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# NEUTRON BOMB MADNESS

The neutron bomb is designed to give off up to six times the radiation but considerably less than the explosive blast of a conventional nuclear warhead. This results in little damage to buildings property etc., but destruction of all living beings within

The lethal radiation released by a neutron bomb reaches an area twice the size of that affected by a comparable conventional atomic bomb.

Resultant casualties of a small neutron bomb would be:

At Ground Zero and up to 200 metres: Structural damage minimal. People in the open would be seared and fall immed-

400 metres: Incapacity and coma within 5 minutes, death within 24 hours.

700 metres: Incapacity and coma within 5 minutes, death within 48 to 96 hours.

1000 metres: Serious functional impairment within 2 hours, death within weeks.

1200 metres: Radiation sickness within two hours, many dead within months.

2000 metres: Radiation sickness, survivors liable to serious later effects such as cancer and genetic damage.

#### U.S. DECISION

The U.S. decision to make and stockpile bombs is further evidence that their military planners and the U.S. government have lost sight of reality.

The whole post war history of the arms race shows that, whenever one world pawn gains a temporary lead over the other, this advantage is lost again in a comparatively short time. That was what happened with the A and the H bombs. The same will happen with the neutron bomb.

#### 'DEFINED AREA' WEAPONS

Neutron bombs or missiles are specifically designed for 'theatre' warfare (defined areas) eg. Europe and the Middle East. Once they are manufactured and stockpiled:

them to be deployed in Europe, as has happened with other nuclear weapons.

To overcome any strong opposition from those countries, the US is capable of deceiving allied countries, as

Given a 'crisis' in the Middle East oilfields, the US

If Russia's tanks were decimated by a neutron attack, and defeat seemed imminent, there is every possibility that they would launch a full scale

Russia will feel compelled to develop its own neutron arsenal, and the arms race will

nuclear attack themselves, to

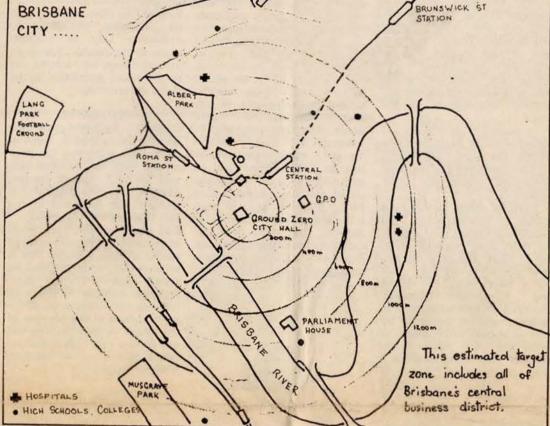
avoid capitulation.

escalate. Any deterrent effect of the neutron weapons possessed by the U.S. will last only until the Russians produce their own. France has also announced its interest in neutron weapons.

#### CYNICISM ILLUSTRATED

The US decision to build the neutron weapons has been undertaken without consultation with any other country: indeed, the US sees it as purely \* Pressure will mount for an internal US decision. But the NATO countries to allow the fact that the weapons have been selected for use in NATO countries and other areas where the Americans feel threatened by larger numbers of conventional aims cannot be ignored and illustrates their cynical unconcern towards happened recently in Japan. other people and their territories

Within the USA itself, the may well decide to use neu-only application for the neuttron weapons in anticipation or ron missiles would be against deterrence of any perceived invading ground forces. (The Russian action in the area only candidates for this dubi-



ous role would be Canada or Mexico: not your most daunting adversaries on a global scale of 10) or against dissident groups in a seige situation.

#### OFFENSIVE ROLE

European leaders and communities are well aware that their countries will most likely be the battleground on which the neutron weapons will be used. However any attempt to knock out tanks after they have crossed the borders will result not only in killing the crews of the invading tanks but also the troops of the opposing armies and the civilian population in those areas. It is for this reason that neutron weapons obviously have an offensive role for use against tank crews and other personnel perceived to be a possible invasion force.

