Is Our Country Run By Aliens?

you could be forgiven for thinking so!
LOOKING FOR TROUBLE??

So you're tired of lefty groups whining in your ear. After all, the way most of 'em carry on we might as well all slit our wrists and end it all right now. And you're fed up with the ALP because despite all the past glory and rhetoric their branches are full of infighting, faction wars and the stacking of branch meetings. Not that you thought the ALP was going anywhere, anyway, but it was the only thing around for those with a social conscience and anyway, it was worth a shot. And you've tried it out with the anarchists who for the most part mean well and at least have honest intentions but you got burnt out waiting for something to happen. You felt you could run across the Nullabor and back before they'd get out onto the streets, that they were all too comfortable in their armchairs.

So you've probably come to the same conclusions we have: that something new is needed on the scene. Well, there is something new and that's Angry People. Unlike many groups we have a vision for the future and are willing to fight for it, by any means necessary. We envisage a world where the working class is firmly in control of its destiny and class divisions no longer exist, having been smashed to smithereens. A world where we can all feel safe and secure, where women can walk the streets at night without fear and men aren't emotional cripples. We could go on for days but we won't. So read on for a better idea of what we're on about.......

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CRAZIES LET LOOSE??

Angry People is published three to four times a year in an effort to make radical and revolutionary ideas available to the wider community and thus get politics onto the streets and out of the dusty backrooms of left-wing bookshops.

Through Angry People those involved wish to help working class people realise that only they, themselves, have the power to change the way of things. No one else, no matter how good their intentions, can do it for us.

We wish to inform, encourage and build upon the class struggle ALREADY going on: in the workplace and in the community. Anything that assists the working class to challenge the problems that we face on a daily basis is a worthy contribution to the class struggle.

Angry People is a small group made up primarily of working class people - a stark contrast to most left-wing and anarchist groups.

We don't have all the answers, in fact we ask more questions than give answers. We are prepared to listen, learn and develop our ideas as all of us have something to offer.

So why not toss us into your next political salad this summer?

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Crime Chief Dies....

A NATION IN HYSTERICS

Crime gang rivalry reached a head in the town of Cabramatta when gangland boss and criminal John ‘The Enforcer’ Newman was slain outside his home on September 5. Newman was a key figure in the crime gang known as The Labor Party which, with its various business associates, controlled the nationwide network of extortion, terror and crime known only as The Government.

The Labor Party has been involved in a pitched battle with rival gang The Liberal Party, whose leadership is constantly replaced due to the gang’s renowned intolerance of inefficiency. The Government network includes the most vicious syndicate of thugs in the country, a shadowy, virtual army of society’s lowest dregs, known by many names but formally as The Police. The Police have been connected to innumerable crimes of violence; from bashings to torture to outright rape and even murder. Other factions within The Government include The Courts: an archaic, medieval system used to oppress ordinary citizens; and The Bureaucracy, sometimes described as “soft-cops”.

Newman’s part in this sick world of crime and terror was to target smaller crime gangs, in order to eliminate competition with The Government. These smaller gangs were often anything from would-be bosses of crime syndicates to innocent citizens “set up” by The Government and labelled “criminals.”

Newman’s death, although officially it was reacted to with shock, came as no surprise to those in the know. A Labor Party insider who did not wish to be named told Angry People “his time was coming......the only surprise to us was that he wasn’t lynched by an angry mob of Cabramatta workers...fortunately for us it was just another crime gang.”

The main fear of The Government, it seems, is for working class citizens to discover its dirty deals and then go on to execute justice; once and for all.

Angry People will continue to be at the forefront of exposing the cowardly crime kings of the state and all its members, to the indignant people. Justice will not only be done, but will be seen to be done. As for Newman, we join with the nation in saying HA

HA HA HA HA !!!!

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If you enjoy reading this issue of Angry People and want to see more of this stuff around then how about helping us out with a few bucks. A tener can go a long way.
Like every community, regardless of race or culture, there is a criminal element that exists within it. These criminal elements live outside of the law in the sense that their actions are illegal. Most criminal activity is geared towards money or goods that are as good as money. Why? Because most people involved in crime are doing it to make ends meet.

We live in a society where living off others parasitically is accepted as the norm and even encouraged, particularly in the middle and upper class where making a living off someone else is much more common. Rich people accumulate wealth and therefore power by squeezing ordinary people empty. In effect they steal from us, day by day, taking what they have no just claim to: huge chunks of our time and the fruits of our labour. That's capitalism for ya.

