DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO on May 3rd?

WILL your vote help or hinder improving your living standard, security in your job, on your farm or in your small business or profession? That is the question which electors must answer on May 3rd.

Not promises, but the probability of their being carried out, is the way to measure election platforms.

Electors must consider how to ensure, after the election, that the elected Government carries through a program in the interests of the workers, farmers and middle class—the great majority of the people.
Programs Favour Labor Party

Q.P.P., Country Party and Labor Party promises similar general programs, with the exception of their attitude to the workers, who are, with their families, the majority of the people of Queensland.

Mr. Nicklin, present Opposition leader, promises warfare on the militant unions should the Q.P.P.-Country Party coalition win a majority.

Mr. Hamilton promises to introduce the 40 hour week bill in the first session of Parliament, and to support an increased price for sugar if the facts warrant it.

On the basis of promises, the balance favours the Labor Party.

What of the execution of their promises?

Workers Can Influence Labor Government!

REMEMBER that the Q.P.P., which would be the decisive voice in deciding policy, is the Queensland Branch of Menzies' Liberal Party, the party of Australian monopoly. It is the rich city interests which decide the policy of the Q.P.P. and the rich rural interests which decide the policy of the Country Party. The wealthy will not permit the parties they control to endanger the present monopoly profits.

The Labor Party, on the other hand, is a product of the labor movement. While some of its important leaders are closely linked with capitalist interests, and the dominant leadership concerns itself mainly with striving to compete with the Tories in serving the capitalists, nevertheless the Labor Party is subject to considerable influence from the workers and farmers.

The undertaking of the Premier to introduce a 40-hour week bill in the first session of Parliament is direct evidence of this. So is the half promise on the price of sugar in his policy speech. The same mass pressure can and will influence the future policy of the Labor Party.

The mass of the people have much greater opportunities of influencing the Labor Party Government than a Q.P.P.-Country Party Government.

Elect Communists -- Return Labor

THE first need is to ensure the defeat of the parties of the wealthy, by defeating the candidates of the Q.P.P. and Country Party.

The next problem is how to ensure that the Labor Party Government will improve on past performances.

This will be done by putting into Parliament a core of members who are utterly devoted to the interests of the workers, farmers and middle class. This core can be guaranteed by the re-election of Fred Paterson for Bowen, and the election of his four colleagues, the Communist candidates for Baroon, Kennedy, Herbert and Tablelands.

Next, to re-elect T. Atkinson for Mundaring and G. Marriott for Bullimba. These two members were expelled from the Labor Party for being too progressive, and have vigorously supported all progressive measures, and opposed all reactionary measures in line with Fred Paterson in the last three years.

MR. PATERSON
What Communists Will Do

The election of the Communist candidates, all of whom have fully proved their devotion to the interests of the people in the past, will be a guarantee that the voice of the people will find expression on the floor of Parliament.

They will support the Labor Government on all vital issues where their support is necessary to put through progressive measures, or to ensure defeat of the Opposition.

They will bring forward measures and amendments in the interests of the masses independently, a process which has resulted in considerable improvements in Labor Party legislation in the past three years. With their numbers increased, they will be able to do much more. By their presence, the progressive wing within the Labor Party will be strengthened, and they will be assisted in defeating the bad elements in the leadership of the Labor Party.

Barnes Copies Hitler’s Methods

Barnes, basing himself on methods copied from Hitler and Goebbels, by appealing to the most degraded and selfish sentiments of the human race, aims to win the support of sections of the middle class, farmers and workers who have become discontented with the policies of the Tory and Labor parties and to win enough seats to hold the balance of power.

Success for this element in the elections would be a tragedy for Queensland.

The Queensland people will not advance by following the parties of the rich, nor by following the Barnes Party.

The Way Forward

The way forward is the way of struggle against the known enemies of the people. These enemies have exposed themselves for decades. Their promises change, but not their policies. They are the capitalists and landlords who back the parties of “private enterprise” fame.

They love to pose as defenders of freedom and democracy. Their forebears fought tooth and nail against the right of the propertyless to vote.

Every freedom we now possess was wrested from them with the working class in the lead, in a bitter struggle.

The march to Australian freedom, commenced at Eureka, continues. What we have won we still have to defend and extend. Nicklin, the modern champion of “freedom”, true successor of his forerunners who opposed the abolition of child labor and the 12-hour day, threatens to shock the unions who dare to fight for such things as the 40 hour week and sufficient food, clothing and shelter to rear their families in health and with a reasonable education.
Hard Won Progress

EVERY inch of progress that has been made in Australia has been fought for and won under the leadership of the labor movement. Every inch of progress that is made in the future will also be fought for and won by the labor movement with its farmers and middle class as its allies.

The spearhead of the labor movement today is the Communist Party.

It is not accidental that the Communist Party is the target for all the slanders and abuse, not only of the capitalists and landlords, but also of the Barnes Group and of some Labor Party leaders who have never known, or have forgotten what the labor movement stands for. The Communist Party is attacked by the wealthy and their friends precisely because they know it is their chief enemy.

Socialism Means Peace and Plenty

WHEN the majority of Queenslanders support the Communist Party, then Queensland will progress indeed. That day, capitalism will come to an end. That day will begin the march towards Socialism, towards the goal aimed at by the labor movement since its very beginnings a century ago.

Socialism on a world basis will mean the end of want, the end of wars, the dawn of a new era for mankind, when the fear of want will be banished, and the law of the forest will be at last no more.

But that stage is not yet reached. As yet, too many people are influenced by the lies of the daily press and by the echo of these lies by some treacherous leaders within the labor movement. The immediate question is to bring about the best election result practicable in the circumstances that exist.

The Best Result

THE best practicable result will be to elect a Government most subject to the influence of the working class. The working class is the most progressive class in the community, because it cannot improve its own position without at the same time improving the lot of all other useful sections of the people.

• Refuse to be swayed by false issues.

• In Bowen, Barooona, Kennedy, Herbert and the Tableland, elect the Communist candidate. In Munduburra and Bullimba, elect Aikens and Marriott.

• In all other electorates, vote for the official candidate of the Labor Party.

• Follow up your vote by building the fighting unity of the working class and by rallying the farmers and middle class around it.

This unity will guarantee, in action, that the next Labor Government will, under the pressure of the united people, carry through a progressive policy.

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