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WOMEN

AND CLASS STRUGGLE



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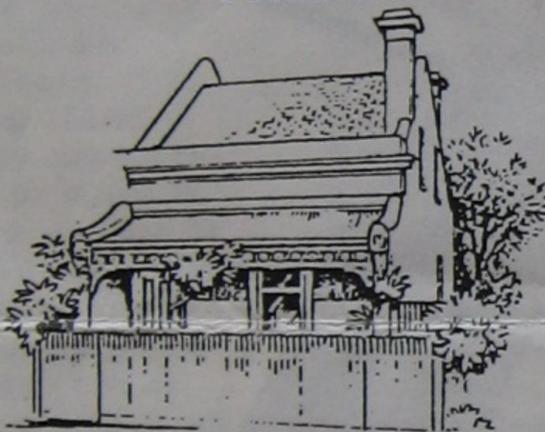
EMPTY HOUSES

With empty houses everywhere...



All sorts of empty properties can accommodate people without them having to pay rent. Whilst some houses are in poor condition, many aren't- you can get the power, gas and water connected and fix or renovate the place as you wish- squatting opens up the opportunities renting denies.

And 1000's on the street or struggling to pay rent...



Rents can be extremely hard to afford and suitable housing difficult to secure- especially if you're unemployed, under 18 or a student. Squatting can immediately solve your housing needs.

Why not Squat!



Indeed- Why not? Squatters Information Service is here to help you with advice and information for prospective and current squatters including a list of empty properties. Alternatively if you are squatting, see an empty house or can assist squatters with legal, plumbing, electrical, advice, etc then get in touch.

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In NSW alone there are over 174,000 empty houses and many tens of thousands of homeless people. Some people, having decided to take action about this situation, choose to squat. Squatting means to occupy an EMPTY house or building in order to live in it. People who squat are not thieves or ratbags but people who take the initiative to house themselves and wish to avoid many of the hassles that normally go along housing. Many people are fed up with waiting eight or more years on a housing department list, paying through their nose in rent or mortgage repayments or sleeping in parks, bus shelters and friends' lounge-room floors. This is why lots of people choose to squat.

There are plenty of advantages to squatting from painting the house the colour you like and doing what you want with the garden to saving cash from not paying rent and spending it on something much more worthwhile and challenging the notion that peoples' needs can be bought and sold by landlords. So why not get to know your local squatters or try out squatting for yourself. You'll really notice the difference.

With over 500,000 houses lying empty in this country you'd have to wonder if someone weren't taking the piss.

NEW SOUTH WALES

On Thursday August 13 plenty happened around town. In Waterloo Greenpeace activists absailed into the enormous incinerator to highlight and protest the burning of dangerous and harmful materials such as PVC plastics and batteries containing mercury. Anyone who's ever spent any time on that side of town knows how polluted that incinerator makes our air. It burns all day and all night with a constant stream of black-grey smoke spewing out of it. Locals have been pissed off with the incinerator for years now especially since Woollahra and Waverley council's who make use of the incinerator have continually fobbed them off. It seems obvious that both council's don't give a toss about locals and that a better way to stop the pollution that the incinerator creates would be to organise in the community and local workplaces to carry out some nifty sabotage!

On the subject of local organisation, Erskineville residents and supporters turned up to the public auction of two of Erko's few parks and successfully brought it to a halt. JLW AUCTIONS were trying to flog off the land, OUR LAND, on behalf of the RTA. Those disrupting the auction told JLW and bidders exactly where to stick it! They were warned of an Interim Green Ban that building unions have placed on the parks and of the consequences of destroying our parks and building yuppie town houses. One woman said: "Whatever you build we will destroy!" while others shouted "they're the communities parks". One slimebag who was there to bid thought the selling off of our land was a joke and in smart-arse fashion said: "You live there - why can't we?". He was told to stick to the Northern beaches and that rich bastards aren't wanted in our communities.