### CONVENTIONAL 'DISGUISE'

Neutron weapons can be designed as missiles eg. shells to be fired from conventional artill-

deployment of them in this form would be virtually impossible to detect or monitor. Certain military 'advantages' to be repaired;

accrue to neutron weapons. ceal, store and to use.

weapons, the Defence Minister, Mr Charles Hernu, said today before inspecting France's nuclear test facilities at Mururoa Atoll, near Tahiti.

studies and research on these weapons, but the new Leftist administration has not yet

They are not a deterrent designed for actual use. They can be used without

fear of retailiation against countries or groups which do not possess nuclear weapons.

They are 'suitable' for military purposes because undesirable material losses are minimal eg. railroads, water, electricity, transport facilities, ports, aerodromes etc. remain undamaged.

Neutron weapons will not prevent nuclear wars but rather facilitate their outbreak. For the reasons listed above, neutron weapons can be used as a counter insurgency weapon, a police weapon, a counter revolutionary weapon. They are weapons which have the potential to turn revolutions and counter-revolutionary interventions into atomic wars.

Neutron weapons are seen to be cost effective by their proponents (how to kill effectively, easily, at least cost per person) for several reasons other than the actual amount of money needed to make them:

\* minimal structural damage

minimal medical costs for They are easier to con-victims (most people are dead within days)

minimal immediate casualties among the force using the weapon

minimal use of other weapons and ammunition to 'take' a position.

#### LOWERED THRESHOLD

Once the idea of a so-called usable atomic weapon has gained currency, regardless of whether it is called a tactical or neutron weapon, the theory of nuclear deterrence will crumble to dust.

The neutron bomb lowers the threshold for the use of nuclear arms in the event of a military conflict, thereby increasing the risk of nuclear war. It obliterates the barrier separating it from conventional

#### PROTEST

Only strong concerted opposition by the people of the world is going to stop this insanity. Every voice raised in protest is valuable. Write to your local members, the Prime Minister, to the e of your local newspaper. Demonstrate your outrage vocally, publicly, and where it will have most effect.

> Telegraph 10 August, 1981 Neutron Bombs No! Joan Shears



#### FRENCH NEUTRON BOMB IN PACIFIC? should be "part of the French

French bomb tests in the Pacific could include neutron

France had been conducting decided whether such arms panoply", Mr Hernu said. He said his Government

would follow past French policy of refusing to issue any information about test blaste But I can tell you that when I board a plane (to leave Tahi in four days, the last test the present series will finished."

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## SAFEGUARD FRAUD EXPOSED

Federal Government claims that Australian uranium is only sold "subject to the strictest safeguards". The International Atomic Energy Agency administers these safeguards as soon as the uranium is processed beyond the form in which it is exported (U308 or yellowcake).

At the time Israel bombed Iraq's nuclear reactor in mid-June, Robert Richter, an American nuclear engineer and IAEA inspector resigned in protest against the ineffectiveness of IAEA safeguards. In early 1980 he had written to the US State Department to express his concern that Iraq was deliberately circumventing IAEA safeguards to build a nuclear weapon. In that letter he also criticised the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. He said that it had assisted Iraq in acquiring the nuclear technology and materials by absolving co-operating nations and shifting responsibility to the IAEA.

In testimony before the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee on June 19, 1981, Richter detailed the extreme limitations placed on IAEA inspectors:

First, he noted, nations have a right to veto inspectors from whatever countries they choose, 'a right they regularly exer-cise." Thus, the only inspections performed in Iraq since 1976 have been by Soviet Hungarian nationals, though a French inspector was recently granted approval by Iraq to inspect, but had not yet done so. "Any adverse conclusions you might reach as a result of your inspections would have to take into account your country's sensitivity to how this information might affect relations with Iraq.

"Second, you must give a government several weeks notice prior to an inspection, and obtain a visa. The government may agree with the date or ask for a postponement.

"Third, you must familiarize yourself only with those facil-ities that the nation says are subject to safeguards. Thus, the hot cells provided by Italy for examination and processing of irradiated nuclear specimens for possible plutonium separation are not included in the information provided by Iraq, nor is the radiochemistry laboratory, pilot reprocessing facility, nor the fuel fabrication line included in the design information available to the IAEA. These facilities are not under safeguards and so long as Iraq maintains that it is not processing plutonium or fabricating uranium fuel in these facilities, they will remain outside of safeguards.

