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## The Seal Hunt — Can We Stop It?

Harp and hooded seals are related species of migratory hair seals. Harp seals are so named for the harp-like black markings on the adult, while the inflatable "hood" used for frightening off predators gives the hooded seal its name. The seals occupy roughly the same geographic ranges, feeding in the high Arctic during the summer and heading south to breed and give birth during winter. Three distinct ranges have been identified, one which winters in the White Sea north of Norway and the U.S.S.R., one on the vicinity of Jan Mayen in Norway, and a third which visits the ice floes off Eastern Canada.

During the months of February and March, young seals are born. In the Eastern Canadian range, about 250,000 harp seals are born annually, with a smaller and less certain number of hooded seals born on the ice further out to sea. The baby harp seals have a beautiful white coat, which allows for solar heating of the un-insulated pup, while providing some protective camouflage against such predators as polar bears.

Baby hooded seals are known as 'bluebacks' because of their silvery blue backs. Relatively vulnerable to predators, the young hooded seal will be defended to the death by its parents.

It is the extraordinarily beautiful fur of the young seals which has made the seal hunt so profitable in the past. Unlike the traditional or aboriginal hunts (where the hunters use every part of the animal for subsistence purposes), modern hunts are almost exclusively focussed on the fur. This is clearly a luxury that is NOT a fundamental part of anyone's survival. The largest of the harp seal hunts takes place in Canadian waters in March, where up to 200,000 of the nursing pups have been clubbed and skinned annually. Most of the 'take' involved seals under two weeks of age, often in the presence of the



Greenpeace Seal Campaign 1982 Canada.  
Greenpeace crew member, Jos van Heumen continues to dye seal just before arrest.

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mother seals. In addition, Norway and the Soviet Union are allowed to take around 10,000 seals in the Eastern Atlantic. However, the seal populations in Europe are almost commercially extinct, so Norway has been allowed to 'assist' in the Canadian hunt.

The hooded seal hunt takes place further out to sea from the site of the harp seal hunt, and usually a few weeks later. Unlike the harp seal pups, protected only by their white coats, hood pups are fiercely defended by the parent seals, generally resulting in the adults being killed with rifles (often from the safety of boats) before the young are slaughtered. An average of 35,000 hooded seals have been taken annually.

All scientists, even those from Fisheries Canada, agree that there were about 3 million seals in the early 1950's and that there are approximately one million now in the

Eastern-range — a reduction of over 60% in 30 years. A century ago, there were more than 10 million seals in these waters. Until last year, hunters claimed more than half of the 250,000 pups born annually.

### A Brief History of Greenpeace Anti-Sealing Campaigns

1975: U.S. Congressmen react to the Canadian government's proclamation of 'The Seal Protection Regulations,' part of which are designed to prevent the dyeing of whitecoat pups with a harmless green colouring to make their pelts commercially worthless.

1976: The Eastern Canadian seal hunt is first confronted by Greenpeace teams who fly to the ice floes off Newfoundland to interfere with the kill of baby harp seals. They use their bodies to shield the seals and block the path of the Canadian ice breaker. Several Greenpeace members are arrested.

# Editorial

Dear Friends,

This month we have good news and we have bad news. First the bad news, which relates to the visit of the Greenpeace III. Unfortunately she sustained some damage during the crossing of the Tasman Sea and is now up on slips (in Sydney) being repaired. This meant that the southern leg of the tour had to be cancelled. Much organising had been put in motion and we were all disappointed when we had to cancel. However it is only a temporary setback as we should still see Greenpeace III in southern waters during the latter part of 1984. We will keep you posted through the "Bulletin".

And now the good news. On Feb. 5th the anti-nuclear movement of S.A. conducted the "Stop the Drop" concert at Memorial Drive. It was a resounding success. In fact all 8000 tickets were sold and we had a crowd gathered outside, who missed out getting in, but stayed for the entertainment anyway. What is most important is that it showed that people are concerned about the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and what is more, that they are concerned about Australia's links in the proliferation of those weapons. (i.e. uranium mining and foreign military bases.) Now with films like "The Day After" "Testament" and "Silkwood" being shown all over Australia, people are being shown the ugly side of the nuclear fuel cycle. Mr Hawke and Mr Bannon had better believe that people will remember it at election time. Try hiding that in the Synroc myth.

Thanks to everyone that helped.

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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Greenpeace,

Loyals of Greenpeace, dear friends, when I was a little girl I dreamed that one day the human race and animal race would walk hand in hand and side by side in friendship, that was thirty five years ago, and now thanks to you and for all that you stand for my dream is starting to come true. I pray that you can continue to do this fine work that you are doing in protection against all odds, and one day all the human race will see reason.

My religion is nature and all that she stands for, so may she protect you, as you are on her side.

And now we would like to wish all those brave men and women that venture out into the womb of nature to help save our furry friends and the worlds environment, may all of you have a trillion Guardian Angels to watch over you.

In deepest Admiration, and Appreciation.

Mrs Sandasha McPhee  
Carnarvon 6701  
West Australia

### The Beautiful Seals

Seals, seals you beautiful seals  
Man's great brains brought fatal end to you.

His greed for money makes right all his behaviour

Even slaughtering you beautiful creatures.

God gave us seals to add beauty to our world

But man so busy with how to become rich,

Overlooks all free beauty put there around him,

and these poor defenceless creatures become his gold mine.

Seals slaughtered, battered to death  
Man feels nothing

But how much richer it makes him

The pity is that these intelligent creatures will be extinct

And future generations will have to miss out on a little more.

