



TABLOID UNDERGROUND

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SID KID KICKED OUT OF DE LASALLE!

On Tuesday September 9 a member of "Socialist Secondary Students" (S.I.D.), Paul Jackson was "asked to leave" De La Salle college (a private Catholic school) because of his activities as a member of SID and the De La Salle underground. Paul's "crime" was to help produce and distribute the militant De La Salle underground newspaper - "Armpit".

We believe that the expulsion is a blatant denial of the basic human rights of ALL people, INCLUDING SCHOOL STUDENTS. We believe in and we are fighting for freedom of speech and assembly in secondary schools - especially the right of students to organize in schools -without censorship and persecution of radical clubs and newsheets.

Paul's expulsion is not an isolated case -almost every day SID members are threatened with punishment including expulsion for their activities. Underground newspapers are not the only activities which incur the wrath of school administrations -almost any deviation from what they think you should be (eg. in matters of appearance, long hair, beards, wrong colour shoes etc.) is ruthlessly crushed -eg. the expulsion of Fabian Douglas because his hair was too long. In almost every Victorian school students are persecuted and oppressed if they exercise what we believe to be the legitimate rights of students (above).

WHY IS THIS SO ? Why are schools so repressive? Why do schools persecute the students they are supposed to be helping? We believe that students must realise that in a society such as ours- a capitalist society, the school's main function is not to help STUDENTS as we are so often told. In reality schools are designed to fulfill 2 main functions: we believe they are (1) To provide trained personell to work for the capitalists in their factories, corporations, offices etc. to make money for them. (2) to imbue students with capitalist ideology ; to turn students into apathetic, 'apolitical' slob; people who couldn't give a stuff about Viet Nam, conscription etc.; people who are satisfied with the way things are; people who will swallow "yellow-peril" theories and other lies propagated by Liberal Party governments; people who will eventually become part of an apathetic and subserviant work force.

Thus the reason we are so "subversive" and "dangerous" is because we are disseminating socialist and anti-war views, and because we advocate ^{like} political freedom, student participation in the running of their school and student resistance to oppressive and unjust rules and regulations we are a menace to the system of repression and indoctrination shoved down students' in the name of "education" "enlightenment" and "learning".

STOP PRES

Latrobe High School has got itself a new headmaster. Apparently he thinks L.H.S. is a concentration camp (not unusual). Since he came (about 4 weeks ago) he has expelled 2 boys and has suspended about 9 -mostly for trivial offences eg. not attending sport. MORE AND MORE STUDENTS ARE GETTING SICK- OF HIS TYRANNY! ps. he is only temporary!

Students must show that they will not be bashed into subservience by tactics like the vicious expulsion of Paul Jackson. We will not be moved ! STUDENTS : UNITE, FIGHT AND ORGANIZE ! LIBERATE YOUR SCHOOL, LIBERATE THE WORLD !

Overleaf is the first in a series of articles in which we will try to explain socialist ideas as simply as possible- of course they can only be a rough outline. IF YOU DISAGREE ASK US ABOUT IT.

DEMONSTRATION : SUPPORT PAUL JACKSON 11:00 AM CITY SQUARE SAT 20 SEP

WHY YOU SHOULD BE A SOCIALIST!

HOW IS OUR SOCIETY RUN? : Our society is a capitalist society. This is one in which the "means of production and distribution" i.e. the factories, corporations, land, mines, natural resources etc. and institutions like universities and schools are owned, controlled or run by and in the interests of a small group of people in that society - the "capitalist class". Their income comes from the profit of their businesses. The great majority of people have to work for the capitalists to earn wages to live. (most of you will eventually be in this situation). This group of people is the workers or the "proletariat".... N.B... this includes all who work for wages, whether they work with their hands or their brains. There is also a small group of "self-employed" people, eg shop keepers, doctors etc. This group of people is the "petit-bourgeoisie". The general tendency is that both the capitalist class and that of the petit-bourgeoisie is becoming smaller (they are being replaced by the huge corporations) while the working class is increasing in numbers.

BIG DEAL?? : In a capitalist society it is the small capitalist class which, because it owns and controls the means of production and distribution, is the most powerful and wealthy group. Consider the pie graph opposite. Despite the myth about all Australians being equal and crap, in fact it can be seen that the amount of money people receive is very unequal (there is very slightly more equality after tax). Only 13.6% of adult male taxpayers earned more than 5000 dollars, but this was 23% of ALL taxable income. 5195 people earned more than 20,000 dollars....

...the combined income of this group EXCEEDED the total receipts of 420,000 pensioners!! In Melbourne alone 134,000 people live in real poverty.

Which part of the "pie" are you in??? Ever wondered why some kids go to Hailebury, Wesley and Firbank but your parents have to send you here? Ever wondered why some kids live in Toorak and some kids live in Footscray? Like to go to Uni?? If you do, we hope you've got rich parents. According to the Martin Report:... of all school leavers whose fathers are "unskilled" or "semi-skilled" only 1.5% enter university. There are many other examples of poverty. All this is meant to show is that DESPITE the fact that Australia is supposed to be a "rich" capitalist country, income is very unequally distributed and that quite large pockets of poverty DO exist. This is true throughout the capitalist countries (eg the U.S.A., where millions of people do NOT get enough to eat and the poor people riot in the cities) Many capitalists are quick to point out that real income has risen. This is true, but AS A PERCENTAGE of capitalist profits the workers get NO more.

Capitalist profit comes not only from the exploitation of workers in capitalist countries - a huge amount comes from the exploitation of the peoples and resources of the Third World - the "underdeveloped countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. 2/3 of the world's population is hungry and millions starve and live in wretched poverty. This is not an "accident" - they are poor because they are exploited. One of the reasons why workers in capitalist countries are comparatively better off is because it is easier for the capitalists to exploit black and brown people abroad than white people at home where they can cause more trouble.

As well as not getting much money, workers have little control over their own lives. Once in every three years they are permitted to vote.... but that's all. They have no say in how their work place is run, most being forced into subservience by the boss unless they happen to belong to a powerful AND RADICAL enough union. Of course any idea that workers could seize and run their factories FOR THEMSELVES is ruthlessly suppressed. This is similar to the situation in the universities in which students have little say in how it is organised and run... their uni. councils are packed full of capitalists who make sure that it is run in their interests.. In Schools the situation is the same... the students are ignored, most decisions being made by the local dictator, or it is referred to "BIG BROTHER" (the ED. DEPT) Dictator (like us) is SUPPRESSED) Continued next time.... whoopee!.....

