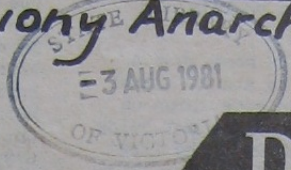


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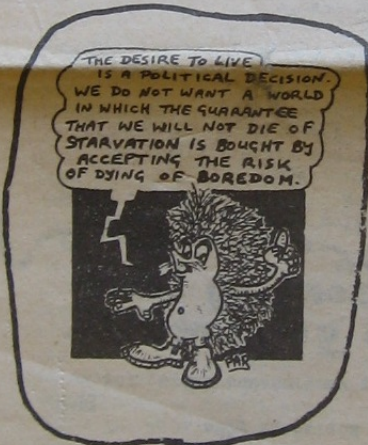
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BOOK REVIEW

BIG BROTHER OR DEMOCRACY? Edited by Pat Flanagan, published by the Dept. of Continuing Education, University of Adelaide. 161 pages.

This book is a collection of articles and letters by five different leftists that deal with the role of political police within Australia and the increasing moves towards police states in the Capitalist world.

Although much of the book is about events and organisations within Australia, everything is put into context. Chapter 7 links the rise of police state methods with the decay of the worldwide capitalist economy. There are long sections about secret police in different parts of the world, Asia, the USA, Nazi Germany and Northern Ireland.

In dealing with Australia's secret police mainly A.S.I.O. there is a long section on the Petrov Affair - a fascinating account of how secret police worked with the Menzies Govt. to fabricate a case that led to "anti-racial hysteria" that effectively won the federal election of 1954 for Menzies who was trailing so badly that a Labor victory was a certainty until A.S.I.O. and friends got to work.

"Big Brother or Democracy?" goes beyond most other left liberal critiques in that it doesn't want secret police democratized, reformed or used for socialism. It wants them abolished and the state power and capitalism that is behind them abolished as well - to quote:

"A necessary condition for the real solution of the contradiction between secret police and democracy is the abolition of State power; in all its centralized anti-democratic forms. The real problem is not the danger of a secret police state within a state. It is the State, centralized State power as such - not just one or other of its particular branches. The Liberal question, "which branch of the state should control the police?" is thus a red herring. The real question is: Who will control Big Brother, Big Brother or the people? Centralized State power or genuine democracy? This is the real issue posed by the new A.S.I.O. legislation. It is therefore hardly cause for surprise that Big Brother has "resolved" the contradiction in favor of Big Brother. The conclusion is inescapable: in order to be a genuine democrat, it is necessary to be an anarchist that is a libertarian socialist." page 60.

Of the five writers one is a Libertarian socialist, three others are unaffiliated academics and Joan Coxedge is a parliamentarian on the far left of the Labor Parties left wing.

With so many academics and ex-activists retreating from political activity its good to see a book like this in print and better to know their words are based in their activity. The writers have been active in various campaigns against the repressive new A.S.I.O. laws set up in Australia, laws which could make their book and this review illegal.

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Condemn King Peanut Picking Joh



KARGUN is a book of collected poems by Lionel George Fogarty an aboriginal activist who has been in Melbourne recently to tell us what it's really like for blacks trying to live in a society of white rule.

The book really hits home what a capitalist system is about. Lionel is fighting for the same thing as Anarchists are. (Hope I'm not being too presumptuous there). The first inhabitants of this land, the aboriginals, have been downtrodden ever since the first white person set foot in Australia, but they will regain their strength and culture if the feelings expressed in this book are anything to go by.

All proceeds from the book are to be used to finance the BLACK COMMUNITY SCHOOL in Brisbane the only school in Australia run for and by black people. Also the only school in Australia to teach Aboriginal culture. You can buy a copy for \$5 at Readings, The International Bookshop and other progressive bookshops around the city. Or ring 387 6389 for enquiries.

This an excerpt from King Peanut Picking Joh one of the longer poems in KARGUN.

Before you our land was not a State nor people living in a state of imbalanced minds
Crucifying the blind
Categorizing lives
Innocent bein's told lies, and sacrificed into
believing you are God of the STATE.
Crucifixion of children's brave brains.

A song by Dave as yet untitled.