Is it any wonder then, that people may turn to a 'dishonest' living where they leech a livelihood off others when this is all that is on offer, and furthermore, is all that has been on offer for generations?

Under capitalism, the few live off the many. The few have much and can get more, the many have little and aren't likely to see anything else. The many are divided up into all sorts of sections, along all sorts of lines and these divisions are encouraged and manipulated in the media: one of the strongest forces behind social conditioning. There's plenty to elaborate on here but for the sake of space and time I'll keep to the point.

One way the many are divided is along income lines. Owning no land to profit from, the many must go to work and sell their labour to meet the needs of social survival. Because of the differences in income and the unequal meting out of luck the many become divided into sections of better-off and worse-off. Right at the bottom sits an enormous pool of economically deprived and socially disadvantaged people (sometimes called an underclass), who mostly through no fault of their own, end up there. Generally speaking this group is made up of the sick, the aged and infirm, the differently abled, the unemployed, single parents and the young.

As long as people are ripped off, shat on, treated like dirt and given no opportunities to better themselves we will have crime. As long as parasitism is legal and socially acceptable it will be mirrored in the illegal and socially unacceptable.

Parasitism itself is as much the problem as a particular group of social parasites are. Both need to be dealt with, probably by different means, as social parasites are people and as such are easily identifiable, parasitism being a set of ideas that we are brought up with from day one.

People who participate in criminal (illegal) activity are often trying to improve their lot, in effect to better themselves and their families and perhaps even shift classes, although this rarely happens, as class mobility is a cruel knife that twists in the backs of ordinary people.

Many people have tried to attain the middle class dream, that carrot on a stick used to lure us into getting down and working hard but for many a wall has been built between the carrot and the stick. We don't always see this wall, mainly because it's a darn site easier and much more comforting to ignore it or forget about it. But fuck, do we feel it when we run into it.

The few and the media they own and control see ALL crime as bad. We don't. There are differences between the various sorts of crime which can be divided into two types: anti-social crime and class-conscious crime.

Anti-social crime is the sort of acts that are unacceptable in any progressive society: rape, murder, sexual harrassment, stealing from those who have little. Class-conscious crime is acts that target the few with a view to redistributing some of the wealth and power that we generate but they

HOW COULD A WELFARE BUM LIKE YOU AFFORD TO BUY A NEW VCR?

I DIDN'T ME AND MY FRIENDS DID SOME "PROLETARIAN SHOPPING"
monopolise. In short, the sort of populist actions carried out by Ned Kelly and Robin Hood.

If we are to ever stop (or at least curb) anti-social behaviour we will have to come together to do it. If we steal from our own kind, no-one will trust each other and life will go on as it is with individuals and groups socially isolated from one another. If men sexually assault and harass women, one half of the many will not want anything to do with the other half, unless for some sour deed. If you harm one of our own kind for something they have, that you want, how can that person ever trust another stranger even if there is much in common?

We cannot count on the police for protection or deliverance from dirty deeds - far from it. It’s the people who live in a particular area that ought to be running their own anti-crime squads. Why? Because local people usually have a good idea of who’s up to what and secondly are more suited to deal with local criminals because they will have a much better understanding of why someone(s) is doing something(s). Police are almost always outsiders, do not live in the area they work in and consequently have little understanding, if any, of the area and the people who live and work there.

Time and again, the police have shown where their loyalty lies and that is with the state and ultimately the rich who benefit from the trappings of this apparatus. Not so? Then what were the coppers doing in Blacktown in ’85, Brewarrina in ’87, Canberra in ’89, Redfern always. Bernie in ’92, Tempe and Richmond in ’94? Having cups of tea with little old ladies, rescuing pussycats from tall trees? Or taking orders that meant in practice violently crushing dissent and reasserting the dominant social order?

Most of us know what the score is. It don’t take much to sus out that the few are stinking rich and that the many are working class. If you’re going short and go looking for your fill take only from those with more than plenty and if you take much, share what you have with others in the same boat. That way the fruits of your labour are offerings of trust, friendship and solidarity.

