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RECONSTITUTE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AUSTRALIA ON THE BASIS OF MARXISM-LENINISM-MAOISM!

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The worst news is that the Australian armed forces have now taken over from the USA, the task of the sanctions against Iraq. Already, a million people, mostly women and children, have died from this cruel blockade.

As the mass movement develops all over the world, those responsible for these deaths will face a War Crimes Tribunal run by the people of the world.

The yellow press hardly mentions this action of the Australian armed forces. They only show the fond farewells of the sailors and the war ships leaving but not what they are going to do.

The Government is preparing legislation to give the six intelligence organisations greater police powers. Some of the powers include the right to secretly arrest, detain for 48 hours without a charge and to imprison for 5 years anyone who won't answer questions. This is part of the 'anti-terrorist' legislation, already passed in the USA and other countries. People are being picked up and just disappear. It's reported that 1500 such cases are fact in the USA.

We cannot expect the Australian Labor Party to block the secret police legislation unless the mass movement descends on the ALP. Already the ALP has supported the sanctions against Iraq, the war in Afghanistan, the treatment given to the refugees and every reactionary policy in support of the USA's global assault on the people of the world. This does not mean we leave them alone. We should not give the ALP or the government any peace.

WHAT A TRIFECTA!

Admiral Barry, the Chief of the Defence Force, has at last admitted that the refugees did not throw their children overboard. It took him 4 months to pick up the phone and speak to the captain of the ship on the spot. Not much comfort for the parents of the Australian troops in about 10 countries! Air Marshal Angus Houston was acting in the job for 48 hours in November while Barrie was overseas, yet he made it his business to establish the truth. He reported this to the Minister. And to

the Senate hearing on Feb 20. Still Barrie stood flat footed on the lie, that the refugees threw their children into the water. The lie slandering and demonising the refugees served the Liberals to win the election. Statements by the Ministers...we can't have people like this in Australia....no doubt influenced the electorate to vote the conservatives back into parliament. After Barrie's admission that 'the children were not thrown into the water' reporters had a field day. "Do you feel like a dill Admiral?" The Chief made a retreat through a back door as one reporter asked him ...if that is the action of a brave sailor.

The next problem for the government is the hostility of the people against the Governor General, Dr. Hollingworth, archbishop of Brisbane. The GG was appointed by the Prime Minister who apparently has forgotten the long historical battle to get the separation of church and state.

The GG was in charge of the Church of England while sexual crimes were committed against minors in the institutions of the church. A T.V. appearance of the GG rocked the people when he proclaimed that a fourteen year old girl seduced a 30 year old priest. Many called for the GG's dismissal. The Prime Minister supported the GG and the GG stated he won't resign. The Queen's visit showed the GG and everyone else, bowing and scraping to their Head of State and Defender of the Faith.

Unemployment.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (The Age Feb. 28, 2002) ..About 660,000 were classed as unemployed in January. This excluded about 110,000 discouraged job seekers, 45,000 workers actively looking for work but not available to start work immediately, and up to 450,000 under employed part-time workers.

Now let us put this beside the hundreds of millions spent to distribute the refugees to Pacific Islands and into the 'camps' of detention.

Mass movement is Growing.

The Teachers Union has advised its members not to ask the Governor General to speak to the students. Teachers, Lawyers and many others have filled pages of the mass media with their names condemning the treatment handed out to the refugees. Great stories appear every day telling how people open their homes and communities to the refugees. Many make the connection that the refugees wouldn't want to come to Australia if they hadn't been bombed by Australian policy clutching the coat tails of Yankee imperialism. People of all ages are hitting the streets in the many vigils and demonstrations, held in all states.



STOP THE US LED TERRORISM AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD!