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YOUTH VOICE

YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

TURN TRAINEESHIPS INTO REAL JOBS

Job training is and will always be an important right for young people. It is very relevant today as new occupations and work functions are being created. Yet training and work experience on their own are not going to solve the unemployment crisis and nor will they even ease the plight of youth. This has been proven by past government training schemes for unemployment which have operated primarily to exploit young people. The present government-sponsored traineeship program is a benefit to employers and does not tackle the need for additional, full time, fully-paid and secure jobs. We call for the Labor Government traineeships to be turned into real jobs.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO TRAINEESHIPS?

Like the Youth Traineeship Scheme of Hawke's Priority One - Youth Package, the voluntary work for the dole scheme is being offered by the Hawke Government as a solution for high youth unemployment.

BOTH SCHEMES HAVE SEVERAL THINGS IN COMMON

1. To create a second class or inferior worker, a cheap labour scheme that will divide youth and other workers.
2. Using the unemployed as scab labour or strike breakers. As we now see these two schemes don't provide for accepted conditions and wages, no union organisation and therefore no job protection.
3. Another step towards breaking the organisation of workers in unions and establishing a pool of non-organised workers for employers to use or discard, at their whim.
4. Destroying existing paid jobs and creating more unemployment.
5. Blaming the unemployed rather than identifying the real cause.

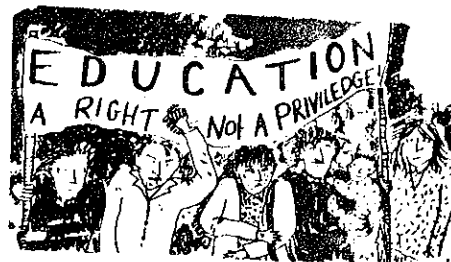


WE MUST SAY :

NOto youth wage cuts. NOto Mr Hawke, turn traineeships into real jobs. We want work for wages, not for the dole.

NO FEES, NO PRIVATISATION

As of 1987, the Federal Government began collection from tertiary students \$250 as part of its "Administration Charge" - a phrase used to cover what is in reality fees from students. The introduction of administration fees marks the end of free education for tertiary students which was started under the Whitlam Government in the early seventies. What is required by the student movement is united opposition to the introduction of tertiary fees. We must say: NO FEES, EDUCATION AS A RIGHT NOT A PRIVILEGE.



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