GOVT. PROVOKES 'RIOT'! AGENT EXPOSED

DEMONSTRATORS IN MELBOURNE HAVE FINALLY CAUGHT A POLICE PROVOCATOR ACTING IN THEIR RANKS.

For some time the use of provocateurs in demonstrations has been suspected, but concrete evidence has been hard to obtain.

The use of such people to provoke situations where the police can use their full force to suppress the peace movement is well documented in other countries — particularly in the United States.

In nearly every case in the United States over recent years, where charges for "bombings" have actually been proved, the chief suspect or one of the bombings has been shown to be a paid agent of the police or the FBI. Reports currently being filed in New York on charges of throwing a bomb into a National Guard truck last November indicate one George Diment, an FBI agent.

In 1969 in the famous case of the alleged conspiracy to blow up the office of the late Martin Luther King, an agent of the FBI was convicted.

New York's Assistant District Attorney Joseph A. Holley recently admitted that two police agents participated in an unglamorous plot to bomb department stores for which four young Black Panthers members have been jailed for nearly a year awaiting trial.

The role of such provocateurs has usually been to give the police forces the natural feelings of frustration and impotence that can result from an insurrectionary state. The blatant use of such tactics at the demonstration on Saturday is not surprising, considering the political climate. The government has been trying to stave off a serious police revolt for the past few weeks. The government's "emergency" conference on "violent extremists" calling for yet further repressive laws and an end to the present police attitude of "tolerance" in the face of "intensifying violent demonstrations" gives the government 3 or 4 days of front page publicity — all because of demonstrator "sabotage" set on the floor of the G.P.O. and London Bridge.

Obviously what the government needs to put its law into action without creating a backlash is a real riot. The government knows that the demonstrators are not going to "foil" any plans the police help them along. What better way then to instigate the demonstration with a few well-timed tear gas rounds. This in fact is what the government decided to do on Saturday at the G.P.O.

Kevin O'Sullivan

TEMPORARY PASS

To be returned to Commonwealth Police Officer on completion of Temporary Duty

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The demonstration on Saturday was relatively quiet. From 10.06 to 12.00 a.m. over a dozen people were arrested. 20-year-olds not to register for national service, and urging others to fill in false registration forms. A crowd of about 50 people gathered and a few pulled the demonstration to fill in false registration forms.

The trouble broke out at about noon when plain-clothed Commonwealth Police attempted to arrest a speaker on the G.P.O. steps. As State Police gathered in Bourke Street the Commonwealth Police charged into the demonstrators and proceeded to drag Barry Connor and Karl Armstrong away in handcuffs.

With this activity on the front of the police, the crowd quickly grew to a couple of hundred. This rioting crowd gave Kari and Barry a chance to escape briefly, but they were quickly recaptured.

A middle-aged passerby was so incensed by the police action that she joined the demonstrators around the police car. She was arrested for obstructing on the road in the car and yelling "South African fascists!"

While she was chanting demonstrators surrounded the police car, a fight in the forefront of the action was arrested by State police (presumably for some illegal action). As she was being led away she produced a card and showing it to the State police was immediately released.

A demonstrator who was holding this grabbed the card and disappeared back into the crowd.

The card is identification for a Commonwealth Police woman: Mrs. D.J. Thompson.

The circumstances which led to her arrest deserve special consideration. She was in the forefront of the demonstration, not only participating in, but playing a leading role in the action around the police car. That she was acting in the classic manner used by police provocateurs.

POLICE TO BLAME

Michael Costigan reported in the Sunday Observer.

"Commonwealth Police were entirely to blame for what happened at the G.P.O. yesterday."

"They heard well-known people like Lobbie H.R. D. Moss Cast exprudence defiance of the Act.

Then they decided to act against the militant and least known of all the speakers, a fresh-faced youth of about 18 or 20.

He had just finished speaking when one of the plain-clothes men tried to approach him.

Other demonstrators formed a human barrier around him, while the Commonwealth Police went into the Post Office and to Telephone for reinforcement.

At this stage the demonstration had lasted nearly an hour and a half. It was showing every sign of fizzing out.

Then the police charged the demonstrators, pushing, grabbing and swinging their fists as they advanced.

The demonstrations resisted but I didn't see any of them aim a blow at the police.

Some of the police did their best to avoid brutality in their handling of the situation. But they should never have been forced to interfere as they did. Somebody at the top must have the order for this action — and it was a piece of either stupidity or cynicism."

He wrote his report before he found out that police threats were taking part in the demonstration.

ARRESTS AND CHARGES arising from Saturday's demonstration were:

Barry Connor: Inciting persons to refuse to register for National Service
Karl Armstrong: Obstruction of Police
Janis Conolly: Assault
David Woodham: Assault
Dean Connell: Assault and insulting words
Bon Hull: Insulting words

Eddie Brimberg: Insulting words.

Eddie was carried off, grilled at the police station and would have been fingerprinted except that the cops couldn't find the ink, then said: "Forget it". He may be charged later, if Sir Arthur feels like it.

There was another, Karl Ingley was charged with inciting persons to fill in registration forms falsely.

Court appearances are scheduled as follows:

10th of August: Barry Connor, Dean Connell, Bon Hull.
17th of August: Karl Ingley, Karl Armstrong, Allan Dowling, David Woodham.
CRIMES ACT
CHARGES LAID

Barry Connor was charged that he did: " wilfully and without good reason, contravene sections 74 to 76 of the Commonwealth Crimes Act 1914-66 which states that persons not known as being persons who are liable to register for national service are to be committed for an offence against the law of the Commonwealth."

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We, the undersigned urge people to stop registering for national service and/or fill in false registration forms as Barry Connor and Barry Inglesby have likewise urged:

(Signed)........

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Harry van Mooren
Terry Murphy
Keith Langford
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David Lowe
Karl Armstrong
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Mark Taft
Lesley Ebbels
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CONFER...

A draft resisters' conference has been arranged for the weekend August 15-16th in Sydney to discuss the setting up of Resisters' Unions in other states besides Victoria. If you are a draft resi-
er and can make it to Sydney, see Peter Hornby in Sydney when you get there or write now for details to BOX 2986, GPO SYDNEY 2000.

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