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Union Street

Dinner

Saturday

3rd

November

A few things we'd like you to know about Union St.

Tea and coffee; There is a donation jar on the kitchen table. As you can imagine, we go through tonnes of coffee here.
Warehouse pledge jar; Can be found on the table in library area. Remember to leave a note with your name and amount of money you've left in jar.
Odd Box; Under the fish you'll find a "Mysterious black box of little things left by anarchists in strange places, things that we do not understand". So, if you've lost it, it might be in there.
Library; Library lones book is on top shelf.
Photo Album; Any photos of @ activities you'd like to contribute to the album are most welcome. Album can be found on top shelf above papers&mags shelves.
See ya round, Karen.

Extra Union St. Dinner

3rd Saturday in November (the 17th)

ANARCHIST AGE NO. 2
WATCH OUT FOR THE LAUNCH IN NOVEMBER
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LIBERTARIAN WORKERS FOR A SELF-MANAGED SOCIETY
PUBLIC DISCUSSION

"SPORT AND ANARCHISM"

7.30PM WEDNESDAY 31ST OCTOBER

YWCA 489 Elizabeth Street, 3rd Floor, Room 10

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Daniel Cosmos' Cafe Ideas

WHAREHOUSE CAFE PROPOSAL

As you probably know it has been a long time since we had an anarchist cafe in melbourne. It's been about two years since the Empresses weekly Cafe nights stopped and three years since Princess pier was knocked down. Whilst the Union street dinners have been a great success we don't get the variety of people we could get again if we had a public front. Now the possibility of space for an active cafe at the anarchist wharehouse (to be) gives us good reason to getmore serious than ever about this thing . Lots of people have talked about something like this over the years so now with the wharehouse coming aup a few of us have started to pull some of the ideas together into a detailed proposal. Given that we would need to experiment, renovate, develop enthusiasm and support etc., I have drafted an optimistic timeline we might be able to use.

STAGE ONE - Before the wharehouse (1990)

- research recipes and suitable cooking styles
- research herb teas - recreational and simple prescribables
- start fortnightly or monthly meetings (besides dinners)
- work out initial aims , for us and adds etc.
- scout for materials and skills (costs and availability)
- find info on health regulation questions
- research legal factors (may be complicated)
- work out agreements and procedures (as we go)
- work out initial budget requirements
- draft initial timeline
- experimenal fundraising
  - Do upto
    - fortnightly Union St dinners
    - fortnightly catering
    - at FOE cafe upstairs (esp in gigs)

STAGE TWO - starting in the wharehouse (1991)

- layout and decoration designing
- installoven, cupboards, double sink, work benches & vents
- stackable chairs and tables needed
- for many renovations and equipment some money will come from the administration group because all will share the use of the renovations
- formalise the collective for membership responsibilities
- delegate events organisation & advertising, cooking & shopping, building/developing to task groups
- Do upto three events a week + weekly dinners (fundraising)
- fortnightly meetings
- work out initial labour exchange system for wider particip.
- save up for stock etc. and build workers pool & visibility
- seek rent pledges for cafe (labelled warehouse pledges)
- seek loans off comrades via bank (if have been doing well)
- offer 10% discount to warehouse sustainers/sponsors
- if we can't use the warehouse for viable cafe then we can do - catering for gigs, meetings, talks, launches, videos, workshops and weekly dinners by donation.

STAGE THREE - consolidating (1992)

- install - mezzanine ceiling?
  - large hot water service
  - movable walls (for gigs etc)
  - more storage and work space
  - wall off kitchen
  - insure area and lease
- make into small , quality performance space
- do dinners 3 to 6 nights pw and odd lunches and catering with set dinner time and soup, snacks and herb teas ???
- paid job share secretary/coordinator 40 to 60 hours pw or rotated coordinators (2) amongst collective (non award $)
- display and operate bookservice (ASF's?)
- collective rotation of cooking, bookkeeping, advertising, shopping & organising events?- food etc free to collective
- others can do cleaning washing and helping for meals & %off
- seek free entertainers -artists exhibiting, poets, solos & jams
- arrange fortnightly club nights with street poets, jamming and thespians etc
- start labour exchange with FOE fruit & veg & dryfoods co-ops for cheaper food and connections and join LETS Melb Nth
- Cafe could also have dips, salads, stir fries(?) &be self serve
- food with minimum skills required gives maximum participation
- people will be there for hours socialising so maybe we could have some games there esp for newcomers
- catered meetings might be popular and regular