God open these peoples eyes

Let them appreciate and value

The beauty which completely

surrounds us without any cost

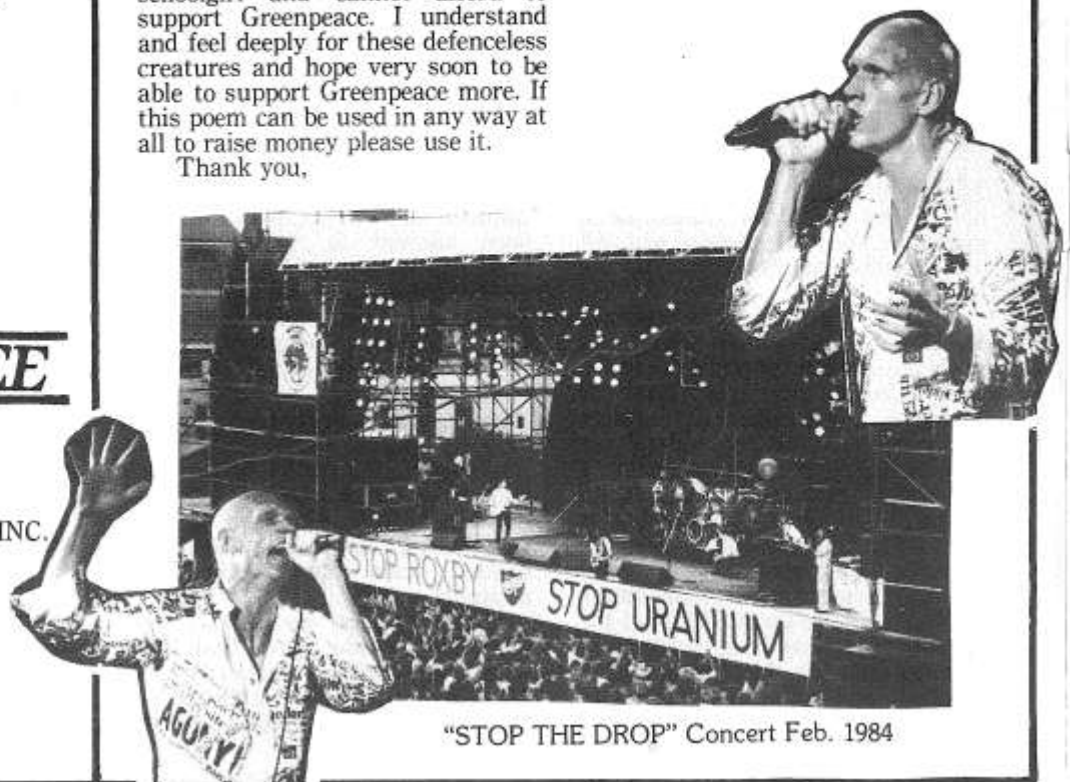
And let the remaining seals live.

Danielle Barnes  
Salisbury North

Dear Greenpeace,

I have enclosed in this letter a poem about the seals. I wrote the poem and sent it hoping that maybe it could be published and sold to help raise money for Greenpeace. I am a schoolgirl and cannot afford to support Greenpeace. I understand and feel deeply for these defenceless creatures and hope very soon to be able to support Greenpeace more. If this poem can be used in any way at all to raise money please use it.

Thank you,



"STOP THE DROP" Concert Feb. 1984

Dear Greenpeace,

The fate of tropical rainforests in north Queensland may be decided by the reaction of the public to plans for logging and other forms of exploitation which threaten to destroy most of the surviving remnants of this remarkable vegetation. Until recently, rainforests north of the Daintree River have been protected by their inaccessibility, rugged terrain and extremely high rainfall. The Douglas Shire Council and the Queensland Government are attempting to open up the Greater Daintree Wilderness for forestry and real estate development by bulldozing a road through the Cape Tribulation National Park. The strength of opposition to this road reflects not only the damage being done to a site of World Heritage significance, but concern that the improved access it will bring will hasten the destruction of virgin rainforests north of the Daintree by logging operations.

I enclose some information on the Cape Tribulation — Bloomfield Road which I expect is of interest to you as a group concerned with environmental issues. The Wilderness Society and other environmental groups consider the future of the Greater Daintree Wilderness to be an issue of paramount importance and will continue to urge the Queensland and Federal Governments to preserve in its entirety, this outstanding example

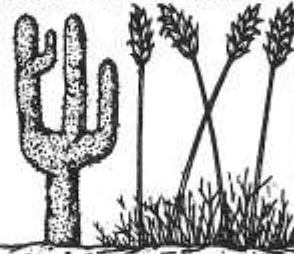
Taken from the "New Internationalist" Aug. 1982

## Vanishing Forests

The world's moist tropical forests are being cleared at the rate of 14 hectares per minute or 7.3 million hectares a year—mainly for agriculture and logging. As a result fragile tropical soils are being turned into wastelands, many tribal peoples are being decimated and thousands of unique plant and animal species are being destroyed.

About 19 per cent of the earth's surface—20 million sq km—and 80 million people are under direct threat of desertification—the destruction of once arable land by:

- overcultivation
- overgrazing and
- improper irrigation.



60,000 sq km of land are lost yearly—650,000 sq km of productive land has been lost in the Southern Sahara over the last 50 years. In the Sudan the desert advanced by 100 km from 1958 to 1975.

of our natural heritage. I hope you can support our efforts to convince the public, and the Federal and Queensland Governments of the need to preserve this area.

Yours Sincerely,

*Jim Allen  
for The Wilderness Society*

For further information contact TWS (223 6917), Margie Ferguson or Jim Allen.

## SEALS cont. from p.1

1977: Greenpeace returns to Newfoundland.

1979: Greenpeace members chain themselves to sealing vessels in St. Johns. Greenpeace return to the Newfoundland seal hunt.

1979: Greenpeace sends the Rainbow Warrior to the Orkney Islands and succeeds in stopping the seal hunt there.

1980: Greenpeace members chain themselves to Norwegian ships in Norway.

1981: Cooperation between Greenpeace, the International Fund for Animal Welfare and the Animal Protection Institute, along with relentless media scrutiny, led to cancellation of a bloody seal hunt near Prince Edward Island where seal pups were being skinned alive. A total of 16,000 were thus saved.

1981: Rainbow Warrior interferes with the seal hunt of hooded seals off Labrador.

1982: Greenpeace returns to Newfoundland on the Rainbow Warrior, with hydrofoils, to interfere with the kill. Several Greenpeace members are arrested and fined after spraying seals with a harmless green dye.

