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General strike in Victoria

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY thousand people! That's how many marched on November 10 in Melbourne for the one day protest against Kennett. The mood was angry. There's plenty to be angry about. Kennett's attacks on unionism, if successful, would be a mortal blow to unionism in Victoria. This is hardly an exaggeration. If the legislation is passed there will be only a few circumstances where striking will be allowed.

Kennett is continuing the arrogant tradition of Liberal Party leadership inherited from Malcolm Fraser and Nick Greiner. These leaders also used Labor defeats to impose right-wing agendas for which they have no mandate. They likewise were met with anger, bitterness and militancy. Kennett has no mandate for his vicious anti-union policies. His election campaign was totally unspecific about what his Liberal government had to offer. Kennett, the arrogant schoolmaster and bullyboy, has learned absolutely nothing and is getting his just deserts.

The militancy and anger of the protesters is inspiring. But they don't have the programme to bring down Kennett. Key lessons have to be learned about the trade union bureaucracy, the Kirner government and the Labor Party before a consistent victorious struggle can be fought. Fighting for another Labor government will not defeat Kennett. The struggle to bring down the Kennett government must be linked to the struggle for a revolutionary workers' and small farmers' government. The leadership of the struggle, especially John Halfpenny, is committed to containing the struggle. They want to ensure that key lessons are not learned. They want to ensure that workers do not learn the lessons of Kirner.

Reformists think of Kennett as merely a bad, arrogant leader carrying out bad policies. However Kennett's policies are no accident. These policies are required to resolve the crisis of the system. The one day show of force will neither defeat Kennett, his policies, nor the class he represents. It has slowed the pace of the attacks. There has been some retreat on workers' compensation. This is good. But unless it is clear to Kennett that struggle will be ongoing even the small gains made will be temporary.

The bureaucrats offer nothing better than the previous Kirner Government. Yet this was a viciously anti-working class government. Apparently the bureaucrats are prepared to accept Kirner's agenda to privatise and deunionise at a slower rate. The State Bank was sold by Labor. It was Cain who closed the St. Kilda and Pt. Melbourne trains, replacing them with trams. And it is only militant action which stopped the scrapping of tram conductors, the Upfield railway line and the closure of Sunshine Hospital. It was Labor who used Special Operations Group to raid the BLF. In fact Labor boasted about its ability to better smash the BLF than the Liberals. Kirner is now boasting that she forced Mr. Sheahan off the front bench for not showing enough restraint and accused the previous Labor government led by herself and Cain of lacking "the collective will for reform". In other words, should there be another Kirner government, watch out for serious cut backs and attacks on trade union awards! The bureaucrats are doing their utmost to ensure workers forget these massive attacks. The choice for workers should not be the Liberal's quick dive or Labor's slow boat to destruction.

Many are enthused by the one day strike. And the show of strength achieved something. More important is the ongoing campaign to bring down the Kennett government. The bureaucrats have no intention of organising this struggle. They want merely "responsible government". They must therefore betray. A revolutionary intervention means not merely cheering the action. It means fighting for an alternative perspective which goes beyond the action permitted by the bureaucrats and breaks workers from trade union bureaucracy. Unless this happens struggle will be demobilised. This is what happened in 1976 when millions throughout Australia were angry at the Fraser government getting rid of the health scheme Medibank. Workers were allowed their general strike to "let off steam". Then it was back to work after Hawke, then leader of the ACTU, rubbed his hands with glee after "proving" that political strikes "didn't work". Halfpenny, like Hawke, will deliberately sabotage strike action except occasionally to let off steam.

Kennett has been forced to retreat and this is good. But if workers do not continue their action not only will there be no further retreats, but deeper and harsher attacks will follow. Kennett is not merely a ruling class bullyboy but represents a system which demands workers' starvation to resolve the crisis of profitability. Workers must not only prepare to fight Kennett but also the system he stands for. Revolutionary communists support a general strike. We support a meaningful general strike which must be more than just a protest but an integral part of a revolutionary offensive for working class power - a revolutionary workers' and small farmers' government. Those who raise the demand out of this context prepare the working class either for impotent protest or to be smashed. The Workers' Revolution Group continually call for a general strike only pointing out they have a revolutionary programme in fine print. They don't link other demands to the existing struggle now.

A serious struggle against the Kennett government requires the organisation of factory committees. These are

important united fronts in which political strategies can be debated by workers. Workers' control tactics must be developed to resist every layoff and every cut back. Factories must be occupied and expropriated by the organised working class. The capitalist state will resist so, we, the working class, must be armed. Workers' militia must be developed. Of course an adventurist fight with the cops could be disastrous. But so too is a campaign which does not prepare for force. All this requires the building of a revolutionary party and a break from the social democratic traitors.

From Kennett's election important lessons can be learnt - about the bankruptcy of the Socialist Left. It is not merely the fact that Kimer was in the Socialist Left until she resigned to become premier, but that the SL propped up a Labour Government led by the right-winger Cain. The idea was that you put up a right-wing figure head whom you supposedly control and have a moderate agenda for moderate progressive measures initially and ultimately reform. Cain was a right-wing leader who cooked up clever ways to get money to assist Victoria's ailing manufacturing. These didn't work. Victoria has a massive debt and the Liberals can accuse Labor of being "the guilty party". When the heat was on, Cain resigned leaving Kirner holding the baby -to carry out the right-wing policies in an attempt to make the economy acceptable to the capitalists. She failed and therefore handed government over to Kennett on a silver platter. The Socialist Left, a tendency too gutless to stand under its banner and fight for its programme, now has no respectable figure to hide behind.

The CPA(ML) in their paper Vanguard consider Kennett part of "trends toward fascism". This is extremely misleading. Capitalism is, in itself, a repressive system committed to repression always, unless the capitalists are trying to head off the working class, through social democratic reformism. Capitalism will accept reform if it is necessary to head off a workers' revolutionary movement or to buy working class support for an imperialist war. Kennett's attacks are part of capitalist normality when there is a serious crisis. The system requires serious attacks to resolve the crisis of profitability. This means slashing wages, destroying conditions, cutting the public sector and smashing unions. The Maoist rhetoric covers for normal capitalism and gives their rotten bloc with "patriotic" capitalists a left rationalisation. Fascism is a movement led by the middle class which operates outside the bounds of bourgeois democracy as the systems' last line of defense. It is not the same as state repression.

The attacks by Kennett are part of a ruling class offensive throughout Australia. Interstate solidarity is urgent. Communist Tendency supports the national day of action . We warn that the bureaucrats will keep a strangle hold over the platform, prevent any ongoing action and use the rallies to blind workers into accepting Labor's antiunion agenda. After the one day action, workers must organise in continual solidarity with the Victorian workers, against attacks on unions, against attacks against the public sector everywhere.

ISO and the General Strike

The ISO have a strong and militant profile. They are perceived by many as revolutionary even, though their record shows that they are not. In the movement against the Gulf War they were the militant wing of the popular front. Currently in the struggle against Kennett they are the militant backers of the trade union bureaucracy. No doubt the ISO and members offer heartfelt criticisms. They are unfortunately of minimal practical consequence. The ISO have refused to fight for a perspective which goes beyond that permitted by the bureaucrats. There are plenty of slogans like "strike Kennett out". How we get the leadership to ensure a successful struggle is not stated. In The Socialist strike action is urged and it is pointed out that the bureaucrats won't organise it. All this means is that the ISO will do the bureaucrats' leg work and mobilise behind the bureaucrats' banner. In Sydney the local branch argued that their main intervention was to petition for a rally. Now if tactics are to be debated and revolutionary ideas raised then a rally can be very important in the struggle for revolutionary leadership. But this was not the ISO rationale. They argued for a rally on the grounds that to advocate more would mean alienation. This is not merely a question of tactics. The ISO by their own admission offer nothing but the leadership of the bureaucrats. Of course this is rationalised on the grounds that "we are just a small propaganda group". However criticism of the bureaucrats does not figure highly in the propaganda. Mick Armstrong in The Socialist informs us that "we are witnessing the first battle in a prolonged class war". Well, not if Halfpenny and Co. remain in the helm. Mick Armstrong seriously underestimates the leadership to demobilise action. The ISO do not present a perspective for challenging the bureaucrats. Their militant calls for action are either meaningless or give the bureaucrats a left cover.

