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SATURDAY 20TH
RALLY 10 AM
ELDER PARK

* protest Indonesian govt. atrocities in East Timor
* all Indonesian troops out of East Timor now
* protest Australian govt. connivance in the slaughter
* stop all military aid to Indonesia
* recognise the Democratic Republic of East Timor
* restore the Fretelin radio transmitter in Darwin

FUNDRAISING
PARTY - upper refectory union building
Sat. 20th March 8 pm.
Two rock groups - food & drink provided
Tickets from SAU $2.50

AN ON DIY Broadsheet
EAST TIMOR—WAR ON OUR DOORSTEP

Less than 400 miles from Darwin a full-scale war has been raging for more than three months, since the Indonesian generals launched an invasion of Dili on December 7th, 1975. Prior to this a limited war was being fought along the border. The TNI has been the most active, and the pattern of events has been that about 85% of those remaining in Dili—mostly women and children—were killed by the Indonesian forces. (The Age, February 14th, 1976.)

The main motivating force behind FRETLIN is the phenomenon of national independence, a desire for peace. People have been oppressed by the Indonesian people, but the Indonesian regime is willing to offer them peaceful coexistence.

FRETLIN is not the entire government of East Timor: the Democratic Republic of East Timor is an alliance between FRETLIN and the Timorese army. There are three ministers in the government, but the non-FRETLIN numbers.

Why did Indonesia invade?

Indonesia is a country whose economy is dominated by foreign companies (mostly U.S.). Following a U.S. and Japanese-backed coup in 1965 in which Sukarno was overthrown, a bloodbath ensued in which an estimated 500,000 people were executed, many being shot by the Indonesian army. The takeover of East Timor was not a peaceful one.

FRETLIN was formed in 1975 as a reaction to the Indonesian invasion, with the aim of regaining independence for East Timor. It is a broad political front with a broad base of support.

Australian involvement

In September 1974, Mutilin told Subarto that an independent East Timor was inevitable and that enemies must be destroyed to secure the area. He gave Indonesia the go-ahead to carry out its "act of free choice".

Support the East Timorese struggle for independence

As in 1945 when Australian trade unions boycotted Dutch ships which stopped off at Australia on their way to Indonesia with arms and goods, the Australian government now faces the challenge of supporting the struggle for independence. The Indonesian government has been the most active in supporting East Timorese independence.

The plight of the East Timorese has attracted the attention of many church leaders and groups, such as Action for Development and Community Aid. The government has been put under pressure to negotiate with the Indonesian government.

Repay our heavy debt

We owe it to the Timorese not only because of our complicity in the Indonesian genocidal war against them, but also our debt to them.

Although the U.D.T. leader Lopes de Cruz publicly admitted, in fact, that the 'pro-Indonesian' forces killed the five Australian newsman because they were "communist", the Australian government buried its head in the sand and publicly accepted the Indonesian "correction" that they were killed unwittingly by a bomb attack on their team. Where they were staying.

Newsletters, car stickers, etc. — Info: Bob Harkey, CSS. STUDENTS ASSOCIATION.