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TO BE OR NOT TO BE? ALP URANIUM POLICY

1 May — Committee of four ministers, Bowen (Trade), Cohen (Environment), Walsh (Resource & Energy) and Hayden (Foreign Affairs), set up to determine the practical application of the present uranium policy.

3 June — Hawke makes statement that he sees no link between uranium exports and French testing in Pacific.

9 June — Bowen grants negotiating licences to Qld. Mines and Narbalak.

10 June — Hawke suspends Queensland Mines' uranium shipment to France.

12 June — NSW Labor Party defeats criticism of Hawke on uranium policy. Endorsed decision to block shipments to France.

13 June — South Australian ALP calls for stringent interpretation of current policy.

14 June — In Washington Hawke reassures US Administration that the ALP Government considers benefits of US bases on Australian soil outweighs the risks. Hawke proposes that ANZUS Treaty be strengthened. Hawke calls for a nuclear-free zone in South Pacific, which would however, allow the passage of nuclear-powered vessels through the region.

15 June — Cain, Victorian ALP Premier affirms his Government's opposition to the visits of nuclear powered and armed ships to Victorian ports.

17 June — Victoria declared Nuclear-Free State.

19 June — Victorian ALP State Conference unanimously calls for implementation of ALP uranium policy by cancelling approval for new contract negotiating licences.

28 June — Labor Caucus Industry Committee rejects motion to revoke negotiating licences, but calls on the Government to approve no new contracts until policy has been reviewed by the committee of four ministers.

29 June — National executive accepts Hawke's assurance that he is carrying out Party policy. Hawke claims that no new mines will go ahead, other than Roxby Downs. Executive states that new contracts may not be inconsistent with 'phasing out' uranium mining.

It is obvious from these events, that the ALP nationally, is divided not only about the strength of its existing policy, but also about its interpretation.

State branches are pushing for the strongest possible interpretation of the policy, while more conservative forces are at work in the high ranks of the Party to soften the uranium policy even further.

Opposition to uranium mining is obviously still very strong in the ALP, while opposition outside the Party needs to become more public.

To show support for those within the ALP ranks, who oppose uranium mining, and also to make clear to the Parliamentary Labor Party that thousands of Australians outside the Labor Party are opposed to uranium mining, we must demonstrate our opinions.

We can do this in a number of ways. By writing to as many parliamentarians as possible to urge implementation of Party policy as it now stands and by attending the HIROSHIMA DAY COMMEMORATIONS on August 6th.

Unless we all make our opposition clear, we cannot merely blame the ALP for failing to stop uranium mining.



PEOPLE FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

(QUEENSLAND)

FORMATION WORKSHOP

COMMUNITY BUILDING
KELVIN GROVE COLLEGE
VICTORIA PARK RD.,
KELVIN GROVE

SUNDAY JULY 31st
10am - 4pm

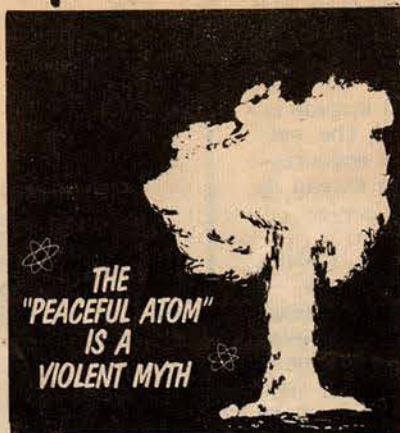
GUEST SPEAKER — DR JOE CAMILLERI
CONVENOR P.N.D. Melbourne

It will be an open workshop so that all those attending can contribute to the discussion.

If you are alarmed about the arms race and its attendant danger, come along.

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HIROSHIMA DAY
August 6th, 11.30am

RALLY & MARCH
KING GEORGE SQUARE

SPEAKERS — ALP
CHURCHES
TRADE UNIONS

DANCE TO FOLLOW
ON SATURDAY NIGHT
(VENUE TO BE ARRANGED)

Plans are well in hand for this year's annual Hiroshima Day Activities. A rally has been planned for August 6th, beginning at 11.30am in King George Square to be followed by a short legal procession through the city streets.

This year's activities have been based around three main themes 'No More Hiroshimas, Act Now for Disarmament', 'U.S. Bases Out' and 'Stop Uranium Mining'.

