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## Brisbane people take action on Maralinga bomb tests

*"Ban the Maralinga A-Bomb Tests." This slogan, on posters and painted on walls, has appeared in all Brisbane suburbs in the last two weeks.*

**S**IMILAR slogans are appearing throughout Australia. And with good reason . . .

The British Government has commenced its new series of Atom Bomb tests at Maralinga, S.A. These tests are part of the British preparations for war with atom and hydrogen bombs.

The bomb tests are a direct threat to the health and lives of the Australian people. While the British and Australian politicians try to assure us that the tests are "clean" they bring them half-way across the world to test them in our open spaces.

### TESTS CONDEMNED

Thousands of top-ranking American, Soviet, British, German and other scientists have joined in pointing out the dangers of the tests (including cancer of the blood and bones) and have called for the ending of all atomic tests.

Professor Oliphant, Australian atomic scientists of world renown, has strongly condemned the atomic tests.

Public opinion polls also show that the great majority of Australians oppose the bomb tests.

But the Menzies Government, with scandalous contempt for the wishes of the Australian people, allows the tests to continue.

### MENZIES GOVT. ACCUSED

The testing and use of atomic and hydrogen bombs can and must be banned. Opposition to such a ban comes from the American,

British, Australian and other Governments which act in the interest of the big monopolies that profit from war.

Dr. Evatt, Federal Labor Party leader, expressed the concern of the great majority of Australians when he condemned the Menzies Government's plan to make Australia a base for atomic war in the Pacific instead of a bridge for peace and friendship with our Asian neighbours.

The Soviet Government, which abolished monopolies and socialised industry, has no vested interest in war and has consistently supported a ban on atomic weapons.

The Soviet Union has been reluctantly compelled to arm herself with these terrible weapons and has now produced the "ultimate weapon," the inter-continental rocket which can carry atom bombs to any part of the world.

### ARMS RACE NO SOLUTION

Differences between nations will not be settled by intensifying the race for more terrible weapons. These weapons of mass destruction must be banned.

We in Australia can play our part in the world-wide struggle against atom war by protesting against the Maralinga A-bomb tests.

Deluge Menzies and your local member with protest telegrams, phone calls, letters, etc.

Take this matter up in your union, progress association or other organisation or on your job.

## STOP THE MARALINGA BOMB TESTS

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