1983: A massive lobby by Greenpeace and many other environmental organisations brings about a temporary ban on the import of 'whitecoat' furs by the European

Economic Community. This decision effectively removed 75 to 90% of the worldwide market for seal pelts. Finally, on October 1st, 1983, the EEC decided to extend its temporary ban for two years, providing the vast majority of harp and hooded seals with protection from the club.

We have known for some time that the fur companies and the Canadian and Norwegian governments would seek new markets for seal products. Recently we learned that a Norwegian fur company has promised the sex organs of at least 10,000 male harp seals to an undisclosed Asian country. The seal genitals will be sold as aphrodisiacs. The announcement was made in the Norwegian national press. Notices appeared on board every Norwegian sealing vessel, offering to buy all the seal testicles which can be supplied. The price offered is \$4 each. Greenpeace is more determined than ever to see an end to the inexcusably wasteful slaughter of harp and hooded seals. We don't want to see the seals go the way of the rhinoceros, which has been hunted to near extinction merely for its horn, which is also considered an aphrodisiac.

Amazingly, Australia still imports small quantities of harp and hooded seal products. With no effective import ban, we could become a target for expanded trade in these wares.

That aside, to argue, as our government does, that we import an insignificant amount of those products and therefore an import ban is unnecessary, is a cop out. We should be prepared to stand up and be counted, along with the other countries all over the world that have said 'NO' to this cruel and unnecessary hunt. We would urge everyone to write to our Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Hawke c/- Parliament House, Canberra 2600., stating that we would like to follow the example of the European Economic Community, and impose an import ban on harp and hooded seal products.

One final comment. A recent anti-sealing campaign caused 12,000 people to write to the British based food chain, 'Tesco', asking that they remove Canadian fish from their products, because of the seal hunt. As a result, the 'Tesco' Co. has banned the use of all Canadian goods in future. This brings further pressure to bear on the Canadian government to end the hunt once and for all. They have lost countless millions of dollars in lost tourist trade already, because of the hunt.

The point is that strong public opinion can win the day for the seals.

Cheryl Mader

# Micronesian Speaking Tour

ROMAN BEDOR, a Pacific Islander from Belau in Micronesia, will be visiting Adelaide in early March as part of a national Micronesian speaking tour.

Belau (formerly called Palau) is a small group of islands in the Western Pacific to the east of the Philippines and north of Papua New Guinea. Although Belau has a small population of 14,000 the people there have successfully stopped the construction of a huge oil super-port complex being a port for oil-super tankers, large oil storage tanks, large petrochemical industries and other polluting industries.

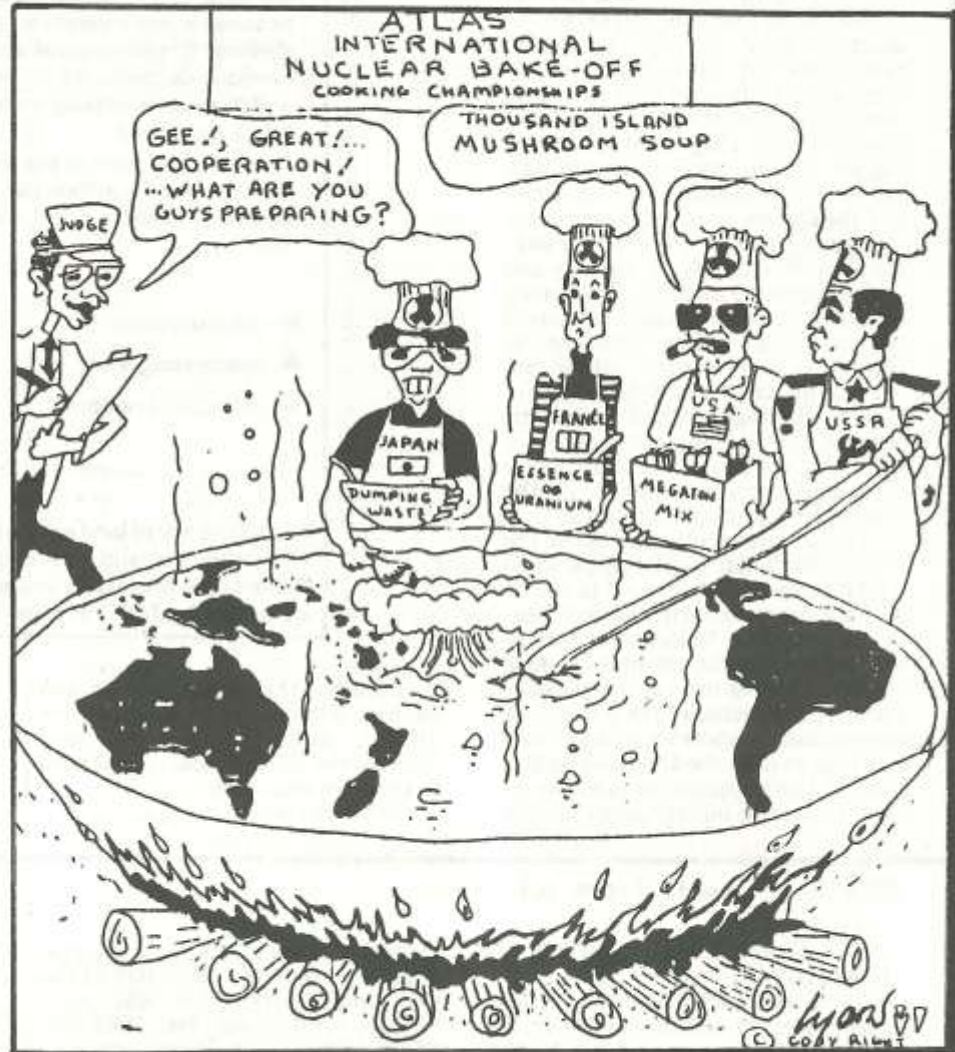
Belau is the first country in the world to draw up and adopt a "Nuclear Free" constitution despite enormous opposition from the United States government. However, the U.S. still persists with plans for military bases in Belau including nuclear weapon storage facilities and the islanders persist with their struggle for self determination.

