

TABLOID UNDERGROUND!

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School's In For '69. Are You?

The big story for 1969 will be education—the developments in STUDENT POWER, research in the experimental teaching laboratory, decisions in the education ministries. Are you ready for it all?

The main purpose given to 'TABLOID UNDERGROUND' as the official newsheet of 'Students In Dissent' this year, is to provide a mode of communication that will reach as many Victorian Secondary Students as possible, in order to advise them of the nature and direction of Educational "Happenings", during 1969. It will also seek to create an atmosphere among students favourable to radical educational change, (toward an education unpolluted by the evils of the present system). Our ideal is for education where teachers and students co-operate to enlighten each other. Where the student respects the teacher, for his knowledge, not for his power - where the system is directed towards producing competent responsible human beings, rather than cogs in the machinery of Capitalism - where marks no longer replace learning, as the reason for going to school.

That is our ideal, it is now up to us to convince you that our idealism is worth FIGHTING for.

THOMPSON IN A FLURRY OVER GURRY

Mr. Gurry, the Melbourne High School teacher who had the courage to take a public stand against the political suspension of Michael Eidelson, last year, has now been forced to transfer to Chadstone High School.

During the controversy, he wrote to the papers saying that Mr. Thompson (headmaster of Melbourne High) had been "less than frank" about the whole affair. This was perfectly true. Investigations revealed that Mr. Thompson had deliberately attempted to link "Sentinel Underground" with some totally unrelated acts of delinquency within M.H.S.

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in order to make his suspension of Michael appear justified. Lies and deception surrounded his whole public explanation of the incident.

Mr. Gurry was strong enough to attempt to publically expose this dishonesty Now he is facing the consequences.

Towards the end of last year, (during exam. time- to prevent protests?) Mr. Gurry was told not to attend school for several days, while his behaviour was discussed. At a meeting of teachers (probably all fearing for their own skins), it was decided that the school would be "better off without him". He was given a transfer to Chadstone High School.

No doubt he will now be on the Education Department blacklist, his teaching career successfully sabotaged by those people in our society who are determined to carry out their repression successfully.

Due to solidarity from radical students, Michael Edelson has been allowed back into M.H.S. for 1969. However, Mr. Gurry has not been so fortunate. It would seem that teachers have a lot to learn from their pupils, as far as solidarity with the persecuted goes. There will be more transfers if the Department believes that teachers are not prepared to stand together on important issues.

The Conscientious Objector.

Iron griled door,
concrete floor,
Hourly shouts
from screw louts.

My god, the dark
without a spark,
engulfs my all
I beat the wall.

With bruises, clenched fist,
that twist and shake
in fearful rage
at this age.

That closes ears
to mankinds fears,
of eternal death
by blast or death.

'I shall not kill'
my words scream still.
'I value life',
not war, not strife.'

To live in peace
before we cease,
to give a hand
to distant lands.

To offer hope,
where none can hope,
Are things I see,
so dear to me.

Pricing Free Education.

Equality in opportunity and free secular education are the more basic democratic rights which are now being denied to us as pupils of this state.

Composite fees, compulsory uniform, travel expenses, book expenses and crafts material are all part of the price we pay for 'free' education. As for equality, when the financial backing of a school becomes the responsibility of parents it is impossible for the children of affluent families not to have a more 'equal' education than others.

St. Mary's in Berwick with about 400 students has recieved a grant for a science block from the government and most High Schools have not even been considered.

This as you know is common place. It will remain so until the people of Australia step forward to claim their rightful place as the true leaders of the nation. Then, and only then will the inequalities which prevail in all sectors of our society disappear.

The struggle continues, where do you stand?

THE WORLD IN REVOLUTION
AUSTRALIA IN NEED OF ONE

'If there is to be revolution, there must be a revolutionary party'.
-Mao Tse-Tung, Nov. 1948.
Therefore in the true tradition of revolutionaries we are going to hold a revolutionary party. Watch out for the next Tabloid for date and address.

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