

# RELEASE JOHN CUMMINS NOW!

JOHN CUMMINS - FIGHTER FOR ALL BUILDING WORKERS IS IN PENTRIDGE FOR HIS BELIEFS AND YOUR JOB.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LEIGHTONS JOB:

Anti-worker propaganda has been a feature of the campaign waged by Government, media, police and the so-called trade union, the BWIU, over the sacking of Carpenters and Builders Labourers at the 417 St Kilda Road site.

Leightons, in collaboration with the BWIU, assigned the contract for the job to K-Crete Constructions. Also, with BWIU help, Leightons dismissed building workers with 30 years service and only some were to be re-employed by K-Crete, at lesser pay. The men rejected Leighton's offer and set up a picket line. The Transport Workers Union and BLF recognised the picket line.

Scabs, organised by the BWIU to take the jobs of its own members, got through in blacked-out buses - only with police help.

The Police, at Cain Government direction, joined in the anti-union battle and were a constant source of violence and injury - while protecting scabs and union officials repressing their own members.

Unemployment, declining real wages, poor safety standards and the removal of worker protection, have followed the BWIU's conscription of building workers who want nothing to do with a weak and corrupt Government-run bosses union. That is the Leighton story.

## JOHN CUMMINS JOINS THE FIGHTBACK AND GOES TO JAIL FOR YOUR RIGHTS:

Pentridge is the right place for the Herscus, the helicopter fliers and Rolls-Royce owners, and other high rollers who have rorted the industry and destroyed trade union freedom. Bankrupt or not, they are still free to travel the world on other peoples money.

A decent society which recognised workers rights, would deal with parasites and honour trade union fighters like John Cummins.

John Cummins worked tirelessly to protect the jobs of workers at the Leightons job. In Victoria workers are not free to join the appropriate union of their choice. John, a BLF organiser, was helping workers who, in most cases, were not members of his own union.

In a move instigated by Cain, his Labor Minister, Pope, and the BWIU, Cummins was barred by the Supreme Court from joining other unionists in resisting the pressures on workers at Leightons. The Company, acting on instructions of the BWIU and others, determined to destroy union support, moved again. John Cummins was committed by Chief Justice Young to 28 days in Pentridge. John Cummins will give no undertaking that he will not continue the fight, when he is released.

It is up to workers to defend the fundamental right to organise and fight for their jobs and conditions by:-

- \* speaking out to free John Cummins.
- \* demanding and end to penal sanctions on legitimate trade union activities, including the arbitrary imprisonment of working class representatives.

The BWIU has reacted to scabbing and police outrages at Leightons, by threatening to expel its own members on the picket line.

The VTHC Building Industry Co-ordinator has tried to hose down the action by offering sacked Leightons workers jobs, which do not exist.

Most unions inside and outside the Building industry, recognise the Cummins jailing is a further attempt by a rejected and morally bankrupt union, to cajole its own members into accepting Leighton's offer.

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