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- 5.9.77. First meeting of ~~concerned citizens~~ in response to Petersen's ban on political street marches on 4 September. Attended by 30 people at University of Queensland. The meeting issues a press release and forms an interim committee. They call a forum for the next day at Qld. Uni., and produce a leaflet that night.
- 6.9.77 250 people attend forum at Qld. uni. The meeting votes to march to Roma Street forum next day (where the Zaphir Rally will be in progress) and decides to hold its first public meeting on September 15th. at Qld Uni.
- 7.9.77 Brisbane. More than 400 students attempt to march from Qld. Uni. to the Roma Street forum but are stopped at the edge of the grounds by 200 police. Most continue to the rally by other means. 200 Waterside workers march on the footpath in the City to the rally, where 5000 are massed to protest the erosion of Trade Union and ~~civil~~ rights. Sydney. 120 demonstrate outside the Queensland <sup>DEMOCRATIC</sup> Government Tourist Bureau and then occupy the building. 5 are arrested.
- 9.9.77 CANP applies for a permit to march in a demonstration against uranium mining. Date set at October 22.
- 15.9.77 Forum held at Qld, Uni during the day to discuss civil liberties. At an evening meeting of 700 people at Qld. Uni. the Civil Liberties Co-Ordinating Committee (an open committee) is formed and a march planned for Sept. 22.
- 17.9.77 Toowoomba. Anti-uranium float is banned from taking part in the Carnival of Flowers procession in Toowoomba. Alderman Lindesay Jones resigns in protest.
- 20.9.77 CLCC meeting votes in favour of marching on 22 Sept. A meeting of students at Griffith Uni votes against a march on Sept. 22.
- 21.9.77 Forum at Griffith Uni.
- 22.9.77 500 protestors march from Qld. Uni. at 2PM, are stopped at the edge of the Uni. by 300 police but continue to the City Square on the footpath. 2000 people rally in the City Square. 700 uniformed and 100 plain clothed police are present, having been brought in to the City from a radius of 150 miles. 32 protestors are arrested (20 off the steps of the Square and 12 at Parliament House.) Later, women prisoners at the South Brisbane Watchhouse are forced to strip and squat on the floor in view of any passing male police.
- 23.9.77 Sydney. A rally at Martin Place in protest at recent Qld. Government actions. 50 march from it to the Qld. Government Tourist Bureau.
- 27.9.77 CANP asks for the official reason for the refusal of a permit to march on October 22.

28.9.77

Forum on civil liberties at Griffith Uni.  
An official complaint is lodged by Qld. Uni students  
Union Womens' Committee about the stripping of women  
arrested on Sept. 22

28.9.77

A meeting of the TLC backs the anti-uranium rally  
on Oct. 22. They issue a statement supporting the  
right of anti-uranium forces to have a peaceful march  
and calling for support for the march from trade unions.

29.9.77

Charles Porter, State Liberal MP, moves at a Joint  
Government Parties meeting to stop demonstrators using  
the City Square as a sanctuary. He is supported by the  
Premier, but gained little other support.

1.10.77

A civil liberties information tent is set up in the  
Great Court of the Uni. Of. Qld.

5.10.77

Forum on civil liberties held at Griffith Uni.

6.10.77

Police confiscate Smocks at Warana Procession.

8.10.77

Toowoomba. A rally for the right to march is held at  
East Creek Park in Toowoomba.

12.10.77

Protestors march from Qld. Uni. to the City Square  
to join with others at a meeting of 1000 people at  
5P.M. in an open forum the attacks on civil and trade  
union rights. A request for permission to march is made  
to the police and refused. The meeting then decides  
to sit down on one half of the steps of the Square, and  
stays there confronted by 700 police for three hours.  
During this time police trample on seated people to  
confiscate speaking equipment being used to address  
the meeting. Eight people are arrested and 3 are later  
served with summonses for using speaking equipment.

20.10.77

Forum at Griffith Uni. (population 1200). 150 people  
attend and after discussion vote unanimously to march  
on Oct. 22.

21.10.77

Lewis rejects appeal by CANP against the earlier police  
refusal to grant a permit to march on Oct. 22, and gives  
no reasons.

21.10.77

South Australia. Qld. Solidarity Group. holds a picket  
outside the Qld Govt. Tourist Bureau in Adelaide at  
4 P.M. Those students present (including overseas  
students) wear masks to protect their identities.

