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EXPLANATION

Look, it wasn't our fault... really.
You see all these election raves came in at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, and then the next day was a holiday, ANZAC Day, and then the typesetting machine broke on Friday.
And Friday was the Printers Picnic day so we found where we could get it typeset, but we had to supply the operator.
And it was only open till 4.00 p.m., and we needed more time, and the typesetter wouldn't be fixed until Monday, because the parts had to come from Melbourne.
And when they arrived on Monday they didn't fix it, so it still wasn't working on Tuesday at lunchtime, so we decided to bring out two Tharunkas.
That's right, Tharunka went WEEKLY.
The first part was out last week with all the election stuff, and this is the rest of our original 40 page bumper issue.
So go home, get out the scissors, and re-construct the real Tharunka as nature never intended it.
We're sorry to put you to all this trouble but we know you'll understand, because it wasn't our fault!

TEN YEARS ON...

This month is the tenth anniversary of the fall of Saigon.
The anniversary has prompted long illustrated articles in magazines such as the Bulletin and National Geographic. Yet, in the last decade Vietnam has received relatively little international press coverage, and not much of that has been sympathetic.
When Vietnam has received attention it has usually been to report on its activities in Kampuchea, or to gloss over the lack of progress of its economy in comparison to ASEAN nations.
It is not surprising, then, that the articles published this month emphasized the violence and bloodshed that occurred as Saigon changed hands.

One aspect of the events of a decade ago is that which has received an unrelenting stream of attention is the so-called "psychological damage" caused by the Vietnam War to the United States.
This damage has been particularly emphasized in the films of the Americans made in their attempts to understand what happened, first films such as the Oscar-winning Apocalypse Now, Coming Home, and most recently, The Killing Fields.
The Killing Fields, and the films like it, are the result of the American government because the film seems to be saying that America is a period of self-doubt and guilt is over... they can go back to Asia and the Third World.

This also seems to be the intention of the US government. The Reagan Administration has been a period of resurgence of a "decent" and "unequivocal" US foreign policy. Secretary of State, Mr. Schultz, has argued that a big power must be prepared to use force to bring about diplomacy.

Defense Secretary, Casper Weinberger, has argued for any military intervention to be only as a last resort, with full public backing, and with the "clear intention of winning." The phrase a "clear intention of winning" is a reference to the myth of the Vietnam War that it was division with the American people, coupled with political intervention in the war effort, which resulted in the US defeat.
This is, and always has been, an absurd proposition. How a country can drop more ordnance than that used in all previous wars, on an area the size of a medium-sized US state, create almost one percent of its land area without intending to win is ridiculous.
The United States was simply defeated, decisively and militarily, by a superior opponent.

In Memoriam

THREE YEARS AGO...

Several years ago, three of our columnists interested in book reviewing set up "The Bookshelf" column.
And while the column is on hiatus, the editors are pleased to present some of the columns that appeared last year.

WANNA EDIT A NEW PAPER?

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The editors reserve the right to make final decisions. No correspondence will be entered into.

HELLOVER

Qverty's "The Dismal Science"
Lanes's "Taxi-Therapy"
Marx's "Fellow Heritage"
Keith & Stuart's Crossword
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### Attitudes to Rape

Our society condones rape as a crime punishable by sentences equitable to those given to murderers on one hand, yet actively promotes its practise on the other. Women are presented as bait to encourage the antics of heroes on TV and in the movies. Women are the price given to the good guys when they win. Rape is the magic combination of sex and violence guaranteed to boost the ratings. Advertising presents images of women wanted to suggest invitation. So while the law officially recognizes rape as "the worst thing that can happen to a woman," rapists are tried by judges who believe that rape is just overwhelming lust, which women invite.

The slogan that every man is a potential rapist is controversial, but the truth of the statement is shown by the way every woman lives her life. We live in an unprosecuted surf, afraid to move around freely, nervous in our own homes and mistrustful of men unless we meet them in a context in which we feel protected. A woman who values her sexual integrity cannot expect the same amount of freedom and independence that men take for granted. Rape, and the fear of rape, is used to prevent women from becoming too uppity. (Veteran to women marching on Anzac Day, "should rape the lot of you.") The rapist serves to keep all women clinging to men for protection at all times.

### All Men Aren't Rapists

And what of these men we look to for protection? Statistics show that these are the men we are most likely to be raped by — our fathers, husbands and boyfriends. These are the men who carefully screen the set of myths rapists evolve to excuse their behaviour and blame their victims. These myths have served so well to keep rape a part of our lives. She was asking for it — All women secretly want to be raped. — No woman can be raped against her will — she led him on, etc., etc., etc.

### Rape in Wartime

But it is in wartime that the pretend taboo against rape is lifted and rape becomes "standard operating procedure." "There would unquestionably be some raping," wrote General Patton and unquestionably there was. Mass rape occurred in Belgium, Italy, Bangladesh and Vietnam and continues today in El Salvador and Nicaragua. Soldiers are sent to fight to protect their homes and their women from the enemy. But our men who go to war to protect us are
The rally that never was

A rally was suggested by a number of right-wing pressure groups from Sydney, but was never held. This was due to the height of the tuition fees debate. It was proposed that a rally be organized on Saturday, April 18. Days passed. The tuition fees proposal was retracted by the ALP caucus. Those who originally suggested the rally decided to back off. The rally was off, they said. But was it? Many still believed that even though tuition fees were no longer on our agenda, the same forces that needed to be addressed. This included Overseas Student fees, inadequate student facilities, student care, inadequate staffing — student raises and most definitely the concerns of those opportunistic right-wing presidents.

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Demonstrations greet Susan Ryan

Susan Ryan, who is one of the campuses of UNSW and Sydney University, has received the official address at the Arts Faculty Graduation, was greeted by demonstrations at TK Goodall Hall, Sydney University. Students on the same day as the rally, are in an extract from the Sydney University Student Services Officer, that rally, it gives a good account of the reason they want to protest.

The protest intends to highlight the issues of overseas students and their treatment. The rally is meant to call for the suspension of overseas students, who is to help develop a thesis at the University of New South Wales. The rally is meant to call for the suspension of overseas students, who is to help develop a thesis at the University of New South Wales.

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Two days after April 18, the NSWOSC met at UNSW. Steven Gan (UNSW), Elizabeth Yap (NSWIT), Tian Chu (Sydney Uni) and Carolyn Kim (Newcastle Uni) were elected to be on the delegation to meet Susan Ryan. It was also decided that another rally was to be organised on Tuesday, April 21 at UNSW where Susan Ryan was expected to address the graduating ceremony. A press conference to announce the results of a recent NSWOSC survey on the issue of loans on overseas students was also to be organised on the same day.

There was some doubt about the possibility of the rally being on campus. We went ahead nevertheless. Rain began to pour on Sunday. Leaflets were printed on Monday. The rain continued to pour. The NSWOSC survey was analysed and a report was written by UNSW's Education Officer, Scott Black. He was in Monday morning at the Students Union to inform the meeting in time for the press conference scheduled to be at 11.30 a.m. the next day. We stayed back as well. A cardboard coffin was made. Handmade posters were used up. Our banner was stolen. Could this person or persons who took our roll of black cloth from the 3rd floor of the Student's Union on the night of April 22, please return it to the UNSW office. The rain continued to pour.

The weather on Tuesday, April 23, did not prove to be any better. The strategy to hand out leaflets at major gates on that day was quickly dropped. We then decided to go back down on our original proposal. We then decided to turn out to take a complete failure.
It’s time for a post-mortal on the so-called doctors’ dispute. “Go-called?” Well, I mean to say, just how many doctors you drink with were out on strike, will ye be calling ‘em the ‘seadie’? But that’s another story, and long in the telling of it. To get to the oats of the thing, now. You may have thought in your yesteryears that all the barney was about money, the filthy lucre. Of about scandalised medicine. Let me put you right at once on those counts.

The plain truth of the matter, friend, is that the procedural specialists were fighting toonc and all for the wretched few that fill their lungs on a regular basis (allow me the metaphor without your wallin’). And who, you will be quick in the apin’, was seeking redress for those industries that have been disregarded in their fat bodies? Who wanted to see their spouses and little ones sent mourning to the poor house? I suppose it goes without saying the government? No, not that party (it being too busy holding Royal Commissions into the excessive number of Royal Commissions).

Twas a simple enough query, of course, but I don’t think you’d deny me the right to answer. Was it then? No, it weren’t them neither – they were waitin’ out without respite. was it? But on your head, and aye twa if you thought it a minute. Not in these days of “direct action”. So she and a few colleagues got a little pan into their shovel-mouth, mashed this – to give a number of psychiatric patients a bit of a holiday, work experience and social skills training – all in one happy bundle. And to give them egg-cotten doctors a sense of greater importance, a little bit of potato reaping.

These laudable goals were to be vouchsafed by training the laymen in all the subtle arts of impersonating medical doctors. A Jesuitic plot? I’ll not deny the truth! A wild and tempestuous scheme! Igun’ nut and a naughty boobs! To be sure, again! But it worked me, and there’s the wonder of it, as Lord Walker certifies in this crusty earth!

The forms were turned to a secret bush hideaway. (Recently vacated by a group of social workers). The guerrilla training so they could indulge in a bit of hit亨ting on their forthcoming Women’s National Goldberg hauntings.