#### DISTURBING

"This may be disturbing to you as an IAEA inspector. Nevertheless, you are aware that as a signatory of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, only facilities which Iraq has declared to the IAEA as containing either thorium or depleted uranium in metal or oxide form of plutonium are subjected to your examination.





"However, natural uranium in the form of U308, commonly known as yellowcake, is not subject to safeguards, despite its potential for easy conversion to target specimens for plutonium production. You are not entitled even to look at the other facilities if Iraq has not adhered to its obligation under NPT, to report to the IAEA that material subject to safeguards is located in these facilities. You are aware that the role of the inspector is limited to verifying only material declared by Iraq or France. You have no authority to look for undeclared material. Your job is to verify that the declared material accountancy balance is correct. The IAEA does not look for clandestine operations. The IAEA in effect conducts an accounting operation.



"The amounts and level of enrichment of the reactor fuel elements is indicated on your computer printout. But you notice that 100 tons of uranium in the form of U308 is not on the list. This is not an oversight but a reflection of the fact that even though Portugal reported the shipment to the IAEA, it is only a formality. The 200,000 pounds of U308 is not subject to safequards. Had this uranium been in a slightly reduced form, such as U02, it would have been under safeguards; but this loophole could enable Iraq to do as it pieases with the U308 and so long as it does not report that the U308 has been converted into a material that is in the safeguarded category, you have no right to inquire of its whereabouts. You are disturbed by this because you have no right to inquire of its whereabouts. You are disturbed by this because you realize that in the other Italian supplied fuel processing equipment which is not under safeguards, Iraq possesses the capability to convert in a rather simple fashion the U308 to U02 or even better to uranium metal.

"This could then be made into uranium targets which when bombarded by neutrons in the reactor core or blanket would be partially converted to plutonium. The targets could then be disassembled and reprocessed in the unsafeguarded hot cells and pilot reprocessing facility and the plutonium recovered. Since the U308 is not under safeguards, the material accountancy balance will not show that material has been withdrawn. The plutonium could therefore be accumulated without IAEA awareness. So long as Iraq does not live up to its obligation to admit to irradiating UO2 or urahium metal in the reactor, you as an inspector have no recourse but to limit your inspection to the declared inventory.

#### **PLUTONIUM**

"As an inspector you have become aware that as much as 17 to 24 kilograms of plutonium could be produced each year with the Osirak reactor. Even if only one third of this amount was produced in the first few years of operation . . . Iraq could acquire a stockpile of plutonium sufficient to make several atomic bombs. This is because in spite of having signed the NPT, the most sensitive facilities in the nuclear reactor complex could remain outside of the purview of the IAEA as long as Iraq did not declare that they contained either plutonium or uranium metal or oxide.

"During these years when the plutonium stockpile is growing, Iraq could master the techniques of fabricating the plutonium configuration required for a nuclear weapon.

Equally disturbing to you as an inspector is the realization that under the present negotiated agreement between the IAEA and Iraq, you will be limited to only three inspections per year, usually spaced at approximately four-month intervals. Since the entire reactor can be emptied of the clandestine uranium target specimens within days, you as an inspector face the fact that by the time you arrive to verify the declared inventory of fuel elements which power the reactor, all evidence of illicit irradiations could be covered

"You will now return to Vienna and report that your inspection disclosed no discrepancies between the operator's records and that of the agency. You will report that you verified the unirradiated fuel with your stabilized assay meter and that you verified the irradiated fuel in the core by counting the elements and by virtue of seeing the reactor in operation.

MISLEADING PROCESS

"The difficult part of the job is that you must prepare yourself mentally to ignore the many signs that may indicate presence of clandestine activities going on in the facilities which you were not permitted to inspect, unless the host country has informed you that fuel elements from the reactor were transferred there. You will now complete a standard report, filling in the blanks, you will try to forget that you have just been party to a very misleading process.

Not Man Apart, August 1981

# UK WASTE PLAN

wants to involve private enter- he said. prise in the disposal of nuclear

early stage, is sure to lead to that the private sector is more more controversy about the likely to be able to respond to handling of radioactive mater- this successfully, and that the

The idea is being promoted by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary for the Environment, whose portfolio covers management of nuclear waste.

Referring to the involvement of private companies in the design of nuclear systems. he expressed regret that they were not equally involved in waste disposal.

