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**"WE SWEAR BY THE SOUTHERN CROSS TO STAND TRULY BY EACH OTHER
& FIGHT TO DEFEND OUR RIGHTS & LIBERTIES"- EUREKA REBELLION OATH 1854**

"YOU OUGHT TO BE CONGRATULATED"

(Apologies to the Margarine Lady)

I'm sure Australians are delighted the National Australia Bank has posted a 21% increase in its profits in these difficult economic times for the banking sector. If you or I had made the same business decisions the National Bank had made we'd be happy to post a 20% loss, thankful we were not facing liquidation. Fortunately for the banks (especially the big four) they have a government license to make money despite the pathetic business decisions they make.

Since the Commonwealth Bank was given away to the private sector by the Hawke Labor government all stops have been removed on the types of fees and charges the banks are able to levy. While the Commonwealth Bank was held in public hands, the government had an instrument it could use to prevent privately owned banks increasing their fees and charges. Today the Treasurer sits impotently on the side lines telling consumers to "change banks".

The privately owned banks ability to unilaterally increase interest rates and charge whatever fees they like, has allowed them to continue to increase their profits despite the poor business decisions they have made. If there ever was a time for the establishment of a new bank owned by the people of Australia, this is it. A publicly owned bank would restore the government guarantee on depositors funds that disappeared when the Commonwealth Bank was privatised. It would act as a real brake on privately owned banks ability to increase fees and charges whenever they liked.

To ensure the next publicly owned bank isn't sold by the government on an ideological whim, the ownership of the new people's bank should be enshrined in the Australian constitution, so next time an Australian government wants to sell the people's bank they will have to hold a referendum to see if the "shareholders", the Australian people, want to sell their bank.

GET USED TO IT

The horrendous casualties in Burma as a result of a massive hurricane are, as callous as it may seem, something we will

have to get used to if major changes to the methods of production, distribution and exchange that dominate economic activity around the world today are not urgently addressed. The New Orleans and Burmese hurricanes are not an act of God, they are the result of an economic system based on the creation of ever increasing profits irrespective of the human, social and environmental costs.

Increasing population growth, finite resources and private and state capitalism are the four horsemen of a manmade modern apocalypse that makes the disasters that befell mankind in the Bible seem tame by comparison. The solution to this modern day crisis doesn't lie in reforming capitalism through carbon trading schemes or green capitalism. It lies in the creation of an economic system based on co-operation not competition where wealth is held in common and used to satisfy real, not manufactured, human needs.

Unless radical changes are made, what happened in Burma and New Orleans will be everyday occurrences that won't even make the headlines. We are on the verge of a catastrophe that will result in the deaths of hundreds of millions, possibly billions, of people. There is no morality in nature, just consequences. To continue headlong into the future as if nothing is happening is a recipe for political, social and cultural changes that will result in us looking at our neighbours not as fellow human beings but as potential food sources. Nature has placed the ball in our court we do nothing, we sign our death warrant, we tackle the problems created by capitalism, we have a chance of averting what increasingly looks like the greatest challenge the human race has faced since we left the African rift valleys tens of thousands of years ago.

THANK YOU

I'm grateful, very grateful to those 1.5 billion people living mainly in Asia and Africa on less than two dollars a day for sacrificing their future for me. I'm so grateful they're willing to pay two to three times more for the staples of life than they paid for last year so I can live the lifestyle I've grown accustomed to.

I can't believe they're willing to sacrifice their children's future so my children can

enjoy all the comforts of a first world economy. I find it extraordinary they are willing to turn over scarce agricultural land and their last drop of water so crops can be grown to produce biofuel for me. I really appreciate the sacrifices they have made for me so I can drive down to the local shop in the morning to get the papers.

I'm saddened to read they're going hungry as a result of the recent increase in the price of rice and wheat because supply has dried up as more and more of their land and water is used to grow crops to produce biofuel for the west.