I don't want no-one cryin' for me
D Bm
I just got to be free
D Bm
I'm buildin' love sand-castles higher
and higher Bm
G
till the day they wash away
D A G A F → A7
I'll never find me fightin' no war
(death missiles hidden ev'rywhere!)
We are all brothers and sisters, I know
(with a hellavu lotta good feelin's to share).
If by yourself the hills too steep to climb
(I just can't make it!)
We can be there together, you and I - I
D A G A A A7
You and I.
D Bm D Bm
So many lots and lots a people I know
They show me I don't have to suffer all alone
(We all know what's goin' on!)

Joh, you son of a blood dripping brain,
you must be condemned slowly to death.
Appeal to the police
One night your arse
One day your heart
In none minute, one second from now
We shall bring brutality to the capitalist
Murder your lover Joh
Cut out the core of Johism's balls
Give it
Force capitalism into eating their balls.

Now Joh, you'll blow
Winds are coming
Violence as it is
Pains you gave
Pains we'll give
Cruel as capitalism is
Murderous as they are
Say this to shit Joh,
Bring great bravery to oneself and do danger to Joh
and his pig structures, this gains our fight to
Liberation.
Again anyway terrorist Joh
We know our freedom must come by knowing you are a terrorist throughout the struggle, past, present.
Fighting fire with fire sometimes puts out the fire
and watery old Joh
Abos will sooner or later be back on our knees praying
Joh is God, thou shalt not harm him, to hell with that.
The trees and animals were our religion

Before Joh came.

It'll be the Rich Man will start the next war
(play it again, Sam!)

and the poor men die
D A G A → A7
you and I - I

You and I.
D Bm D Bm

There's a shadow fallin' over this land
(we all feel it, can't deny it!)
Black suff'ring and misery all round
(too many taboos, not enuff dancin'!)
kids a-laughin', Politicians playin'

with their lives
D A G A A7
Jugglin' statistics
D Bm D Bm

'O'Mama, will they drop the Big Bomb?
(my own child, how could I know?)
'Mr. Frazier told me war will surely come!
(he's our No. 1 great man and he should know!)
'Oh, why can't I just grow up and live and love'

so my way A G A A7 and
so my way D Bm D Bm fade out

Victorian Coalition Against Poverty and Unemployment

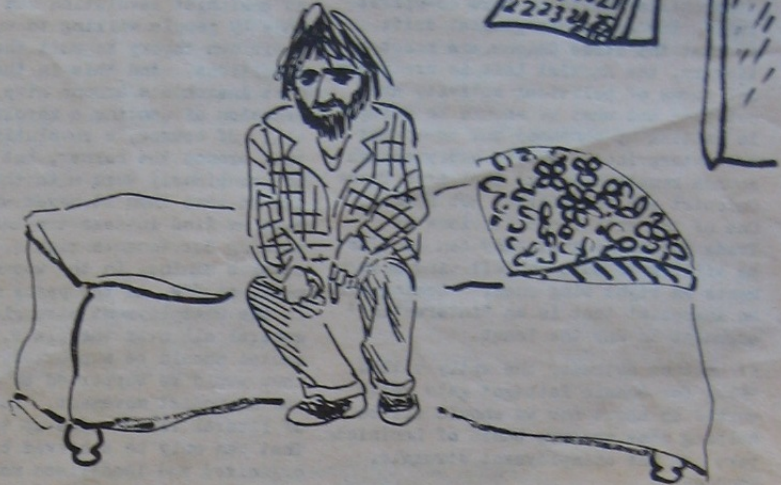
VICTORIAN COALITION AGAINST POVERTY
AND UNEMPLOYMENT

During the past few weeks a 'Victorian Coalition Against Poverty and Unemployment' has been organised. Membership of the Coalition is open to all who oppose poverty and unemployment and the Coalition is consequently composed of a great diversity of unions, churches, welfare groups, interested individuals, etc. The Coalition, feeling that the right to useful work, to a real living wage and the right to health, education and welfare services are fundamental human rights; aims to heighten awareness of the severity and causes of poverty and unemployment. At this early stage the Coalition has not worked out detailed demands, however a 'Teach-in' is being planned for August to discuss and develop practical policies which could overcome poverty and unemployment. At the 'Teach-in' the diverse range of opinion within the Coalition should be highlighted. This diversity could either lead to varied and rich discussion or to factional withering. We have to wait and see.