"I am disappointed that in this country there has not up to now been any significant private sector involvement in the

The British Government specific area of waste disposal,"

"I believe that there is a growing international market
The plan, although still at an for the technology involved, private sector can contribute very important skills and attitudes.

"I am reviewing my own department's research programme in order to find ways of increasing private sector involvement."

procedures laid Existing down for the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority and British Nuclear Fuels, which are responsible for the storage and disposal of radioactive waste, involve stringent safety checks.

Age June 26, 1981









### NUCLEAR PROTEST

Anti-Nuclear activists in two in the North Atlantic.

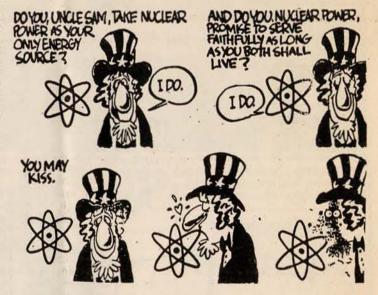
A spokesperson for the environmental organisation Greenpeace, Mr Peter Dykstra, said vesterday crewmen on the British-registered Gem sprayed the dinghies with high pressure water hoses but there were no casualties.

The dinghies, launched from rubber dinghies have gone into the Greenpeace vessel Sirius battle against a 1600 tonne about 600 nautical miles off ship dumping radioactive waste south-west England, delayed the Gem's dumping operation by about 90 minutes.

Mr Dykstra said the protesters now were planning to confront the Gem with nets in an attempt to catch one of its canisters of nuclear waste.

Courier Mail July 22, 1981

#### ATOMIC CAPSULE DEATH



Douglas Crofut, 38, died at truck parked 800 metres from a Tulsa, Oklahoma hospital Crofut's home. yesterday, six months after he first sought medical care for radiation burns to his chest and left arm. Officials said the radiation destroyed his bone marrow, burned off his left nipple and ate deep into his body like a cancer.

The source of the exposure remains under investigation. The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission investigated the theft about December 30 of an industrial radiographic device from a locked pipeline inspection company

After Crofut first went to hospital on January 22, the pencil-shaped capsule of iridium 192 turned up on the porch of another radiographer's home. The iridium, described by officials as lethal was in its protective lead container. Such devices are used by radiographers employed by oil companies to detect problems in pipeline welds.

Crofut denied knowledge of the theft, and the commission closed its investigation without result.

Courier Mail 31 July, 1981

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

We All Live on Three Mile Island: The Case Against Nuclear Power, by Greg Adamson.

Pathfinder Press, 1981, 160pp.



additional resource for the nuclear movement (such as havfight against nuclear power, ing prevented the introduction It provides a short, readable of nuclear power into Australia). introduction to the issue for There is no mention of the those not familiar with it, street march ban placed upon whilst providing detail and the anti-uranium movement in political analysis which should Queensland, and some of the provoke throught and debate criticism of two left wing partamongst activists.

The book begins by undermining the very basis of all arguments for nuclear power: the need for electricity from that source. It exposes the fraudulent nature of the "oil point that "nuclear power doesn't do anything that coal couldn't do more safely." Unrenewable, decentralized energy author stresses the urgency of sources such as solar, wind, such action: "The campaign sources such as solar, wind, such action: "The campaign tidal, geothermal and bio-against uranium minging and all ioned in passing.

the nuclear fuel cycle, "Harris- plants, before an burg: The Credibility Melt- occurs that claims down", and the economics of thousands of lives."

nuclear power.

#### SOVIET UNION

The next chapter on the Soviet Union provides much little-known information on nuclear accidents in that country. Clearly the different political system does not make nuclear power safe. Adamson

blames the nuclear arms race on the USA. He lists the lead the USA has had over the Soviet Union at every important stage of the arms race: the atom bomb - a lead of 4 years, long range bombers – 4 years, medium range missiles – 6 years, intercontinental ballistic missiles - 2 years, nuclear submarines - 6 years, submarine launched ballistic missiles - 9 years, multiple targeted warheads - 5 years. Nevertheless, Adamson argues that the USSR should reduce its nuclear weapon stockpile to the level needed to prevent the USA engaging in nuclear war.