Petrol at \$1.50 a litre in Australia is a real problem, especially when half the cost of petrol is caused by taxes that are used to fund corporate welfare in this country. I'm pleased they understand that Australian based corporations need to generate ever increasing profits irrespective of the human, social and environmental costs.

I know they're pleased I can motor down to the beach and have a dip, drive into the city to shop till I drop and enjoy the good things of life. I extend them my sympathy, my love and my support because no man haveth a greater love for their neighbour than one who is willing to sacrifice their life and their children's lives so I can fill my tank up with cheap fuel.

Hallelujah brothers and sisters!!

"RED TED"

The Age's exposure of the dark underbelly of the Liberal Party highlights the moral and ethical vacuum that has developed within the Victorian branch of the Party.

Its extraordinary to think that people still exist within the senior levels of the Liberal party who think that Ted Baillieu is a communist (Red Ted) Trojan horse highlights the paranoia within the Party. The Liberal Party is paralysed by the activities of shadowy fringe characters with reactionary ideas who have hijacked Menzies' broad church.

While these ethical degenerates continue to exercise power within the Liberal Party the chances that Menzies' broad church will be able to exercise any real influence over Australian politics is Buckley's and none. The behind the scene attempts to destabilise Ted Baillieu's leadership

because of his "socialist" agenda highlights how the Liberal Party has been hijacked by forces that seek to dominate it and use it to pedal their one dimensional 18th century myopic view of the world.

Sadly for the Liberal Party there are more Simon Morgans in the branches than they care to admit. Liberal Party branches are stacked by political troglodytes who think a universal health care system is a retrogressive step. The Party is full of ideologues whose political opinion and social agendas would make the Nazi Party blush. If the Liberal Party is serious about governing, it must clean out the Aegean stables it has created.

It's ironic that leaders like Ted Baillieu get short shrift from the Liberal Party while John Howard can still manage a standing ovation for squandering the resources made available to government from Australia's once in a lifetime mining boom and for isolating Australia from the rest of the world by his obsequious all the way with the U.S.A performance every time he found himself in the company of George Bush junior. While the people behind the likes of Simon Morgan and John Osborn continue to pull the strings in the Liberal Party, the long suffering community will have to put up with the inane lack lustre amateurish policy vacuum the Liberal Party continues to deliver to the Australian public.

CAN OBAMA CHANGE THE WORLD?

Hilary's gone, Obama faces McCain, scream the headlines. Generation X is on the March. America renews itself in the race to the White House screams the fourth estate, The Office, The Office will save us. Three hundred million people, possibly still the most powerful force on earth has a chance to change. Can Obama win? If he wins, can he deliver Roosevelt's new deal?

Will he free Americans from a life of drudgery, insecurity and apple pie? Can the White House have an impact on a military industrial complex that dominates political activity in the country. Can he mobilise America to turn on that small section of society that owns the means of production, distribution and exchange. Is the President all powerful or is he a hostage to the office?

Roosevelt tried, and to some degree succeeded, in making sure that the crumbs that were swept off the table reached the poor and dispossessed. Can the American dream be delivered by a system of government that has oppressed its citizens for so long? I doubt it. Obama, like Rudd, is a welcome change from the politics of a Howard or McCain. The rhetoric of division is replaced by the rhetoric of community. The rhetoric of inequality is replaced by the rhetoric of equality but nothing seems to change when the iron fist is put back in the velvet glove.

Politics is about power and wealth, it is not about colour, race or religion. Ultimately it's about power, who exercises power. Concentrating power in the hands of a president who is limited by what he or she can do because economic power lies in the hands of a powerful minority, isn't a recipe for change. Channelling dissent up the right channels only reinforces the power of those who exercise power. Ultimate political authority lies in the hands of the people, unless the people clamour for change and make that change happen, those who exercise power will continue to exercise power despite who sits in the White House.

ANARCHIST QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q. Why is an anarchist society best suited to deal with the impact of global warming?

