

Unfortunately the Australian government has contributed to the danger of a new Vietnam-type war by supporting US policy. Prime Minister Bob Hawke made this clear when he visited President Reagan in Washington last June.

Another problem no one can afford to ignore is the situation of the dispossessed people of Palestine. They have been driven from their homeland and forced to live in miserable refugee camps.

Even these are constantly bombed and raided by the Israeli army. While the Palestinian people are denied the right to return to their homeland the Middle-East situation will always threaten world peace.

- Let the peoples of Central America run their own affairs!
- Let the Palestinians return!

The existence of nuclear weapons means that humanity can no longer afford wars as a means of solving international problems.

The present government contributes to the war threat. While hundreds of thousands of Australians are out of work, the government continues to spend billions of dollars on war preparations.

The Australian military forces are equipped and designed to operate far from our country's coasts. They are aggressive, not defensive forces. The "defence" budget should be turned to useful, job-creating projects.

In many parts of the globe wars are going on because powerful interests trample on the rights of ordinary people. Humanity will never be free from the threat of war and nuclear annihilation while most of the world's peoples face a choice between quietly starving to death, or standing up and fighting.

The Socialist Workers Party believes that Australia should support the struggles of oppressed peoples everywhere — from South Africa's disenfranchised Black majority to Ireland's heroic republican movement to the people crushed under the Turkish junta's military jackboot!

Authorised by D. Tumney, 23 Abercrombie St, Chippendale, NSW. Printed by Pathfinder Press, 14 Anthony St, Melbourne.

- I would like more information about the Socialist Workers Party.
- I would like to help in the 1984 SWP federal election campaign.
- I would like to donate \$ to the SWP federal election campaign.
- I would like to subscribe to the SWP's weekly newspaper *Direct Action* (\$5 for 12 issues introductory offer.)

NAME

ADDRESS

P CODE PHONE

MAIL TO: PO Box 515 Broadway, NSW, 2007

OR, contact the branch nearest you.

ADELAIDE:

Room 10, 1st floor, The Block, 2 Hindmarsh Sq.
Ph 223-4363.

BRISBANE:

Room 8, 1st floor, 66 Turbot St, City.
Ph 221-4854.

BURNIE:

PO Box 1047, Burnie, Tas 7320.
Ph (004) 31-4862.

CANBERRA:

27 Moore St, Turner (behind Havelock House).
Ph 49-1963.

HOBART:

198 Davey St. Ph 23-4382.

LA TROBE VALLEY:

PO Box 488 Morwell, Vic.

MELBOURNE:

1st floor, 14 Anthony St, City.
Ph 329-1277 or 329-1320.

NEWCASTLE

19 Scott St, Newcastle. Ph 26-2646

PERTH:

120B Barrack St, City. Ph 325-5885.

SYDNEY:

23 Abercrombie St, Chippendale.
Ph 690-1977.

WOLLONGONG:

Room 10, 157 Crown St, Wollongong.
Ph 28-4865.

For peace and jobs!

Disarm the warmongers!

Vote Socialist Workers Party

Humanity will not survive another world war. There is good reason to believe that even a "limited" nuclear war would make our entire planet uninhabitable.

If we are to have a future we must remove the causes of war. This is far from a hopeless task. War is not an inevitable product of human nature, but of the social system we live under — the system of capitalism. This system values company profits more highly than human well-being.

Australia today pursues an aggressive international policy that contributes to the threat to world peace.

Our country hosts United States war bases which are part of a worldwide network of nuclear aggression. Some of our ports and airfields have become bases for nuclear-powered and -armed US warships and bombers.

The ANZUS treaty makes Australia an ally of the United States, the first country to develop nuclear weapons and the only country ever to use nuclear weapons in war (against Hiroshima and Nagasaki).

On no less than 10 occasions since 1950 the United States has threatened to use nuclear weapons in countries such as China, Korea, Egypt, Germany, Iran, Vietnam and Cuba. US military authorities have advocated using nuclear weapons on many other occasions.

By being part of the worldwide US network of alliances Australia increases the danger of nuclear war!

- Throw out the United States war bases!
- No nuclear ships in Australian ports!
- End the ANZUS treaty!

Twice in the last 40 years, in Vietnam and Korea, hundreds of young Australians have been killed in wars resulting from our interference in other people's affairs.

All over the world today people are starving. This is not because their countries are naturally poor or overpopulated, or because our world is overpopulated.

These countries are kept poor by the fact that their wealth is stolen by companies based in richer, more powerful countries — like the United States and, unfortunately, Australia.

Australian companies steal much of the wealth that could help the peoples of Asia and

the Pacific to build better lives for themselves. This robbery does not benefit all Australians — only a tiny handful of very wealthy shareholders.

But this tiny minority has a big say in running this country. Their wealth enables them to pay off politicians and powerful public servants. They are the real government. Many politicians and public servants "retire" to positions on these companies' boards of directors.

In many countries, from El Salvador to the Philippines, people are revolting against the poverty inflicted on them by this robbery. There is a very real danger that Australia's present policies will result in our involvement in more Vietnam-type wars against the struggles of these people.

Throughout South-East Asia, Australian aid is presently used to help prop up vicious dictators. President Suharto of Indonesia directed the murder of half a million people in the 1965 military coup that brought him to power. He and the corrupt and brutal President Marcos of the Philippines both survive largely because of substantial United States and Australian military aid.

This aid does nothing to help solve the problems of the peoples of Asia — it simply helps the dictators to maintain big police forces and armies needed to hold the people down.

The Australian government also helps to train soldiers for these regimes. Yet it recently introduced fees for overseas students who want

to train for useful occupations such as doctors, teachers and engineers. This will mean that fewer students will be able to study in Australia and they will mainly be from wealthy families.

We need an international policy that allows the peoples of Asia and the Pacific to run their own affairs, free from our country's interference.

- End aid to the Suharto and Marcos dictatorships!
- Independence for East Timor and West Papua!
- No fees for overseas students!

One of the most dangerous situations in the world today is in Central America.

The peoples of El Salvador and Nicaragua have watched their countries becoming steadily poorer as most of their wealth was siphoned off by big US companies.

In 1979 Nicaragua threw out the United States-backed dictator, Anastasio Somoza and started to reorganise the country so that the majority of the people would no longer be forced to live in poverty. Ever since then the US government has been waging a secret war against the Nicaraguan people.

It supplies aid to terrorists who steal across the border to shoot peasants and schoolteachers and blow up important industrial plants and bridges.

The American people do not support this policy, so the US government must supply the terrorists secretly, mainly through the notorious Central Intelligence Agency.

In El Salvador a popular rebellion would long ago have brought down the brutal dictatorship if not for US aid.

In both countries US policies are failing. The Nicaraguan government is more popular than ever and El Salvador's guerrilla fighters are stronger than ever. Because of this there is a very real danger that the United States will send in troops, just as it did in Vietnam.

Such a move would have serious consequences around the world, just as the Vietnam War did.

Australia is in a position to help influence the United States by telling it that we will not support its aggressive policies, and by establishing full diplomatic relations with Cuba and Nicaragua, countries which the US is trying to strangle simply because they pursue policies it disapproves of.