Two days later at a social function in Chippendale police arrived to carry out a raid on the grounds that there were illegal drugs on the premises. Producing a search warrant which said they were looking for "cannibis, amphetamines and prohibited prescribed drugs" they searched the venue from top to bottom but the silly coppers couldn't find a thing! People were angry at this rude invasion of their space and soon told the cops what they thought of them. When police tried to arrest two of those present many people got stuck in and had a good go at releasing their friends. To some extent this was successful and one of the two was unarrested. Many scuffles then broke out in which the coppers tried to arrest people and were confronted and challenged. In one instance two coppers got well deserved punches in the mouth and immediately afterwards the crowd began chating "SCUM!". Bottles were then thrown at a cop car and for a short time the back gate was closed scaring the life out of the coppers who were trapped inside with a very unsympathetic crowd. Five people were arrested on an assortment of charges and all arrests were challenged by those sick of police harrassment and intimidation. In another instance the crowd had two police officers cornered and it was only a lack of direction on the angry crowds' behalf that left the coppers faces in the same place. One bright spark who was being arrested broke free and legged it down the road. ON YA MATE! The evenings events showed that ordinary people can stick together and work things out. We know that we don't need coppers in our space causing trouble. Now we've just got to make them stay out of it.

**How many coppers can you fit into
a box and throw off a cliff ??**

**As many as you'd like -
The more the merrier!!**

WHY JOIN THE PARTY WHEN YOU CAN HAVE ONE?

Ever wondered about the lack of class analysis in politics? Wondered why nothing even comes close to what you've been thinking? Wondered about all the "new types" of politics popping up everywhere which at first look bright and interesting and as soon as you've checked them out they turn out to be the same boring, dogmatic, uneventful load of crap that most politics in this society is?

From birth we're led to believe that we are too stupid, too unorganised and not the right people for political action. Nothing could be further from the truth! In fact, political action is going on at every hour of the day in small, isolated, individualistic ways. As every minute goes by somewhere, somehow a working class person is saying no to the lies that the mainstream media spews out. Whether it's a woman refusing to be a kitchen slave or a man refusing to be an insensitive meathead; children ganging up to teach the local bully a lesson or men and women in the workplace having a laugh at the bosses expense it's all fightback. Let's not con ourselves though; if we truly want to change things for the better then our fightback has to be collective, co-ordinated, organised and fun. Looking around the political sphere there is fuck all on offer in Sydney. I live in Newtown and so I am exposed regularly to a range of lefty groups, mainly the ISO and the DSP. But if these groups are supposed to be offering an alternative then you'd best curl up and croak it because they'll soon suck you in and spit you out again. These groups rely heavily on opportunism, ie. they wait for a struggle to begin and then turn up and try to flog as many papers as possible - always on the lookout for new recruits. You rarely see them initiating anything except party meetings and you have to wonder if the hierarchies in each group aren't laughing all day and all night at us for thinking that we'd really change anything by going to endless rounds of meetings about the Russian Revolution and fightback in Nicaragua and Cuba. Our struggle is on our doorstep and the only weapon we have against an international ruling class is to fight in our own streets and in our own workplaces. Sure it's good to understand working class struggles in other countries but again our only real revolutionary tactic of solidarity is firm, direct, defiant mass action in every community across this land. We need to build serious class struggle groups everywhere; groups that are willing to work with each other and that are weary of sectarianism; groups that can organise themselves to carry out tasks to meet their own needs and desires and that are not governed by a central body or committee. Make no mistake, we need no leaders to tell us how to run things. We all know what we need and want and when the time comes we will get on doing whatever is necessary to meet those requirements.