A. Global warming is a direct result of human activity that is driven by the need to create profits irrespective of the human, social and environmental costs. The four horsemen of the manmade 21st century apocalypse - population growth, finite resources, private and state capitalism can be halted by radical economic reform. How we go about satisfying our human needs both at the individual and societal level is the key to halting and reducing greenhouse emissions and tackling the major problems they cause.

Wealth in an anarchist community is held in the hands of the community not the state or the private sector. An anarchist economy is based on the satisfaction of real not manufactured human needs. In a capitalist society labour and capital are intrinsically linked because the difference between poverty and a comfortable existence is six weeks wages.

Labour is as addicted to capitalism as capitalism is addicted to labour, each can't prosper without the other in a capitalist society. While individual wealth and security is linked to the wage system and investment strategies that need to create ever increasing profits irrespective of the human and social costs, greenhouse emissions will continue to increase. The key to successfully tackling increasing greenhouse emissions is directly linked to the economic system that dominates human activity on the planet. Creating a society where wealth is held in common, where individual security is determined by the fact that you are a member of that community, not what you do or who you are gives an anarchist society the opportunity to quickly address environmental problems that are created by human activity.

In both private and state capitalist societies, both the owners of the means of production, distribution and exchange and workers will fight tooth and nail to continue working in industries that create greenhouse emissions as their livelihoods are tied into the type of work they do. Abolishing the wage system and creating a society where wealth is held in common changes individual and community attitudes to problems created by human activity.

In an anarchist society individual security is linked to the survival of the community as a whole, not what you are able to earn as an individual by investing capital or selling your labour. That's why an anarchist economy can adapt to changing

environmental circumstances in the time it takes a capitalist society to acknowledge there is a problem.

ACTION BOX

HAVING THE COURAGE TO STOP

If we're truthful to ourselves most of the campaigns we're involved in won't succeed. At best all we can hope to achieve is raise our concerns in the public arena. Banging your head against a brick wall is one of the occupational hazards of being an activist. Unfortunately if we continue to bang our heads against a brick wall we'll do permanent damage to our psyche. Despair, real despair is an occupational hazard all activists face.

We need to have the courage to stop what we're doing and think about embracing different tactics. All issue orientated campaigns have a use by date. Knowing when to stop is difficult especially when your sense of self worth is wrapped up in a particular campaign. Circumstances change, conditions change, campaigns change, strategies change, our priorities change. Permanent protest without a wider vision is a recipe for disillusionment.

Involvement in issue orientated campaigns has both immediate and long term goals for radicals. Winning or losing a particular campaign is not the end of the wider struggle to create a community where the issues we are now involved in don't exist. Most issues we're involved in exist because of the inequalities that occur in society. Issues come and go but the underlying conditions that create these issues continue to exist. Having the courage to walk away from a campaign that is going nowhere releases us from the burden of failure. It allows us to recharge our batteries and continue the fight to create the conditions that will help the wider community look at more important issues than what they're going to eat for breakfast, what internet site they're going to visit or what television program they're going to watch tonight.

AUSTRALIAN RADICAL HISTORY

"MAY 68"

May '68 is significant in Australian radical history because it broke the stranglehold Marxist Leninist, socialist and communist parties had on political activity in Australia. The "new left" travelled from the barricades in Paris to every corner of the world including Australia. May '68 was significant because it demonstrated that revolution didn't only occur in developing countries. Revolution in France occurred as a result of the poverty of everyday life. Students and workers took to the streets in a developed country with a sophisticated social security system because the spectacle the west offered its citizens was not enough. Students and workers joined together looking for a way to inject meaning into a society where old ideas dominated political, social and cultural life.

When the contagion spread to Australia the old left lost the hold it exercised over the young. The new left waged a war against both United States and the Soviet Union's imperialist ambitions. Marx, Lenin and Engels were buried by an Australian radical movement that relied on their personal experiences not "scientific socialism" or words in books written by men who had died long ago. Political debate morphed into the search for a new freedom loving culture. The Age of Aquarius not Marxist dribble dominated radical activity.