Speaker from the ALP, trade unions and the Christian Community have been approached and there will be a report by Joan Shears on the recent Nuclear-Free and Independent Pacific Conference in Vanuatu and possibly a report on the Prague Peace Conference, time permitting.

The movement for nuclear disarmament needs to make a large impact on Hiroshima Day to counter the threat of looming nuclear confrontation.

All members are urged to attend the day's activities and show their support with their physical presence.

FRANKLIN WIN GIVES HEART TO ENVIRONMENTALISTS

In a historic decision on 1st July, the High Court upheld Federal Government legislation to block construction of the Gordon-Below-Franklin Dam in SW Tasmania.

The decision came in the context of an 8 year conservation battle waged by thousands of ordinary Australians, members and supporters of the Tasmanian Wilderness Society.

The decision is a tribute to the efforts of those people and has wide ramifications for the future of Australian society.

In its most direct application the High Court decision has ensured that the Franklin River legislation now exists for the protection of world recognised wilderness areas within Australia.

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The new legislation may be used in future to prevent commercial exploitation of declared world heritage areas such as the Great Barrier Reef and Kakadu National Park.

In a more general sense the High Court decision has given the Federal Government power to overrule the States on a range of issues regarded as being of international significance.

It has given the Commonwealth power to legislate on issues involving criminal law, human rights, business and many other areas.

The campaign to stop the Franklin Dam started out as a relatively small local campaign and became the topic of major debate on the highest legal benches of the land.

The story of its success should be a valuable lesson and a great encouragement to all citizen-based movements in Australia. It has shown there is a continuing role for dedicated men and women both to lobby within the system (through political parties and politicians) and to demonstrate peacefully outside it (witness the enormous success of the Blockade in raising public awareness).

That the Labor Party and the High Court took note of the public groundswell against the dam should give heart to all campaigners for a better society, whether their cause be conservation, social justice or nuclear disarmament.

STRATEGY MEETING A SUCCESS

On the 29th May CANP held its strategy meeting to determine its future direction in the peace and anti-nuclear movement.

About 30 of our members participated on the day and many more wrote to us in an excellent response to the newsletter's appeal for involvement.

Members would remember that in the last newsletter, we presented a series of options with which we felt CANP was confronted. They were:

1. that CANP dissolves itself into the new new group, People for Nuclear Disarmament, if it takes up the same demands as CANP;
2. that CANP maintains its existence in exactly the same way, with the same campaign focus, paralled to PND;
3. that CANP brings itself under the umbrella of PND, offering to share resources, and possibly office space and a newsletter with PND. This would mean 'the maintenance of CANP, at least in the short term, as a separate organisation, but also allows us to inject our ideas into the growing movement for peace and disarmament and to work within that movement.

We discussed the organisational difficulties which CANP has experienced in the last couple of years, including the eternal financial constraints, the scarcity of volunteers, the problems of the various organisers, and the lack of furniture (and order) in the new office.

Since that time several of these problems have lessened. We now have ample furniture for our needs, thanks to the generosity of our members.

More people have volunteered their energies to help us in the office and outside in various other ways. The response has been very encouraging, and we hope to extend it even further.

In discussion of CANP's strategy for the future, it became clear that members did not want uranium mining (and its relation to land rights) civilian nuclear power, and alternative energy issues to be overlooked.

We considered the fact that PND has not, as yet, formulated its policies, and we could not, therefore, hope to finalize our strategy.

PND may or may not decide to adopt a policy of opposition to uranium mining, since this is a contentious issue in the peace movement.

However, it is obvious to all our members that the peace movement is of great importance and is rapidly growing.

What CANP would hope to do is to present a case for the adoption of policies of opposition to uranium mining, to the presence of US bases on Australian soil, and support for a

The Coalition for a Nuclear-Free Australia has finalised its plans for a Blockade of the Roxby Downs uranium mine in South Australia.

The Blockade will be a non-violent, civil disobedience action and will begin on August 27th.

GUIDELINES FOR THE BLOCKADE

1. No endangering of life or the environment;
2. No deliberate, irreversible damage to property;
3. No action or behaviour which is offensive to the Kokatha people.

