

# the prahran worker

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## THERE IS THE WAR?

The real war is here in Frahran, and in Richmond, Fitzroy, Collingwood and Sunshine, not in Viet Nam. It is a war against social inequality that will not be solved by Herald Blanket Appeals, Freedom from Hunger Campaigns or Austcare. Such campaigns only serve to make poverty an accepted part of Australian life. Why, for example, does the Herald run their appeal every year? Do they ever look to the time when the Blanket Appeal will have served its purpose? Do they think the Blanket Appeal will eliminate the need to have another one next year? Appeals like this just prolong poverty, prop up a system of which poverty is an essential part, because so long as temporary relief is provided, the real problem (of what makes poverty an essential part of a social system like ours) will never be tackled. It is like providing a Bandaid for an abcess. Only united action to resist such a system can bring change.

IT IS NOT BY CHANCE, BUT IS PART OF A CONSISTENT PATTERN THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVT. IS DESTROYING THE PEASANT POPULATION OF VIETNAM AT THE SAME TIME THAT IT STARVES ITS OLD PEOPLE AT HOME, EXPLOITS ITS PEOPLE IN THE FACTORIES AND DENIES FULL CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS TO ITS IMMIGRANT POPULATION.

The forces that control Prahran Council are the same forces that impose this corrupt social system at a Federal level. Earlier this year Councillor Fred Farrall made a public protest about the sumptuous meals the Councillors were treating themselves to at the ratepayers' expense. To this, Mayor Charles Lux retorted that the only people complaining were those who didn't eat as well at home, and that the Council dinners of oysters, chicken and champagne were an average meal for him. No doubt this is true, and certainly Fred Farrall does not eat as well as Charles Lux, but then neither do the overwhelming majority of the Prahran population-they subsist on the basic wage while people like Lux and his businessmen cronies live off their backs! Lux earns his money in the clothing trade, notorious in Prahran for its 'sweated labour' conditions.

ORGANIZE RESISTANCE TO LUX & THE BUSINESS INTERESTS WHICH CONTROL LOCAL GOVERNMENT!

# Serve the People