Roman was admitted to practise law in the U.S. Trust Territory Court of the Pacific Islands and the Courts of the Republic of Belau and was staff lawyer from 1975 to 1980 with the Micronesian Legal Service Corp., which was a non-governmental corporation with responsibility for protecting and defending the rights of Micronesians.

He resigned from that position in 1980 to form the Belau Pacific Centre, a part of the Nuclear Free Pacific Network and currently is Director of the Belau Centre in Koror, the capital of Belau.

From June, 1980, to September, 1980, he was staff director of the Palau Future Political Status Commission, an organisation in charge of the negotiations with the United States on Belau's future political status. He resigned to continue his work with the Belau Pacific Centre.

Roman's involvement has included his appearance before the United Nations Trusteeship Council in New York in 1978 and 1979 presenting the case of the People of Belau in their struggle for self determination and independence. In 1982 he represented Pacific Concerns



## Public meeting with Roman Bedor

Date: Monday 12th March 1984.  
Time: 8.00 p.m.  
Place: 5 Leigh Street, Adelaide.

- (1) Talk and discussion — Roman Bedor
- (2) Film — Belau "The price of Independence" (50mins).

As you will have noted this will be a very interesting and informative meeting with a man very active and involved with the struggle for a Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific and we would like to see as many people as possible attend a matter which concerns us all.

For more information please ring Ashley Campbell on 297 6249 or Diana Maddocks on 267 2125.

Resource Centre (Co-Ordinating Centre for the N.F.I.P. movement, based in Honolulu) addressing the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Disarmament.

Roman has also conducted speaking tour: South East Asia, United States, Europe and Canada, in his concern about nuclear and independent issues throughout the whole Pacific, and was elected to the Pacific Concerns Resource Centre Steering Committee at the 1980 Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Conference in Hawaii and re-elected for a second term at the 1983 N.F.I.P. Conference in Vanuatu.



# Acid Rain — The Biological Boomerang Comes Back

## What is acid rain?

Acid rain is a weak sulphuric acid. It is formed when emissions of sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxide from smelters, sour gas plants, coal-fired electricity plants and automobiles combine with moisture in the atmosphere. In some areas of Canada and Germany the rain is already closer to vinegar than it is to normal rain.

## What are the effects?

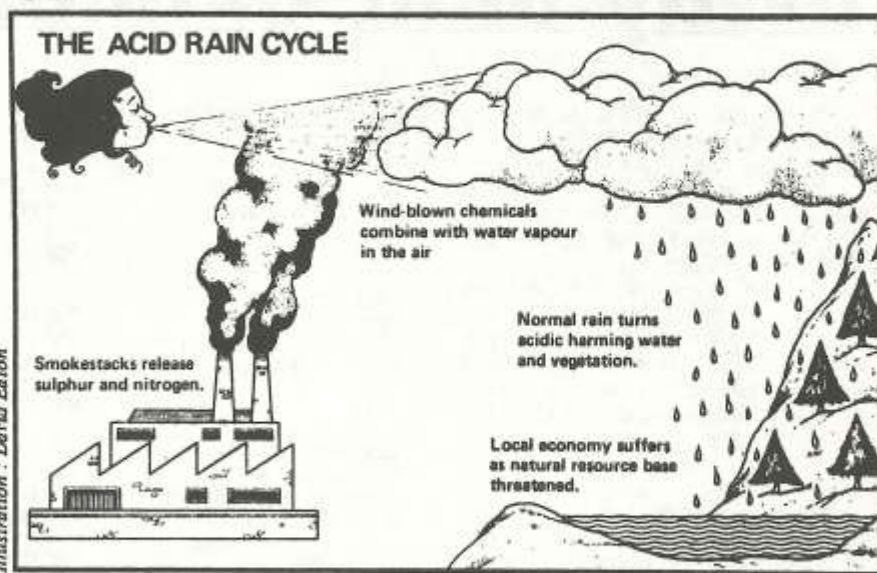
Lakes and forests, fish and animals die, drinking water becomes contaminated and the soil less fertile. — At the end of 1980, 500-1000 lakes in North America were already biologically dead. Another 48,000 will follow, if immediate action isn't taken.

— In Scandinavia many lakes are also dead. These lakes had quality drinking water only a few years ago.

— In the middle of Europe trees and forests are dying. In some areas of W. Germany about 80% of the forests are already dead or dangerously ill. The areas injured quadrupled within one year. In the Erzgebirge, a mountain range between Czechoslovakia and German Democratic Republic, 175,000 ha. of forest died completely within 15 years. Reduced crops of wheat, fruits and vine are caused by acidification of the soil. Acid rain upsets the natural balance of heavy metals in the soil and contaminates drinking water.

## When the trees die, people will die as well.

This forecast has already become reality — caused by acid rain. The worst consequence known up till now is that the same pollution which leads



Taken from the "The New Internationalist" Aug. 1982

to nature's death, causes illnesses and death of people as well, especially babies and small children.

— The polluted air is responsible for an illness from which small children suffer: pseudo diphtheria, a type of cough, which can lead to suffocation.

— Recent research in Europe and Nth. America has indicated that polluted air is a contributing factor to Sudden Infants Death Syndrome (SIDS). Dr Althoff, in a West German study on SIDS in 1980 stated that post mortems on some infants identified respiratory diseases that had been unrecognisable prior to their deaths. Sulphur dioxide reduces the natural immunity against such infections, particularly in infants.

In 1981, Dr Toke Hoppenbrouwers was quoted in the American Journal of Epidemiology as saying that in Californian cases of SIDS, deaths were often recorded seven weeks after days of bad pollution.

A baby goes to sleep in the evening quite healthy and next morning the parents find it dead in its cot. There are 2000-4000 cases of SIDS in W. Germany per year, 1500-5000 in England and about 15,000-25,000 in the United States.