Of course all these television programmes made easier that medical student would pass without much to the doctor’s worry.

The only trouble? That medical watched in their sleep.

The inhuman watching, in the sleep of the just.

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There are no less than fifty-two of these.

And there you have it, my dear, all the more to be cursing of the corporate body.

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They have a few of these, now, over there. Which makes you wonder just how many people there are.

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And there you have it, my dear, all the more to be cursing of the corporate body.
READ THE TERRITORY: An article on race, culture and Aboriginality.

This was usually not intended as a method of identifying their eligible for benefits but as a means of denying them citizenship.

Only the dominant class can call others half-caste or of mixed descent, thereby disfranchising an Aborigine's cultural qualification in Aboriginality. A class dominating the access to media and political agenda-setting, and ready to deny people their existence, is a tyranny of the highest order.

The Australian (April 1989) newspaper wrote:
[...]

The Australian sum up an arrogant racist slur on a whole population. The pain, destruction and persecution over Aboriginality has only been received by Aborigines. No white cattle-owner or writer has ever suffered because of confusion in identifying their race.

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A definition of who an Aborigine is only come from Aborigines, otherwise it is imposed upon them. Charles Perkins, an Aboriginal Commonwealth bureaucrat, has stated that any definition of who is an Aboriginal must include three aspects: Firstly, ancestry to the indigenous people of the consistent of Australia, Tasmania and the Torres Strait Islands. Secondly and thirdly, a recognition by the Aboriginal community and a willingness for that person to identify as an Aboriginal.

Aborigines, Punks, Mode and Teddyboys

Under the guise of cultural perception, Napolas questioned the Aboriginality of those who play reggae on country and western music and wear Michael Jackson shirts. But Napolas has probably not read Subculture: the meaning of style, by Leni Drabas or Jacob Comer, where the concept of style has all cover the phenomenon of brolgic. In Reading the Country, Stephen Muecke produces a sharper to brolgice and its relationship with Aborigines.

Brolgice according to Muecke is a practice, a way of living which is creative and economical. He also believes brolgice is the act of reusing and collecting useful bits and pieces to keep things going or even make them function better.

Brolgice is concerned with survival, living practicalities and good times. Aborigines are no less Aborigines for using a forty-two-year glass drum as a fire stove, so why should they be considered for wearing a t-shirt playing and roasting reggae? They are a living, not a museum exhibit. Their willingness to adopt some European conventions and values is an acceptance by the group who find pretending it does not exist. This movement and adoption is a fluid position demanding the appropriation of anything that is useful.

Brolgice and brolgiers are present in all cultures. Sourmusic is the combination of traditional gospel music with pomplode. Punks are the modern brolgiers taking iconic, plastic toys, reggae, biker's jackets, skin's boots, and finishing a homemade to make their own style. The Teddy boys of Britain steal and transform the Edwardian style revived in the 1950s by Basile Rose for wealthy young mods. The Teddy boys also use the role of commodities to define their style. They used the motor scooter, such as Lambretta, as a symbol of smoothness and solidarity. These disruptive modes, styles or forms of living are no less original, traditional, or original. They are the simple acts of exchange. Dick Redding in his book Subculture: the meaning of style believes the discontinuity of the normal is subversive; thus it is not a surrender. This brolgice can also extend past the adaption of tourism, music, and metal objects. It also includes language. Napolas, as an argonie, becomes, respectively be Aborigines speaking English anacoluthic culture weakened people. He writes:

Aborigine very last, very last tanks in unrepurposed pants... want to back-wet, been thrown... been worry and worry for my country... it's odd that the quest for authenticity... all in that case... should be replaced to the bourgeoisie of a slogan English which fixes the individual at the power of self-expression.

This is a familiar mistake, according to Stephen Muecke, who is a linguist and collector of Aboriginal language and story telling. Aboriginal English should not be seen as a bastard version of standard English. This can also apply to any migrant English or youth sub-cultural style. Although its not BBE, ABC or Oxford Dictionary, it has a style, a repertoire of meaning and expression. It is the way of expression which gives the meaning, especially in Aboriginal talk. Stephen Muecke writes in Reading the Country:

The repartition, the voices and the gestures are part all of a style which is recognisable above and across Aboriginal Australia. Brodige in any form, sets up a double vision. It forces juxtaposition of forms, and new meanings must emerge. Their meaning is the story of the bricolage a pleasure in the edification of language a little as it becomes a kind of poetry.

Napolas is obviously one who looks but does not see. He hears but does not know what he hears. He blindly and trembles when he writes condemning those who do not fit into his square hole. The man in question and other mediapeople land rights and the politics of Aboriginality and receives a prime position in the newspaper. He represents the dominant view and values and while they refuse to acknowledge the attempts of Australians to form and discover new worlds they must be cautioned against. He then presents the demand for justice for the Aborigine for the bicentenary celebrations until we count 200 years of not understanding the country. Let a new world emerge.

Alastair Walton
Co-Editor of the Aboriginal Law Bulletin, published by the Aboriginal Law Research Unit, UNSW.
The "House" as it is known to Aboriginal students on the campus of UNSW has recently been purchased by the University for the use of Aboriginal students. It is situated at 47 Braye Street, Randwick and is open to all Aboriginal students and others who may be interested in conversing or socializing with Aboriginal students.

There has been some resentment against the Aboriginal students on campus from other students, but the Centre is reported to have been visited by several hundred people. The Centre is of great importance in building up Aboriginal pride, and the University has offered to help finance the work of the Centre.

The recent Budgetary measures are threatening a variety of research facilities in Australia. The University of New South Wales (UNSW) has been hit by the cuts, which affect the vital base and field laboratory research in the sciences and which locates, identifies and analyses hidden threats to our health.

Two of the latest victims are industrial health research, education and food content analysis. Any great success in our search for a solution to the problem of malnutrition, and the prevention of industrial diseases, will be lost if the funds are cut. The cuts are particularly disturbing as they come at a time when we are beginning to see the fruits of our research efforts.

Some of the cuts include a reduction in the number of researchers, a reduction in the amount of equipment available, and a reduction in the amount of money available for research. This is a serious blow to the University and to the students who work there.

The Centre is essential to the students, and the University is trying to do all it can to support the Centre. The Centre is very much appreciated by the students, and it is hoped that it will continue to receive the support it deserves.

The Centre has been quite successful in the past, and it is hoped that it will continue to be successful in the future. The Centre is an important part of the University, and it is hoped that it will continue to be an important part of the University's future.
THE LIBERALS

The Liberal Club's President, Peter Robinson, believes that their whole basis is to promote liberalism. If you don't know what the means — it goes something along the line of holding seminars, having guest speakers discuss government policy, plus the holding of social functions. "We are a club," said Robinson.

It seemed that the Liberal Club didn't really address themselves particularly to any contentious issues on campus—well, at least none were discussed. It did indeed appear that they are a 'club.' However, it was stated "we're not social butterflies".

You may think that by their name, the Liberal Club are an affiliate of the Liberal Club — not so says Robinson, who said that there is no alliance, nor is there any financial backing by the Liberal Party. "The club is not answerable to the party, we're not connected. There's no reason for any connection — there's nothing in it for the party," said Robinson.

As for the Liberal Club being a springboard to higher politics, for any connection — there's nothing in it for the party," said Robinson.

A.L.P.

Moving further left, we have the A.L.P. Club, who, under this year's haul of progressive students, has grown to resemble the Liberal Club in having a large amount of control within the Students' Union. This year's club President, Vivien Fleming, explains that the aims and objectives of the Club are to "organise debates and discuss, for members and supporters of the A.L.P. around issues of concern on campus. To provide a forum for all people who are of a Labor persuasion, to meet, discuss, plan actions, get involved in campaigns".

The A.L.P. Club also claims they are in no way affiliated with the Labor Party, there being no guarantors under rules and constitutions of the Australian Labor Party for university clubs to be affiliated. Further, there is "absolutely no financial backing from the A.L.P. Never has been," said Fleming.

Is the A.L.P. Club a recruitment ground for prospective Labor politicians? Again, this is up to the individual members. "Being a member of the A.L.P. Club doesn't imply further politics, however, if the way people become interested in the A.L.P. Club is because they want to be involved in discussions," said Fleming.

What issues does the A.L.P. Club pursue? According to Vivien Fleming, all sorts of issues are discussed issues persisting mainly to the University. The opposition to the introduction of nuclear tests, the support of overseas students and their struggle against visa charges, increased representation on the Professional Board, Faculty Boards, etc. We are instrumental in the 1983 Library Campaign, aimed at reducing government cutbacks. Other issues are considered by the A.L.P. Club — issues not immediately related to the campus, but affecting students in general. Fleming gives the example of the Clubs first meeting this year, where Jeanette McHugh, the member for Phillip, spoke on the issue of Nuclear Disarmament. "The Club obviously has wider interests," she said.