75 years of the Russian Revolution and the SPA

This November marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Russian Revolution. For the first time in history, the proletariat took power and created a workers' state. This is truly the greatest event in the history of humanity. Apart from the success in the Soviet Union the revolution pointed the way for the working class to take power throughout the world. The International unites the human race! The Russian revolution was instrumental in the establishment of the revolutionary Third International, led by Lenin and Trotsky. Communist Tendency salutes the Bolshevik Party and the revolutionary traditions of the Comintern. The Russian Revolution was a great victory but the position of the proletariat was extremely weak. The victory of Stalin was in no way inevitable but it was facilitated by the weakness of the working class which was and is the only revolutionary class in Russia and elsewhere.

The defeat of the Left Opposition led by Trotsky was a massive blow to the proletariat in the Soviet Union and internationally. In the USSR it was linked to the rise of a bureaucratic caste which strangled working class power but did not re-establish capitalism. The Stalin caste made its peace with imperialism internationally. This was rationalised by the ideological framework "socialism in one country". Communist Parties were converted from revolutionary vanguards of the proletariat to lighters for minimal reform in alliance with so-called progressive sections of the ruling class. The logic of this was shown clearly when Stalin dissolved the Comintern. This merely formalised their nationalist degeneration. If the role of "Communist Parties" is merely to unite with the nationalist bourgeoisie on a minimum programme - which was what they were in practice doing - the Communist International become unnecessary baggage.

Trotsky saw the bureaucracy as being transitional towards capitalism. He saw it as a conducting medium between world imperialism and the nationalised property relations.

He warned that "socialism in one country" would allow the strangulation of the Soviet Union by imperialism. Like Lenin he saw bureaucracy as the "internal enemy".

For Stalinists the Trotskyist position was regarded as one of counter-revolutionary despair. After all, for years we were told that although there was a bit of bureaucracy which the Soviet people and government themselves opposed. But they argued to talk of a hardened counter-revolutionary caste was vile slander. To quote Ralph Gibson in the debate within the CPA "The most powerful force on OUR side is the Soviet Union. High growth rate is decisive in economic competition between the two social systems. Bureaucrats may exist but the Soviet Union possesses fine thoughtful people". We were also told that the socialist countries were "winning the peaceful competition with imperialism. ..proving the superiority of socialism". The Stalinists have therefore quite a bit to explain. If, as argued, "The success of socialism over one third of the globe. ..proved the superiority of socialism" does their subsequent failure prove the inferiority? That is the conclusion many will draw.

In Australia the main pro-Moscow party is the Socialist Party of Australia. This party was founded after a struggle in the CPA. In 1967 the CPA congress adopted liberalised formulations such as "coalition of the left". Whilst this was fundamentally a right-wing turn, criticisms of the Moscow bureaucracy were made which were similar to Trotskyist criticisms. These were opposed by the pro-Moscow minority. The Aarons majority were more linked to student and middle class radicalism and as this became more radical the Aarons majority could appear more militant and paint the opposition as conservatives. The radical turn drove many bureaucrats, (who felt threatened by the militant component within Aaronsism) into the hands of the pro-Moscow minority.

When the Warsaw Pact countries, led by the Soviet Union, invaded Czechoslovakia the battle lines sharpened. The Aarons wing sharpened their analysis of the "socialist based countries" and the minority accused them of counter-revolutionary Trotskyism.

