



DISCUSSION

Know Thine Enemy

I find the 'line' in ALR way to the right of *Australian Society/Modern Times*. The propagation of mainstream political/economic views is something which happens enough in the 'capitalist press' without a supposedly leftwing journal coming to the party.

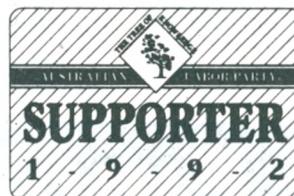
It is most unfortunate that when the targets of critique in ALR are not the Liberal Party, they are the (generic) 'Left'. I don't wish to suggest that 'the Left' is above criticism or even self-criticism. The trouble is, much of ALR's critique comes from the perspective of apologists for Hawke-style Labor politics—not a particularly leftwing perspective, I would argue.

In summary, although I enjoy the occasional article, I suspect the main reason why I as a Leftie am continuing to subscribe is because it is useful to 'know your enemy'.

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