-make detailed herb tea menu with disclaimer

STAGE FOUR If Site Allows or we move (1993)

- install - coffee machine
  - Female and Male toilets (& urinal for BYO license)
- incorporate (as co-op?) for book keeping
- Paid workers 80 to 120 hours pw +collective controlling
- aim at 6 to 7 nights & a lunch service for factories
- cheap lunches
- alcohol sale license
- eat the rich
- ? apply for govt grants for soup kitchen & unemployed training aspects?

-pasta and politics fundraisers

- kick bookservice out

NOTES

- regularily review progress and edit those minutes as an article for other groups on starting a cafe
- aim for it to run itself ie, no matyrs
- we need a car and driver by stage two and will need to buy one for stage four (a ute)
- we will need - two stoves, a juicer, jaffle maker, large fridge /freezer, cooking exhaust fan, plates, cutlery, cups, pots, teapots,stackable tables and chairs, hot water service, cappucino machine (at FOE?), double sink, long life stock, paint, building materials and some other stuff.

(A) WAREHOUSE CAFE

discussion night

Thursday November 15th

7pm over dinner

at Bakers Cafe 384 Brunswick St Fitzroy

this thing can use new & old hands participation in all

Letters !!!

Comrades

The killing of David Gundy by NSW police force, the shooting of Darren Brennan by the same force, the burning of the picket line caravan on 417 St.Kilda Rd., the violent attacks on strikers at the Hoechst picket line - to name but a few - allow me to easily dismiss Chris Smith' "arguments" as what there are :
pure white australian middle class crap.
As such always being counterproductive & counterrevolutionary it makes only one point; it tells us what side he's on.

Venceremos,

Ben

ann. 22.10.90

I am writing in response to Chris Smith's letter of the Oct. 90 ANN.

(1) Chris feels the Sept. 90 cartoon trivializes a "complex theory/strategy/practice". I see such cartoons as humour. Is humour trivial? Must everything be serious? What is not above poking fun at? If we take ourselves and theory too seriously and do not allow satire we run the risk of church-like rigidity. Humour is subjective, not objective.

(2) I completely agree that the means determine the ends and ends do not justify the means. For me, this includes taking the right to defend yourself and your community/workplace.

(3) During the 1980's many young people learnt about anarchism through the medium of 'Crass' records and beleived that (according to 'Crass') anarchism and non-violence were mutually inclusive. This allowed a situation where no more than 20 people (skinheads) to physically attack 200 other people ('Crass' fans) with impunity. Later, by way of reaction, many young people came to see violence and anarchism as mutually inclusive (see 'Class War' magazine) which is the same as the mass media maintains against anarchism.

(4) No-one but a tiny minority advocates violence. No-one but a tiny minority advocates non-violence. Most see self-defence in the face of violence as common sense.

(5) Non-violent action (such as strikes and pickets) <u>can</u> undermine the State but the State, almost always, will respond with violence. In this case, <u>choices</u> become limited.

(6) Men do not have a monopoly on violence. In the case of the State (Eva Peron, Golda Meir, Indira Ghandi, Margaret Thatcher, etc.) or in the case of people faced with violence (the women of the Paris Commune, the Molly Macguires, women's anti-rape patrols, etc.)

(7) There is no place in the social classroom (sic!) for flower-toting pacifists who will not take responsibility for their own self-defence.

(8) Have non-violent revolutions really succeeded (India, Philipines, East Europe) or simply replaced one tyranny with another?

(9) Kooris, women, young people, workers in struggle, cannot afford the luxury of non-violence. They must fight back or die.

(10) Those who make half a revolution dig their own graves.

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