The new left willed away from the old left, deserted the trade union movement and discovered the indigenous struggle for freedom, land rights and autonomy. Feminism, gay rights, the anti-war movement blossomed. Nimbin was established. May '68 popped the cork from a bottled generation that dared to ask the question, is there life before not after death?

You be the judge, I'm sure you'll find a copy of *Prescription for Peace* tucked away in the backroom of a library or two.

Thanks to Hans Post from Wollongong in New South Wales, Australia for sending me the book to review.

PERSONAL OBSERVATION

I'm tossing up about writing about autumn or death and euthanasia. Living in Melbourne you can't help noticing autumn. Leaves everywhere in a hundred breath taking hues. You don't know what the colour red and yellow are until you've looked at the autumn leaves. Autumn is both about death and renewal, euthanasia is all about death. A long restful sleep from the pain of an existence that has become unbearable. Decisions need to be made about life and death. Decisions need to be made about the role depression is playing in an individuals tussle with death. Do we cease treatment and hasten death or do we court death, longing for the day when we are able to consummate our last and most passionate affair.

Autumn, unlike death, heralds winter which in turn begets spring, the festival of life. Not that we've seen many autumns lately. Increasing greenhouse emissions not only cause hurricanes, they bury autumn in a green canopy that refuses to age gracefully. Greenhouse autumn reminds me of all those world leaders who don't show a hint of greyness, let alone a white hair on their heads.

Fake tans, tummy tucks, crows feet removed with the latest abrasives, man boobs, swimming in their own blood in a plastic surgeon's litter bin, new men, new women, old ideas. I pity Hilary now she's fallen from grace. She's become fair game, every wrinkle, every crack plastered across the globe. She, unlike her sisters and brothers in public life, hasn't resorted to the knife to court the fickle public. If she did maybe the story would have ended happily. A few words on autumn and death have gained a life of their own, the words appear on the page before I've even assembled my thoughts. It has to stop, I could go on for weeks, months, years but that's another story for another week.

STOP PRESS

"THE FEDERAL BUDGET"

Just in case you thought the Federal budget was all about helping the Australian people, think again. In this Federal budget the bulk of the decisions made

benefit the corporate sector. Micro and small businesses have been ignored, while wage earners have been bought off with illusory tax cuts that have been spent before they received them.

Budgets at both the State and Federal level are all about corporate welfare. Once the crumbs have been brushed off the table to keep the plebs from revolting, corporate Australia sits down to a twelve course meal prepared by the Federal government and paid for by micro businesses and pay as you earn taxpayer. Unfortunately budgets highlight the fact that real power in Australia lies in the hands of that small section of society that owns the means of production, distribution and exchange, not governments.

Budget time is the perfect time to unravel the relationships that exist between the Australian people, corporate Australia, the government of the day and the State. Budgets highlight the subservient role governments play in this relationship. They demonstrate over and over again that real power doesn't lie in parliament, it lies in the hands of that small section of society that owns the means of production, distribution and exchange. Power and wealth are interlinked, you can't exercise power if you don't have access to the wealth to make the decisions you make a reality.

Budgets are all about keeping the rich both powerful and wealthy, they have little, if anything, to do with meeting the aspirations of the Australian people.

Joseph TOSCANO /
Libertarian Workers For A Self-Managed Society.

POEM – Stephen Roberts

BLACK DEATHS IN CUSTODY

They had to go
Been around too long
Too long fixated on billabongs
Troublemakers targeted
Canberra steered clear
They won't interfere
Done after dark
In a quiet call
Tie on shoe laces
Leaving no traces
Tasmania lead the way
That chapter still an essay
The unproductive, inebriated
Limbo lost, we'll toss them
to Dreamtime while doing time

BOOK REVIEW

'PRESCRIPTION FOR PEACE'
The Case for a Minimal and Neutral Federation of Middle-World Nations
"MINIFED"
By Henry Osborne
Minifed Promotion Group 1985
ISBN 0-9510181-D8

Everybody had an idea on how to reduce war, MINIFED – Minimally federated commonwealth of practically all the nations of the world except China, The United States of America and the Soviet Union is one of the more esoteric ideas I've come across. The idea behind Minifed goes something like this – sovereign states are the engine room of war. They attempt to achieve security by arming themselves against other nation states. In order to deal with the problem of war, sovereign nation states need to be drawn into a federation. In a MINIFED, the states surrender their power over foreign policy, defence and currency to the Federal government. The Federal government formed is not responsible to the states but to the people themselves.

