

# CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLES' SOVEREIGNTY **NEWSLETTER**

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## WELCOME...

To the first ever issue of this newsletter! We hope that there will be more as time goes on. It is the newsletter of the Campaign For People's Sovereignty.

## WHY HAS IT BEEN SENT TO ME?

Because you are a member of a group which has joined the Campaign. Each group represented agreed some time ago to circulate this newsletter among its membership or subscription list. This issue contains an introduction from some of the groups involved. Each group that contributed wrote a single page about itself, in order to let you know they exist, what they do and how to contact them. We hope you will take some time to look through these pages and see what groups and organizations are around that you may not have been aware of. The next issue will concentrate more on the issues that each group is involved in.

## WHAT IS THIS 'CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLES' SOVEREIGNTY'?

This Campaign is a loose working alliance of a wide range of organizations that has been meeting regularly since May. We have voluntarily decided to work together, despite the seemingly disparate nature of our particular issues, because we agree on the extremely serious situation facing us all here in Aotearoa/N.Z.

*We have agreed that foreign control, in all its different manifestations, is an issue that affects all of us, and accordingly, we have united to fight it.*

Our name states not what we are against, but what we are for: a country where sovereignty belongs to the people, not local or international Big Business. We are not setting up yet another political party, nor are we really an organization as such. We are a campaign, whose aim is simple: **TO TURN THE TIDE.**

## NOTICES

Next Meeting of the Campaign For Peoples' Sovereignty will be held at the W.E.A., 59 Gloucester St at 1pm on Saturday the 15th of August. Everybody is welcome to attend, and refreshments (tea etc) will be provided. Please bring \$1 to cover costs.

The Campaign is currently in the process of organizing neighbourhood groups, which will be responsible for organizing cottage meetings and other activities in the suburban areas of Otautahi (Christchurch). If you would like to be involved in one of these groups, working with your neighbours and the people in your suburb, contact us through the address at the top of this newsletter. We will welcome your input.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter, and find the information it contains useful.

Now read on...

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## CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE'S SOVEREIGNTY

This Campaign is a loose working alliance of a wide range of Christchurch organisations that has been meeting regularly since May. We include people from the church, peace movement, womens' movement, the elderly, unions, unemployed, social justice, anti-racism, and environmental groups, etc. We are happy to supply a list of our groups and their contact people, upon request. We have voluntarily decided to work together, despite the seemingly disparate nature of our individual issues, because we agree on the extremely serious situation facing all New Zealanders.

**We have agreed that foreign control, in all its different manifestations, is an issue that affects all of us, and accordingly we have united to resist it.**

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We are not setting up yet another political party, nor are we an organisation as such. We are a Campaign, whose aim is simple. **To Turn Back The Tide.** Our aim is to raise people's awareness of this issue, and to build coordinated, non-Parliamentary opposition to it.

We aim to build links between existing groups and enable people to see that many of the problems facing the country are connected eg the sell off of public assets, unemployment, the destruction of the Welfare State, energy crisis, environmental degradation, privatisation, etc, etc.

### WHAT HAVE WE DONE AND WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Our public launch was at a highly successful, well attended public meeting on July 9. We brought together 3 out of town keynote speakers- Sandra Lee, Phillida Bunkle, and Moana Jackson- to address the broad sweep of issues of concern to us all.

We are drawing up a commonly agreed list of principles.

We are compiling an information kit.

We have a video of the public meeting.

We are planning a major conference in Christchurch.

We are actively setting up neighbourhood groups.

### NATIONAL CAMPAIGN NEEDED

We feel the time is right for such a Campaign on a national scale. We are circulating this proposal through our own individual networks and as widely as possible throughout the country.

We are NOT proposing ourselves as a national office, nor is it necessary to even use the same title. But there is a great need to unite and resist one of the major problems facing this country. We have started in Christchurch, and we will help in any way we can.

Please contact us, so we can work together and build a national campaign. Tell us your concerns, and let's find the areas where we can work together.

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**IF WE DON'T RESIST, NOBODY WILL DO IT FOR US**

*Murray Horton*

# LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED WITH THE **CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE'S SOVEREIGNTY**

CAFCA  
(Campaign Against Foreign Control of Aotearoa)  
ABC  
(Anti Bases Campaign)  
BUSWATCH  
NETWORK WAITANGI OTAUTAHU  
AFIA  
(Action For an Independent Aotearoa)  
CORSO  
NUCLEAR FREE NZ PEACEMAKING ASSOCIATION  
GREY POWER  
CANTERBURY COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES  
CCJPD  
(Catholic Commission for Justice, Peace and Development)  
JUST DOLLARS  
CANTERBURY HEALTH COALITION  
COALITION AGAINST BENEFIT CUTS  
GATT WATCHDOG  
THAW  
(The Health Alternatives for Women)  
NZCTU WOMENS COMMITTEE  
CHRISTCHURCH UNEMPLOYED RIGHTS CENTRE  
CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE  
JUSTICE PEACE AND SERVICE UNIT, CCA  
(Conference of Churches Aotearoa)  
TROPICAL RAINFOREST ACTION GROUP  
EM=POWER  
TREATY ACTION GROUP  
WEA  
(Workers Educational Association)  
ST. PETERS JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP, BECKENHAMI