For centuries the rich have kept us down, living off us like ticks on a dog. Whilst contributing nothing to the well being of society they pilfer and thieve, taking what they can to ensure the survival not just of themselves but also of their social position. Their problem lies in the fact that they have no future without the working class while at the same time the working class has a bright future full of brilliant prospects when the rich no longer leech a living off our labour, our time and our culture. There are no reforms we can make to get rid of them and they won’t give up the power and wealth that they’ve accumulated: we will have to take what we want, when we want it. This is class war!!
POSH LYING LESBIANS

DRAG EM SCREAMING
FROM THEIR MANSIONS OF PRIVILEGE & SECRECY

RICH QUAKING QUEENS
DESTROY THEIR CAREERS
RUIN THEIR LIVES

FORCE THEM TO SUICIDE

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The battle of
EUREKA STOCKADE

In 1854 the stage was set for a battle. Gold miners, sick of ridiculously high taxes (you had to pay for a license to work) and consistant harrassment by the cops barricaded a few acres of land and began drilling inside. In a show of mass defiance they burned their licenses to the sound of cheers.

The Southern Cross flag was hoisted and miners took the rebel oath of allegiance:

"We swear by the Southern Cross to stand truly by each other and fight to defend our rights and liberties".

In one instance the Southern Cross was flown during an anti-Chinese riot (1851, Victoria). For the majority of miners the Southern Cross meant a resistance to the British domination of Australia and was a symbol that stuck up two fingers at the Crown, Union Jack, police and judiciary.

In response to these acts of 'treason' the British army was called out to destroy the embryo of what could have been the secession of Australia from England and possibly the first ever Irish republic in the world. Not only that but right there and then we could have made a giant leap forward towards a libertarian society.

Dawn it was when the British forces opened fire. Shots were exchanged. People died from both contingents and many other were wounded. The army soon stormed the Stockade and saw the miners defeated.

In this operation however, the army was backed up by the cops who went on a rampage killing the wounded as they lay on the ground and shooting or cutting (the cops carried long sabres) those who tried to escape the confinement of the Stockade.

Some did escape through the lines of soldiers at the rear of the Stockade; they seemed to have little interest in the capture of insurgent miners, their task to take the Stockade itself completed.

Thirteen miners were taken captive by police and taken to Melbourne for trial. That night saw huge rioting across Melbourne in solidarity with the miners. The thirteen were later aquitted. It's important here to point out that two of the miners captured, John Josephs and Raffaello Carboni were an American Negro and Italian respectively and that if the Southern Cross and the miners' cause was a racist one and not a class and/or anti-colonialist struggle then the two would have been forcefully excluded from participation in the Battle of Eureka Stockade. Those who fly the Southern Cross today as a symbol of white nationalism do so at their own peril. The Southern Cross is a symbol of resistance against the rich and powerful and a living remnant that we can make a stand against incredible odds.

Peter Lalor, the most well known fighter at Eureka went on to become a politician and mine owner. While he was undoubtedly a brave man it must be made clear that anyone who becomes a politician and boss is a scumbag and enemy of working class people.

What did the miners achieve from all this? The license fee was abolished and they secured the right to vote: a priviledge of land-owning men up until then.

If we are to win a revolution today we cannot be so silly as to think we can section off a few acres and have a shoot out. It'll take a hell of a lot more than that. The government and state apparatus can deal with that sort of CONTAINED struggle, what we need is a struggle that spreads like fire. If we fight on our streets don't get bogged down, be prepared to move fast and move as a group. On the other side of the same coin, ideas need to be spread through our areas to create a genuine support base for a libertarian revolutionary movement. Get busy now!

CLASS WAR

NOT RACE WAR
News In Brief

SQUEEZE!

So the ALP has introduced a 35% quota for women in parliament by the year 2000. Does the ALP really think that the majority of us are that stupid to believe that this move will change anything for ordinary women? Cause it's not likely is it?

The women who get these parliamentary seats are mostly middle class (like most of the men are) and are looking for a cushy, overpaid, leather chair.

Working class women's lives haven't and won't change one bit - that is unless they grab this sexist, class ridden society by the balls and squeeze!

It's often women who do the lowest paid, most menial work.

It's women whose housework remains unpaid for and women who bear the brunt of rearing the next generation. Does the ALP plan to do anything about this?

NO - because to do so would upset the way of things as they are now - where a supposed "workers" party is collaborating directly with the bosses and rich.

And let's face it, Paul Keating, Gareth Evans and Carmen Lawrence are sly silvertails whose class interests can never be the same as those of the working class.