- 22.10.77 National Uranium Mobilization.  
Sydney. 20,000 protestors assemble and march down George Street to Hyde Park in the presence of 20 police. No arrests.  
Brisbane. 5000 people attend a protest rally in the City Square, 700 police present. A march in two's and three's on the footpath is blocked and people are arrested. A second march is attempted as an act of civil disobedience, with participants holding their hands in the air to make it clear they are not resisting arrest. Protestors are treated violently by police. Total of 418 arrested.  
Melbourne. 10000 protestors assemble in the City Square and march to Trades Hall. No arrests.  
Toowoomba. 250 attend rally at East Creek Park.  
London. Protestors hold an anti-uranium demonstration outside the Australian High Commission.
- 23.10.77 Police Commissioner Lewis apologises to an ABC reporter assaulted by police on 22 Oct.
- 26.10.77 Picket outside the Royal Exchange Hotel.
- 28.10.77 Picket outside the Royal Exchange Hotel re sacking of demonstrators on 24 Oct.
- 31.10.77 TLC votes against taking part in Nov. 11 rally.
- 6.11.77 Rally for civil liberties held in Festival Hall. Speakers from church groups, CLCC, Council for Civil Liberties and academics. Dean George, Anglican Dean of Brisbane, refuses to sepak on same platform as CLCC representative.
- 7.11.77 Interjectors at Premier's public meeting in Mackay interrupt his speech with chants and interjections.
- 9.11.77 Civil liberties demonstrators gate-crash Qld Press Club lunch attended by Premier.
- 11.11.77 Forum at Qld Uni. March from Uni stopped by police and the marchers walked on the footpath to King George Square. 2500 people attended. March proceeded to the steps at 5:30. 3 resolutions to march; one to the steps; one to the corner of queen and albert streets; one right up to police lines. 198 were arrested. First linked arms march onto the street; also the first debate on resistance in the watchhouse. Decision was to be bailed out and to organize for election day.
12. 11. 77 Qld state elections. Demonstration in the square. Speaking equipment confiscated by police. Five arrests. 10% swing against government in the metropolitan area.

- 12.11.77 Sydney. 50 people demonstrate at Martin Place and march to Qld Govt. Tourist Bureau., where large poster of Bjelke-Petersen is burnt.
- 22.11.77 Six people arrested on 22 Oct. are prepared to go to jail in protest and present themselves at the Court House. They later go to Police H.Q. About 150 people gather in support outside. Placards are confiscated and 9 are arrested.
- 22.11.77 60 people picket Boggo Road Jail. Placards are confiscated.
- 23.11.77 Another picket of 40 people at jail. They are confronted by 200 police, wardens and dogs. Placards are confiscated.
- 24.11.77 Vigil at City Square in support of protestors at Boggo Rd.
- 3.12.77 A Silver Jubilee Parade, billed as the 'biggest military spectacular in Brisbane since the War' passes through Brisbane streets.  
10.30 AM - Rally for the right to march is held in City Square. At the end of the rally the protestors march down the steps of the Square and down Albert Street where they are confronted by approx. 700 police. 210 people are violently arrested. After the return of those not arrested to the Square, a second spontaneous march is held, with several further arrests. During the afternoon, the house of a CANP activist, a civil liberties lawyer and a student who records demonstrations on still photos and video are broken into and searched.
- 26.1.78 A total of 840 have so far been arrested since Sept/77.
- 2.3.78 Pickets on City Police Station. 30 protestors in support of 5 people going to jail for not paying fines.
- 2.3.78 Student street marches. Qld Uni. to march to City; Griffith Uni to Garden City, Would not defy police orders
- 3.3.78 Student demonstrators march into lecture rooms at Qld Uni yesterday to try to drum up support for a Uni strike to protest erosion of civil liberties in Qld. (C.Mail) *tell people what happened in attempted march*
- 4.3.78 Police made 50 arrests when they swiftly cleared 300 right to march demonstrators from Albert Street yesterday. It was the smallest of the seven demonstrations held since the street march ban came into force. (Sunday Mail)
- 6.3.78 Churches cancel Palm Sunday procession in protest against street march ban (Tele)
- 6.3.78 March/rally in King George Square. 48 arrests.

- 12.3.78 Police arrested 49 demonstrators in Brisbane after an attempted march commemorating International Womens' Day, Police Commissioner Lewis says 'professional agitators' took over rally. (Sunday Mail).
- 13.3.78 Bundaberg Dentist Harry Akers and dog Jaffa will march in Bundaberg at 2.45AM on 1. April, to show that peaceful demonstrations can occur in Qld. (C.M.)
- 14.3.78 Australian Campaign for Peace in Ireland refused permit to march in Brisbane. (C.M.)
- 16.3.78 Harry Akers refused permit to march in Bundaberg (C.M.)
- 17.3.78 944 people arrested to date.
- 6.4.78 Concerned Christians plan rally.
- 11.4.78 60 members of Concerned Christians staged an 8-block footpath march in Brisbane last night to begin a 24-hour vigil outside Parliament House. (C.M.)
- 11.4.78 3 clergymen arrested at Concerned Christians rally in Brisbane. They had been ordered to stop singing hymns in Adelaide Street and later in Queens Park. (Tele)
- 11.4.78 State Opposition Leader Tom Burns joins 20 Concerned Christians In Queens Park as protest against arrests. (Tele)
- 11.4.78 10 other people were arrested at Concerned Christians rally (C.M.)
- 15.4.78 5 separate protests held in Brisbane, with 5 people arrested. Nearly 1000 people attended Roma St. Forum (C.M.)
- 3.5.78 Rev. D. Conomos cleared of charge arising from Concerned Christians Rally on April 11. (CM)
- 7.5.78 12 civil liberties members took part in first public march in Mackay since State Govt. clamp on street marches (C.M.)
- 27.5.78 Police grant permit for protest march in Townsville at peak hour in main shopping centre. 200 march. (Townsville Daily Bulletin).
- 29.5.78 150 protestors marched 3 abreast down Stokes Street Townsville on Saturday morning. (Tville Daily Bulletin)
- 20.6.78 State Parliamentary Labor Party decides to organise a protest street march in Brisbane (C.M.)
- 29.6.78 Police grant application by ALP for street march in Brisbane. (C.M.)