## What is to be done

The World Health Organisation recommends to limit the average annual emission of sulphur dioxide at 40-60 micrograms per cubic meter of air. Forest specialists speak of a similar "acceptable level". In W. Germany the Government still allows 140, in the United States 80 micrograms. Technically it is no problem to install filters into the electricity plants and to decontaminate the exhaust gas of automobiles. It is no technical problem, but making profits seems to be the priority.

All of us, all responsible people must make an urgent and committed decision:

- for nature
- for a healthy environment
- for the right of all living creatures to live.

A decision to increase profits and the resultant economical and technical increase is going to destroy the basis of all life on earth.

"All things share the same breath: the animal, the tree, the people — they all share the same breath".  
(Indian Chief, Seattle, in 1895)

*Edith & Heinz Martens*



# The Plague that wont go away until extinction.

We've got to kill seals because there are too many of them and they eat to many fish. The Canadian Govt.

We've got to kill kangaroos because there are too many of them and they will eat us out of house and home. The Aust. Govt.

For millions of years there were large herds of seals and yet the seas teemed with fish. A delicate balance existed between fish and seals. Fish actually derive some of their sustenance from seal droppings. Only when white Europeans began overfishing from huge fishing fleets using modern "industrialised" techniques did fish stocks begin to disappear. But of course some choose to ignore the facts and blame the seals.

For millions of years there were kangaroos. They had evolved in a harsh climate and were in delicate balance with their environment. Their numbers adjusting according to the conditions prevailing in their environment at any given time. They evolved with soft feet (as have all the marsupials) that didn't break the surface of a fragile top soil. The land supported them and they needed no culling to stay in balance with it. Then along came the white Europeans with their hard hooved domestic stock, short sighted farming techniques, including clearing, overgrazing etc., their feral animals and their guns. The result: Massive destruction of our native foliage, leading to widespread erosion. Overgrazing that has been so severe that it can be seen from space via satellite. Extreme losses of topsoil in dust storms have resulted. The extinction of over 20 species of marsupials. Again there are some that prefer to overlook these facts and blame it all on the kangaroo.

When will man take the responsibility for his own destructiveness and stop trying to pass the blame on to these innocent creatures? Further examination will reveal that it is not for the given excuses that these animals are killed but rather because of the profits derived from their exploitation.

On Feb. 15th the Minister for Home Affairs and Environment, Mr Barry Cohen, announced the 1984 kangaroo kill quotas. They were state by state as follows:

<b>Sth. Aust.</b>	
Red kangaroo	115,000
Western Grey kangaroo	22,000
Euro or Wallaroo	6,000
<b>6 Total</b>	<b>143,000</b>

<b>New South Wales</b>	
Red kangaroo	399,000
Eastern and Western grey kangaroos combined	100,000
Euro or Wallaroo	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>500,000</b>

<b>Queensland</b>	
Red kangaroo	250,000
Eastern Grey kangaroo	500,000
Euro or Wallaroo	60,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>845,000</b>

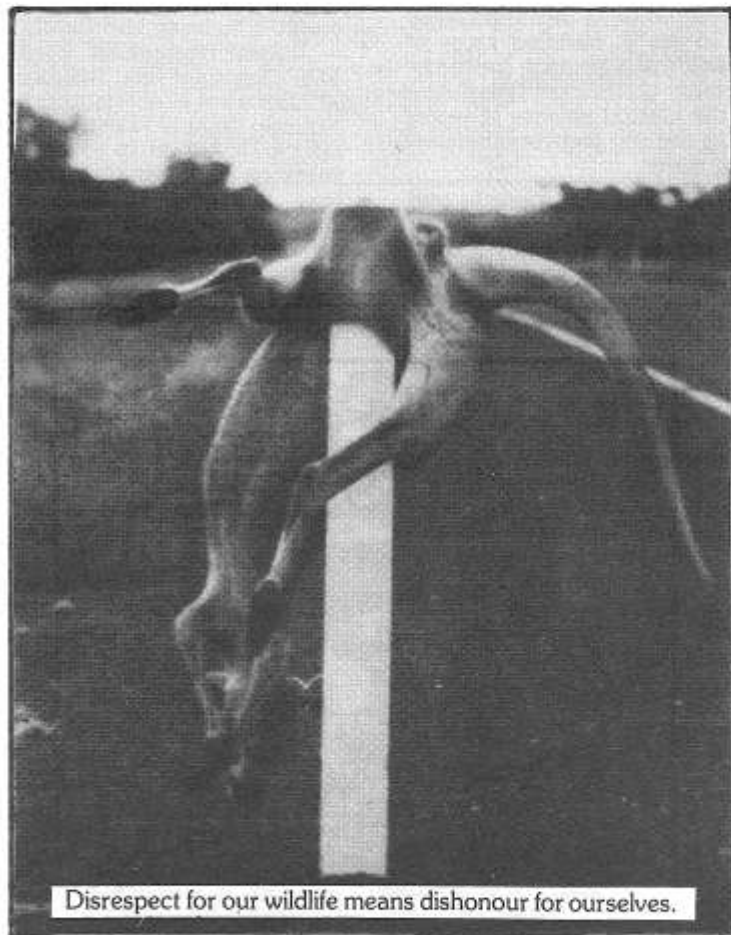
<b>Western Aust.</b>	
Red kangaroo	140,000
Western Grey kangaroo	50,000
Euro or Wallaroo	10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>200,000</b>

<b>Tasmania</b>	
Bennetts Wallaby	175,000
Rufous Wallaby	125,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>300,000</b>