FAIR GO?

Posh and sexist magistrates have been at it again. Big, insensitive mouths and little understanding of the everyday realities of working class women must be considered a bonus in swanky judicial circles.

This time, a magistrate from Wollongong, JOHN SEBERRY, made obnoxious comments in a court case he presided over: a man had beaten up a woman on numerous occasions and this time it ended up in court.

Magistrate Seberry, after hearing the case, announced: "I'll never understand the stupidity, or should I say, idiocy, of women who get beaten up and then, contrary to orders, go back to live with the offender" and "They must like that sort of treatment".

This woman was dragged by the hair, slapped, punched, jumped on and had her head thrown into a mirror. Does this sound like the kind of treatment you'd enjoy?

Women don't go back into these situations for the love of it: they either feel that they are responsible for the violent outbreaks and that if they're 'good' it will be alright and/or they often have few means to move on, especially if they're unemployed or have kids to care for.

Magistrate SEBERRY

Circumsizes this dickhead!

Judges and magistrates are nothing but a bunch of pompous, deluded alcho's. We should bury them up to their necks and offer ride-on lawnmowers to anyone who ever suffered a miscarriage of justice!!

ALP - SAME OLD PISS

So much for Keating being just a working class lad from Bankstown. Having just purchased a $2.2 million house in up-itself Woollahra the jokes on anyone who actually believed him.

Keating has sat in parliament since he was twenty-five and wouldn't know what a hard day's work was if it got up and hit him! He's done little for us and many of the policies the ALP used as election drawcards have been discarded now - because politicians always lie.

The ALP's middle-of-the-road pragmatism (?!?) has fuck all to do with improving the quality of life for working class people. It's the ALP who came up with the Newstart unemployment package, introduced mobile DSS snopper squads, sent our diggers to the Gulf in '90 for what was clearly a war over who controlled oil and the profits from it (a bosses war) and now to Bougainville to participate in the suppression of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA), collaborated with the bosses in both the private and public sectors to bring about the introduction of enterprise bargaining in order to crack the power of the Trade Unions and drive wages down, asked Arthur Scargill (National Union of Miners/England) if he'd give Aussie miners a call and ask them to stop supporting the English miners strike (84/85) and go back to work, refused to bail out young home buyers who got trapped in the Homefund scheme engineered by NSW Libs, notably Joe Schipp that went drastically wrong: home buyers were evicted and left with debts up to their eyeballs.

As long as we put our faith in the ballot box we will have the same crap system. Politicians of all shades can do nothing but tinker with the state apparatus. Only the working class themselves can bring about the sort of grand social change needed to heal all social ills and make this world a better place to live.

CHARGE YER CATTLEPROD!

As the drought continues throughout rural Australia, farmers (cattle, sheep, pig and poultry) are having to buy back wheat from the Australian Wheat Board (AWB) at over twice the price that they sold it to the board a year ago. It's costing farmers $230 a tonne for wheat, which is at least double what the Board bought it for. As wheat has only risen $90 a tonne in the last year that's at least $25 a tonne profit that the Board and its fat directors are clearing. So much for the great Aussie myth of sticking by yer mates, of pulling together through hard times and giving others a fair go.
The AWB is ripping off farmers in a situation where they have no control and no say. If they don't buy the wheat back at this over-inflated price the stock will drop dead and the farmers and their families will be without an income. This is the sort of catch 22 that capitalists love because they can demand any price and get it under the circumstances.

Well, as long as we let them anyway. If farmers and supporters turned up at the AWB wheat storage sites and loaded the wheat into trucks, drove off with it, divided it up equally according to who needs what and fed it to the livestock there'd be little the AWB could do. It's unlikely the wheat is under guard and anyway, farmers grew the wheat, they did all the hard slog: if it belongs to anyone it belongs to them. The AWB wouldn't be so cock-sure of themselves if farmers just took what was theirs. Overseeing bodies, or any institution for that matter only has as much power as we let them have - it is possible for us to strike a blow as ordinary workers against the corrupt maggots that make up the bulk of officialdom in this country and cut short the stranglehold on our lives!

DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPER!