Prescription for Peace makes an unconvincing case for peace. Concentrating power into fewer not more hands, isn't a very bright idea. A Minimalist Federation based on the Federal government abolishing weapons of aggression but maintaining enough weapons to maintain peace between participating nation states by exercising a monopoly on the use of force within the federation seems like an extension of the nation state idea. I assume I've never heard of the "Minifed" proposal before because it has sunk without trace. The idea of creating a superstate isn't new, the idea of creating a superstate to act as a bulwark against aggression without the capacity to defend itself against other superstates, is new. Will it ever work? I doubt it. Should we waste our time promoting it? I doubt it.



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**Joseph TOSCANO
Publisher – Anarchist Media Institute 2008**

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Akin Sari a 29 yr old Turkish political refugee who was granted political asylum in Australia has been sentenced to 2 years & 4 months imprisonment for offences related to his involvement in the G20 protests in Melbourne in November 2006. Akin has already spent 7 months in prison awaiting trial & sentencing. He has been set a minimum 14 months sentence. Akin will have to serve the maximum sentence of 2 years & 4 months if he fails to obtain parole in October 2008. Write to him today!!

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Seeing the Burmese survivors of last weeks hurricane being used as political pawns by the Burmese military junta, China, India and the United States.

ANARCHIST MEDIA INSTITUTE

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"Population growth, finite resources, private and state capitalism the four
horsemen of the 21st century manmade apocalypse."**

– Joseph TOSCANO – MAY 2008

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS – (ATNTE)

A Catholic school allowed a brother to teach for at least seven years after being told of his sexual abuse of students.

John William Chute, also known as Brother Kosika, is to be sentenced for 19 counts of committing an indecent act with a child, involving six students of Marist College in Canberra.

One of the boys told his parents of the abuse in 1986. They then reported their concerns to the headmaster of the school.

Despite this, Chute taught for a further seven years at the school before retiring.

It has been alleged that Marist College was told of the abuse as early as the 1970s. (Source: news.com.au)

Teenagers are increasingly stressed, and prone to adult worries including not being able to afford a house, and not feeling safe in their homes, according to a new survey.

The Dolly Youth Monitor survey of 7000 teenagers found that teenagers' top worries were "home affordability" (38 percent), "getting a job" (43 percent), "being successful" (44 percent) and "needing to make money" (48 percent).

Three in four girls reported not feeling safe in their own neighbourhoods, while one in three felt unsafe in their own homes at night.

The project found that more teenagers are stressed than the last survey in 1999 (40 percent, compared to 33 percent in 1999). (Source: Sydney Morning Herald)

President Bush has claimed that a main cause of rising food prices is consumers in the Third World.

Mr Bush said that increasing prosperity in countries like India and China was good, because "you'll be selling products in the countries, you know, big countries perhaps, and it's hard to sell products into countries that aren't prosperous."

However he added that "when you start getting wealth, you start demanding better nutrition and better food, and so demand is high, and that causes the price to go up."

Total foodgrain consumption - wheat, rice, and all coarse grains like rye, barley etc - by the average person in the US is over five times that of the average Indian, according to figures released by the US Department of Agriculture for 2007. (Source: The Times of India)

QUOTE OF THE MOMENT: "No one can earn a million dollars honestly." - William Jennings Bryan.

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ANARCHISM – ADVANCING IN DIVERSITY STRIKING IN UNISON – YAMAGUCHI KENJI

WELCOME TO THE 21st CENTURY – THE ANARCHIST CENTURY.....