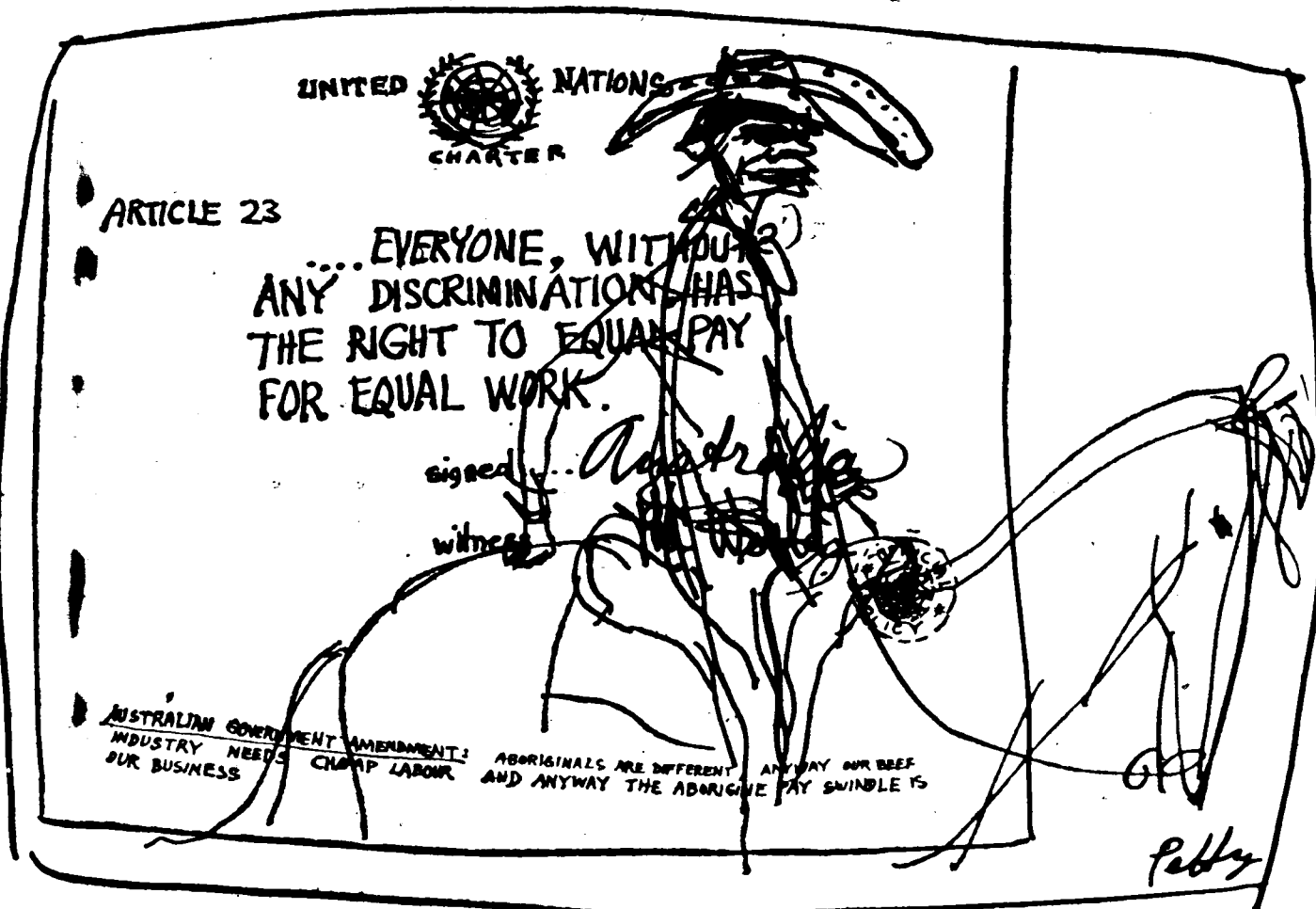


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WATCH THE SMALL PRINT!

State sovereignty hinders nation's development

SIR — The Mt Isa melo-drama reminds us that in some matters State sovereignty is more than a growing obstacle to national interests and development.

Australia has been forced to stand in the wings, while the survivor of a 19th-century colonial government tinkers with a national economic breakdown. So we muddle on, under our 1900 Constitution, policed by a federal court more conservative than America's in the New Deal Era.

State governments remain an excellent way to dress shire councillors as MPs and Ministers of Her Majesty, but they have no real claim to control problems of Australia's economy — or her lands and minerals. On the latter point it is in-

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jection to the Churchill scholarship fund seem to be... The timing of the project created an emotional atmosphere. It wasn't Churchill's fault he died in an era of gimmicks and mass-advertising. As for timing, does President Kennedy's name have the same impact now as on the day of his assassination? Churchill was the savior of Britain but not Australia.

When Churchill came to power there was little enough equipment to "take arms against a sea of troubles". If the Germans had made an early invasion, there must remain the doubt that, since you can't fight Panzers with peashooters, England might have been overcome. If this had happened, while

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