In December 1971 the SPA was launched for unity against monopoly and for unity with the "socialist countries" meaning the post-capitalist states. The SPA acted as the PR agents for the Kremlin and those post-capitalist states in alliance. "Really socialist", declared J. McPhillips after visiting three post-capitalist states. Tom Adler in SPA (the first name of their paper) reported "GDR confident of its future.. continues to set an example of how socialism will work for the benefit of the people while capitalist countries are beset with the problems of decaying capitalism."

And in response to a statement by the CPA, "Presumably the positive references to the new achievements of the Soviet people fulfilling their programme of communist construction and welcome to the peaceful initiatives of the Soviet Union were too much for the National Committee[of the CPA]"

The SPA projected a future of "boundless optimism for the socialist countries". They were apparently "winning the peaceful competition with capitalism". Now there is rampant counter-revolution a mere twenty years after the SPA made such forthright and unequivocal statements. A serious Marxist-Leninist organisation has the responsibility to explain the degeneration of these states. The SPA who banked so much on their socialist triumph has an even greater responsibility.

So what does the SPA offer? All their statements amount to is an attack on the opportunism of Gorbachev, Yeltsin and Shevardnaze and the failure to fight careerism. Yes! some personal responsibility is in order. But this is rampant idealism! They blame for the collapse of a successful" social system - the failings of a few men. Another "explanation" to have come from SPA members is "bourgeois ideology". But why was bourgeois ideology successful when the CPSU controlled the whole of the soviet media? Could it be that you can't build socialism in one country? That is what we Trotskyists have been saying for decades. We dare the SPA to draw this conclusion!

For Marxists degeneration is a product of forces alien to the proletariat. How did these develop, dominate and strangle socialism in the USSR? This is the question that not just the SPA but all aspiring revolutionaries must confront for the future of socialism on this planet. We demand the SPA not accept Trotskyism carte blanche but make a serious Marxist critique of the Soviet Union. We are confident that such analysis will vindicate the principles that Trotsky, the Left Opposition and the Fourth International fought for against the Stalinist tyranny.

Fascism in Germany

Fascism is once again prominent in Germany. Fascist gangs are on the rampage. Just recently two women and a ten year old girl were killed in the small town of Moelin. They were all of Turkish origin. Nazis claimed responsibility. In the industrial city of Wuppertal a man was killed when Nazis were told that he was Jewish. These are just two incidents in what is a whole pattern of fascist violence throughout Germany. It is especially strong in what was the GDR. Hundreds of thousands have rallied opposing it. Merely showing opposition is not enough. The roots of fascism must be torn out. When it is argued that all classes have an interest in opposing fascism, merely being "anti-fascist" means being subservient to the system. So the "anti-fascists" show their loyalty to a system from which fascism breeds! From this type of weakness, the fascists grow!

Many might think that Germans might have learned their lesson. Germany was, after all, humiliated by Hitler's defeat. Well most of the skin heads are young and that was last generation. The new generation probably think that they can improve on Hitler's efforts. But the main point is that fascism is not a moral question but a political one and a class one.

If fascism can supply the answers to sections of the middle class, the labour aristocracy and the lumpen proletariat then these classes will gravitate to fascism if the class conscious proletariat don't intervene first. If there is a potentially revolutionary situation the ruling class will use fascism as its last line of defense - if we do not organise to smash it. In Germany a serious campaign of workers' defense is long overdue.

The appeal of fascism is in fact very understandable - especially in Germany. The fusion of East and West Germany was a political triumph for the West German bourgeoisie led by the Christian Democrats. But they are not triumphant economically. The integration of the East poses problems. The nationalised industry in the East cannot compete with the West. Who after all wants to buy a Traebert motorcar? The uneconomic East German industrial plant has to be dismantled. The system is in crisis and there is a serious shortage of capital. These problems, although creating a crisis, are not insoluble. However it does mean massive sacrifices for ordinary Germans. When was Germany both politically and economically triumphant? Under fascism! But of course this triumph meant smashing the working class and war. The Christian Democrats mean the current mess. The Social Democrats aren't much different. Communism is seen as Stalinism and East Germany was a failure. So who offers the radical solutions? The fascists do! And if revolutionary communists don't intervene they will become a massive poll of attraction. They must be smashed.