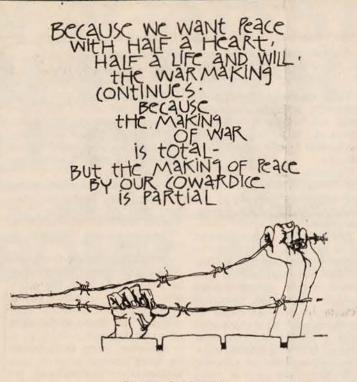
In the remaining chapters, Adamson advances a program to halt nuclear power and gives a brief history of the anti-nuclear movements in Australia and in other countries. The histories make interesting reading, but some aspects of the Australian history are a little disappointing. There is in-This book is a welcome cesses of the Australian antiies is unfair.

> A valuable appendix explains the effect of radiation, and the way nuclear proponents have distorted these facts.

nuclear pwoer can only come from the labour movement. Therefore, it should be the fortunately, energy conservat- main focus of attention for ion is not mentioned, and anti-nuclear activitists. The thermal power are only ment- aspects of nuclear power is a race against time; a race to Following chapters deal with close down all nuclear power accident tens of

**Bruce Doyle** 





DANIEL BERRIGAN

#### CANADA DUMPS TOXIC WASTE

The Canadian mining comthat obtained special permission last month to dump toxic wastes into the Pacific has already started discharging toxic tailings. Amax of Canada Ltd has been test dumping for about three weeks but neither the Federal nor Adamson argues that the the British Columbia Governcrisis", and makes the simple most effective action to stop ment has been monitoring the activity.

> The company obtained special permission last month to ignore Canadian pollution laws when it re-opened a molybdenum mine (New Scientist, 2 April, p. 8) and dump 100 million tonnes of tailing into the Pacific at Alice Arm during the next 27 years.

> Canadian law allows mines to dump up to 25 mg of tailings per litre of effluent. But the authorities in British Colombia have increased Amax's limit to as much as 400,000 mg per litre. Effluent of this concentration would have the consistency of clotted cream. The permit allows the company to dump up to 10,000 tonnes of tailings containing arsenic, mercury, lead, cad-



mium, copper, iron and radium 226 every day.

Conservationists have now learned that four out of the five scientists on the government's scientific panel assessing the likely effects of the waste had opposed the dumping - but the fifth member, the chairman, overruled their criticism and turned in a favourable report. Meanwhile the company says, "it appears the tailings are staying pretty well near the bottom (of the sea)".

New Scientist 23 April, 1981

# DISARMAMENT: A CRIME

An act which ensures that two missiles will never carry H-bombs to kill millions resulted last month, in jail sen-tences of between three and ten years for the participants.

On September 9, 1980 the six men and two women had entered the "General Electric" Re-entry Division site in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. They had destroyed two re-entry vehicle (warhead) cones with hammers and poured human blood on missile blueprints, the damaged cones and tools.

As their actions were based on the biblicial direction to beat swords into ploughshares, they had become known as the "Ploughshares Eight". action has been described as the first ever act of nuclear disarmament. (Since 1945 over 6000 disarmament meetings have been held, but not one weapon has been destroyed.)

#### PREPARATION

The Eight had acted in the full knowledge that they were likely to be caught. The decision to go ahead with the action was only taken with the full knowledge and support of their families and communities.

All had had a long history of nonviolent resistance to war. They include the well-known activists Father Daniel Berrigan and Phillip Berrigan, both of whom are in ill health.

A message to Christian communities in Australia is testimony to their total commit-ment to peace: "We have been so much luckier than most in realizing that at the end of resistance there is going to be heavy punishment of one sort or another, and that if we are going to save the human family with the help of God and turn this thing around some of us are going to have to be prepared to die."

**Bruce Doyle** 



# URANIUM

Another small uranium deposit came to light last month one of 1700 tonnes north west of Alice Springs.

The Bigryli deposit, in the Ngalia basin will not go ahead, its owners expect, until the world uranium prices improve. This depends on a recovery in US demand and further nuclear development in Europe, where recent political trends suggest they had attempted to push even these seemingly all-powerthe opposite.

ium companies will have blown resulted in several land council the concern and action of their investments as opposition negotiators to nuclear power strengthens resign. around the world.