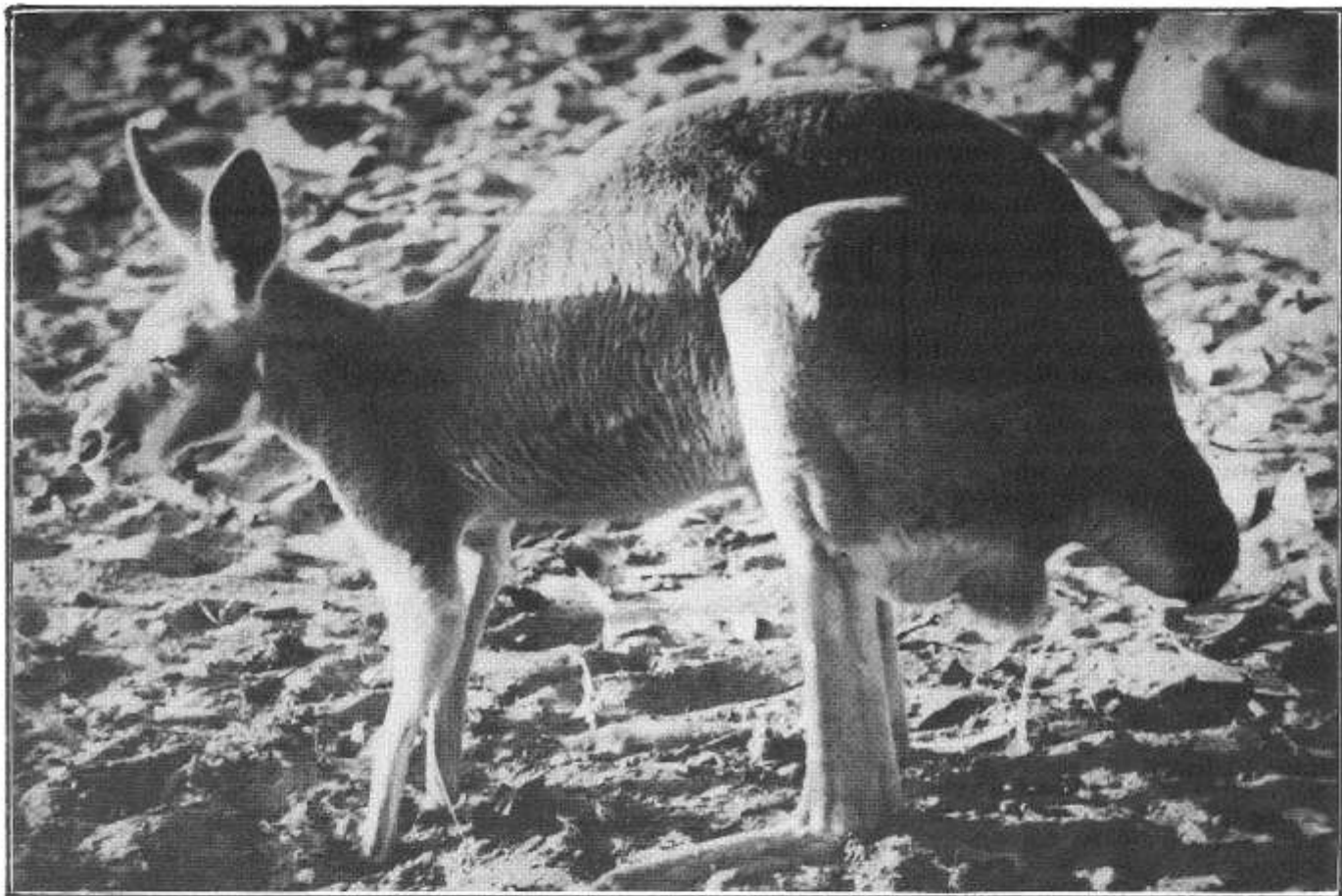
Victoria and the Northern Territory have no commercial quotas so they must be eaten out of house and home already.

Total for Australia = 1,988,000. Although the quota for this year has been reduced from last years (3,300,000) quota, it still doesn't prevent the kangaroo industry from legally taking the same number of kangaroos that they did in 1983. In the past the quotas have been deliberately set well above the anticipated kill and all that this years' decision is achieving is that the quotas for 1984 are more in line with what the actual kill will be.

If we compare on a state by state basis the 1984 quotas with the number of kangaroos taken last year we can see that N.S.W. took approximately 400,000 kangaroos and yet the '84' quota is 500,000. Qld. last year took approx. 800,000 kangaroos and yet the '84' quota is 845,000.



Disrespect for our wildlife means dishonour for ourselves.



Queensland shooters have 700,000 tags left over from last year which can be used this year, effectively giving them a quota of over 1.5 million. Greenpeace feels that this is outrageous and will be demanding that the Qld. National Parks and Wildlife service recall all of last years tags.

Western Australia and Tasmanian '84 quotas are exactly the same as last year's and only South Australia has shown a genuine reduction in its quota from 400,000 in 1983 to 143,000 this year.

Another thing that disturbs us greatly is the quotas for the smaller species such as the Euro, Whiptail, Bennetts and Rufous wallabies. Unlike the larger kangaroos, estimates for these smaller species, are either very scant or non-existent and the public should really question the justification for these quotas. Dr. Kirkpatrick of the Qld. N.P.W.S. states that: A) Queensland does not

keep population estimates and bases its quotas on biological and previous harvest data, and B) the effects of last year's drought were negligible in Qld. Not only is this questionable management of kangaroos but, concerning the drought, it's just not true as many Qld. farmers would no doubt testify.

Given that the present population of kangaroos would be no more than 10 million in the commercial shooting zones, a quota of nearly 2 million represents 20% of this population which we feel is much too severe considering last year's drought, which was the worst on record. Kangaroos are not bionic and according to scientists it can take up to 18 months after severe drought before kangaroos begin to breed normally again. The 1984 quota is only going to hamper that recovery. Naturally, yet unexpected deaths from floods, disease, etc. could also affect kangaroo populations in the

coming year. It should not be up to conservationists to justify why there either shouldn't be a quota or at least a very small one this year. Those compiling the quotas should justify their actions. The credibility of both Mr. Cohen and the Australian wildlife services is definitely on the line now, especially in the light that they are basically trying to hoodwink the public into believing that less kangaroos will be taken this year and that they are taking effective measures in favour of the kangaroo. Greenpeace will be taking direct action this year on the kangaroo issue involving confronting kangaroo shooters at work and non-violently preventing them from killing kangaroos. Greenpeace is also continuing to lobby for an EEC ban on all kangaroo products.