Like most imperialist countries the bosses are scapegoating migrants to divert workers from fighting the real enemy. In Germany the main nationality victimised are the Turks. During the boom Turkish workers were welcome to do the worst jobs at the lowest pay. Now the system is in crisis, Turkish workers are sent back to face the reactionary Ozal regime. Often they face jail or even death especially if they are Kurdish. But for the ruthless imperialists they are expendable when they are not needed for superprofits. The German fascists compete with the imperialists and the social imperialists to show that their methods deal with the Turkish workers more efficiently than the normal legal methods. The struggle to defend Turkish workers, to smash all immigration controls is a vital part of the struggle to defeat fascism in Germany and elsewhere.

Nazis and the Unemployed Peoples'Union of Sydney

The following page reproduces a leaflet handed out on September 26. As it states, the abstention from the UWU demo by the left was criminal. The broader the demo, the lesser the threat to members of the UWU. The unemployed should not have to bear the brunt of fighting fascism solely on their shoulders. The demo did however

get considerable publicity. Broadside, The Guardian, Green Left and Rebel Worker published articles. There has been subsequent publicity in The Glebe local newspaper. Whilst none of the left papers gave a political perspective to undermine and smash fascist tendencies, the publicity has been useful in cutting off mainstream support to UPU. Fortunately no respectable politician will touch UPU with a barge pole. Whilst the UPU has received a setback, we have no doubt that it will resurface in another form. We still must be vigilant.

Much has been made of Mr David Palmer whose high profile and overt Nazism and leadership of the Ku Klux Klan has been a convenient rallying point. It is significant if an overt Nazi is allowed to get away with flaunting himself openly. It sends a message to all Nazis that they will get no resistance if they come out blatantly. There is much more to the fascist penetration of UPU than Mr Palmer. Displaying their ideological wares at the Campsie UPU meeting were the softer fascists such as Enterprise Freedom and Family and Save Australia Now Enterprise. Nicholls is associated with SANE. These are small business extreme right forces who although perhaps less violent have the potential to build a broader social base.

The first UPU meeting was addressed by Tom Forrest, research officer for Labor Council of New South Wales. After being approached by UWU, Labour Council disowned the UPU. But what is revealing is that this "research officer" was not only unable to recognise the high profile Mr Palmer, he was unable to recognise or was prepared to work with the more covert fascists such as John Byrne of Enterprise Freedom and Family who spoke on the same platform. Mr Byrne, a municipal councillor from Doonside, seen regularly at unemployed rallies with two big trucks, is an overt antiunionist. We have been informed of a letter from Labour Council to UPU offering assistance including co-operation with speakers and printing. Mr Forrest, it appears, seems unable to recognise a right-wing dominated fascist-run meeting with blatant anti-unionists. This speaks volumes for the integrity of the trade union bureaucracy.

Many have not taken UPU seriously for several reasons. First, Palmer and/or Nicholls are supposed to be crackpots. Well, if crackpot rightists can have a degree of success in organising unemployed, the serious Nazis will follow pretty shortly - that's even if Nicholls and/or Palmer are crackpots! Second, the skinhead Nazis get plenty of attention because of their anti-social culture, overt racist symbols and violence. The National Action skinheads do threaten many now and have to be dealt with. But the low key small business fascists are the movement that is more likely to bring fascist power in this country - if we let them.

