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May 16. 1927
8. Argyle Square
Carlton Victoria
Australia.

Dear Comrade.

Received your letter, a few lines about Australia, you will see by the clipping that I am keeping Anarchy before the Public. On May Day I carried a banner, on which was written. ~~For~~ Anarchy, No God, Reason. No Dictators; Freedom. Just as ^{we} were entering into the city. The "Trades Hall" Council Band master, came running to me, and stated that the Band would cease to play and the Procession would stop if I did not go to the back of the procession to which I replied I can stop also, the Band stopped, the Procession stopped, so I stopped, a conference was held by the May Day Politicians who decided to continue ^{the} march, so I carried the Banner through the city which caused a sensation. When we arrived at the Yarra Bank a great audience came to the Anarchist Platform. You may be sure I trounced the Political Schysters severely. The Duke of York has been here

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Had he remained both the Duchess and
he would have suffered from senile
decay as they were surrounded by all the
old giffs in Melbourne. The Loyalty of
the Labor Party was disgusting, they
shined and sloshed, over the Duke
at the Banquets, some of them got so
drunk which made the Duke anxious to
avoid them. Melbourne is loyalty mad
on Anzac Day working people were
paying 3/- and 6/- for a fruit case to
see the Duke and Duchess pass I
never saw anything like it in Melbourne.
The Press stated that over a million were
present. The Duke has gone, another
Procession is being held; the Unemployed
There are 10,000 out of work in Melbourne
They should have demonstrated while the
Duke was here. Thousands of workers
in Australia are down and out.

yours fraternally
J W Fleming

Melbourne

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200 MARCHED

May Day Banners

LED BY ANARCHIST

WITH bannerettes flaunting, 200 May Day enthusiasts marched through the city yesterday in celebration of the International Labor Day.

The only new slogan to make its appearance was the banner: Hands Off China.

The procession, which was headed by the Trades Hall Band, included two decorated lorries bearing the May Day Queen and her court of a number of children dressed in white and red.

South Melbourne Band headed a body of members of the I.W.W.

Some distance ahead of the procession, but apparently quite distinct from it, was Mr. John Fleming, the Yarra Bank orator, with a bodyguard of one.

They carried a banner bearing the words: Anarchy. No God. Freedom. No King. No Parliament.

Apparently these principles did not meet with the approval of the May Day enthusiasts, as the procession was halted for some time in the city while an attempt was made to induce Mr. Fleming and his companion to retire to the rear of the procession.

He would not do so, however, but marched on.