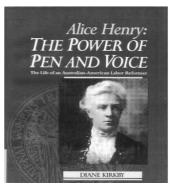
Katherine Susannah Prichard's first novel, '*The Pioneers*', is set in 19th-century Gippsland. KSP (1883-1969) becomes a foundation member of the Communist Party.

See Jack Beasley's, 'A Gallop of Fire' (1993), and her selected political writings, 'Straight Left' (1982).



Katherine Susannah Prichard

Alice Henry (1857-1943) publishes 'The Trade Union Woman', based on her five years of editing 'Life and Labor' from 1911 for the Chicago branch of the National Women's Trade Union League.



1965

7 February

U.S. Imperialists start bombing of Vietnam.

21 February

Malcolm X murdered.



6 March

Labor needs 55% of the popular vote to get a majority in South Australian Legislative Assembly.

7-21 March

Selma killings and protests.





March

Feminists chain themselves to hotel bars, eg Regatta in Brisbane and the Civic in Canberra.





http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/media/1264 357/women-rattle-the-chains-in-public-bars

29 April

Prime Minister Menzies lies to parliament about receiving a request for troops from the South Vietnamese prime minister. See Michael Sexton's, 'War for the Asking' (1981).

Late June

Vietnam Teach-Ins begin in Brisbane and Canberra.



2 July

Victorian Secondary Teachers' Association strikes for higher salaries.

1 October

Indonesian blood-bath begins and is soon directed by the CIA.

See documentary *Act of Killing*. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The Act of Killing

See Humphrey McQueen's 'How Suharto won Power' under Cold war o/s www.surplusvalue.org.au