Vivien Fleming's explanation for the increase in the Liberals popularity is that "the Liberals will be a good idea if they organised themselves." Further, she states activity from any student political club to be inversely related to the government in power at the time. "...at no, the club whose parties are in power feel that their parties should, and thus do something about it, and this is reflected in their campus popularity. However, the A.L.P. Club is certainly not on the decline. According to Fleming, quite the contrary, in fact, the membership on this campus is increasing "with lots of enthusiastic people joining the club."
ASHES APPROPRIATE, IDEOLOGY RETAINED

DROWNINg SLOGS

Writing so still and waiting for so long. Blood sonra the stars then it's gone. Awakened in dream from dreams of mothers. Iced in sunshine upon hushed rocks.

Teaches my skin that it's not there. Peruses my malaise with its melancholy game. Slowly reflected in my shining eyes. My fingers grasp what I despise.

Poking them gently from each tender lump. These are my wisps with their withdrawals. Silent screen of the darkness of night. Fumaroles and wailings and thrashings and fight.

I stand along these smoke-stained feet. Perch at the bottom of my bucket of shock. See the letters glasses peer and leap. I wash their remains down into the sink.

And I'm walled in by sleep drowning and tears. I smile and snuggle on my belly. The joy inside creeps to cover the stairs. These dogs won't jump out on my lette now.

Zedler

ODE TO BRUCE

With this bundle of security that led to the chest we see we won't be winking or sleeping. It's our best. To our dear name we can touch us. We are under your guard as demanding our friendship is well known a nation of outcasts outside the house.

Drawn inwardly with drafts and wires. Our outwardly then will fall a nation of outcast.

We're got to be the same and wise beside you. Spot if you don't like the game.

W.T. PAYT

AT MY DESK I

I can see the stone turret reared up on the crow's nest. A polarizing of thoughts through the library and the outcasts still in winter. My eyes subductively leaning the X of buildings against a white sky. Pink eyebrows traceminiated with brackets, Luke, L.D., seeing sunlight up into space. And this crowded chamber in which we are not aware. Yours, strange-blue, thrice-fly and the headlight into which I may think. Thank the continents.

Why is that blue-grey
tower of rock, metal, coming over into shades, creating upon my now, an angled path? It is because the punk brilliance, pointed with a park, will explode the divisive and make all the colours join into the white.

RASKOLNIKOV

HELEN

I am the red lion of paradise. I roam about these streets . . . searching. . . searching. . . Where are my codes? My face-saving . . . my brothers . . . my daughters . . . my lovers . . . my family, my spirit being? There? Are they the eyes that tell a tale? Are they the teller of embodied freedom? Where are the men that speak the code of law? Where are the heroes that are loved by both the硬件 and the music? Have they gone? Buried. Buried in the mythological past.

Was it my own strength? Was there never an answer? In all these many years past, have we ever been happy? Was the whole born from the cradle? How do we deal with this? Why do we long so deeply? I roam about, and everywhere I see what is possible. And we are impaled on it. I remember. I think. I remember something. I remember the words of human warmth. I remember the man that made you scream. I'm a screaming and helpless woman. Tremendous memories in the streets and memories in the fire. I remember. I loved dancing. I loved dancing. I loved dancing, and I asked for responsibilities. It made so long silent somehow, to any that the world was made. We looked up the night-time then and into the tiny fingers . . . we converse then, so let the fire keep its secrets. These were so dream-like.

I ran into Helen today. Walking home heat drunk and read. I heard her voice, "George!" I didn't smile. Four years more since I saw her last. We exchanged some news and just at the moment when she seemed nothing further than she was before, I asked her for some coffee or a beer. She had to buy some regular for her, she said, but then we—a beer perhaps. I walked her in the pub with two beers on the table. She understood it calls quickly for a tavern, to keep his back the silent. Old friends and new ones, mostly. Passive and emotion. I looked at her eyes. It flashed I would see the light in her eyes. That is what a smile does—and it concentrates the breath of being andknows it upon the world. We'd been on the Thursday's Bar match. She said, "Thank God for it. Thousands and thousands of people and it made her glad but nothing.

What they understand in this country? I thought. Will they understand how it is we want to live our other but cannot find a way? Will they understand that sometimes for us it is both thing, the silent work and words without hearing it on? If you—someone woman and the men that I know—" I was not sure of everything of you, remember just to have your judgements with understanding. Helen is here with me. The eternal woman. I felt the everything. When I look up in the mirror, do I don't properly understand the courage of women. I'm so preoccupied. I'm so much of a man. I mean, how could I have changed in the young. There was a woman walking up hill, pregnant, and with a baby at her tiniest. She could have had the man she loved and she found him. That's all. But it's the same thing, the same man. The medallion is still shining in my mouth. In a moment I'll have to divide. I'll just look if she's living alone. Do I see him? I might need her another time. That something stupid? The truth is I don't care that much on you or your face. From Helen, I would want you more than you think! And yet because I am, I am behind them. Yes, Helen! You're more useful in five minutes that I've been alone. It's been a long one.

GEORGE BACLEY

SEASONAL COUGHE

LAST year the path's under Mentor Bay. I left the feel of false winter. It shivered; Jason half its berth. And spread to Connie's distant ones.

Now, six months gone, its discontinued. Lasted briefly with its absence. Now, even without light breaks through. The better went on Congress ridge.

With snow, the high rise tamed Hawkhead, Geely baits elver, tiles, and surf

And on the break, pushed shucks are scraped in troughs and other gorges, put Away just waiting the squirrel's sponge.

Bernard Lane
"QUEENSLAND, QUEENSLAND ÜBER ALLES"

It is now four months since the Queensland power dispute began. In that time the State Government has taken several steps which, on their own, are not exceptional for a government of Bjelke-Petersen's ilk, but which when taken together add up to an exceptional assault on both the operation and legitimacy of organised labour.

The whole affair began last December (feature) with a dispute between linemen, members of the Electrical Trades Union (ETU), and the South East Queensland Electricity Board (SEQEB). The ETU members went on strike over the use of contract labour. They stood out until Job declared a State of Emergency - and sacked them. At the same time Job threatened the power station operation with fines of up to $30,000. Out of a job, and with their support from the rest of the industry undermined, the linemen were left high and dry. At this point Job put the boot in. If the linemen wanted to come back to work, he said, well they would have to agree to his conditions. These conditions include longer working hours, no-strike agreements, loss of union preference. So far about 150 of the 1,000 original strikers have accepted these terms.

CONTRACT LABOUR THE ISSUE

Although the issue of contract labour has been low to a certain extent, it remains the factor at the heart of the actual dispute; although much broader issues have been raised by the actions of the government during the last four months. Contract Labour involves an individual contract between each employee and their employer, and usually minimizes the obligations of the employer to regard to a worker's health, safety and welfare. Such as, contract represent a basic attack on both the ability of unions to organize and the conditions that they have won for themselves. One of the major victories which Job has won has been, therefore, to have electricity produced while contract labour is employed in the industry.

But since then Job has gone much further, introducing a battery of new legislation which makes permanent the emergency powers which he had already introduced. The new legislation, among other things, removes power workers from the jurisdiction of the Queensland Industrial Commission and brings them under a new tribunal; effectively prohibits strikes in the power industry; extends secret ballot provisions before disputes; introduces individual liability in relation to strikes and lockouts; and provides a 100 percent increase in penalties for offences.

REACTION TO THE NEW LAWS

Not surprisingly the new anti-union legislation has drawn strong criticism from the ACTU and the union movement, as well as from civil liberties groups.

Civil liberties groups have emphasized the infringement of basic rights, such as the right to strike, which the new legislation contains. They have also pointed to a number of Conventions, of which Australia is a member, which are violated by the new laws. These include:

- International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention 29 on forced labour which is breached by legislation allowing the electricity authorities to order any person to ensure the maintenance of the supply of electricity;
- several Conventions guaranteeing the right to strike are broken by the no-strike provisions;
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR, Article 14) which prevents innocence until guilt is proved is broken by the amendments to the Arbitration Act which presumes non-attendance to work to be a strike;
- ILO Article 8 (which guarantees unions and employer organizations) freedom from interference from government is broken by the Ministries for industrial Relations having the right to de-register a union.

The ACTU, and the union movement, have of course universally condemned the new legislation. They have moved to attack it in four ways. Firstly, the campaign by the ETU workers has continued, leading to the most prominent examples of the dizziness nature of the new legislation. Such examples include:

- breaking up of pickets around SEQEB depots has led to hundreds of arrests;
- four journalists called to give evidence in Court cases.

The second response has been from local unions initiating spontaneous action against the Queensland Government. For example, the Trades workers ceased repairing the government's phones on 6/4/85 as the SEQEB workers blocked the site on the 17/4/85.

Blockades have also formed the main part of the third type of union response, that of ACTU-led industrial action. However, like the other strikes and bans, the ACTU manual has followed Queensland on 19th of April failed to detract from.

Nor has Job shown much consideration for the other ACTU strategies - negotiations. Both the ETU and, later, the ACTU, have shown considerable restraint in their attempts to negotiate with the Queensland Government, indeed the ACTU's moderate and flexible stand, is shown by the offer to accept no-strike provisions in return for the re-instatement of all the sacked workers.

THE STORY SO FAR...