# **JABILUKA** LAND CLAIM REJECTED

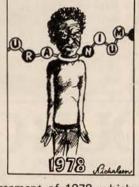
The huge Jabiluka uranium project in the Northern Territory, stalled up until now by traditional owners and the Northern Land Council, now may have been given the final

claims in the Alligator River area of Arnhem Land, including a claim on the uranium province Pancontinental wants to

Only if they had won the have blocked the project - now consultations" are a hypocrit- rejected. ical exercise.

got this favourable decision, Darwin unions reminds us that the traditional owners into en- ful forces of corporation and Hopefully many more uran-dorsing a draft agreement. This government can be shaken by threatening

> Sources say this "draft agree-Age 8 July, 1981 ment" is similar to the Ranger



Last month, the Federal agreement of 1978, which sold Aboriginal Land Commissioner, out Aboriginal opposition to rejected 90% of Aboriginal land the mining. It says a lot for the local people that their opposition is still there, and strong.

Now Pancontinental chairperson, Tony Grey, is confident mining will begin by 1985. He is so confident that the land claim could Aborigines company issued another \$22 million worth of shares when all the "negotiations" and "full they heard the land claims were

However, the recent tough Even before Pancontinental action against yellowcake by to ordinary people.

> Age 6 July, 1981 Australian 23 July, 1981 AFR 23 July, 1981

# MINATOME "OPEN DAY"

Following the enormously successful Tent Village protest a month ago, Minatome has hit back with an "Open Day" at the mine. The day was so open that only 100 carefully invited people could participate while conservationists were invited, there was no opportunity for a public inspection.

The operations manager, Keith Folwell made some amazing statements regarding the recent radioactive leak from the Ben Lomond stocknile uranium did not kill the grass,' he said.

"Grass loves uranium. It will thrive on it. Iron salts associated with the uranium killed the grass." None of which denies that the mining pilot operation is already causing serious environmental problems.

#### MINISTER PONDERS

Meanwhile in Brisbane, CANP has been placing a weekly call to the Mines Department about the mine. So far the Minister has made no decision following the Warden's rejection recommendation.

Courier Mail 14 July, 1981

#### FOREIGN EQUITY POSER

When is a uranium mine not a uranium mine? When it also contains molybdenum. Ben Lomond, a uranium/molybdenum mine, faces some controversy over this because the Foreign Investment Review Board demands 75% Australian equity in uranium mines, but not molybdenum mines.

Will the Board enforce the 75% rule on Ben Lomond? Minatome has been searching for several years for Australian partners, but has found none.

The same problem will arise also with the Jabiluka mine, which includes gold, and Roxby Downs in South Australia, which includes copper.

It is possible that the Foreign Investment Review Board will back down from its tough 75% Australian equity rule, using this technicality. A uranium mine, whether or not it produces other minerals as well, still has all the same things wrong about it.

AFR 10 July, 1981

# ANTI-NUCLEAR ACTION

\* The Bush Dance last month was a success. Some members of the Bale-em-up Band donated their time and music and a grand night was had. Our sincere thanks go to the band members for helping us swell our funds so admirably.

On Hiroshima Day, we had a quieter commemoration than usual, and people listened to an account of the atomic bombing interspersed with poems and singing. About 500 people marched with us, carrying candles and singing "We Shall Over-

come".

During Nuclear Free Australia Week, we held a display in King George Square. The major theme the devastation of was Hiroshima – graphic photos illustrated the terrible toll, and passersby stood amazed as they saw, probably for the first time, what a small nuclear bomb could do to a

first AMUSE Concert The on 8th August was a resounding success - over \$700 was raised and everyone had a great time. The various acts went over well, especially the Popular Theatre Troupe's "MAD". new play, More AMUSE concerts are planned. CANP thanks the organisers of the concert, Karen Bourke and Linda Heller, for their superhuman efforts.



# DIARY

**AUGUST** 

Tuesday 18 7.30pm GENERAL MEETING AWD Office, 9th floor Canberra Hotel, Ann Street.

Saturday 22 1pm **DISCUSSION & COFFEE** Talking about Energy for the future - the projections of

Amory Lovins. Please come.

SEPTEMBER

Friday 4 **EXECUTIVE MEETING CANP** Office All welcome



#### CHEAP POWER IN THE WIND

The electricity generating authorities of three Australian states are turning to a natural source of energy - wind - to supplement their generating capacity.

Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia - all with coastlines exposed to the Roaring Forties - are investigating wind power.

Tasmania has evaluated wind power as an alternative to further hydro-electric schemes, and WA has installed the first generator in a programme to evaluate the wind's potential for supplying power direct to the State grid. The Electricity Trust of South Australia has revealed that it is seeking manufacturers capable of building wind generators with a rated output of more than 100 kilowatts (one megawatt).

The generators are likely to be built on wind farms at regular intervals along the southeast coast of the State.

According to an investigation by the CSIRO and the Australian National University, SA wind farms could supply up to 20 per cent of the State's power needs with the same reliability conventional coal-fired equipment.

Dr. Paul Martin, an ANU mathematician made points.

Wind power is the cheapest, renewable, energy source.

Costs were roughly cents per Kw hour which is comparable to cost estimates for new remote areas. Power from diesel generators cost about twelve cents per Kw

Social Justice Film Festival Moorlands Conference Centre,

(Wesley Hospital Grounds)

Saturday 12 10am

Tuesday 15 7.30pm

Schonell Theatre

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 20 - Wed 23rd

Thursday 1 1pm & 5.30

free at Schonell Theatre.

Thursday 22 1pm & 5.30

"Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear

Gang". Shown free at Schonell

"Backs to the Blast" shown

"No Nukes" showing at the

**OCTOBER** 

Auchenflower.

Wind generators can extract 25 to 40 per cent of the power of wind passing its blades.

Maximum power extraction is produced with wind speeds between 10 and 15 metres per

"The future of wind energy depends more on political fac-tors than on technology," Dr Martin said from Canberra. "The technology is there al-

Martin and Dr Mark Diesendorf of the CSIRO found in their study that the economic benefits of wind power were greatest when it contributed less than 10 per cent of power demand.

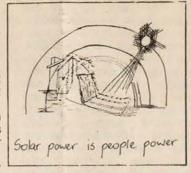
However, using wind power to store energy when it was available - for example, by pumping water uphill to a hydro-electric storage - could enable wind to provide up to a third of power consumed, they found.

As a first step they suggested installing wind generators to save expensive diesel fuel King and Flinders Islands Bass Strait. Wind power for mainland Victoria was not a proposition except in isolated coastal settings.

Age July 7, 1981



#### **GRANT FOR SOLAR CELLS**



#### 'EMBASSY' REMOVED

The "Atom-Free Embassy" has been removed from the lawns in front of Parliament House, after occupying a tentvillage protest against uranium mining and the nuclear industry for twelve weeks.

Seventy-one Federal Police with heavy trucks, four-wheel drive vehicles and paddy wagons had little difficulty in arresting three people and dispersing about twelve others.

Tents, caravans and personal belongings were confiscated during the massive police action, allegedly in response to claims by Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory) that the lawns needed preparation for the coming Spring.

Protesters fear that the action creates a precedent of legal reprisals against tent-village demonstrations, and that these will not be tolerated in the

#### COMMEMORATION

in rallies and marches all over Australia, to commemorate the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, and to call for Peace in the face of the threat of nuclear war.

The Federal Government yesterday moved to set up an Australian industry to manufacture solar cells.

The cells, which convert sunlight to electricity, will be manufactured at Phillips Industries' Hendon works in Adelaide.

The company has been awarded a \$1 million grant to establish the new high technology manufacturing plant and to help pay for a programme of research and development.

Age 26 June, 1981

Meanwhile, the President of the ACTU, Mr Cliff Dolan, has called for more protests against the uranium industry, especially by trade unionists.

Industrial strife that can hold up construction of mining sites, development of mines and, finally, the export of uranium so produced, means that the added cost of that will be seriously considered by these prospective producers, suppliers and investors", he commented, at a function organised for Nuclear-Free Australia Week.

Mr Dolan said that although the ACTU is not authoritarian, and had little scope for forcing members to comply with its policy, there is, and will continue to be, involvement by the trade union movement in the campaign to completely halt the mining and export of Australian uranium.

Despite rumours that the antiuranium policy is to be discussed at the next ACTU Congress next month, Mr Dolan said that it was not yet on the Last week, people took part agenda, and had not been raised at executive meetings.

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