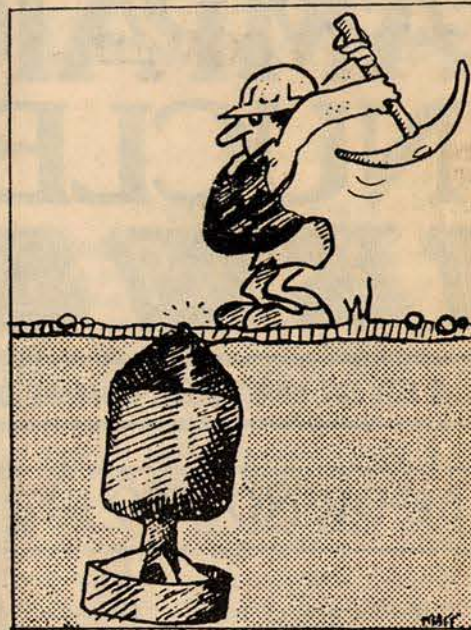
AIMS OF THE BLOCKADE

General Aims -

1. Stop all uranium mining in Australia;
2. Link with the international anti-nuclear movement;
3. Encourage development of and alternative economic strategy

Specific Aims -

1. Close Roxby Downs;
2. Change ALP policy back to a moratorium on uranium mining;
3. Raise the issue of uranium mining by direct action. Direct action will be used to polarise and mobilise public opinion as all other venues have been pursued;
4. Educate people and publicise the issues using whatever means of communication available;
5. Reactivate the anti-nuclear trade union lobby;
6. To show solidarity with the Kokatha people.



ROXBY DOWNS

DEMANDS OF THE BLOCKADE

1. State and Federal ALP to return to their original anti-uranium policy;
2. All development to cease at Roxby Downs mine;
3. A review of the Indenture Bill and the eight amendments to it which the ALP had proposed whilst in opposition;
4. The Federal Government and the State Government to reject the Environmental Impact Statement as inadequate;
5. The Federal Government to refuse export licences to Roxby Management Services.

BLOCKADE

BLOCKADE TRAINING

All Blockaders will be asked to participate in CNFA Blockade training.

This training will incorporate the principles of non-violent civil disobedience training and any additional skills and information necessary.

Contact the office on 229. 7143 for any further information if you are interested in any aspect of the Blockade.



Nuclear-Free and Independent Pacific, highlighting, in this way, Australia's involvement in the arms race.

The meeting decided that the best way to achieve these aims would be for CANP to maintain its existence in exactly the same way until PND's policies are determined.

From there, if PND takes up the issues we are concerned with, then CANP will change the role it has played and concentrate on the civilian nuclear industry, alternative energy and uranium mining and land rights.

If, however, PND decides to be solely concerned with nuclear disarmament, CANP would have to continue all of the work that it is now engaged in.

On a practical level, CANP decided to facilitate the birth of PND by offering the use of the office as a contact point and all of our available resources.

We hope that members will agree with the decisions taken, and encourage more of the active interest and involvement which was expressed on the 29th May.

Thank you to all those who attended, and we hope that it was as rewarding for them as it seems to have been for the future prospects of CANP.

NUCLEAR-FREE VICTORIA WELCOMED

When the Nuclear Activities (Prohibitions) Bill was introduced into the Legislative Council of the Victorian Parliament last March, it came as a surprise to some people that it was voted for affirmatively by the Liberal as well as the Labor Party.

The Bill was introduced by the Minister for Minerals and Energy, Mr White, who earlier had introduced amendments to the State Electricity Commission Act to prohibit any nuclear power development by the Commission.

The Bill now awaits its turn among other legislation to go before the House of Assembly where it is assured of passage.

The legislation for a Nuclear-Free State is the first among Commonwealth countries though not the first in the world.

The Bill expressly prohibits exploration and mining for uranium and thorium as such and the construction and operation of nuclear reactors and other facilities of the nuclear fuel cycle.

The Bill prohibits the possession, sale or disposal of certain nuclear materials. Excluded from the prohibition are the radio-active materials used for nuclear medicine and industrial radiography.

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PERTH INVADED

The biggest contingent of U.S. warships ever to visit Australia arrived in Western Australia on Friday, July 1.

