

HYSTERICAL WHITE BACKLASH

When the April edition of the Gwalwa Daraniki newsheet BUNJI was printed, we realised it was controversial but we did not predict the hysterical white backlash it would create or the emotional reaction it would bring from political opportunists.

We wrote "If the Liberal-Country Party wins the election on May 18 it will be no good throwing stones. Here is how to make a little petrol bomb just in case" - and proceeded to illustrate how to do it.

"Many people now think the editor should be stopped because his views are not in the best interests of Aborigines or Australians" wrote the Country Party candidate in a half page advertisement.

"Supporters will be alienated by the latest BUNJI. Instead of contributing to efforts to gain justice for the Aborigines it can only breed suspicion and hostility. This, in turn, may further delay the acceptance and achievement of improvements in conditions for the Aborigines," wailed the editorial in the local rag.

It produced the pathetic sight of the Labor candidate pleading with Aborigines in the May Day march "not to hand out BUNJI because it might frighten white people."

The Reverend Jim Downing was quoted in the Centralian Advocate as saying "there are sick people in any society - people who want to blow things up - people who are so embittered they are sick."

It would take a psychologist to explain why the N.T. whites leapt from watching their murder and mayhem on TV to denounce our little newsletter (600 copies printed monthly). Why did they presume that every second Black was about to throw petrol bombs indiscriminately after reading BUNJI?

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Advocate, discussing the odds for a Labor victory said "but we reckon a few more petrol bomb newsletters could see the odds lengthen dramatically." Up them. The swing against the racists in the N.T. election isolates the Abo-bashers even more.

At the time of writing the issue is still under investigation by the "crime intelligence section" of the CIB. This is the old Special Branch which was supposed to be disbanded. Certain politicians are putting pressure on the police commissioner to act against BUNJI and free speech.

Even if the edition was a mistake, as many people have said, it succeeded in drawing the rats from their holes, squealing.

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