- 30.6.78 ALP street march planned for Saturday 8 July.
- 1.7.78 Queensland Branch of the ALP cancels planned street march 'fearing disruption by militant groups.'  
(C.M.)
- 15.7.78 Police allowed gay demonstrators to march through Brisbane streets crowded with shoppers yesterday even though a march permit had not been granted. (C.M.)
- 18.7.78 CANP approaches police to seek cooperation for proposed march in Brisbane on August 5, but is informed a permit must be applied for. (C.M.)
- 18.7.78 Concerned Christians reject claim by Inspector Les Hogan of Special Branch that they had set out to get a confrontation with police at their previous rally.  
(C.M.)
- 19.7.78 Toowoomba civil liberties group hold 24-hour vigil for two Townsville men jailed over march law.  
(Toowoomba Chronicle).
- 23.7.78 42 people arrested during 'violent scuffles' at a Womens' Liberation rally in King George Square yesterday. (Sunday Sun).
- 24.7.78 Tony Thomas of Melbourne Age gives detailed review of Saturday's Womens Liberation rally. (Age)
- 24.7.78 Tony Thomas of Melbourne Age gives detailed review of the history of the march law in Queensland. (Age).
- 27.7.78 TLC Secretary Fred Whitby announced demonstration on August 21, sponsored by TLC, CLCC, CANP, Womens' Movement and other groups. (C.M.)
- 7.8.78 150 people marched in Toowoomba last Saturday to mark Hiroshima Day. No permit, but no arrests.  
(Toowoomba Chronicle)
- 22.8.78 Police arrested 129 people yesterday after attempts were made to march after uranium rally in King George Square. (C.M.)
- 4.9.78 Peter Applegarth of Qld. Council for Civil Liberties review march ban one year later. (C.M.)
- 5.9.78 Senator George Georges says he is prepared to be arrested by police when he leads march to Parliament House on October 30th. (Tele).
- 17.9.78 Police allowed 300 protestors to march unmolested through Brisbane streets without permit. Premier says 'I'm sure the police would have handled it in the right way.'

- 8.10.78 Cost of policing the anti-march laws in 1977-78 was estimated last week in excess of \$500,000. But informed Government and Police sources said this was a conservative and the figure might be closer to \$1 million. (Sunday Sun).
- 21.10.78 ALP in Queensland is divided over proposed march on October 30. (C.M.)
- 27.10.78 Tom Uren MP says he will march in Brisbane on Monday. (Tele).
- 29.10.78 Two-day seminar on civil liberties commences at Qld. University under Special Branch surveillance. (C.M.)
- 30.10.78 Senators Chipp, Evans and Ryan address City Hall Rally on civil liberties.
- 30.10.78 Police confiscated tables being used to collect signatures on Bill of Rights petition in Toowoomba. (Tele)
- 31.10.78 Senator Georges and Tom Uren are among 280 people arrested at civil liberties rally in Brisbane yesterday, when an attempt was made to take a petition seeking a Bill of Rights for Queensland to Parliament House for presentation to the Leader of the Opposition, Tom Burns. (C.M.)
- 3.11.78 250 Wharfies march three abreast along Brisbane footpaths yesterday to protest at arrests at Monday's march. (C.M.)
- 8.12.78 346 arrested in Brisbane march organised by Trades and Labor Council yesterday. Among those arrested are ACTU Senior Vice-President John Ducker, TLC President Harry Hauenschild, Tom Uren George Georges, and nearly 100 members of the 3 maritime unions. (C.M.)
- 8.12.78 Waterfront on strike over march arrests. (Tele).
- 8.12.78 Queensland's next march will be on Australia Day 1979, It will be a march over the border from NSW into Queensland (Tweed Heads to Coolangatta). (Tele).
- 8.12.78 Police arrest 17 at illegal street march in Toowoomba yesterday. (Toowoomba Chronicle).
- 8.12.78 200 marched in Townsville with permit. (Townsville Daily Bulletin).

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35 arrests in Rockhampton during march.  
(Rockhampton Morning Bulletin).

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500 march in Sydney in solidarity with Qld.  
civil liberties campaign. (Rockhampton Morning  
Bulletin).

9.12.78

Uren and Georges face 14-day jail sentences  
following their refusal to pay fines over December  
7 march. (Melbourne Age).

28.12.78

Senator Georges goes to jail in Brisbane for  
non-payment of march fine. National dock strike  
threatened. (Australian).

29.12.78

Senator Georges released from Boggo Road Jail  
after fine anonymously paid. (Melb. Sun.)