The flotilla of thirteen vessels was led by the largest warship in the world — the nuclear-powered Aircraft Carrier, the 'USS Carl Vinson'. The Guided Missile Cruiser, 'USS Texas' and submarine 'USS Phoenix' are also nuclear-powered.

From information received recently from a Tokyo newspaper ('Asahi Shimbun', 23-2-83), figures given by a U.S. military expert indicate that a task force centred around a Carrier has as many as 200 nuclear warheads.

The Airwing aboard the 'Carl Vinson' has about 100 warheads ranging in power from 100 to 500 kilotons. B-28 nuclear free fall bombs and B-34 and B-61 tactical nuclear bombs are some of the warheads carried.

The Destroyer 'USS Ingersoll' carries W-44 war heads for ASROC. As well as carrying ASROC, the Guided Missile Cruiser, 'USS Worden' carries ship-to-air missiles with W-45 one kiloton nuclear warheads.

The Ingersoll and the Worden were berthed right inside Fremantle Harbour.

Peace and anti-nuclear groups women's and religious organisations organised the biggest ever show of opposition to visiting nuclear warships to Western Australia.

Activities ranged from a Women's Snake Dance through the centre of Perth on Friday evening to a Car Cavalcade from Perth to Fremantle and a March and Rally and Linking Hands Against Nuclear Warships on Saturday July 2.

There was a Fast & Vigil outside the Fremantle Town Hall, Information Stalls and Street Theatre and a Pray-In For Peace after the Rally organised by the Society of Friends (Quakers), which was interdenominational.

Members of a newly formed civil disobedience group, 'Project Iceberg', also handed out leaflets to visitors to the ships on the wharf after the Rally.

The Fremantle City Council endorsed the Rally and March and the activities had trade union, church and local group support.

Opposition is based on the fact that these vessels make the Perth/Fremantle region a prime nuclear target, and threaten the population through the possibility of an accident on one of the vessels to reactors or warheads.

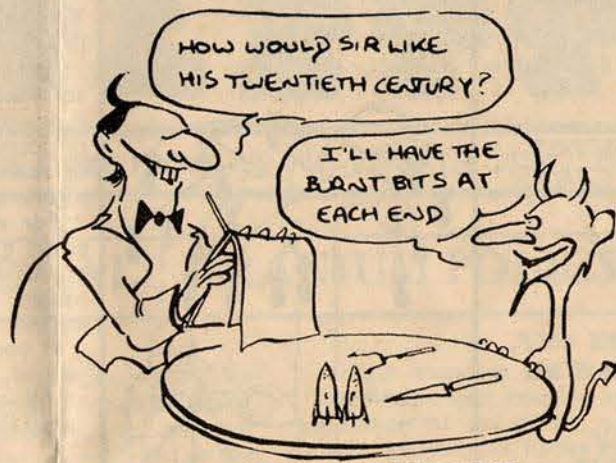
The presence of the warheads is in contravention of the United Nations Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace, to which Australia

is a signatory. These warships promote an unwanted militarisation of the Indian Ocean.

Last week, the West Australian ALP State Executive confirmed their policy of opposition to visits of ships which might be carrying weapons, and passed two motions urging passive inhospitality to officers and crews of the visiting ships.

On Saturday, July 2nd, 10,000 people turned out for the Rally and March and Linking Hands to show their opposition to the visiting warships. The peace movement in Perth is obviously alive and well, and deserves the support of all in the movement.

Information from
PND, Perth



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VANUATU — NUCLEAR-FREE STATE

The parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu has voted its islands a 'Nuclear-Free State'.

The resolution, passed on March 19 read, in part, that its aim was 'to safeguard the health and well being of all citizens of Vanuatu, both now and in the future, and to declare to all countries our desire to live in peace and our total abhorrence of all ways and means of propagating a nuclear war'.

The resolution bans all nuclear weapons, warships, and submarines, and any bases which perform command control or communications functions for nuclear weapons delivery systems.

There were 20 votes in favour, one against, and seven abstentions.

The abstentions and opposition were based on feelings that the resolution was too weak, and that Vanuatu should constitutionally declare its land sea and airspace nuclear free.

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FEMINIST ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP FORMED

A new women's group has been formed in Brisbane, made up of women who are concerned about anti-nuclear and peace issues, and who want to work autonomously in these areas.

