

# The spirit of Eureka lives on!

**December 3 marks the 156<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eureka Stockade. It was White Australia's first organised mass struggle of ordinary people against the oppressive colonial authority, and for justice and democratic rights.**

Symbolising their struggle for justice, the miners created a flag based on the Southern Cross constellation. At the time, Melbourne's *Age* described it as "the flag of Australian independence".

Kneeling beneath the flag on November 30, ten thousand miners swore the Eureka Oath: "We swear by the Southern Cross to stand truly by each other and fight to defend our rights and liberties". Raffaello Carboni, declared the flag "As the refuge of all oppressed from all corners on earth." Many of the rebel miners were political activists escaping oppression from the old countries in Europe.

Fourteen diggers were killed and another eight died later from wounds when the colonial troops attacked a depleted Stockade early on the morning of December 3.

Although defeated in the short term, this was a part of important milestones in the transition from colonial autocracy to local self-government and democracy that followed in its wake. Wide support for the just cause of the miners ensured that no jury would convict any of the thirteen "ringleaders" tried for the hanging offence of treason.

However, Eureka's fight for a genuine people's democracy, economic justice, and sovereignty is not finished and continues today. ***Eureka Youth take up the struggle!***

In common with all struggles against oppression, the Eureka Stockade shows that it is always right to rebel against money changer interests, and their puppet politicians. It showed that organised mass defiance of injustice is a necessary and proper thing. It is the spirit of rebellion and defiance in support of a just cause, that constitutes the great historical legacy of the event of Eureka and its flag, and in its special significance to the **Eureka Youth League**.

This spirit resurfaced in 1878 when the Eureka flag was raised during the Sydney maritime strike against Chinese labour. It was raised above the armed shearers' strike camp at Barcaldine in 1891, and when 86-year old Eureka survivor Monty Miller toured Australia in 1917 campaigning against conscription for an overseas war.

Port Kembla wharfies swore the Eureka oath in 1939 when defying Menzies' order that Australian pig-iron be supplied to the Japanese militarists for use in their imperialistic wars.

The spirit of Eureka and its blue and white flag continues. It flies in rural communities fighting against multinational mining companies operations destroying their livelihoods, health and the local environment.

The spirit of Eureka inspires our struggle against anti-Australian globalists and internationalists with their programmes for the sell off of Aussie productive resources, and enterprises, and even our very land to foreign owners, all to the detriment of Aussie youth. It inspires against the undermining of our European derived identity by Australia-hating multiculturalists, and big business driven plague level alien immigration.

On this 156<sup>th</sup> anniversary Eureka Youth League calls on all Aussies to rally to our struggle for freedom, independence and identity. Fly our flag of "blue and silver stars", along with our National Flag, and join in support of the fight for our "Nation of the South", and the rightful inheritance of Aussie youth.

**Eureka Youth League -**

**Australian Identify, Independence and Freedom  
No Compromise!**