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We apologise for the fact that no issue of ALR was published in the month of June.

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We publish two articles on the conditions of Australia's blacks and their treatment by whites. One is by Warwick Neilley, a former union organiser in the Northern Territory. It outlines the economic exploitation of blacks by white-controlled businesses such as pastoral companies and discusses the attitudes of trade unions, also white-controlled, to this super-exploitation.

The other article discusses black land rights, with special attention to the impact of uranium mining, and mining generally, on the struggle between blacks and white economic interests over rights to traditional tribal land. The article is reprinted from *Chain Reaction*, journal of the environmental group Friends of the Earth. The editorial collective felt that the article is such a good coverage of a subject little understood on the white left as to justify reprinting it here.

Ron Witton, senior lecturer in American Studies and Sociology at Flinders University in Adelaide, analyses some of the political and social implications for Australia of the current spate of revelations about CIA activity in Australia. He believes that these revelations and other factors should lead us to consider 'what role the Americans may have had in Australia's internal political development'.

Colombian writer Gabriel Marquez gives an 'inside' account of Cuban military activities in Angola. With the Western press' hypocritical polemics against 'interference' being the only source of information to date for Australians, this fascinating story tells it from the other side.

The three reviews include one of the new draft program of the Communist Party of Great Britain written by a member of that party currently living in Australia. The issues raised of socialist strategy in advanced capitalist societies are of interest to socialists in all such countries. We hope in future to promote an in-depth debate on these questions, including reprinting of further material from overseas sources.

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