1-1-84 - 300 electrical workers strike over contract labour.
1-12-84 - strike spreads, total of 1,500 on strike.
7-12-84 - Queensland Industrial Commission orders negotiations.
8-12-84 - the negotiations still deadlocked.
7-1-85 - negotiations adjourned in deadlock.
13-1-85 - Queensland Government enters the dispute.
14-1-85 - South East Queensland Electricity Board (SEQEB) admits to talking to contractors on 4 jobs.
16-1-85 - Strike begins in earnest, storm cause blackouts to 80,000 houses and SEQEB orders workers back on the job to repair the damage.
21-1-85 - union proposals for negotiation over four contracts are rejected.
7-2-85 - Industrial Commission convenes talks, orders men back, SEQEB delivers letters to men saying a return to work to avoid government retaliation. Government declares state of emergency.
8-2-85 - Government orders the sacking of the striking workers.
16-3-85 - reports that a negotiated settlement is close.
11-4-85 - workers sacked.
17-4-85 - government stance unchanged.
21-4-85 - government "peace plan" announced workers are to return to work, but may not "have previously engaged in harassing existing employees" and will have to agree to no-strike conditions, in addition the 30 hour work was extended to 38 hours and the nine day work week was reduced to 6 days. Job "puts the boot to" in revenge for the 1980 power workers strike which voided these conditions.
5-3-85 - Electricity (Continuity of Supply) Act 1985 passed, State of Emergency in the power industry known permanent.
24-3-85 - Government revokes laws to outlaw strikes in all essential services, these laws will also prevent the Industrial Commission from "intervening."
6-4-85 - Telecom workers apply for an injunction to return to work.
12-4-85 - Job announces $25,000,000 suit to compensate government for losses in the first strike.
19-4-85 - ACTU attempts blockade of Queensland.
BROWNSHIRTS & BANANAEDADENS Continued.

has given the lie to Job's rhetoric of impossible union.

The Australian Union movement has generally, at

been concerned to project a responsible image.

And its success, through the Accord especially,

is undoubtedly one of the factors which has sustained Job's

in his attacks.

WHAT IS BEHIND THE DISPUTE

The dispute is between the Queensland government, and its

Premier, to mount such a vigorous anti-union

campaign at this time are twofold. Firstly, there is the

state of the Queensland economy, in which

the state has, at present, more in common with the Third World

than any other state in Australia. There is a series of

primary and extractive commodities — Aluminium, Iron Ore, Copper, Grain, Sugar and Coal — most of

which have suffered badly from contractions in the

world market for primary and mineral products.

Queensland has virtually no industrial base, and the only

income generated in the secondary and tertiary sectors

comes from tourism.

The poor state of the economy is reflected in the

unemployment figures, which at 11 per cent of the

workforce are the highest in Australia. By way of

comparison the national average is 8.1 percent, and

the rate in NSW and Victoria is 9.4 and 7.6 percent

respectively.

Job has therefore been left with no alternative but to

attack the Unions in order to limit their power to

react to the declining economic situation, and to protect

profits from future wage demands. As cover, the anti-

union campaign has provided a useful smoke-screen

around, and scapegoat for, the economic ills of the state.

The campaign's philosophy derives from the ideology of the

hardline' section of conservation woo which he

belongs. Inspired by the success of Reagan and Thatcher,

and represented by spokesmen such as Hugh Morgan,

this group has mounted a continued and increasingly

effective campaign to win support for their views,

particularly worrying for this group has been the

manifesto on which the ACTU has managed to

enter discussions about issues outside wages and

conditions for its members. Central to this has been the

participation of union representatives in the Accident

and Economic Summit, both of which encourage heavily

upon the traditional rights of Capital.

Ironically, it is the very success of the drive for
trustworthiness which has limited the ACTU and ALP

response to the new laws. The ACTU has been caught

not to alienate the tentative support it has received in

other states (it won some of the more middle-class

elements of the ruling class. In those states the ACTU's

industrially oriented policy has more appeal than in

industrially backward Queensland. Such responsibility

has a price though, one element of which is the need to

incorporate the agreement with the attendant possibility of changing needs and aims

between the centre and the periphery. Hence Simon

Carrington's concentration at the spontaneous actions of the

Pent workers who gathered a British Airways

plane at Brisbane Airport on the

25th of April as a protest.

The Federal Government, too, has been very careful

to harm its image. With the dollar as weak as Bob

Hawke's coat, it is no way the Federal

Government will undertake anything that could be

seen as an attack on itself, especially when Hawke is likely to

deploy his main weapon — High Court action to enforce

the Labour and civil rights Conventions. Two other

avenues for putting pressure on the Queensland Government — changing Queensland's tax

reimbursement at the next 'Pennywise' Conference and

the strengthening of Queensland's energy industry — are

both likely to see Job indulge in an orgy of Canberra-
bashing, and hence also have limited value to the Federal

Government.

THE LAWS IN BRIEF


This Act creates a permanent state of emergency in

the Queensland power industry. Under the Act the

Electricity Authority can direct any employee to do any

work associated with the supply of electricity. The

penalty for non-compliance is dismissal and/or a $1,000

fine. The Act also introduces contracts concerning the

Electricity Industry. These contracts are for 10 years

and require the implementation of various measures.

(2) Electricity Authorities Industrial Causes Act.

Dissolution without notice for strike or incitement to

strike. Also excludes the Queensland Industrial

Commission from disputes. The Commission is to be

replaced by a tribunal, the Electrical Authorities

Industrial Causes Tribunal, to which there is no right of

appeal.

(3) Amendments to the Queensland Arbitration &

Conciliation Act.

The definition of strike has been changed to include any

variation of normal work practice, or any discussion

of such action by two or more people. There is no

protection from victimisation for union officers. In

addition the powers to deregister a union have been

taken from the industrial Commission and given to the

Minister for Industrial Relations.

The Act also allows arrest without a warrant, or the

issue of a summons. It also makes it an offence to

join a union, or enter a union building, or participate

in a meeting of the union, or to give or receive

information to any person linked to a union, or to

aid or abet such conduct.


Employers now have the right to sue for damages

caused by lightning strikes, demonstrative disputes etc.

There is also provision for lien of $50,000 for individuals

and $260,000 for unions.

WHAT NEXT?

In the immediate future there seems little likelihood

of the position of the Queensland Government being

forced to change. While this situation remains, Job's

unrestful domestic legislative status remains. For the

government forces around the country. In addition, the testing

Vacation Employment Scheme

We have several vacation placements available to Health/Welfare students, (Teacher/Law/Medicine/Psychology/Welfare/All of the Therapies etc.)

One situation requires two students from Monday 6th May to go to a holiday organised by Bondi Junction C.H.C.

The camp is for int. retarded children and will be held in the Blue Mountains for 5 days. The payment will be $300 per week.

The others are day jobs with handicapped children. A one-to-one situation.

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STAYING SAFE
ON CAMPUS
AT NIGHT
RUTH HOST
Women's Officer

Safety, when on campus at night, is a big concern for many students—women and men. You have read in the last issue of Tharunka that there has been some problems with the 'Special Squad', a squad of three people who patrol the lighted walkway between 4 p.m. and midnight. Following a letter I wrote to Peter Koller, the Property Manager, about these concerns, I was invited to a meeting with the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, Peter Koller and the Deputy Principal (Administration), Ian Way.

At that meeting we discussed the problems I had outlined in my letter, and the outcome was quite satisfactory. The Property Manager will be looking into:

* providing a car to facilitate the Squad's patrolling of the large area they have to cover.
* making replacement of lights on the Basser Steps a priority, as it is the replacement of lights along the lighted walkway.
* possibly replacing the Squad's radios to ensure that they are always functional.
* formulating some guidelines to issue to patrol officers about how to look after victims of assault or other incidents.

Additionally, in future the female member of the Squad will be notified whenever possible, to be present to provide support for any women complainants.

The Lighted Walkway

The walkway begins at Gate 9 (High Street) and extends down Chancellory Road, Library Road, Engineering Road, Architecture Road, and the Main Walkway (in Arcade). Parallel to these ways is the Lighted Walkway, which runs between the Library, Roundhouse, Blockhouse, and Group House. The walkway is lit by street lights and sodium lamps. Try to travel the shortest possible distance to get to these places.

There is always a patrol person at the Barker Street gate, so if an incident occurs, you should head there, or to the nearest phone and ring 697-2200 or 697-2221. If you are near the lighted walkway, the patrol will come to you. There is always a patrol person waiting anywhere along the lighted walkway and a member of the Squad will walk with you. If they come by, The Squad is notified of your call and responds.

PLEASE NOTE: The Basser Steps are not part of the lighted walkway, nor are the Bell Steps. It is recommended that you know the location of the nearest phone and the nearest patrol person. In the event of an emergency, please try to travel the shortest possible distance to get to these places.

If An Incident Occurs

If you are subjected to any unwanted harassment, abuse or violence in any form, PLEASE don't hesitate to contact us:

RUTH HOST — Women's Officer
663-1911 or 697-590
CHRISTINE ELDRICK — Student Counselling
663-3448

I am currently trying to put together a file of case histories of incidents of harassment that have been committed against women in the University. If you have any information on such incidents, please come in and see me. All this will be absolutely confidential, and I only intend to use the details of such cases (no names, only facts) to illustrate the need for more security on campus. This would be much appreciated by all who are on campus at night.

Self Defence Classes for Women — FREE!