Australia is relatively a long way off from fascism. This is due to the subservience of the labour movement. For the past ten years the Hawke and Keating governments have obeyed the wishes of the system and contained class struggle. The next step will be a Hewson-style extreme right Liberal Government to kick the boot in with strong anti-union legislation. It is then that fascism will have its chance. What alternative will Labor offer? The constitution will not allow many of the strong state measures such as nationalisation. There are two tendencies in this country prepared to defy the constitution - communism and fascism. Fascism can win support by uniting traditional chauvinism with the desire to go beyond the traditional bourgeois political methods when they are found to be impotent. It's the "revolution" of the petty bourgeoisie against the working class. It means the smashing of trade unions and bourgeois democracy. It means slave labour. It means tyranny and state repression in general. Fascism may not be on the immediate agenda, but the fact that Mr. Palmer can boast virtually a united front of Liberals, ALP members and some communists with the NSP shows how confident of the future he is.

Fighting fascism is the responsibility for the whole of the Left. And a united front is the way to do it. But there are clear differences on what type of united front. Many, including the New Left Party, support a united front for calling the cops. Left-wing activists are entitled to call the cops for their own defence, if this is required for their personal safety. However that this has to be done is a reflection of weakness. Use of the cops as a strategy for a united front is defended by two main arguments: one, it creates a contradiction within the class enemy and two, it either means the fascists are arrested or exposes police complicity when they refuse to charge.

There are serious dangers for the Left and the workers' movement in proclaiming legality and depending on the state. Considering the cops arresting fascists to be a "division in the class enemy" is a misconception about how fascism operates. Fascism requires a mock fight with the state to establish its credentials amongst the oppressed. If the fascists establish themselves as police victims they can empathise with unemployed and others also attacked by

Cops. "Look the cops attack us but the cops are legal" is what they will say and they will have power in recruiting especially if the left is flaunting its legality. By doing this, the left is advertising its impotence, saying it has no alternative to the present misery. A legal strategy allows police penetration of left organisations. For example, many unemployed people are at odds with the law and could fear exposure if names and/or addresses are revealed in documents subpoenaed in a court case. Some mileage can be made out of a blatant refusal of the cops to enforce the law. But it is equally likely that the Left will be exposed as a consequence as weak and dependent on the law.

A serious workers united front for action must be organised now! This must start organising for direct action. As the Communist Tendency leaflet reiterated from Trotsky WE MUST ACQUAINT THE FASCISTS WITH THE PAVEMENT!

UNEMPLOYED ANTI-FASCIST DEMO. CRIMINAL ABSTENTION BY THE LEFT

Last Thursday, September 24, the so-called "Unemployed People's Union" held a public

meeting at Campsie about how local government and business could co-operate in providing jobs for unemployed people. On the surface the UPU appeared to be a mainstream conservative unemployed organisation concerned about job creation. At a previous UPU meeting, speakers included Leo McLeay M.P., representatives from the Labour Council, the Liberal Party and small manufacturers. In reality, it is at least influenced by, if not controlled by, the fascist National Socialist Defense of Aryan Peoples' Movement. This Nazi organisation openly proclaims its presence at UPU public meetings. The chair of this meeting was David Palmer, the Fuhrer of the NSDAP Movement.

Outside the meeting was a picket of 15 people, organised by the N.S.W. Coalition of Unemployed Organisations, including Wollongong Out of Workers' Union (WOW), Sydney Unemployed Workers' Union (SUWU), and Blacktown Unemployed Workers' Union. This picket was attended by the Socialist Party of Australia, the Youth Rights Campaign, the Jelly Heads Anarchists and Communist Tendency. A rank and file member of the DSP, who lived in Campsie, also turned up and Broadside sent a reporter. Those who were present deserve to be commended for standing up against fascism. However the wholesale absence of the rest of the left, including the far left, is a damning indictment of their commitment to fight the fascist counter-revolutionary offensive which is a threat to migrants, Jewish people, Gays, the trade union movement and even bourgeois democracy itself.