Overall policy of the Coalition is determined by the General Meetings of the Coalition, which are open to all supporters. The organisational aspects and general business of the Coalition is run by a General Committee, (whose meetings are open) which comprises one delegate from each affiliated organisation and at least 15 delegates elected by the General Meeting. Above the General Committee lies the Executive (elected from the General Committee) which is responsible for 'day-to-day coordination and emergency decision making'. It is hoped that the Executive (which is not directly controlled by the General Meeting) does not 'take over' the whole running of the Coalition because of its control over 'day-to-day' matters.

By far the most important aspect of the Coalition's structure is the regional groups (in the style of the MAUM). These groups have started to be set up, with at least two groups active now. Campus groups are also starting. It will be in these 'grass roots' regional groups that the real work of leafletting local areas, street meetings, petitions, etc. will be done and it is through the efforts of these groups that contact with the 'people in the street' will be made.

If you are opposed to poverty and unemployment then contact the Coalition at P.O. Box 130, Fitzroy. 3065.



Work For Today Vigil

Work for Today held a "vigil" in the City Square over July 21 - 25. If you work or lurk in the city you may have noticed it. (Actually, it went from 10.30 am - 6 pm each day, so was not a real vigil... but anyway) so far as I know this is the first time anything like this has been done in the "new" city square, so it was a test case of sorts. The vigil had no permit, was "defacing" that Yellow Peril sculpture thing by sticking posters and a paper skeleton on it, was using a loudspeaker, which is illegal now, it seems, and so on. On the first day the vigil was constantly harassed by by-laws officers, with the police hovering in the background. According to the head by-laws officer who paid us an unfriendly visit, we were in breach of 13 by-laws in all. He threatened to have us arrested if we didn't leave by six, which was when we intended to leave anyway. So we stayed till half past. No arrests. On the second day we fronted up, eager for martyrdom, and a great swarm of television reporters clustered around, eager to get film of us being dragged away by the police. Disappointment all round. All that happened was that the Council for civil Liberties sent us several "urgent" messages that we should un-deface the Yellow Peril and turn off our loudspeaker and hold an orderly little demonstration and nobody would bother us. We ignored them, and never heard about those 13 by-laws again.

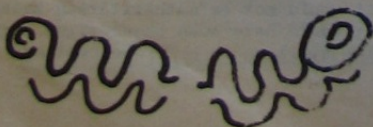
There would have been an average of six or seven people at the vigil at any one time, and perhaps twenty people all together were involved in it from the start. Considering this it was a remarkably successful action. We collected about 3,000 signatures to a petition to the general effect

that the government should stop being nasty to the unemployed. More importantly we talked, and listened to hundreds of passers-by including several National Alliance types. One interesting point: on the first day of the vigil a girl dressed in bright clothes with a few cases of dead birds at her feet was skwirming around on the Yellow sculpture. Body painting it I think. Unlike us, she was busted. Perhaps political protest has been so co-opted that it is now ineffective; we should be thinking more of apolitical "provocations" like Provos in Holland.

Certainly, the authorities left us alone after the second day, and on the last day the police came over to ask us about the route of our proposed street march. They were so helpful it was embarrassing. The only reminder that there was another face to the State was the Special Branch photographer taking snapshots of the hundred or so people who had come for the street march as they milled around the Yellow Submarine. Some of us took photographs of him and about six people from the vigil went over and told him that his picture was going to be blown up and put on posters all over town. He pissed off.

What else? We marched up to Parliament House to present our petition, or "list of demands" or whatever, and found, just to add that little touch of loony incompetence, that Parliament was closed.

(Work for Today is a militant unemployment group composed largely of Marxist-Leninists. It is not however, a front organization for any one party. Work for Today has a program on 3CR, Friday 11 am.)

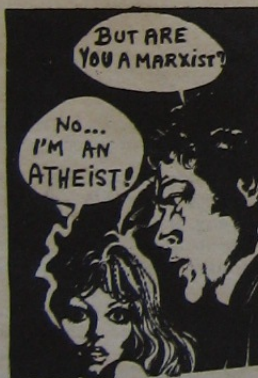


IN DEFENCE OF Anarchist Revolution

If you read the last issue of *Treason* you may recall an article titled "Anarchists should be more co-operative." The article's general drift is that the Trade Unions are reactionary, the Marxist Left is cretinous all forms of political activity are outdated and what we should be doing is setting up communes and co-operative enterprises. Which, oddly enough sounds remarkably like that arch Trade Unionist and politician, Bob Hawke. One of the articles criticisms of Trade Unions is that they can be "Just as willing to shit on left wing governments as right wing ones." Coming from an Anarchist that is an "interesting" argument to say the least.