If the NT Labor Party gets in all the unemployed will be able to get great high-paying jobs and everything will change! Everything will be really marvellous just like in Queensland after they kicked out Joh Bjelke-Petersen's National Party! Yeah! And maybe the Territory Greens will get some seats and they'll be able to save the environment! Well, does anybody actually BELIEVE that shit? - that a change of government can make any real difference? If not, then why do we go along with it? Why do we let these fork-tongued rich people cheat and lie to us day in, day out? Their elections are just a scam to divert our attention from the real struggles, which are not fought in the comfortable surrounds of plush parliamentary chambers but at the grassroots level where it matters, out on the streets and in our workplaces, in our communities and in our minds. Sometimes with direct action and violence if necessary. 

 Fuck voting in their useless elections.

DID YOU KNOW? 

Semi-automatic or assault rifles or (as the Australian army called them) Self-Loading Rifles are large calibre weapons (the SLR was Nato standard 7.62mm) which will kill or seriously injure people with any hit. They are specifically designed for infantry combat. They are built to fire one round at a time with a second or so delay before the next round can be fired and reloading is automatic by an air-operated return spring. The delay is built-in to force a rifleman to take aim; he cannot spray bullets in the general direction of his enemy. In the heat of 'contact' riflemen would spray continuous bullets if they could (in fact SLR's can be fairly easily modified to fully automatic).

An infantryman with an SLR uses far less ammunition than with a fully automatic. His/Her unit thus had far greater mobility, speed and range. This is why they became known as assault rifles: in an attack re-supply is uncertain due to general chaos and all supplies and ammunition must be carried, perhaps for days ahead. It's important here to point out that SLR's have only one purpose and that is to maim and kill. For hunting bolt-action rifles work fine and you don't need one for an afternoon on the range. SLR's are not toys and should be treated with caution and respect.

For the most part, the SLR's are in the hands of the army and probably some para-military police squads although the recent arrest of John Elias, South's prop-forward, for selling bullet-proof vests and machine guns (automatic rifles) to an undercover cop by mistake, proves they are still available to the general population for a price. 

RED SPOT SPECIAL!

Over the years resistance to the Indonesian occupation of East Timor has grown, particularly in Darwin. Many activists have adopted the tactics of direct action and sabotage in this fight. Two main targets in Darwin that come into the line of fire are the Indonesian Consulate and the offices of Garuda Airlines. As we have done so many times previous, Angry People are proud to announce that on Thursday 22nd September, the offices of Garuda Airlines were splashed with red paint bombs to commemorate the visit to Australia of Suharto's second-in-command, General Try Sutrisno, who said after the Dili massacre (12/11/91): "Agitators like these are delinquents....they have to be shot and we will shoot them".

A MESSAGE TO OUR DIGGERS

Now that you've been sent offshore in the 5th Pacific have a think about what you're going to be doing there. Will you be intercepting seacrafts moving between Bougainville and the Solomons? Will you be shooting at the local natives or the Bougainville Revolutionary Army's soldiers? Will you be patrolling the perimeter of CRA's copper mine, to scared to sleep for fear of sniper fire? Will you be occupying land on Bougainville to say stop the smuggling of medical supplies? Get the point?

If not wrap yer head around this: THE ONLY INVOLVEMENT WELCOME ON BOUGAINVILLE OR IN THE 5TH PACIFIC REGION IS THAT IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLES Ask yourself why are you participating in this dirty war? The working class of the first world has nothing to fear from the working class of the third world — in fact we have everything to gain by working together. Step back, look around, think it out and turn your guns on the real enemy: the officer class!

NO WAR BUT THE CLASS WAR!!
ORGANISING
In Rural Areas

Doing an anarchist in the bush can sometimes appear to be a futile exercise. Usually you're on your own, separated from the usual contact points available in the capital cities like bookshops, demon's etc. Also, individuals have a higher profile so it can be harder to engage in anything where you want to remain anonymous. And then there's the social conservatism you find in the bush. But there are advantages. People can do a lot in a small area, it's easier to keep tabs on what's going on and there's certainly fertile ground for anyone to educate, agitate and organise. The class war is as real here as anywhere.

There's plenty to do. The Right in all their guises are organising in the bush around issues ranging from fluoridation to drinking water to creationism to rampant nationalism. There's local issues that can be raised and you can raise them yourself. Then there's the broader issues, sexual and gender politics, industrial issues, corporatisation, how capital fucks people over, police brutality, racism. All of these can be brought up in a challenging way.