For further information contact Trevor Daly, Greenpeace (N.S.W.) (02)211 0089 or 211 4694 or W. Donald, Greenpeace (S.A.) (08)223 3133.



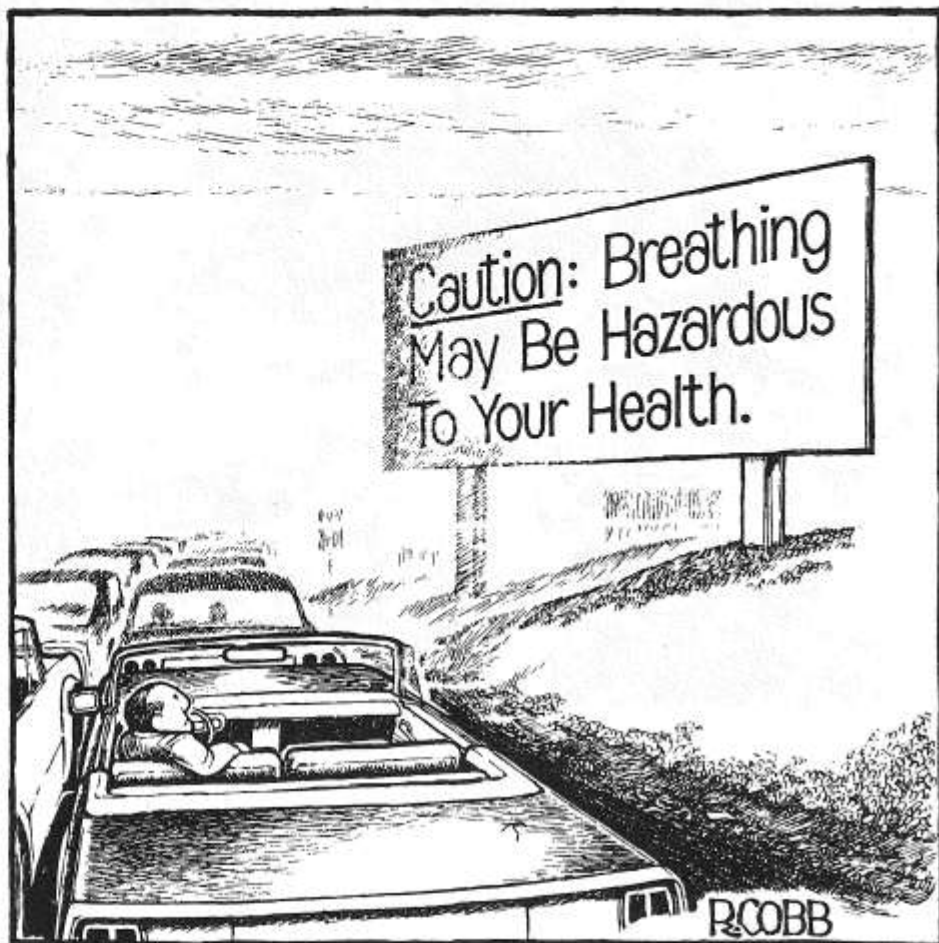
# LEAD IN THY BREAD?

As the rest of the world quietly gets on with the job of deciding exactly where and when Armageddon will take place, we must realise that along with Pine Gap, Roxby Downs and Ronald Regan, our own Poor Piried, (Leadville), is doing it's best to create it's own Holocaust. The tenacious town council, (that would make any Queensland N.P. Party member proud), has again proved that pollution does not exist by simply denying it is there, no matter how qualified anyone who says otherwise might be. If you remember, their last bit of non-pollution was the uranium tailings site that children used to play on!

If you will allow me, I shall give you an insight into the Poor Piried problem via my own personal observations.

From 1975 till 1982 I was employed on a ship that made regular trips to Leadville to pick up several thousand tonnes of zinc ore to be delivered to far off Hobart Town. During the loading of my vessel you could then, and still can today see the shiny particles of zinc ore dust in the air you breathe, not only on the wharf and adjacent loading areas, but throughout the entire town. Everyone should know that zinc ore contains just about every known "heavy metal", lead being just one of them. So the smelter smells and heavy metal dust are as common to a sailor as a beer on a hot day. Then came their great triumph — Paris has the Arch, Leadville got a bloody great chimney, and the people are proud of their smoke stack. After all it is bigger than anything in Poor Pirie's neighbouring industrial centre. Now the non-existent pollution can non-exist over a wider area — the fact that Poor Piried lies amid one of our main cereal and grain farming areas has not been considered . . . yet. Perhaps our grain weighs more than we think, and with most of this grain being sold overseas I wonder what would happen to our export sales if the importers get wind of what the wind is wafting on to the wheat?

The non-pollution does not stop there I'm afraid, (and I am too) as you may be aware the Gulfs of South Australia are major breeding areas for most of the marine life found in these waters and beyond. Now not only could our fish be weighing more, they may certainly be breeding less! Over the seven years my ship visited Poor Piried I noticed through the haze of smelter dust the steady reclamation of the mangrove swamps adjacent to the smelters with the slag left over from the smelting process. These mangrove swamps are vital to the continued breeding and regrowth of the gulfs marine life!



I would like to say, "Wake up Poor Piried" but it would do no good, they didn't care what happened to overseas Leadvilles, they are so proud of their industry and so proud of the employment it brings that they are blind to the dust and deaf to the warnings.

An example.

Part of my duties on a ship is to make sure we have enough fresh water. The fresh water in Leadville is piped from the Murray River and by the time it gets there it is quite undrinkable except by Leadvillians. So the usual thing to do is fill the ships tanks in the previous port so we do not risk contaminating the system with the chemical laden water from the Murray. Never the less a well meaning wharf person once asked, "will ya be wanting any fresh water this trip mate?". I replied, "FRESH? mate, I'd only use your water to sandblast the rust off my car"? It is

about as close to a lynching I will ever get. The wharf person plus other wharf persons nearby got quite upset that an outsider should slander their town in such a way, and it is not even their water! If Burt Reynolds ever considers making a sequel to the movie "Deliverance" I think I know just the place.