Why class you ask? Because working class people have more in common with each other than with those people from middle and upper classes. Because it is us who get all the shit in this society and it is us who get all the raw deals. We are the vast majority of the population and we get a pittance of the wealth that we produce. It is us who get sacked and laid off, it is us who have our asses pinched when we go out or when we're at work, it is us who get bashed because we're gay, lesbian or Aboriginal, it is us who suffer from the artificial housing shortage, it is us who have to

ORGANISE TODAY

FOR A UNITED WORKING CLASS

put up with DSS snoopers sticking their noses into our business. And it is us, the working class that must organise and act to put an end to all this. Some of the things I have mentioned above go on within classes NOT just between them. But these are tactics that the ruling class and their lackeys utilise to keep us divided. Newspapers, television, radio and advertisements are all used to stereotype and condition us. Since these mediums are owned and controlled mainly by the rich they work in their favour. They want us to be sus on one another, to fight with each other and trust no one because that way we are never a threat to them. That way we can never organise and therefore can continue to be exploited for a minorities end.

Prejudices such as racism, sexism, homophobia, discrimination because of a different ability must be stamped out in our class. We need to be unified, to be able to operate as one if need be as well as giving every working class person a fair go.

Despite the seriousness of this article politics need to be fun. Who wants to stand on King St on a Saturday morning selling papers that few people want anyway? (especially if you're "lucky" enough to have a job). Of course we've got to let people know what we're on about but selling papers is just one of a million or more ways of building resistance through spreading ideas. Besides, why shouldn't we be able to laugh during meetings, joke about our oppression and take the piss out of each other? Working class people have done this for years and we aint about to stop now!

LET'S GET ORGANISED



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To Resist is to Win!

The issue of East Timorese independence has become a thorn in the side of not only the Indonesian regime but governments in Australia as well. Long before the video of the Dili massacre of November 12 1991 was shown around the world Darwin's Indonesian Consulate and consular homes had been the target of frequent attacks. Large rocks were lobbed through the Consulate's glass doors, slogans spraypainted on driveways and walls, the Consulate blasted with a shotgun. But since the November 12 episode the attacks have intensified, with embarrassing results for the Jakarta regime and its friends the Australian and N.T. governments.

On the evening of May 12 1992 the footpath opposite the Consulate hosted a spontaneous party as people turned up with beer and fish and chips. A tin of red paint appeared and with people hurling containers of that at the building to symbolize the blood spilt in East Timor the scene was a bit like something out of "Class War". There was a festive atmosphere and people were really getting into the spirit of it because there were no pigs on guard. The resistance in East Timor has been fighting a hit and run guerilla war against the numerically superior Indonesian invaders for seventeen years now. The least we can do is give the Jakarta regime a bit of harrassment in Australia. We should've pissed off before the pigs eventually turned up and started asking questions about the paint on the walls and the freshly painted graffiti on the footpath but we were having too much of a good time. We were lucky. Nobody's been charged over that "crimal damage" even though we have had a fair bit of harrassment over it. I've been arrested twice because of it and was banned from within two hundred metres of the Consulate until my court case on September 25. One of the arrests was when they paid a visit to me at lam and took me out to Berrimah Pig HQ to question me, on August 15, about what happened three months before on May 12. The fuckers wasted their time. I didn't confess to anything.

The attacks have continued since then despite the security cameras and the surveillance, which is sometimes twenty four hours a day. Not a single person has been caught yet. The pigs can't be everywhere at once and of course they're not that bright either. Northern Territory Police, duh. (How many N.T. Police does it take to change a light globe??). As long as you're careful you'd have to be pretty unlucky to get caught. It's guerilla tactics like in Timor. We know where the enemy is but they don't know where we are (most of the time) or when or where we'll strike next. It's a war of attrition. We will wear the bastards down and help kick them out of East Timor. The Jakarta generals might have their eye on Australia too but if they can't subdue the independence struggles in East Timor, West Papua and Aceh (Northern Sumatra) what hope would they have of taking over Australia or even part of it? Even if they are getting heaps of aid from the Federal government scumbags in Canberra - \$114 million of tax payers money in the 1991-92 financial year, spent not on the poor and needy but on the military of course.