First, identify who the local right wingers are. Keep an eye on them. Attend the meetings they organise, respond to their letters, ridicule them (often this isn't hard).

Secondly, there's a hell of a lot you can do with a spray can and unlike the city you don't have to fight for space. Put out some posters around the place; when everyone's asleep you can hit and cover a small country town in twenty minutes, a larger regional centre in a night. Imagine being able to cover Sydney from Campbelltown to Avalon in a night! Use a spray can, it's quicker than a brush and bucket and less visible in case some upstanding citizen does notice you. If you live near a train line hit rolling stock, then your message travels for you.

Thirdly, if you're a good speaker, get up and say your piece at right wing meetings. They hate this but it also scares them. They tend to believe that no-one could possibly oppose them and when someone does they go to ground. Or they could try to intimidate you. Grit your teeth and try to find some support.

Any kind of unionised workplace: timber mills, railways etc. or even schools are potential anti-fascist breeding grounds. Try to get a hold of the union rep or union activists in these workplaces. If they're involved in any dispute, lend support. See if you can get any of them to take on the fascists with you. If there's a Uni around, and they're popping up like mushrooms, try to get something in the student rag about the things that are going down in your area. Also, CES/DSS offices are, as with the places above, good places to stick up flyers with some facility for people to get back to you, taking the usual precautions. You don't want some fascist redneck at your place at two in the morning. An anonymous phone number leading to a meeting place away from your home is as good a way as any, as are PO boxes.

Get multiple copies of *Angry People* and get them around to anyone who might be sympathetic. Build up some *Class War* literature. Hold informal discussion groups on the class war and other related issues.

These are just some ideas. If anyone has any more, get them in. If you're travelling use to contact points in *Angry People* to meet up with other class warriors and anarchists. This lends solidarity and can brighten up a lonely day. We can all do a bit to fight the fascists wherever they stick their scabby noses up. *Being a troublemaker is a long and important tradition.*
capitalism cannot be reformed... it has to be destroyed!

So what do you think about Greens standing for parliament?

Oh, they're having themselves on!

Why do you say that?

Well, the world is run by the wealthy because they own it!

And they won't let any parliament away from them!

But green politics has nothing to do with taking control of the wealth!

Companies and corporations are the real powers.

And they are beyond any social control!

Oh, I see! How can we change the world.

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All we need is reform!

But can't capitalism be reformed?

No! It's just not possible!

Because there can never be environmentally sound capitalism.

Capitalism must grow... it is bound by the "need" of investors to get a continually greater return on capital.

Capitalism is just greed.

That will never be satisfied.

It will destroy the very earth.

I see what you mean... it's the very nature of our society!

And parliament could never change it.

What we have to do...

Is take control of what is ours to begin with.

First we must make a real democracy run the world.

Which means revolution urgently!

Meanwhile the capitalist media continue to overweight the green debate - recycle, not revolt!

That's exactly the problem.

And all we face are technical problems!

And what we have to do...
WE'LL HUFF AND WE'LL PUFF
AND WE'LL BLOW THESE LAWS AWAY

Hemp, Cannabis, Marijuana, Bhang, Grass, Pot, Ganja, .......

All of these are terms for a single plant that has probably been used by people more widely and for more varying reasons than any other plant on earth. Fibre, fuel, oil, food, medicine, cloth, ropes, "canvas", paper, sacrament, plastics,...yet today we find ourselves living in a society that tells us that this plant, along with many others, is a danger. A danger to who or what?

At present Cannabis is a widely cultivated crop in many parts of Australia, despite the fact that it's use, cultivation or even possession are "illegal" in most states, in SA and the ACT it is "decriminalised" which means it's sort of like getting a parking fine, so you don't get a criminal record as such, just an empty wallet.

So who made up these laws and how did we come to view a plant that was a vital part of human culture as a "weed" to be gotten rid of? From the middle of the 1930's the US government applied pressure on many countries to eradicate cannabis use and production on the basis that it was a dangerous drug. Movies, reports, stories and linking aid to eradication measures were all used to turn peoples view of cannabis upside down. Many modern industries that presently tear down our forests, pollute our water and air did quite well out of this situation. Is it any coincidence that the rise of the synthetic fibre industry was a product of the criminalising of cannabis? For a detailed and comprehensive story of how cannabis came to be criminalised and what it's potential uses are read "The Emperor Wears No Clothes" by Jack Herer."

