



## VIETNAM MORATORIUM CAMPAIGN

A MORATORIUM AGAINST BUSINESS AS USUAL TO END THE WAR

MAY 8-9-10

The Vietnam Moratorium Campaign will be conducted throughout Australasia and supported overseas on the weekend of May 8, 9 and 10. It will be the most massive expression of opposition to Australia's participation in the Vietnam war since our involvement began in 1965.

The Campaign was initiated in Australia by the C.I.C.D. following the success of the Moratorium Days in the U.S.A. A national consultation in Canberra last November which launched the Australian Moratorium received the support of 74 Federal Labor M.P.'s. One hundred and thirty organisations are now represented on the Victorian Vietnam Moratorium Committee. They include the Victorian Branch of the A.L.P., along with many local A.L.P. Branches, the National Union of Australian University Students, and other student groups, over a dozen trade unions, church groups, women's organisations, etc. The Chairman of the Victorian Committee is Dr. J. F. Cairns, M.H.R. Twenty-five suburban and country V.M.C. Committees have been set up in recent weeks to give dynamic support to the Campaign.

In Victoria, the highlights of the Campaign will be . . .

- \* The distribution of nearly one million educational broadsheets to householders, students, workers, etc., commencing on the weekend of April 18. The broadsheet contains facts, figures and photographs on the Vietnam war, and an outline of Moratorium Campaign events.
- \* A door knocking programme in many suburban and provincial areas inviting participation in the Moratorium Campaign.
- \* A massive demonstration in the city on Friday afternoon, May 8, involving thousands of worker and student strikers, and the general public. The rally will assemble in the Treasury Gardens at 2 p.m. to listen to songs and speeches, and at approximately 3 p.m. the assembly will move down Bourke Street to Elizabeth Street, where the entire body of marchers will be encouraged to sit down in the street for a period of 15 minutes, symbolizing a desire to stop the nation in order to stop the destruction of Vietnam. At the conclusion of the 15 minute sit down, the marchers will resume their march to the City Square, where leaflets will be available so that participants can continue to remain in the city distributing leaflets in streets, stores and elsewhere, and participating in other actions of their choice.
- \* A series of suburban and provincial church services on Friday night, May 8, at 8 p.m.
- \* Suburban demonstrations, Saturday morning, May 9, e.g. residents of the Diamond Valley electorate will be forming a two mile "line of conscience" around the Doncaster shopping complex involving over 1,000 persons. Similar actions will occur in many other suburbs.

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