At another extreme, the aptly titled "Plug for Commie Ratbags" gets quite worked up about how we should all be helping some obscure bunch of Leninists take over the unemployment struggle. Whoopee.

And in printing that sort of rubbish *Treason* just reflects the present level of Melbourne Anarchism. I have even been told by several Anarchists here that we should not think nasty thoughts about the police, because in the current state of affairs they are necessary to - wait for it - keep order. (I am still uncertain as to how we are supposed to change the "current state of affairs" without at least making the police feel rather peeved at some stage. Police are notoriously peevish)

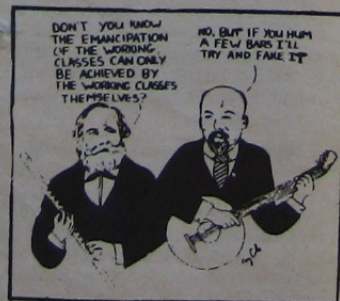


The reason for this situation is pretty obvious. There are plenty of people around who call themselves "Anarchists" or "Libertarian Socialists" but such people hardly ever seem to talk to each other to hammer out ideas and a theory of action. The result is that we remain stuck with all sorts of reactionary notions that we grew up with, or alternatively swallow ideas from Leninist or other "progressive" sources without seriously questioning them. And blind acceptance of other peoples ideas is not much better if those ideas happen to be libertarian. Consider, for example, the Libertarian Workers who have imitated the theory worked out by the English group "Solidarity". We will never make a revolution that way.

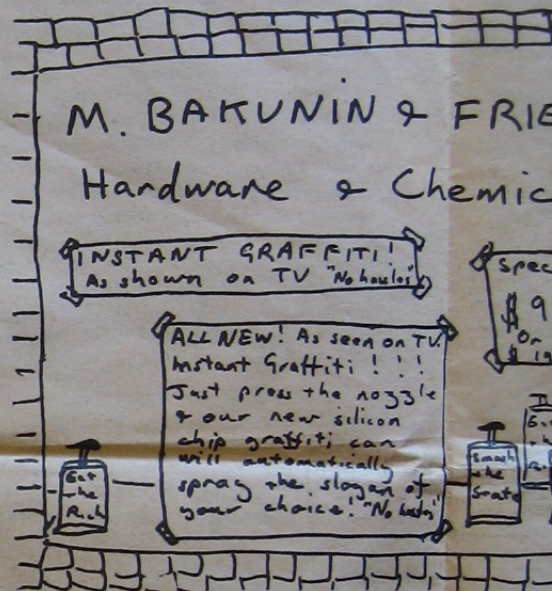
An Anarchist revolution can only be made by people willing to work out their own theory to suit their own conditions. And this is the point. Most Anarchists around give no impression of wanting a revolution at all. Of course, a revolution is not just around the corner, but if we do not consciously work with that eventual aim in mind then it never will be. What we find instead are Anarchists working for tenants rights, against uranium mining, in the womens movement, at JCR, in the peace movement, in the unemployment struggle and in general all over the place. All these causes should be supported, and all of them would be supported by an autonomous Anarchist movement. But no amount of liberal reform adds up to liberty. That can only be achieved by a freely organized and leaderless mass-movement that seizes the means of production, such as the factories, and abolishes the means of repression, such as the police. In short by an Anarchist revolution. And for that we will need a coherent, militant headline Anarchist movement. I would have thought that building such a movement would be the first political concern of all Anarchists.

So how should we set about it? There is no point at all in thinking up a fancy name (Combined Revolutionary Anarchist Party?), renting a P.O. Box, declaring that you and your mates are IT and canvassing for support. It don't work. Apart from anything else, the fact that Anarchists around here talk to each other so little means that there is no real consensus as to organisation. At present any Anarchist group of more than 20 people is likely to tear itself to shreds with everyone accusing each other of "power-tripping" and "authoritarianism."