The Women's Officer runs 'Self Defence' classes for women at the Jula Korner in the Gym every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. These classes are free, and you can enrol in any. Thursday or sit in and see what is going on—on your first visit, you will definitely be made to feel welcome. I strongly encourage all women to attend these classes, as they can be very beneficial in providing confidence and knowledge in dealing with potentially dangerous situations.

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Over Easter I attended the 'Higher Education Under Labour' Conference at La Trobe University. One of the most positive things that came out of this was the formation of a national network of women students. The network will function both as an information exchange and support network for women working around women's issues on campuses.

I am the NSW contact person for the network, and have been busy making all information available to women's groups on campuses all over the state.

We are planning to hold a national conference for women on-campus some time in August, so we're currently organising regional meetings for women to discuss what they want to get out of the conference. We're discussing the form it should take, where it should be held, etc., etc. Then, we'll have a State-wide meeting on June 1st, at Mitchell CAFE in Bathurst, to formulate our ideas and submit them to the Victorian women who are doing the national coordination.

If you are interested in participating in the Sydney regional meeting, please drop in to the next Women's Collective meeting for more details. These are held every week on Thursdays at 11 a.m., in the Women's Room on the first floor of the Roundhouse. If you can't make it, give me a ring on 663-1911 or come to the Women's Office on the second floor of the Roundhouse.

RUTH

WOMEN'S RESOURCES PROJECT

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Films on Women's Issues

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Hopefully, last issue gave you all an idea of what the Women's Resources Project is all about. Our first monthly meeting was on Tuesday 1st May and here's how it went:

Wednesday 1st May and onwards for the next Thursday of every month. Each film is an attempt to understand the world and women's situation in it.

I am currently in the process of contacting ethnic groups/institutions on campus as to the possibility of creating women's groups on campus. I see these groups as being a vital integrator of this project in developing the necessary information and cultural networks, as these supply the means to support and encourage women to express their particular needs and concerns using and creating resources within the university and local communities to fulfil these areas.

Anyone interested in joining or creating a group may contact me on 663-1911.

Suggestions and input welcome:

Joelle
I am calm. I am surprised at how calm I am. I am dark here and I know it is dark. Behind me I am cushioned; above, if I raise my hands only a few inches I can feel a padded, velvet surface, behind which I know I am beard-like. I would imagine, and behind that, above that, I know also what lies. I lie, looking up, and I see that the lid is padded. It was very quiet. I am calm. I am calm although this is a coffin. This is my coffin.

I know I am not dead. I do not remember dying. My memories since recent events I do remember have, admittedly, a certain specificity, for it seems to me I have been asleep. I do not know. It cannot have been very long, of course. I am not sure how I came to be here. I can ask, I can wonder, how could they believe me dead? How could they have put me under the gas in the operating room. It is frightening, but there is no evidence of my having been asleep. I do not know. It cannot have been very long, of course. I am not sure how I came to be here. I can ask, I can wonder, how could they believe me dead? How could they have put me under the gas in the operating room.

Rising panic now hands thump on the coffin base, on the padded (to stop me hurting myself) boards above. I wrinkle my muscles, picking up weight slowly, heavily, becoming again, I must not panic. I have read about the ones who panicked.

I remember now. I remember how they could think I was dead. I was almost certainly only pretending to be dead, just another patient. For me it was something special. I remember coughing at a corner party, spitting the blood down my mouth on the floor. It was upsetting, everything seemed upsetting. I was upset the meal could not continue: had anyone seen anyone dying before; why should they stop on my account? I remember nothing after they put me under the gas in the operating room. So far as I was concerned, they were to come to greet me with distaste, as if they would reject my taste, as if they would eject me like a corpse removed by the ears. And if the corpse should fall from the roof of the grave, it falls in. I can hear small clots hit the coffin base. I can feel them. I can feel my own being sucked away in the air and it is difficult to breathe. I should not have tried to move the lid. If I move the lid I may further break up the height of the earth, the whole roof may fall. The coffin lid may twist and strike me, pinning me down within my coffin. I must be still. I can move it further, but the earth is shaking, unbelievably it makes me sneeze. I want to cough but it would choke me, earth sits through my hair, dry sandy soil fills the hollows around my eyes, I can hear and feel the box lining, the roof giving way, I must GET OUT.

I try. The lid is huge enough to be clear of the rim of the box. It is rickety, it is breaking beneath the sides of someone else you cove up on your theatre bench (strangely padded, like a coffin), it is always big enough to make you hit your head. I get a hold of someone else you cove up on your theatre bench (strangely padded, like a coffin), it is always big enough to make you hit your head. But it is a heavy lid, the idea. The idea is frightening, but, as you think, perhaps someone will come, they will think, someone will come. As you think, perhaps someone will come, you will think, perhaps someone will come. As you think, perhaps someone will come, you will think, perhaps someone will come. As you think, perhaps someone will come, you will think, perhaps someone will come. As you think, perhaps someone will come, you will think, perhaps someone will come. As you think, perhaps someone will come, you will think, perhaps someone will come.

It is through musing on these that I am almost on the man before I notice him. He is whistling cheerfully, tying the graves. Occupational necessity has made him cheerful in this most cheerless of places. Good. He will not notice easily. My cosmology is a dark one, he has made me thinking in him unhinging. He knows the dead, he knows they do not walk, he knows the difference. He will again, perhaps this has imprinted him to believe before he is a slight old man and he has not seen me yet. At least I will be able to make him aware of my presence and let him think it is a march. I clear my throat, “Excuse me,” I say, “what ghost would do that?” I am right. He turns easily, surprised and broken. He is just a trespasser, lost perhaps, I say.

He starts back in horror. It is frightening, but I know it must be the grave dirt. I must look a fright, haggard, fearful. I smile. I open my arms to explain.

But he is still afraid, he is paralyzed with fear. You look, why fear me, what is wrong with you? Perhaps he is a grave robber, but then perhaps that is normal. My deadness must be no more frightening than his own. So I have not gone on too long. Surely he cannot still believe.

And catch agapism; mercifully, of my reflection in his spectacles, and I think, perhaps I have not been buried alive at all.

I held out hands to him and I see them too, they moulder and shine, greenly, not just a trick of the light, the grime and the dust.

And so kill the little caretaker, my long dead, decomposed green hands climb the life from him, and soon he is as dead as I.

And we wait together.
**MASON COMES TO UNSW**

On Thursday, April 11, Sen. Senator Colin Mason, Deputy Leader of the Australian Democrats, visited campuses at the invitation of the UNSW Australian Democrats Club, and spoke on issues relating to defence and the ANZUS Treaty.

Sen. Senator Mason voiced strong criticism of the Commonwealth Government's policy of allowing visits by nuclear weapons-carrying US warships. He noted that, in an interview with Prime Minister, that a statement that “under no circumstances should nuclear armed ships be allowed to enter Australian ports.” One of the first to support this was the then President, Richard White.

The present government has provided no coherent answer as to why these ships visit, other than to rest and recreation (R&R). This, said Sen. Senator Mason, is not a good enough reason for putting the country at risk. The risk is that if US warships armed with nuclear missiles were to be stationed in Australian ports, they might fall into the hands of terrorists, which would mean that Australia would become a nuclear weapon power.

The ANZUS Treaty is proclaimed by the Liberals, and to some extent, by the ALP, as an unconditional guarantee of the safety of Australians. Living under the “nuclear umbrella” gives us the satisfaction of knowing that we are an integral part of the MAD (mutually assured destruction) scheme. However, if the government has done virtually nothing in aid of civil defence, what has been provided by the ANZUS Treaty, and indicated the inadequacies of the provisions. Article III provides that:

The parties will consult together whenever there is the opinion of any of them that the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any of the parties is threatened in the Pacific.

The operative word here is “consult.” That is the extent to which the treaty affords Australia any protection. This can be contrasted with Article 6 of the NATO agreement, which states that all signatories will pledge assistance in the form of a “nuclear umbrella.”

The government has not supported the subscription of the nuclear umbrella, but would not support it if it is intended to be used by the Labor Party. Sen. Senator Mason subsequently challenged Sen. George Mason to introduce his bill to the same effect, and the Democrats would then support it. Two months have passed, and predictably, no action has been taken.

The Australian Democrats are a party of new ideas, and university students are in a good position to contribute new ideas. The UNSW Australian Democrats Club has been formed for this reason. We welcome people to our meetings, and encourage you to join if you have any inquiries. Phone us on 883-1000.

Peter Crayston,
President, UNSW Australian Democrats Club.

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Volunteers Needed for Court Support Scheme

A new service is operating at Waverley's Local Court, known as the Court Support Scheme. The C.S.S. also operates in many other local Sydney courts and is rapidly expanding into others.

The C.S.S. is a project of the Association of Civil Construction Employers (A.C.C.E.) and is currently operated at Crows Nest, Waverley, Newtown, Redfern, North Sydney, Liverpool and Parramatta Local Courts and at Bicentenary Children's Court, Glebe.

The Court Support Scheme aims to provide a non-legal support to the community to enable those who are available to those beyond the confines of the court and of which they are too often ignorant. The C.S.S. also offers support on a referral basis and uses its unique insight into our courts/legal system to promote change within that system.

Volunteers are essential if this service is to be successfully maintained and expanded, and are vital if a meaningful link with the community is to be effective. Volunteers will be expected to work one half day a week.

Volunteer undergoes an extensive training course of four sessions plus court visits, the next of which is due to commence on Tuesday May 7th at 1 p.m. To be held at Station House, Bicentenary Children's Court, Glebe.

Contact Kay Taylor or Michael Williams on 212-1331,
features

"student activism in Asia"

Could you describe the reasons for your visit to Australia and what you have done while you have been here?

The main objectives of my tour here, which was arranged by ASIA, were firstly to develop an understanding of the problems in Third World countries, primarily in the Philippines, to raise international issues and to encourage Australian student participation in these issues, and thirdly to develop a critical awareness about the international situation with a critical analysis of Australia in the global situation.

Could you please describe the ASA?

The ASA is the only regional body of national student organisations for the Asia-Pacific region. It was formed in 1989. The office of the Secretariat was then located in Malaysia but because of the changes in ASA's policy, particularly against imperialism and the like, it was not allowed to be registered by the Malaysian government, and hence it moved to Hong Kong in 1973. Today the ASA has 21 member organisations from 17 countries.

What type of organisations join ASA? After all, some Asian countries are not allowed student unions, are they?

The level of the student movement in the Asian countries differs from each other; primarily because of the existence of repressive regimes or martial law. Most of our member organisations are the representative organisation for their country, but then there are not necessarily a students' union.

Are any Australian groups members?

Yes, formerly it was AUS. The Australian member now is the Australian Students International Network which was formed last year. It is a group of concerned Australian students involved in international solidarity, support and developing understanding of international issues.

What are the major issues faced by the ASA?

The ASA is active in the defence of student and human rights. It recognises the right of self-determination and self-rule of the peoples of all countries. And lastly it works with other groups in the construction of a new international order that is free from all forms of domination and control.

Could you give us a few specific examples?

For example, the Committee in Defence of Student Rights, which is chaired by the New Zealand Students Association, is sponsoring a Safeguard Week on July 1-7. That week has been called as a week of protest against student repression and the highlight of this week is the mass action on July 4th. This day was chosen to emphasise that most Third World countries are suffering from imperialism, and particularly US imperialism. Aside from that, we are also employed in the campaign for the nuclear free and independent Pacific. That campaign recognises the primary requirement of having genuine sovereignty, which also implies the removal of all foreign bases and facilities.

What can students do? And how effective can their participation in broader campaigns be?

Students have some inherent traits and characteristics which largely define their role in any struggle, for example they are articulate, they can explain facts, they can present analysis, they are concentrated for some time, yet are very mobile. Another positive trait is that we have acquired skills in organising and in explaining issues. With these traits and characteristics the youth and students can perform what is called the role of giving catalysts for social change or a sector that can hasten the struggle.

We believe that we cannot isolate the campus from the broader society and the problems we are encountering in the educational system are just a manifestation or reflection of the bigger social problems.

What would you like to encourage Australian students to do? What role can they play?

The students in Australia, and in other First World countries, enjoy relative freedom. You can make use of relative freedom. For example, Australian students can launch an effective campaign asking for the release of detained student leaders and activists, such as in Nepal, where 4,000 students and teachers were arrested for participating in a week-long protest campaign pressuring for educational reforms.

In Bangladesh last March martial law was imposed and as a result 150 political leaders from trade unions and student councils were detained. Similar things exist in Korea, Indonesia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka. All these issues can be explored and highlighted in Australia and the Australian students have a particular role in doing that.

What is your reaction to the news of fees for OS students in Australia?

First of all, Australian students enjoy better educational opportunities than the students in the Third World countries. Therefore the imposition of fees at the tertiary level I think is arbitrary and unreasonable and goes against the concept of education for all. In Third World countries, the right to education is a basic struggle. For example, in the Philippines we have 60 universities and 630 colleges and all of them are charging exorbitant tuition fees making education inaccessible to the ordinary people, especially the workers and the peasants. In fact, even in the secondary level there is an alarming drop-out rate. Out of 100 who enter first grade only 96 finish primary and only 14.5 finish secondary. This is bad news for the third world countries. The assistance aids in the deprived countries whereas in Australia, and as a result of some education developments, the basic education up to the grade six level is available to every family where a family can eat two meals of rice.

You're from the Philippines. Would you like to describe the situation there at present?

Two words can accurately describe the situation, crisis and resistance. The Filipino people are suffering a very severe economic crisis, the worst in our countries post-war history, and as well there is an intensified political struggle, particularly in the cities, but also in the countryside.

What is the US role in the country?

The Philippines is what you could call a neo-colony of the US. The Philippines provides cheap, docile and abundant labour force for the US and we supply essential raw materials. The more than 20 US bases are a clear sign of how the Philippines is strategically indispensable to the US dominance in the Asia-Pacific region.

What is it like living in the Philippines whilst opposing the Marcos regime?

For these at the forefront it is a life of death and struggle: we have 1,000 political prisoners. And yes, these are prisoners — they are the trade unionists who fight for just wages and the right to organise the peasants who oppose landgrabbing, the youth and the students who oppose the miserable state of Philippine education and the women who oppose their continued exploitation as a gender proletariat and as a class. We also have the church people, who believe that the genuine meaning of the gospel is to apply it to the basic social realities.

Aside from the political prisoners there has been a growing trend of salvaging or summary extra-judicial executions of the peasants who are suspected to be members or sympathizers of the New People's Army (NPA). There are also the many techniques of torture being used. In the countryside you can truly see the war situation — bombing, strafing, mass arrests and mass executions. These are especially common in areas where there is difficult access for the media, lawyers and human rights organisations.

How much does aid support Marcos in the Philippines?

The Australian aid in 1983-84 was $1,460,000. It is not as big as that given by the US but the quantity is irrelevant, the assistance aids in the greater suppression of the rights of the people.

That puts Australia in a difficult situation, you feel you should give aid, but when it props up a regime like Marcos?

Actually the human rights violations of the Marcos government have been effectively exposed locally and internationally, and for that reason alone the Australian government should review its foreign policy in relation to the Marcos government.

Is aid a good thing then or are there more problems than benefits?

Aid is a good idea provided there are no strings attached. It is good if it benefits the people, but in most cases it is given to support an existing social order. The military assistance does not benefit the civilian community, but is used to support the counter-insurgency efforts of the government.

The NPA: What is their situation at the moment?

The NPA has made qualitative and quantitative advances in the last few years. Even the Defense Minister has said there will be a military squeeze between the NPA and the armed forces within three years. Political observers believe that that armed revolution will succeed by the end of the century.

The NPA has grown into a truly national revolutionary organisation. In 1980 it had only 60 men and women with 35 old rifles but now it has more than 10,000 members in 63 of the country's 103 provinces. Navarro estimates the mass base of the NPA at around 4,000,000. It is not a mere fighting force, but a political one. The NPA has won wide support and recognition from the people including those sectors which were indifferent to the revolution or even to the revolutionary activity like the Roman Catholic clergy.

The NPA goes to the peasant communities not only to fight but also to participate in the daily activities of the peasants, such as planting or harvesting. They also maintain peace and order; administer justice, punish those who steal.

After Marcos goes will there be armed struggle or will traditional politicians assume control?

Marcos is not only the problem of the Philippine society. The problems of the Philippine people are deeply embedded and have an historical basis. For the present, the people's struggle is not only to oust Marcos but to challenge the system of social, political and economic structure. I think that the only difference between the traditional politicians and Marcos is that Marcos is in power.

Jan & David
Dear Eds,

Your last issue's 'open competition'.

Over the last couple of issues, and from conversations with certain members of your national team, you have been placing for student contribution for 'Tharunka' (it's the students newspaper so the students should be contributing etc. etc).

Well, last issue, young Craig Butler and myself decided to come to your aid and we sent in an entry which contained eight different captions. Now these captions were funny (I know because we're funny kids), yec's you are a funny pair - Eds. But you didn't publish any of them. Now I didn't run around Meg. Eng. last year placating "Vote for Gre Smart" over everything just to have my contributions rejected in understand you received about thirty contributions, why didn't you publish the top? Certainly it was not out of not having enough room, after all there was space enough to print a full page cartoon. The reason that several contribute is so that they can see their articles in print - take that away and no have a lot of people who will be reluctant to contribute next time.

This bring me to my next great - false contributons, in the form of letters to the Editor which have been written by one Ed and signed using a false name. Now guys, that's not really playing by the rules of Queensberry/Fairs, we all know aware of one of these types of letters written by one of your editors - if you wanted to say something that was a complete nonsense you had to sign it. Now I won't say anything more about the "false letter" because I'm not the nastiest enough mood, but it's not really a reflection of student feeling and attitudes if you write letters to yourself. Anyway, I hope it was just one isolated case.

I trust you will take note of my comments.

Yours faithfully,
Crisp Mahony
Industrial Engineering

HAVE AN OPUS DAY

Dear Eds,

Thank you for all the new insights into Warrina in Tharunka No. 4. Through our observations made over the course of my degree in college, I feel I can add further to your revelations.

It is interesting to note that the upheaval caused by factions such as Freedom and Sinfest has been limited to the college itself with the anonymous confusions of the college lift. But God knows, if we were in the same U.G. bracket as those two people, you'd need a lift too.

Sincerely,
John Hutton

P.S. I won't give my name since I've got a fat brood in hiliar quirks coming to get me but I hope the Rats are getting on the right note of April.