Yet years of propaganda, fines and jailing have still not managed to stop the use and cultivation here. In fact there has been a lot of talk again of the uses of this plant, and many have come to recognise it's usefulness, both in the past and to deal with many of the problems faced by people and the planet these days.

So how do we change this state of affairs, where some people are penalised for cultivating a plant (which belongs to everyone), that is obviously useful? Others want to be able to grow it but can't, and there are many people prepared to utilise the plant and it's products.

Ask the politicians to change the law! We might be dead and buried by the time they change any laws, and is it just a chance we desire? What about abolishing any laws relating to the cultivation of this plant? After all it is not a product of people, who is in a position to declare that another person cannot cultivate this plant? There is also still widespread prejudice against the plant due to the years of it's "illegal" status, and the years spent telling people it was a dangerous plant. Perhaps there are dangers involved with cannabis, just as there are dangers in going swimming in the ocean, but we don't decide to outlaw going to the beach because someone might hurt themselves, we just have to learn how to deal with the surf. One aspect of cannabis's use has been pushed so much that it has seemingly blinded people to the many other uses of this plant. The fact that anyone who has been trying to say otherwise has been shut out by the media and government has contributed to continued ignorance and acceptance by the majority of the current laws.

There are now quite a few people who are trying to promote and utilise cannabis in Australia, and there is a lot more information around about the plant, cannabis clothes and paper are now available so people can even see products from cannabis. There are also those people who have grown and used cannabis for years, who have been jailed.
fined, harassed by the cops, had to put up with helicopters buzzing them, as well as having their plants ripped off, mostly due to the fact that it's "illegally" has made it more expensive than gold! So what can we do? Break their laws like bread! The government is having a hell of a time already trying to cope with stopping cannabis cultivation, even though they throw enormous amounts of money and police at it. They set up committees and inquiries to convince us that they are "looking" at the issues, and everything gets swallowed up in the bureaucratic nightmare we call government. Why not forget about all this run around, if the politicians aren't going to listen to people then why should people pay any attention to politricks and their laws? Of course if we don't pay any attention to these laws they send in their agents (the cops) to try and make sure that we do. So our real problem it seems is the cops, (at least when they are trying to enforce a way of living onto us) because if we planted a field of cannabis tomorrow they are the people who will step in and try to undo what we have created, not the politicians. Only doing their job? Since when has making someone else's life worse been a job?

What about if heaps of people did just start planting cannabis all over the place? Most probably the cops would turn up with intentions to rip out the crops and arrest those responsible. If there were enough cops and people doing it they would find themselves running all over the place trying to rip up plants and arrest people. This could be made even more difficult by people getting together and coming up with some ideas on how to sabotage any efforts the cops might make to control the situation, a spanner in the works of a helicopter, bogus information, heaps of people turning up whenever there is an attempted bust to confront the cops about what they are doing, talking to as many people as possible and producing information about cannabis, wearing cannabis clothes, using cannabis paper, planting yet more cannabis. There are many possibilities, some already being used, but if people are going to be able to grow cannabis in the open and utilise it for many reasons then these ideas should be applied in a generalised way in as many places as possible.

Solidarity is the key, the more people stand with each other the harder it is for the state to enforce it's laws. The politicians and those whose interests they represent can and will continue to ignore the present situation if they can. We should work towards our goal of the cultivation and use of cannabis without persecution, making as much fuss and noise as possible about it, so that those in power will have to listen and be forced to deal with it. People always have and most probably will continue to use various drugs for many reasons, to help cope with life, to find new ways of looking at the world, for understanding or relaxation. Is it not up to people to work out for themselves what they want and what makes them feel comfortable?

* For more information about cannabis and it's many uses read this book, The Emperor Wears No Clothes. By Jack Herer.

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or try and ask your local bookshop or library to get some copies, or contact any of the many groups who are currently campaigning against the current laws, they are likely to have information about cannabis.

CHOP THE POLLIES!

Can you believe these bastards?!! As if it ain't bad enough that they've run this country into recession and sent our living standards spiralling downward - now they rub our faces in it as well. These lying dirtbags spend nearly $30 million in a year on advertising and propaganda to convince us that we need them! They tell us to tighten our belts while they do nothing of the sort. Fucking hypocrites that they are! We'll tighten our belts alright - around the necks of these scheming bastards!!

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