What I want to suggest instead is not original, but I don't think it has been seriously tried in Melbourne. We should set up action/theory groups of not more than six people. They would be formed in any neighbourhood, work place, social club or other area where two or three Anarchists could get together. These groups would actively work against the State (or



FOR a free society if the other sounds too negative) and at the same time meet to discuss Anarchist ideas and support each other personally. The "action" involved need not be ambitious; it could simply be making posters and leaflets, or basic street theatre. Not to mention the trusty spray can. If any group grew to have six or seven members it would split into two. Each group would develop its own forms of action and its own consensus on Anarchist ideas. The groups would remain in touch with each other through the newsletters which at least some groups would produce and through personal contact. Meanwhile some of the groups into similar types of action would be working together pooling resources and attempting more ambitious projects. This would coincide with and



help to bring about, closer dialogue between the basic groups eventually resulting in a higher level of consensus amongst groups with similar ideas. There would now emerge bunches' of say, five groups federated or jointly organised in some way. Some of the bunches would be bigger or smaller than that, some groups would never join a bunch but continue to work by themselves. As they were formed these bunches would return to the process of developing their own ideas and forms of action. And then get together with other bunches and so on. All this time new basic groups and new bunches would be being formed, guaranteeing a steady flow of new ideas and new heresies to keep the movement in ferment.

If this whole process continued a few years we would eventually have a leaderless mass-movement working towards Anarchist revolution. I do not know exactly how this movement would be organised; I just know that it would not be authoritarian because it would have been based right from the start on freely co-operating

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Well, that's my suggestion. I'd like to hear what other people think of it. If you agree, then the best thing to do right now is to form a basic group yourself, if possible, and help to publicise the overall project along with fundamental Anarchist ideas.

If you think the whole suggestion is bullshit, or have milder criticisms, for Brian's sake please write to Treason and say so. We must start seriously talking to each other about what to do, if we keep drifting on the way we are it will one day be too late to do anything. **J.T.**

"Here Is An Article About Some of My Feelings On Anarchism."

I sometimes have bad feelings about the 'being told what to do' syndrome which I feel is common in our society. I see it in primary and secondary schools as well as places of tertiary education. I also see it in many kinds of work situations and in situations involving politics.

I feel this goes back to the situations in families (namely my own as I can only speak for myself) where parents taught children to be obedient etc. and the relationship has not changed. Whether it is between supervisors and employers, officers and soldiers etc. I feel that it is important to be aware of social conditioning in ourselves.

enough to act out all your negative energies.

However the feeling of people not harmfully interfering in the activities of others is great.

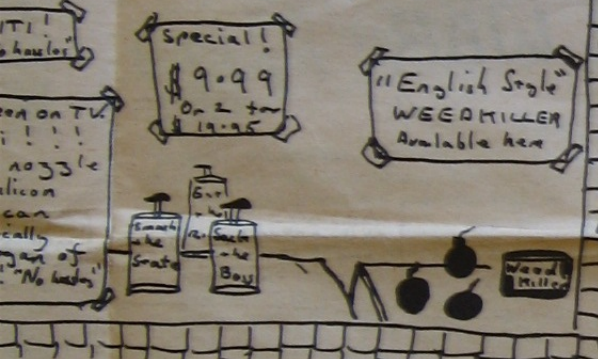
Education. YUK!
Making anyone do something means they don't learn anything.

Government. A bunch of fools (ALP) and villains (LIBS).

Compulsory. Voting, Health Insurance, Conscription. Ridiculously pathetic and naive.

Work. People not paying people what they have earned is mean and nasty.

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It is not enough to blame people in more 'power' than ourselves for relationships in this society. If people want to be looked after, other people will tell them what to do. Of course, people ideally should be able to make their own decisions. What right has a human being to expect another human being to do what they are to do, regardless of what they feel like doing?

Doctors etc. Mad bastards.

THE END

Actually, this article is all bullshit. I and everyone else who was born (just about) is quite mad and this explains why people go on with so much bullshit like all the institutions mentioned in this article.

If people saw things for what they are, people would behave differently.

You have to feel what it is for you.

B.J.

"To The Bourgeoisie"

"TO THE BOURGEOISIE" to the tune of the Drover's Dream".

