

NO FRENCH PACIFIC NUCLEAR TESTS

THE FRENCH WARSHIP LA DIEPPOISE WILL ESCORT THE SYDNEY-NOUMEA YACHT RACE WHEN IT LEAVES SYDNEY HARBOUR ON SATURDAY JUNE 16 AT NOON.

**PROTEST PICKET
TUES. JUNE 12, NOON to 2pm
WYNYARD, GEORGE ST.**

(THE FRENCH CONSULATE IS IN THE BUILDING ABOVE WYNYARD GEORGE ST.)

ON THE WATER PROTEST JUNE 16

HAVE YOU OR A FRIEND A YACHT OR BOAT IN WHICH YOU CAN JOIN AN ON-THE-WATER PROTEST ON SATURDAY JUNE 16 ? THE RACE STARTS AT NOON AND THE FRENCH WARSHIP IS EXPECTED TO LEAD THE YACHTS OUT OF THE HARBOUR. THE RACE WILL FOLLOW THE SAME PATTERN OF THE SYDNEY-HOBART RACE. BANNERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE. IF YOU CAN JOIN THE ON-THE-WATER PROTEST CONTACT :

BEV SYMONS -- 26-1701 (office hours) TONI STEPHENS --869-7835 (after hours)

INDEPENDENCE FOR FRENCH PACIFIC COLONIES

A NUCLEAR-FREE PACIFIC

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WHY YOU SHOULD PROTEST

THE VISIT of the French warship, La Dieppoise, from June 11 to 16, is an attempt to put a "human face" on French nuclear testing and French colonialism in the South Pacific.

WE ASK YOU TO PROTEST BECAUSE:

FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS IN SOUTH PACIFIC

French nuclear tests have been taking place on Mururoa atoll for the last ten years. After 29 atmospheric tests, underground tests have continued since 1972. In April 1978, a neutron bomb was tested there.

Radioactivity has leaked into the sea, polluting it for wide areas around. 15 Tahitians and 10 Frenchmen were recently reported to be hospitalised on Mururoa with radiation sickness. The French refuse to provide any scientific data on the degree of radiation pollution resulting from the tests.

Tahitian social and cultural life has been seriously disrupted by the tests and the presence of over 20,000 French associated with them.

Tahitians have been strongly protesting against the tests and demanding independence. Independence leader Charlie Ching was recently sentenced to ten years' jail after a frame-up in which he was accused of "associating with known criminals" who killed a Frenchman in protest against the nuclear tests.

INDEPENDENCE FOR FRENCH COLONIES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

THE FRENCH Government has announced that it is in the colonies of Polynesia (Tahiti) and New Caledonia to "stay."

IN NEW CALEDONIA, the French Government recently dismissed the Government Council because it objected to a blatant gerrymander planned to give control to French settlers, and calls for eventual independence. The independence parties are considering a boycott of new elections in protest.

France wants to keep New Caledonia because of its great nickel wealth. The native Kanak population are crowded on reserves and suffer racist discrimination.

IN VANUAAKU (NEW HEBRIDES), the French are trying to delay independence and promote divisions. French planters are threatening civil war.

OPPOSITION TO FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS CANNOT BE DIVIDED FROM SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS, WHICH ARE ALL FIGHTING AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTING.

FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE PACIFIC

American nuclear submarines and warships also enter the South Pacific. The peoples and nations of the area want it to be nuclear-free. The Australian and New Zealand Governments however oppose this demand.

AUSTRALIA IS PART OF THE PACIFIC:
IT IS IN OUR INTERESTS TOO TO STOP NUCLEAR TESTS, SUPPORT INDEPENDENCE FOR FRENCH COLONIES AND MAKE THE AREA NUCLEAR-FREE.

COME TO THE PROTESTS AND SUPPORT THE CALL FOR :

NO FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC !

INDEPENDENCE FOR TAHITI, NEW CALEDONIA AND VANUAAKU (NEW HEBRIDES) !

A NUCLEAR-FREE PACIFIC !

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