The Mayor Mr. W.G. Bones wants us the taxpayers to foot the bill for the cost of the water used to re-green his town. Surely this is an admission that the town needs re-greening so why has'nt the council done anything about it before. I think it's a pity if we have to pay for it, but it is an even bigger pity if the children of Poor Piried have to pay the price of keeping the lead in Leadville.

Good health and peace to you and yours.

*Alex. M. Sutherland*

# MERCHANDISE

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(new whale design)

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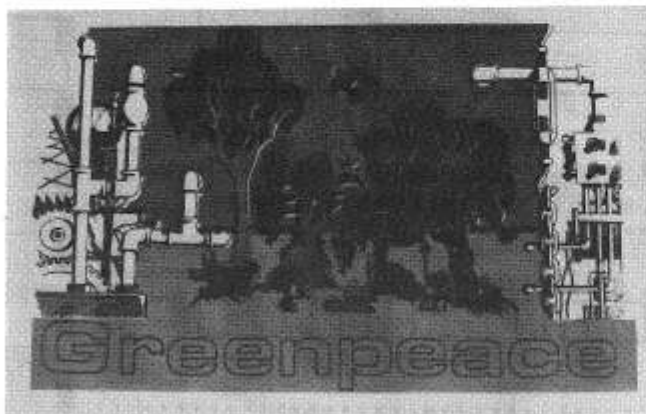
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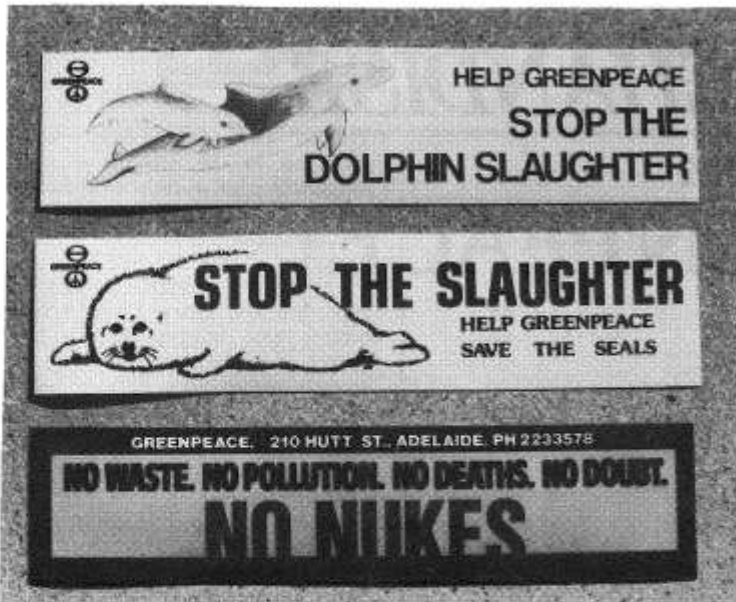
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# The Seal Lady of Perth

"I'm calling from Western Aust." said the voice on the other end of the line. "I have been on to Greenpeace U.K. and they gave me your number". It was our first contact with the remarkable Shirley Porter. She went on to say how "The hunt without pity" had been screened on Perth Television the previous night. Before that she had steered clear of "those" sorts of issues. Something had made her sit through that night's screening despite the fact that it upset her greatly and her husband seeing her in tears advised that she switch it off. And now thoroughly "switched on" to the plight of the seals she was trying to find out how she could most effectively contribute to the end of the seal slaughter.

She had a plan. It was to gather together as many signatures as she could collect in nine months and present them to the Canadian Consulate in Perth during January 1984 before the 1984 hunt began. She embarked on a single-handed campaign of education and petitioning that was to bring the issue of the exploitation of harp & hooded seals to life in Perth and hopefully beyond. She studied the subject until she became well versed in the issue. She did talk nights, interviews and met the public face to face at a booth she set up at shopping malls to collect signatures on her petition.

On January 26th 1984, with the help of husband Alan, Shirley delivered 11,160 signatures to the



Shirley Porter outside the Canadian Consulate, Perth 1984.

Canadian Consulate in Perth and had an interview with the Consul-General. With the experience she had acquired during the course of her campaigning she was able to express the argument for the protection of the harp and hooded seals admirably. We

take our hats off to you Shirley. Thank you for caring and not burying your head in the sand. Thanks also go to husband Alan for his support to a job well done. The seals certainly found a friend in Shirley Porter, "The seal Lady of Perth".

Cheryl Mader and Wayne Donald

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# CALENDAR

**MARCH 12th**  
PUBLIC MEETING WITH ROMAN  
BEDOR (Nuclear Free and  
Independant Pacific activist.)  
5 Leigh St. Adelaide

1) Talk and discussion — Roman  
Bedor  
2) Film — Belau 'The Price of  
Independance'

NB. See article in this issue.

**MARCH 25th-31st**  
RUNDLE MALL BOOTH.  
Information/merchandise sales.

**APRIL 12th**  
GREENPEACE FILM NITE.  
'Backs to the Blast'. This film  
presents a history of the uranium  
industry in South Australia.

7.30 p.m. 82 Gilbert St.,  
Adelaide

**APRIL 15th**  
WALK FOR PEACE.  
March for peace on Palm Sunday,  
followed by entertainment in Festival  
Plaza. See press for further details.  
We are planning a bush dance for  
some time in April It should be good  
fun, so please ring the office for  
details in a couple of weeks.

**MAY 10th**  
GREENPEACE FILM NITE.  
'Land: Use and Abuse'. A short film  
made by the Tasmanian Film  
Corporation suggesting that when  
planning land development, the  
opinions of both environmentalists  
and developers should be sought.

'What Price progress?' The effects of  
industrial pollution are shown in this  
film.

7.30 p.m. 82 Gilbert St.,  
Adelaide

**MAY 18-27th**  
ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL  
EXPO.  
Information/merchandise sales.  
Volunteers needed.

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**WALK FOR PEACE**  
**PALM SUNDAY — APRIL 15TH**  
**1.30 PM, VICTORIA SQUARE**  
**WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

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