Lock your windows, bolt your doors
for you've caused too many wars
You can shove your empires up
Your bloomin' arse.

There's one war for which we'll die.
And that battle's drawing nigh,
To liberate the prisoners of class.

The wrong folk are in jails
You're the hammer we're the nails.
You've driven us too far in
With your cash.
But now we'll show our hand
It's the symbol of our stand
It's a clenched fist and it's coming
for to smash.

Now you're really up shit creek
We'll show the world you're weak
You can only hide behind your bosses'
laws Bosses laws,
for we'll smash your bosses' state
And you turds will emigrate
Or your bloody balls will feel the
workers' claws. **R.B.**

There is no such thing as 'Anarchism'. It is a feeling which will be different from person to person. I feel it is rather negative to think 'Anarchism'. Spot government. Destroy. It is not



JOURNOS STRIKE JUNE 1980

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People used to say that as soon as you got rid of the bosses control of the press its bias would disappear. Well, we've recently seen a four week national strike by journalists - and I'm sorry to say that the seven Clarions put out by striking journalists in Melbourne - plus three in Sydney, two in Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth, and one in Canberra - were not substantially different in style, format or content from any establishment paper.

From the "Home Loans Shock" (Melb. No. 7) and "Bali Tourist Island Nightmare" (Perth No.1) headlines to the Lou Richards/Tom Prior footy predictions on the back page, the Clarions from all cities were exactly the sort of papers newspaper editors THINK the public want to read; simple, lots of pictures, sensational and not requiring much thought. The only detailed articles at all were ones giving details of the journo's own strike - and reports of other strikes were only marginally sympathetic, position not that far removed

from the opposition (in reasoned terms) we get in the Sun and The Herald all the time.

I had expected remarks on political issues such as the 35 hour week or unemployment - the ones tied up with the technology issue. Even these were absent - and in Sydney, NSW - A.J.Q. members voted not to comment at all on THEIR OWN strike in editions 2 and 3. Nor did the magazine section review books or films in a political light; - films like Cruising, which previewed during the strike, and which blatantly misconstrues the situation of gays, making us out to be violent, bloodthirsty, perverted killers, didn't even rate a mention.



The Clarionettes had the public on side - nearly all the print-run of 60,000 copies done in Sydney disappeared within a day. In Melbourne 20,000 copies of each of seven issues cleared within a few hours. So why couldn't they have been a little adventurous in the political nature of the material they printed? Even the mildest of "left" papers, such as TRIBUNE and NATION REVIEW, tend to review art, literature, and social and political events from a perspective more suited to striking unionists than the view most of them wrote from - one similar to the people they were fighting against, their bosses.

Until journalists are prepared to think for themselves and write news, views and review from a workers perspective - they are workers, after all, and their strike proved their ability to organise industrially - we can't expect anything but the trash fed to us in the more policed media. The only way of seeing our views in print is to run the presses ourselves.

by P [redacted]

PEOPLE OPPOSE WAR



We believe in the right of the individual to control her or his life and support the struggles of those people actively involved in fighting for that right.

As such we recognise that we are struggling in our personal lives to find new ways of resolving conflicts and tensions.

AIMS:

- (1) A non-aligned Australian foreign policy and no new military alliance to be entered into by Australia.
- (2) The immediate withdrawal of all foreign military bases, equipment and personell (eg. Omega and Pine Gap). These are an intrinsic part of the United States' global nuclear weapons system and are first strike nuclear targets.
- (3) We will oppose conscription and work towards the repeal of the National Service act.
- (4) We oppose the deterioration in the standard of living and the erosion of personal freedoms involved in massive military expenditure. We therefore support the reversal of spending priorities away from increased military expenditures, towards health, education, employment, housing and welfare.

(Taken from a POW Newsletter.)

POW hold regular meetings and can be contacted through P.O. Box 121, East Brunswick, 3057.



DEFEND YOUR COUNTRY

PEOPLE OPPOSE WAR

At the last general meeting of "People Oppose War" formerly the "Melbourne Peace Conference", we agreed to adopt the following statement of who we are and a list of our aims. This is the second re-writing of the group's aims; they came out of a long, often frustrating and eventually reassuring discussion. We feel this process is really important. We agreed to have the aims of the group open to change and revision as we grow and learn in the experience of working together. In this way our goals come from our action and are not imposed on the group.

