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Committee for a Revolutionary Communist Party in Australia

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

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Vale Dr Charlie Perkins..Indigenous leaders around Australia mourned the death of Dr Perkins who died aged 64. He gained national attention when he led a 'Freedom Ride' highlighting the discrimination and segregation suffered by his people. into outback New South Wales in the 1960's. A great champion of his people.

Olympic Games....Australia

won more than 50 medals at the Games. The President of the IOC Samaranch (ex. Franco's Sports Minister) said, 'they were the best Games ever'... 'the fireworks were the best in the world'... The Australian Government pumped money, big money into these games. Although we are yet to see the balance sheet, some figures have been quotes.. 3.1 billion over the past 2 years-bringing the athletes up to world standard, and 8 billion on the 16-day games. No expence was spared for the elite runners and swimmers etc. The best trainers, many bought from overseas, and the best scientific procedures to get one or two seconds off the time to win The

corporate press screamed endlessly about Australia-winning even if they came last! Some Australian Athletes had up to a dozen full time attendants each. It was a revealing exercise in Nationalism. The worship of the body beautiful and nothing spared to win a gold medal. Well, it is over. The real winners were the big corporation like Nike with their stamp on everything. Cathy Freeman ran like a champion and became the darling of the media, but what about her people.

In the non-urban schools of the Northern Territory (NT) 98% of Aboriginal children failed the national benchmark Grade 3 literacy tests. In the urban schools barely a half passed. Two thirds of Aboriginal children attend the non-urban schools. The pass average of white children was 88%.. Aborigines constitute 27% of the population of the NT. Over the past 10 years, the Commonwealth government has provided funds worth \$90 million to the NT for teaching Aborigines. Nearly half of this has been sucked into the NT's consolidated revenue. and of the residue on the administrative facilities in

Darwin.. ex Senator Collins said. 'Thousands of children have hearing impairments, due to early childhood ear infections. Thousands more suffered stomach lining destruction as a result of babyhood infections. Whatever they eat they get next to nothing nutrition. That leads to brain shrinkage. How can children learn with these handicaps.'

More on Education..... We may be able to run like the wind, but what about the intellectual prowess of the nation?.....Large scale research showed that 21% of adult Australians will not participate in any structured learning once they leave school. Approximately 34% of people, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics 1997 survey of adult literacy levels, do not have the minimum skills that would enable them to cope with the increasingly complex demands of civil life and employment. ABS found that 17% of Australians are on the lowest of five levels having very poor literacy skills and that a further 27% at the second level can only deal with material that is simple, clearly laid out and deals with a single source of information. The OECD's literacy survey showed Australia's proportion of the lowest level is double that of

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Scandinavian countries. These are sad figures for the "Lucky and the Clever Country" we hear so much about. State education is being slowly privatized. The money paid for each student in the State system is far less than that paid for in the private education system. Poor education outcomes are related to poor incomes. Household expenditure surveys by the ABS shows approx. 2.5 million Australians in the lowest quintile of household incomes in the 5 year period (1993-4..1998-9) received an average weekly increase of \$9-- a 5 percent increase to \$160 per week. In contrast, the top 20% of income earners received a weekly increase of \$343-- a 23.4 percent increase to \$1996 per week. Thousands of people are sent from Centrelink to the voluntary charities for assistance for food and clothing. The distress of hard working people lining up for a hand out to feed their children is terrible and nothing to do with all the hype of a Lucky country.

OIL. top profits for the big three. Petrol is fetching \$1.00 per litre. This increases the pressure on the bread winner who has to drive to work. It also is crippling the owner-drivers who have been blockading the streets in protest. Exxon Mobil corp., Chevron Corp and Texaco, the biggest US petroleum companies said (26/10/00 The Age) that third-quarter earnings had surged to record levels as oil prices reached nine-year highs. Exxon Mobil said profit had almost

doubled to \$US 4.29 billion the highest quarterly earnings ever recorded by a US company! The powerful oil companies are mightier than the Parliament who can do nothing to reduce the prices. The oil Companies are the rulers..... Finally...The executive Chairman of Patrick Stevedores Corrigan, who caused the showdown on the waterfront a few years ago, when thousands of people joined the wharfies picket line, facing the masked men and savage dogs, has a new scheme. To replace Wharfies with computers and robots. Sydney docks will be restructured over the next 3 years. This will cost between \$150-200 million. This will lift the capacity from from 114,000 containers per berth to 3 million containers per berth per year. Robots do not have sick leave, long service leave and do not strike for better conditions. And, it will cost less than the Olympic Games.

The ruling class build castles in the air and never think that the masses will revolt.. The masses make history not the bosses. All over the world the masses are turning the tables on the imperialists and their local stooges. Many thousands are disenchanted with parliament, the people are sick of the corruption in high places, they want decent education for the indigenous and other children, they are sick of the daily grind to made ends meet while the big transnationals made piles of profit. We salute our sisters and brothers in Peru, Nepal, Phillipines, Colombia, Turkey, India Palestine, who have taken up the gun to liberate themselves from imperialism and local reactionaries.

Israel flouts international law, the 4th Geneva Convention, the UN Charter and UN Resolutions.

Palestinian's are demonstrating against continued Israeli Military Occupation.

Over 130 Palestinians have been killed. Over 4000 have been injured, and thousands have been deprived of food, water, medical supplies, and electricity.

Support the Palestinian People in their fight for
INDEPENDENCE & JUSTICE

Israel is Occupying Palestinian Land

Israel continues to contravene international law with Human Rights abuses land confiscation, house demolition and Jewish resettlement.

Israel is a nation with policies of discrimination and segregation towards its Arab citizens. F.....

(Cnr Latrobe & Swanston Streets)

March to Parliament House

Starts 3.30 PM



PALESTINE SOLIDARITY MARCH

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

2.30 PM Start at the

Victorian State Library