The NSDAP Movement are no joke. Recently one of their members was charged with assaulting a Jewish person in the Domain who challenged their anti-Semitic dribble. They have also issued death threats against SUWU, WOW, Youth Rights' Campaign and a threat of violence against Bill Keats. The threats such as "blow up your offices and machine gun your members" may be exaggerated. But the capacity of this organisation for serious violence is real. The Left had a responsibility to hold a picket. Many of the thirty five or so who came to the meeting were decent ordinary unemployed who don't deserve to be dupes of fascist power games or perhaps even victims of fascist attack themselves. The less support the UPU gets the less they will be given credence as "representatives of the unemployed". We have a responsibility to expose these fascist scum whose agenda is physical attacks against minority groups and ultimately the smashing of the working class. The isolation of those who picketed only makes them more vulnerable to fascist violence. The failure of the Left to stand up to UPU only assists the fascists recruit the unemployed.

The economic system is in crisis. Many are looking for solutions to the serious problems of unemployment and inflation. They see that extreme solutions are needed to the alternative of starving. It is in this climate that fascism will recruit some sections of the middle class and of the more chauvinist and lumpen sections of the working class. With their lack of union organisation and criminal tendencies the unemployed are ripe for criminal fascist intervention if the communists - revolutionary communists - don't get in first. Today the Keating government is exposed as bankrupt, the Liberals offer austerity and what's called "communism" (meaning Stalinism) has either degenerated or is tainted with the blood of Tienanmen Square. This gives the NSDAP Movement its opportunity. Most unemployed people will not be won by stunts and antics such as uniforms, symbols and the odd terrorist act. But by building a broad "UPU", the NSDAP Movement can compete with ALP supporters as the most consistent defenders of the chauvinist traditions of the Australian labour movement.

UPU' S organiser, Shane Nicholls, has a record of organising unemployed as part of the left-wing Union of the Unemployed, Squatters and Tenants. He is a single parent, invalid pensioner. He will appear to be a credible organiser of the unemployed. He fully co-operates with the NSDAP Movement, irrespective of whether he is a formal member (which he denies). He is extremely dangerous.

The absence of the left in fighting the racists in the UPU is serious. No doubt, the Spartacist League, the Socialist Labour League, the International Socialist Organisation and the Democratic Socialist Party have their excuses. They did not know that the UPU was fascist infiltrated without Communist Tendency informing them. The fascists could organise 500 unemployed and these self-proclaimed "leninist vanguards" would be oblivious to it. The ISO, DSP and SL are bogged down in campus politics in the inner city. Phil Griffith of the ISO informed us that they had a campus meeting that must take priority over being on the Campsie picket. The SLL are too contemptuous of unemployed organisations to take the threat seriously. The SLL have called for "maximum unity to tight the Ustasha" and offered this unity to Denis Freney in exposing the SWP (now DSP)-sponsored Croatian Movement for Statehood (HDP). We agree for their call for unity but even more serious is unity to tight the serious threat of fascism organising amongst the unemployed in Australia now! **WE NEED TO SHOW OUR STRENGTH! WE NEED STRONG AND EFFECTIVE PICKETS TO CONFRONT EVERY FASCIST SPONSORED MEETING! WE NEED FIGHTING LEFT UNITY ! WE NEED TO ORGANISE TO ACQUAINT THE FASCISTS WITH THE PAVEMENT!**

The growth of fascism is a symptom of the political weakness of the working class. To defeat fascism we must politically fight the chauvinism from which it breeds - by advocating proletarian internationalism. We need a strong politically independent working class to win over sections of the middle class to proletarian leadership. For this we need a revolutionary program not the minimalist reformism and chauvinism of the Labor Party and the stalinists. Their programmes mean subservience to the system and political impotence. So middleclass people and chauvinist sections of the working class will gravitate towards the fascists. The fight for a classconscious working class - a revolutionary communist party - is vital if we are to stop the tide to reaction . In France, in Germany, in Britain, fascists are on the rampage. We must organise now before fascist attacks become widespread in Australia as well! We must start now. Unemployed organisations must not be left alone to protest against fascism. The left and the working class must unite to fight it now !