Dear 8351678?

Dear Eds,

For all those who are wondering who I am and wish to know more about me - I have the following astrology chart:

Ascendant - Pieces
Sun - Cancer in the 4th house
Moon - Leo in the 5th house
Mercury - Gemini in the 4th house
Venus - Gemini in the 4th house
Mars - Cancer in the 6th house
Jupiter - Leo in the 5th house
Saturn - Scorpio in the 5th house
Uranus - Cancer in the 4th house
Neptune - Leo in the 4th house
Pluto - Leo in the 6th house
Node - Capricorn in the 10th house
Midheaven - MC - Sagittarius

If anyone can interpret my chart I would be extremely grateful.

Yours faithfully,
Mandy Roche
Architecture

RE-RESPONSE

Dear Eds,

For your last issue's 'open competition'.

The students distributing the leaflet by implication equate "Nuclear Disarmament - East and West" with communist world domination, they support the 'independent' definitions of "peace" through Mutually Assured Destruction, and try to justify the diversion of scarce resources to the non-existent build-up of silicon chips while millions of people through inadequate food, freshwater and shelter. This should alarm many of the "Liberals" and "moderate" they seek to attract. In particular, however, these students should be informed that the contact name and number on the leaflet was that of Liberty Research.

Liberty Research has been closely associated with the ultra-Right League of Rights, a multi-national body (and has been accused of the proselytisation of Nazi philosophies through a non-Socialist conspiracy theories). Its publications have 'definitely the minority racist stemming from the "support for the World Council of Churches as "communist" and even attacked Malcolm Fraser during this period of government for supporting the right of blacks to vote in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). Many of Liberty Research's fellows are members of the Liberal Nationalist Party, and they operate as a far-right pressure group which has been credited with winning the Liberal Party to the Right recently on race-related causes. The same, such as the "running the Asian immigration debate last year. Although Liberty Research does not appear to support ultra-con servative 'inquiries' which has made some other extremist Right groups such as National Action, in isolation, their leading lights of Liberty Research (also members of the Liberal Party) have been associated with international right-wing terrorist organisations, particularly the training in Australia of fascist Ulufasha terrorist groups.

I am quite beyond me to comprehend why any "moderate", small "L" Liberal, or even "New Conservative" student could possibly be associated with a group such as Liberty Research. I am particularly concerned that a campus club could be used as a recruiting ground for a body which supports racially based and undemocratic governments and would be governments overseas, and is the same group, out of the right-wing extremist. Now, I have seen a superior intellectual and tactical standards of Liberty Research to be of less offensive than groups such as National Action. The fact remains that it has proven itself to be a group of racist, Ultra-Rightists ("bitter dead fellas than red yells") whose influence has increased out of all proportions due to their studied inflation and proposed take-over of mainstream campuses, and the SVU Liberal Party.

Has this process begun in the UNW Club also? For the peace of mind of its members and all other students at this University. I hope it is an agreement with the officers of the Liberal Club to explain the Club's position regarding racism, fascism, and specifically their connections with Liberty Research, including the distribution of that group's leaflets on campus.

P.S. Fart - you're all hot air.

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SIR JOH SPEAKS

Dear Eds,

Goodness gracious me, I don’t know why this has been left until now, I mean the SU is a God-fearing democracy just like up here in Queensland, so why haven’t we got our communists up to heaven to disrupt law and order, I mean they’re certainly not holding up any host-rockers, if God had meant us to be communists we would not be in love with red blood in our veins, they shall all be fetched away in jail somewhere, or made to work in single file so we can shoot them one by one.

But I do think it is a crime for us to think of these as people, they are nothing but mere animals, they are not even capable of being classed as human beings. They are a disgrace to the human race.

I know that some people think the Liberal Club is a bunch of unfeeling bastards, bothering ordinary law-abiding citizens, people like me who are only held in such custody by our great, custo- that such a organization is one who should be run, and how you should vote, and with whom you should sympathize, and persisting to do so after you ruthlessly turn your back on him, one is forced to say: “I didn’t vote for MIND THEIR OWN FUCKING BUSINESS!”

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I don’t want to be ‘punished out’ either but I do want this letter published so I’ll sign it.

The Listener,
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Dear Eds,

I’d like to complain about those members of a certain Left wing organization who continue to passers-by outside the Blue Room and along the Library steps. Not having been offered the chance to purchase their publication and politely refuse many times, I have given them a second thought. However, when one member, obviously a “batter”, wearing a shirt and an awfully expensive looking watch, approaches you offering his address, his organization’s name on how country should be run, and how you should vote, and with whom you should sympathize, and persisting to do so after you ruthlessly turn your back on him, you are forced to say: “I didn’t vote for MIND THEIR OWN FUCKING BUSINESS!”

I know you are a member of the Communist Party, but the Christian courtesy to answer Larry’s question: “Are you a member of the Communist Party?”

Dear Larry,

I am a member of the Communist Party. We are opposed to the labor people and communists in disguise.

You also left out a very important point, and that is that women not only write the Women’s issues, they do all the production work as well, i.e. layout, graphics, proof-reading etc., — in other words, learning all the relevant skills. I feel that many women’s lack of knowledge about the process of putting out the paper and the mystification surrounding it, hinder their participation in the paper.

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**Voting Times and Area**

- **Voting Area: Library**
  - Covered area in front of Library
- **Roundhouse**
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- **Blue Room**
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**General Voting Procedure:**

- Voters will be required to present the polling clerk their UNSW Union card, validated for 1985 and to state their full name and course. Voting is by personal vote.

**Ordinary Members:**

- **Denis William Gorey**
- **Vivien Fleming**
- **Nathan Waller**
- **Jane Baral**
- **David Chalmers Davis**
- **Peter Robinson**
- **John Stephen Soman**
- **Peter Anthony Lynch**
- **James Simon Waller**
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The University Union Board of Management Elections 1985 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the University of New South Wales Union Constitution that the following nominations have been received for candidature at the elections to the Union Board of Management.
UNIVERSITY UNION

1985 CULTURAL ACTIVITIES GRANT

The University Union maintains a modest fund to provide financial assistance (grants or loans) to members of clubs, societies, groups and individuals engaging in cultural activities. Each application will be considered by Union officers prior to presentation to the Board’s Cultural Affairs Committee. If this committee approves the application, it then becomes a firm recommendation to the Board of Management.

The primary concept is that grants should be used for the promotion of cultural activities on campus. Some suggested activities include: student theatre projects (cabaret, puppetry, street theatre as well as more conventional forms), dance, music (all kinds), arts and crafts activities, multi-cultural activities, exhibitions, etc. We are looking for exciting and innovative projects.

CONDITIONS

1. This fund is open for application to University of N.S.W. Clubs, Societies, groups and individual members engaging in cultural activities. Priority will be given to those organisations which do not have access to other suitable sources of funds.

2. An evaluation and financial breakdown is required on completion of the project.

Application forms and further details are available from: Jane Westbrook,
Cultural Programs Manager,
2nd Floor,
Blockhouse (Lower Campus)
Tel: 663 2225 Ext. 260

Applications close on Friday, 31 May.

UNIVERSITY UNION

People may have seen that notice-boards are now being placed in the University Union eateries.

There are two types of boards, one is behind glass and lockable, and the other is a normal access pin-board. Please put anything you like, but pinned, up on the pin-board.

The other notice area is for University Union pamphlets and propaganda only.

These boards were obtained through your ordinary member representatives on the Board of Management. Please do not ruin our chances for more.

ALASTAIR WALTON

THE GOLDEN MOUTH

The University Union Debate’s sub-committee invites colleges, clubs and societies and interested people who can get teams together to participate in the richest debating competition in the History of Western Civilization. Commencing Week 7 with heats, through to the final in Week 11. Interested persons should contact Maria Reinhardt, 600-9162, for application forms and details.

Winners of each heat will receive a bottle of champagne and $150 in gold $1 coins will be awarded to the finals winners. $100 for runners-up and $50 for 3rd place.

ALASTAIR WALTON

A) UNACCEPTABLE

B) ACCEPTABLE
JAMES BOND

ROLE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS ROLEPLAYING?

Roleplaying is a game. A game of imagination where you can be anything or do anything beyond the realm of normal human possibilities.

As in life, it takes imagination to make it happen.

You can be the Captain of the Starship Enterprise, James Bond 007, Batman, Mr. Men, Wonderwoman, Camelot, Orhan the Barbarian, Jeanne or even Superwoman.

The choice is up to you.

How does it work?

The rules - a few of the rules which say what each character is capable of doing and what skills they have. The rules describe the world in which the characters live and participate e.g. Medieval Society, 20th Century, Earth, the frontier of space, etc., etc., etc.

You then get passports and pencils and dice and create a character. Now with the company of your friends and a referee (or game master) you are ready to enter the world of roleplaying.

For more information contact the Roleplayers Association via Greg Bright (Vice-President) 665 8750.

SCARACIOUS, A Game of Imagination

University Church

Why not CHECK OUT THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH? You may never have been inside a church before. You may have gone irregularly or you may be a regular churchgoer.

Whatever the case you will find the University Church different from most - you won't be bored with formalities but challenged to listen to the Bible carefully.