I'm not saying everything will be perfect in East Timor once the people get their independence. Far from it. It's a very poor country and life would still be an uphill struggle. But the first step is to kick out the murdering Indonesian military scum who've

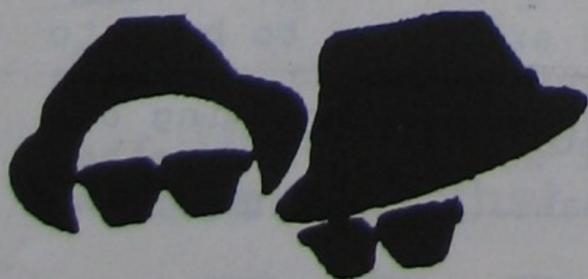
been making their lives pure hell for the past seventeen years. For this they need the help of brothers and sisters overseas particularly in next door Australia. Indonesian Consulates around Australia need to be attacked. Likewise the embassy in Canberra and the offices of Garuda Indonesian Airways and Merpati Airlines which are both owned by the Indonesian military. Australian collaborators with the genocide in East Timor are also legitimate targets. Scumbags like Gareth Evans, Gough Whitlam, Marshall Perron and Paul Keating. If they reckon money is more important than people they will have to suffer the consequences. People are fed up with their hypocrisy and bullshit excuses. People are angry. The East Timorese have the right to their independence.



IT IS BETTER TO DIE ON OUR FEET THAN TO LIVE ON OUR KNEES!

IF WE FIGHT AS ONE THEN THE FIGHT IS WON!

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SPARE A THOUGHT

OPEN YOUR MIND.....KICK DOWN THOSE WALLS!

Everyday someone's pissed off with something that this society dishes out to them. Everyday we are forced to report to work or the dole office. Having known few real alternatives we accept this situation often without even questioning it. At work or at play most of us feel so alienated from one another that we get little chance to express what's really going on inside ourselves. We talk about the footy and about the guys and girls we fancy and even then we don't delve too deep for fear of being accused of being nosey or having someone regard us with suspicion because we are curious or interested. And how many of us have needed to talk out our problems with someone else and found no one there? Probably each and every one of us from time to time.

Capitalism thrives on being able to sell its products to us. It is able to sell us all sorts of things; it doesn't matter what and it doesn't matter who buys it as long as it sells and someone buys. Individuality is marketed to us in order to subdue us, divide us, distract us and ensure the continuation of capitalism: a system that allows an elite minority access to vast amounts of societies wealth and all the privilege and prestige that goes along with it. To make this wealth the majority of us go to work each day to produce, to distribute and to service. Those of us who can't get work or don't want work are used as a labour pool by governments and bosses. We are forced to work for the dole, to scab during strikes and demoralised through DSS and CES harrassment and antagonism. Through the media, capitalists foster the idea that we can all purchase our own piece of individual recognition and freedom. We can have anything we want or so the saying goes but at the end of the day it's not much really is it? A new car, fridge, shoes, house, haircut, slogan but we're no closer to solving the problems that effect our class right across the board. The 'I'm alright Jack' attitude that devalues and divides working class people has done wonders to ensure that those with power and wealth continue to live safe, comfortable and cosy lives. Meanwhile the rest of us have to put up with shit housing, inadequate services, hospital closures and a severe lack of public access facilities. We can spend all day, even weeks and years dreaming about what we'll buy once we've got the cash but the point I'm trying to make here is that for most of us it will remain just that - a dream. And a powerful dream at that; one that we are led to believe from day one and one that many of us still hold faith in.

Distracted day and night those few who benefit from our misery and exploitation are given the opportunity to further their own ends. Rich people, a minority group in this society stay rich and powerful by our silence, our acceptance and our willingness to look for answers within capitalism. Consumerism: the idea that we can buy, buy and buy more to solve our problems and make ourselves happy and fulfilled. While to some extent we can make ourselves feel good and we can get some of the things we want by and large we all know that we go through life getting ripped off, shut out and crapped on by those few at the top.

For this situation to be changed it means we are going to have to rise above petty differences and unite ourselves as a large majority of oppressed peoples'. It's going to mean overcoming our fears and prejudices that we may have so that we can work together in groups and ultimately as a collective mass. Go on, face the challenge!!