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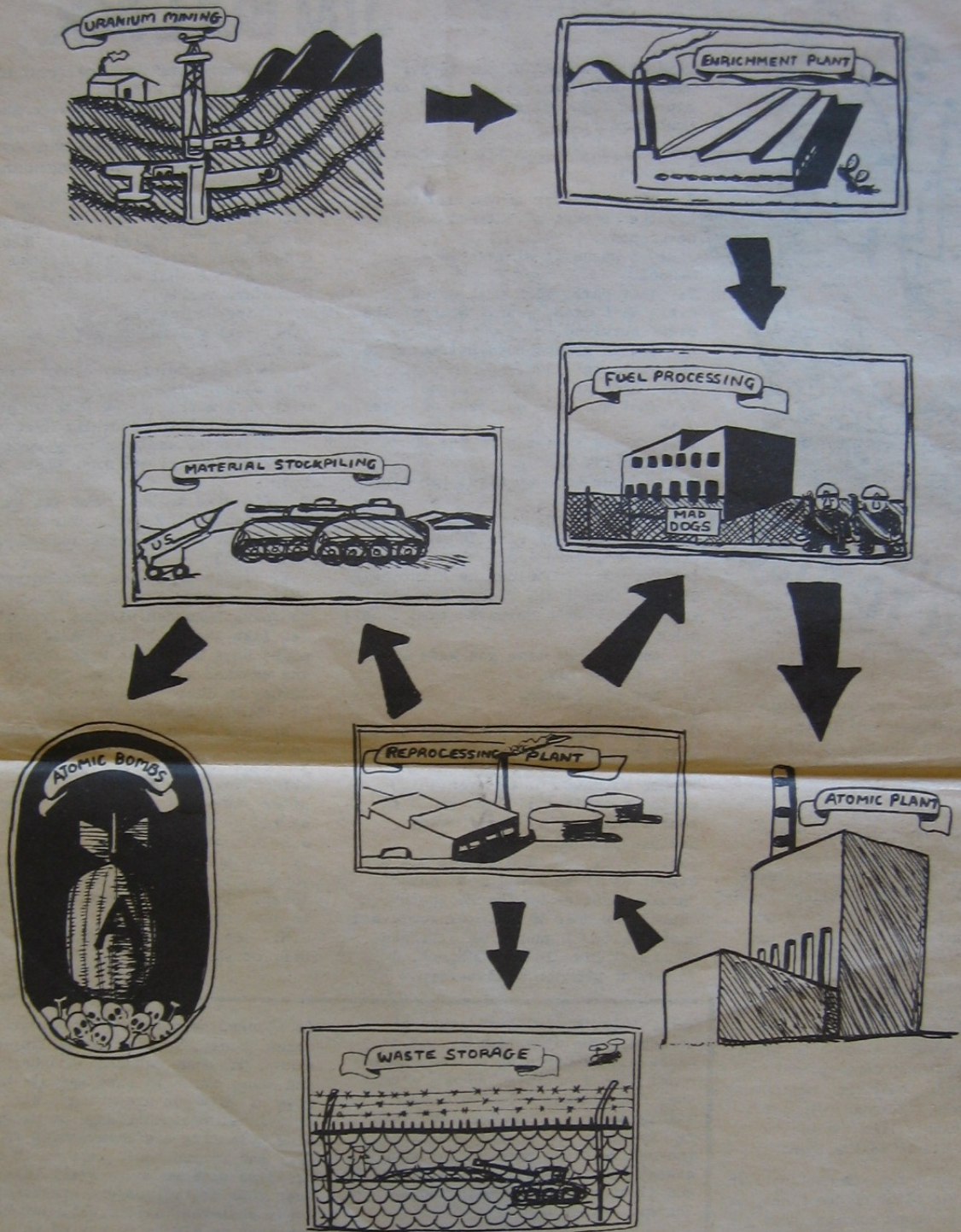
We have come together because of the present threat of war; and the build-up of nuclear weapons and other forms of advanced military technology.

We oppose economic, political, cultural and military domination by nation states.

For the first time in history, we face the threat of the destruction of the planet's life-support systems. This threat can not be averted without the dismantling of modern war technology.



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