The church meets twice each week. In small groups at 7.30pm on Sundays in the Chaplaincy Building and as a large group on Fridays at 7.30pm in the Keith Burrows Lecture Theatre. (see article).

BOARDSAILING CLUB

Recently, the Boardailing Club has been quite active, with good turnouts despite the lousy weather. This year we have a booking officer (Martin Heppner) who will be compelled to inform that members can use club windurfers and equipment at any time during the week and on weekends other than official club days.

we will be organizing a camping trip for a number of days just after Session 1 exams. This will probably take place somewhere on the central coast and we will be staying in caravans or tents. In previous years these events have been well attended and good fun has been had by all.

For those members and prospective members who are beginners, the club has a number of small sailboards which are available to learn with and a number of experienced boardailers who enjoy teaching. For information regarding the camping trip details to be included in next newsletter) and membership enquiries contact: Stewart Paterson (President) on 697-4339 (W) or 298-7649 (A.M.). Please feel free to drop in for a chat. For information regarding booking details, please contact: Martin Hoogland (Sec.) on 697-4324 Applied Science Room 213.

OS SPORTS

The Overseas Student Services will be organising their annual volleyball and basketball tournament over the May recess (13/5-20/5-60). Entry forms can now be obtained at the Gym counter. Entry fee is $6 per team. Any enquiries please contact Garit Wong - (03) 374/4 or Clement Tan - (03) 368/345 or AUT University students are welcome to participate.

CHOC SOC AFFILIATED!!

DATELINE: Third Casco meeting, 3rd April, 1983

In an election, the vast majority of the club's membership voted to affiliate a new club on campus.

The club aims to represent all the chocolate lovers at the uni. regardless of race, colour, creed, or carrioles. It is a non-political club created purely for the joy of eating.

It will cater to all those with a sweet tooth in all forms at all hours.

It is open to anyone who enjoys chocolate.

The club meets twice each week.

The prize is a 300gm bar of a great chocolate shop in one smartie per member per day.

For information regarding booking of boards, contact Gareen Wong on 665 0199. For information regarding booking of boards, contact Gareen Wong on 665 0199.
WOT'S ON & CLASSES

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MATURE AGE Students — lunchtime meeting from 12.30 p.m. Coffee and Tea 50c a cup. AT TERC — the second bar at the bottom of the Bassett Steps, in a room specified by note, on the main entrance door.

WEDNESDAY 8

The CHESS CLUB will be holding a Beer and Fries day today, between 12.30 p.m. 2 p.m. in Room 108 in the Mech. & Ind. Engineering Building. All welcome. Admission is only 50c and anyone also interested in chess playing should come. The Chess Club will also be playing every Wednesday at the same venue and time (no admission).

THURSDAY 9

ALP Club meetings are held every second Thursday (watch for notices around uni). The ALP Club provide a forum for discussion and action around issues of concern to ALP members and supporters on campus. All welcome. 1pm to 2pm Marven Brown G4. Phone: Shaun on 303-803.

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LES COMPERES — Village Double Bay —  
In French with Australian subtitles.

*Comperes* is an extravagantly jokey French comedy. It provides the kind of laughter which captured spines have made famous. This author developed his formula for slapstick comedy, sheer lame-brained slapstick rivaling Fanny Taverny for the brilliance of its execution.

It is a very difficult task to contribute to anyone who hasn’t seen it: like most comedies of the cinema it loses a great deal in the interpretation to the written word. Yet it must be said to be seen! Basically the film is built on a unique plot in which two men search for the runaway teenager who each believes is his son.

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**THE ROAD TO ST. KILDA PIER**
George Orwell and the Politics of the Australian Left

Warned Wattle Press. 65.60.

According to Andrew Milner, the maximum position of the Australian Left is seen somewhere between 6,000 and 10,000 people. While this figure is probably a little low, there is no question that the left is still in a parlous state. This book is devoted to exploring why this should be so and what can be done about it. This central theme is wound around two other themes — Milner’s own experiences of the Australian Left since arriving in this country seven years ago, and a discussion of Orwell’s work of George Orwell. The mixture of themes does not make for an easy read, especially when they are shifting within themselves. But Orwell’s observations on sections of the book which will lead to the failure of the Left will not be lost in translation. The direct influence of his political thinking and his skill in making concrete and ugly sureties.

Milner hopes to rescue from Orwell, and from the Orwellian stage of our society, a Left movement which is a socialist which avoids revolution and the overthrow of systems. While this may appear to be outdated and perhaps overly idealistic is it surely preferable to quackism and lack of direction of the last decade. It all is the more refreshing that this book has appeared at such a time. He is short, sketched, and sensitive to an unprecedented degree. For example, it has a great deal of offer. Not the least of its strengths is the clarity of Orwell’s words in “something else” and socialism, as a great deal of offer. Not the least of its strengths is the clarity of Orwell’s words in “something else” and socialism, as a great deal of offer.
GREAT MOMENTS IN AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL HISTORY

News has reached OUT OF TOUCH concerning the new book for the record Queen Victoria, being re­

seen. The book, which is being published in London will give a six-minute lesson in British history. The stories are written for the new book to make — King George, ordering the wagon to stop. King John signing the Magna Carta. Bush to the British royal family — Francis Drake, and so on. The purpose of this book is to highlight some of the major events in British history.

GREAT MOMENTS IN OBfuscation

"The quote of the week comes from an interview with Pat Brown on a Sydney radio station. The wealthy has been asked about his friendship with Ronald Reagan. He is clearly delighted by this page. Brown replies: "Reagan is a man of strength... and strength is required these days, to wage peace".

PAW STORY — Part 2

Most people fail to see the obvious parallels between Paw, the morning paper and the after­

noon tabloids. Sometimes, "South Warehouse Fire" becomes "Blazing Inferno". Well, it's not quite that bad between the student papers yet but many say that Paw is certainly a great deal more irreverent than Tharunka in its report of the kanga­

coo paw found on Andrew Bone's desk (see the very serious report in Tharunka No. 4). Here's how NEWSWIT reported it:

"A letter addressed to the Leader was checked by police for fingerprints after being found in a Student's Union office at the University of N.S.W. on 3 April. It probably wasn't a letter that caused the alarm as much as the kangaroo paw that lay on top of it. And the head that lay on the table beside a can of beer was undoubtedly that of the same kangaroo, not of Andrew Bone, the hard­

working, Secretary­Treasurer whose office the in­

truder had occupied. The letter is understood to have con­

tained leaflets and complaints about yobpos, and maybe he meant it for US President Peter Lynch. It was probably a prank, rather than a political act, for the left would not kill a kangaroo, while the right has nothing against Lynch or Bome, self­proclaimed yoobies who campaigned with the "Lynch the Rats and Bone the Feminists".

Lynch was seen to put the head in a plastic bag and state: "I'm off to see the Vice­ Chancellor. But first I'm going down to the bar."

CAPTION COMPETITION RESULTS

Last issue's caption competition seems to have been too difficult, and the number of entries was small. The drawing used was from Punch and carried the original caption — "Oh that, its only a Kangaroo for seeing if the chocolates have soft centres". It was then used in Punch for the winning entry being, "I see the Irish Secret Service have kidnapped us again!"

This week's best effort came from the ever­present Jimmy Olsen who, commenting on the couple of engineering students, suggests that the drawings of two engineers students having a late lunch, the ninth floor of the Law Building at the type of background Jonathan Shapiro would like to have had, but was denied by geographic circumstance. Since this week the Council elections are on, we have a fittingly political subject for this issue.

GUESS HU'S COMING TO LUNCH

Over the last few weeks the papers have covered the visit to our fair shores of the Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, Mr. Hu Yaobang. Most highlights in his visit, Boi Hastings handling over a memorandum of intention to Mr. Hu, to the family of Cherv and Mr. Reginald 99 Pitkura Street, Parkwood. The Reginalds. Mr. Hu was not dressed in this single­seated, and asked if Mr. Hastings speaking function. Mr. Hu's cool head also provided some reassurance in Canberra, where the press has been talking that in China today, "it's not who you know, but who you are".

RECORDS AND FIRSTS

Ronald Reagan has managed to pull off another first, and NASA has set what must be a world record. Both events came together last week when the President called in his Vice­Chancellor, Senator Barn, to see if the Senator was intending to vote Ron's way when the Bill for military aid to the rebels in Nicaragua came up. The call was a first because the fifty year old Senator was in space at the time, orbiting the earth in the Space Shuttle. His presence there gave NASA a rare claim to the record for the world's highest effort at carrying political favour. The Senator just happens to be Chairman of the Senate Committee overseeing the Shuttle program. Anyway, Ron could have saved himself a call, because the Bill was not a hit.

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OUT OF TOUCH DICTIONARY

Readers may recall last week's item titled NEWS­PEAK 81. The item concerned the changes the Publish­ers of the Oxford Dictionary had to make to the definitions of words such as capitalism for a Russian edition of its dictionary. We would like you to imagine you are the publisher of the Out of Touch dictionary, and that you have requests from the following organisa­
tions for dictionaries: The Festival of Light, Greenpeace, and The ALP. What words would you consider the most contentious, and what changes would you make? Some words which could give problems are: censorship, cutting, constancy, morals, religion, leftist, power, control, sterilisation, option, political statement and wildlife.
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