NEWTOWN

We learn nothing of our class' history in school. All we ever hear about is kings and queens, generals, politicians and explorers. It's time that this was changed. Working class people have always resisted the attacks made against us by the ruling class and have done so with initiative and imagination Botany Bay 1788, Eureka 1854, Newtown, Erskineville, Bankstown, Guildford 1931, Parramatta 1933, Brewarrina 1988, Redfern 1990, ERSKINEVILLE 1992 the parks are here to stay

DESPERATE FIGHTING.

Communists and Police.

BARRICADED HOUSE STORMED.

Barbed Wire Entanglements and Sandbags.

The most sensational eviction battle Sydney has ever known was fought between 40 policemen and 18 Communists at 143 Union-street, Newtown, yesterday morning. All the defenders were injured, some seriously, and at least 15 of the police were treated by ambulance officials.

Only one man was hit by bullets fired at the walls of the house by the police, and it is not known how the injury was inflicted. Probably the wounded man was struck by a bullet which had been deflected in its path.

Entrenched behind barbed wire and sandbags, the defenders rained stones weighing several pounds from the top floor of the building on to the heads of the attacking police, who were attempting to execute an eviction order.



UNION ST 1985....Locals oppose road reopening with roadblocks that included barricades and an overturned ute.

ERSKINEVILLE

ERKO PARKS

Locals say 'Shove it!' to RTA

The RTA wishes to shit on local residents in Erskineville and surrounding suburbs by selling off two parks at ridiculous prices to property developers so they can build town houses on the sites. Already there is little green space for us to gather outside our homes and if these blocks of public land go we will have fuck all left. Also, if the land is sold off and town houses built it is unlikely that working class people will be housed there. It is a growing trend in inner city areas for yuppies to move in and force us out of our own communities. Yuppies and other rich parasites who live on our backs will force prices up - just look at the change in King St over the past five years. Besides, we all know that space for locals comes before yuppie town houses.

THE LAND IS OURS!

If we are going to stop this sale of our land then we are going to have to do it ourselves. Relying on the council to do it for us won't do us any good because if we look closely we can see that the council is more interested in poaching votes than protecting our green space. In mid 1989 a large group of mainly young locals occupied two empty buildings on Broadway with the purpose of providing the local community with some much needed facilities. The group was called Community Action and after five days were evicted by Sth Sydney council. Community Action had fixed up the buildings, established a drop-in centre with very cheap food, set up a housing advisory service and even began to house Radio Skid Row (88.9FM) which was homeless at the time after being evicted by Syd

Uni. Vic Smith was present at the eviction and offered to negotiate if Community Action left peacefully. They did this and after three months of talks the council refused to hand over the unused buildings. Community Action then re-entered and again occupied the buildings. Council called in police and sheriffs and the occupiers barricaded up one of the buildings with themselves inside. Police eventually got into the buildings and began punching those present, forcing those inside out onto the street and then securing the buildings. These are the methods Sth Sydney council utilises to get its own way - Vic Smith doesn't give a toss for locals. Today, the buildings at 149 and 151 Broadway are still empty. A shit in our faces as the problem of homelessness increases.

Put simply, Vic Smith Barry Cotter, John Fahey or Wal Murray won't stop this sale. In fact the only way to keep our parks is to organise amongst ourselves and defy all those who would take this land from us. LET'S STOP THIS SALE. LET'S KICK SOME BUTT!

No. OF HOUSES LYING EMPTY IN EACH STATE

NSW.....174,467
VIC.....143,264
QLD.....94,714
WA.....53,851
SA.....48,546
TAS.....19,470
ACT.....5,588
NT.....3,639

These figures are from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. There are more than enough houses for everyone in our community. Why build more ???

The parks are situated at the corner of Albert St and Erskineville Rd. ORGANISE TODAY!!!!

Working class people have a proud tradition of fightback. The parks are ours and we aint about to give them up!

for further info

JUST ASK ANY LOCAL RESIDENT