The first objective is to raise money to enable some women to participate in the Women's Blockade at Pine Gap, due to begin on 11th November this year.

FANG will be holding a women's barbecue on 30th July at 2pm to encourage more women to be involved, and to enable the members to become better acquainted.

It will be held at 24 Dudley Street, Highgate Hill, 4101.

Contact Catherine on 246.1307 for more details. All women are welcome to join and are invited to the barbecue.

IAN LOWE APPOINTED TO ENERGY COUNCIL

Congratulations to Dr. Ian Lowe, an active member of C.A.N.P., and Lecturer in the Science School at Griffith University, who has been appointed to the National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council. The Council, no doubt, will benefit, as will the anti-nuclear movement, from his contribution.

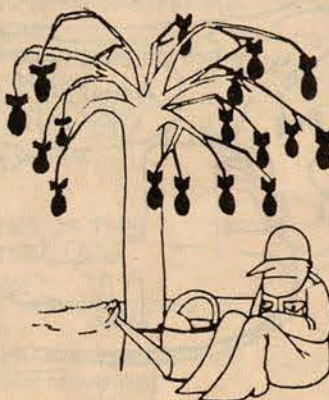
DIARY OF EVENTS

JULY

- WEDNESDAY, 13th - P.N.D. ORGANISING COMMITTEE MEETING, 147 ANN ST., 6.15 C.A.N.P. OFFICE.
- TUESDAY, 19th - C.A.N.P. GENERAL MEETING, 7.30pm 147 ANN ST.
- WEDNESDAY, 20th - P.N.D. ORGANISING COMMITTEE MEETING, 147 ANN ST., 6.15pm, C.A.N.P. OFFICE.
- WEDNESDAY 27th - PND ORGANISING COMMITTEE MEETING, 147 ANN ST., 6.15pm, C.A.N.P. OFFICE.
- SATURDAY, 30th - F.A.N.G. BARBECUE, WOMEN ONLY, 24 DUDLEY ST., HIGHGATE HILL, 2.00 pm.
- SUNDAY, 31st - P.N.D. FORMATION WORKSHOP, COMMUNITY BUILDING, KELVIN GROVE COLLEGE, VICTORIA PARK RD., 10am - 4pm.

AUGUST

- SATURDAY 6th - HIROSHIMA DAY, RALLY AND MARCH, KING GEORGE SQUARE, 11.30am
- SUNDAY, 7th - PEACE FAIR, MUSGRAVE PARK, SOUTH BRISBANE.
- TUESDAY, 9th - NAGASAKI DAY
- TUESDAY, 16th - C.A.N.P. GENERAL MEETING, 7.30pm, 147 ANN ST.
- SUNDAY, 21st - SEMINAR ON URANIUM MINING (DETAILS TO BE ARRANGED)



Volunteers Wanted!

CANP needs help!!!

You help simply by being a member. ... can you give a little time as well?

Perhpas you could be on an 'on call - maybe available' list, or on a regular roster - say a couple of hours a month - to help with office, clerical, library research, or forming sub groups, with the minds to mastermind or execute fund-raising and educational activities on a regular or occasional basis.

For example delivering phone books (a once a year effort can raise around \$3000, or individuals or small groups could work on the proliferation of T-shirts, badges, stickers by organising outlets locally and keeping them regularly stocked.

If you wouldn't mind becoming a volunteer on some sort of basis you could let Donna know on 229.7143 or fill in and return this rough guide to P.O. Box 238, North Quay, Brisbane, 4000.

Name

Address

Phone: Work Home

Availability -

when: week days, Mon-Fri

week nights, Mon-Fri

weekends daytime

weekends nights

how often: weekly monthly occasionally

other

Any particular interests, if any

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SYNROC PROMOTED

Recent press reports indicate that the Australian Government is definately backing the SYNROC waste disposal project.

SYNROC, originally developed by Australian National University Professor Ted Ringwood, is a synthetic rock in which radio-active waste products are incorporated and stabilised.

Last September, the Australian Government announced plans to build a small pilot plant where SYNROC could be made.

The experimental plant will have the same capacity as the vitrification facility in Marcoule, France (4kg waste into 20kg SYNROC per hour), but it will work with simulated waste.

Now it appears that the new ALP Government will continue with plans for the SYNROC pilot plant.

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