

Barricade Newsletter

March 1996

115 Sydney Road Brunswick 3056

What's Up

Censorship Trial

On Monday July 3, 1995, Barricade Books was raided by police who barged their way through the shop and premises aiming loaded firearms at the occupants of the premises. The police (who did not have a signed warrant) seized three items of stock deeming them to be offensive, and charged the person on duty, Malcolm Ross, with obscenity.

The stock which was taken was a pamphlet on the Gay relationship between two political activists. Two T-shirts were also seized - One illustrating a semi-erect penis, and the other with the slogan "Fuck the world police."

Not content with persecuting Barricade, the cops also pressed charges against the editors of the La Trobe student newspaper "Rabelais" for publishing an article describing the art of proletarian shopping. These two politically motivated attacks on radical groups represent the increasing hostility of the State towards free speech and expression.

Malcolm is set to appear before the Broadmeadows Magistrates Court on the 15th of March to face the charges pressed by the moral guardians at the Brunswick Cop Shop. A rally has been organised for the editors outside the Preston Magistrates Court on March 25 at 9.30 am. Meetings are held every Thursday at the RMIT Student Union at 4.30 pm as a way of keeping up with the events concerning the obscenity charges against Barricade and Rabelais. Don't let the state get away with this shit. Turn up to as many events as possible to show your support for free expression.

On a very serious note, the ammended Crimes act of 1 June 1994, dictates that any person previously found guilty of offences under the films and publications act (what Barricade and Rabelais are being charged with) if found loitering near a school, kindergarten, childcare centre or other public places frequented by children, is guilty of a summary offence. Need we say more?

Food Not Bombs

Food not Bombs is a group of people that aim to provide a vegetarian (preferably organic) food to people in need free of charge. Food not bombs meets at Barricade books on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 pm.

La Trobe Anarchist conference

An Anarchist conference will be held at La Trobe uni on the Queens Birthday weekend, 8-10 June 1996. For more information contact the La Trobe Uni anarchists collective C/O the SRC, or Barricade.

Melbourne Anti-McDonalds Campaign (McPropaganda)

McPropaganda have made a new leaflet exposing the depths to which this depraved, money hungry multinational has sunk. For more info contact: Melbourne McPropaganda PO Box 199, East Brunswick 3057. McLibel support campaign (Australia) PO Box 558, Brisbane 4101 and London Greenpeace 5 Caledonian Road, London, UK, N1 9DX.

Public First campaign

The Public First Campaign is asking people to register their interest in participating in a "Can't Pay, Won't Pay" campaign. This is a refusal to pay electricity bills until the following aims have been achieved. 1. Our power industry is returned to public ownership. 2. To show governments of all persuasions that we demand that the sale of our assets be stopped and where necessary, reversed.

Contact the Public First campaign at PO Box 2288 Fitzroy 3065. Tel 9662 9688

Whistle Blowers Conference

A whistleblowers conference will be held June 29-30 at John Batman Tafe, North Fitzroy. Anybody with information on Police corruption is welcome to attend.

Anarchist Black Cross Conference

The ABC Conference was held March 1-3, over \$900 was raised to support Political prisoners both here and abroad. The ABC aids prisoners who use violence as a means of struggle because Amnesty won't touch them for fear of tarnishing their apolitical image. Issues raised at the conference included the appalling conditions and practices in Psychiatric prisons, There were also workshops on surviving prison, handling police interrogations and community policing issues. A big thank you goes out to the organisers, the bands who played and everybody who attended the various events. Tha ABC has put out a leaflet detailing the plight of political prisoners both here and abroad. Contact the ABC at : PO Box 145, Moreland, Vic, 3058 or PO Box 558, South Brisbane, 4101.

Barricade Public Library

Barricade Books has a Library and information resources for public use. We have a wide range of anti-authoritarian, anti-fascist, indigenous, and worker uprising literature. Other information includes McLibel updates, Political prisoners, Hemp info, and Local struggles (indigenous and non-indigenous.) We also have non-English speaking literature in Turkish, Greek, Spanish and many other languages. Everyone is welcome (except Cops and the fash etc) to use the libraries resources, but unfortunately you can't loan material.

New Titles

Still Black Still Strong (Semiotext)

The stories of three Afro-American political prisoners held in the prison cages of the United States of Amerikkka. Mumia Abul Jamal, Assata Shakur and Dhoruba bin Wahad answer questions on a wide range of issues concerning the plight of the countless revolutionaries inside jail.

Emperor wears no clothes by Jack Herer

This is the bible on Hemp. No shit Man! This book exposes the conspiracy behind it's widespread prohibition and it's medicinal and environmental benefits. The list is endless. Page upon page of information concerning Hemp. What else can we say? Legalise it!

Timber wars and other writings by Judi Barri

In 1990, Earth First! and I.W.W organiser, Judi Barri, was almost killed by a bomb placed in her car. The accident left her crippled and no one has been charged with the bombing. The book is a collection of works and speeches by Judi concerning the plight of forests and people in America. Especially interesting is the liasons forged between Earth First! / I.W.W and forest workers, which Barri details at length.

The Monkey Wrench Gang by Edward Abbey

The novel that spurred the Ecodefence Monkey Wrench Manual which is banned in Australia. This is the story of four strangers who find that they have one common interest, defending the earth by any means necessary. Must Read.

Not Just Down the Drain by Stuart McGuire

Locally produced book on water reduction and recycling strategies. Full of D.I.Y ideas. Whether you rent, squat, live in the city or the bush, this book has ideas for every household.

Computer update

Barricade books/Infoshop is "on line" via the Xchange Bulletin Board. There is public access to the news and chat lines which Xchange subscribes to. If you want to be able to get mail and post it off from the Barricade site you need to fill in a form which obliges you to behave socially on the Net (i.e no sexist, racist or homophobic shit), pay \$10 waged or \$5 unwaged and go for it! This deal beats the shit out of Yuppie "Cyber-Cafes" which charge upwards of \$10 per hour! to use the internet. Plus you won't have to put up with pretentious wankers in black turtlenecks who frequent

JUST IN! DIRTY SQUATTERS FOR ANARCHY RECORD ORDER!

Thats right! Barricade has just received a parcel of the most progressive anarcho punk records known to humankind. We have in stock records by Subhumans, Crass,

Final Conflict, Chumbawamba, Cracked Cops skulls (My personal favourite), Oi Polloi and Jello Biafra. We also received an order of impossible to find releases from Australia's premier Hardcore label, Reactor Records. If you want Aussie punk by bands such as Vicious Circle, Perdition, Arm the Insane, and the Psychotic maniacs then we are the only place in the world you will find it brand new as they were all deleted ten years ago.

Barricade's First Birthday Party

On Saturday March 23 at 4.00pm Barricade is celebrating it's first year of Anarchic operation. BYO plate of Vegetarian/Vegan food and booze and fruit drink. Kids welcome.

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PO Box 4768 Darwin, 0801.
PO Box 4434 Melb Uni. Parkville 3052.

Animal Liberation
37 O'Connell St Nth Melbourne 3051.

Annares Books
PO Box 150, East Brunswick 3057.

Black Rose Books
583A King Street Newtown 2042.

Earth First/Industrial Workers of the World
GPO Box 1738Q Melbourne 3001.

Emma's bookshop
82a Vulture Street, West End Brisbane 4101

Friends of the Earth Bookshop
312 Smith Street Collingwood 3066

