

IN COUNTRY

PATERSON

Fred Paterson, Communist candidate for Bowen, will broadcast from the Caledonian Hall, Ayr, on Tuesday, 29th inst., from 9 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Tremendous interest was shown over Paterson's broadcast from the same station during the Federal elections. Notes of appreciation were received from as far south as Toowoomba and north to Mt. Mulligan.

Make sure you listen in to Queensland's premier speaker on that date. Even Paterson's bitterest opponents are forced to admit that this champion of the useful people, is one of Australia's most brilliant and accomplished speakers.

Those who are unable to attend the Caledonian Hall, Ayr, on that night, should listen in to an hour and a half's advocacy of the cause of the useful people, by one of their finest advocates.

UNEMPLOYED MOVE

TOWARDS ORGANISATION

To Improve Their Lot

A meeting of unemployed was moderately attended on Sunday, February 27, in Meatworkers' Hall, Townsville. Officers and Committee were elected. A number of items were discussed, and it was decided to endeavor to secure better conditions for the unemployed, chiefly: Extra day's work, milk and material free for school children, reduced rates for public housing, etc. The attitude of unions to the Japanese boycott was also endorsed. A committee will operate on the matter in hand. Meetings will be held every second Sunday morning at 10 a.m., commencing March 13, and all unemployed are invited to attend. It is hoped advantage will be taken of these opportunities to assist in bettering conditions. Meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

(Contributed)

COMMUNIST PARTY

ELECTION FUND

North Queensland Sub-District Committee hereby acknowledge the following amounts raised for the election fund:

	£	s	d
Hughenden	1	0	0
Collinsville	31	4	6
Ingham	11	0	0
Stewson and Pt. Douglas	18	12	0
Bowen	9	4	3
MacKay	11	7	3
Tully	7	15	4
Mt. Marlow	1	14	0
Innisfail	15	14	0
Townsville	17	0	1
Ayr	3	7	6
Mt. Isa	1	10	0
Trinidad	1	15	0
Home Hill	3	13	6
Winton	2	0	0
Total	£141	4	2

A. Robinson, Secretary.

STATE ELECTIONS

BIG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Will Assist Communists

Nine's supporters of the Communist Party met in the Blue Bird Hall, Innisfail, on March 8, and unanimously endorsed the candidature of Jack Henry for the Herbert electorate. A good campaign committee to work for his election was formed.

Mr. J. Wells was elected chairman, and Mr. E. Ellis secretary. This body will do secretarial service for the Communist Party in the coming election.

TOWNSVILLE.

About fifty Communist Party members and supporters attended a meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall, on Thursday night to discuss plans for the coming election.

The candidature of A. Robinson for Townsville, was heartily endorsed. Various committees were formed and plans laid. A strong campaign will be run in Townsville, as in other electorates.

FARMERS VICTORY

CAIRNS

RECLAMATION AT SHOW GROUNDS

The Cairns Show Grounds have been enlarged to the extent of thirty acres. When this land is properly reclaimed we will have one of the best sports reserves in the State. The Parramatta Park Committee should endeavor to get more land at the western end of the reserve so that in time the race-course could be laid out in the Park. This would be a tremendous advantage.

MORE WORK!

Jack O'Keefe would be well advised to press for more works to be started in his electorate. The unemployed have been living on promises and angels' food for too long. Their patience will not last for ever.

A CLIMB DOWN!

One of the heads of the Railway Department was put in his place last week. This gentleman suspended a shunter for no adequate reason, but had to climb down when the case went before the district superintendent. We understand that the shunter was off his days and is claiming pay for those days. Railway men should see that this man is paid for time lost through red tape.

THE MAN WHO COLLECTED.

Two locals decided to have a flutter at the dogs, and went with the intention of following the big punters. After chasing the money for some time, one of them noticed a chap who collected from every bookmaker in the ring. This was the joker they had been seeking, and had missed. So they dogged him everywhere till just before the next race, when one of them inquired from a friend who this big winner was. "That's Tom Byrne, the secretary of the club," they were told. Tom had been collecting the bookies' fees.

LABOR DAY CELEBRATIONS.

The Cairns T. and L. Council has the arrangements well in hand for the suitable recognition of Labor Day—the day of the workers of all countries. In previous years Cairns has been well behind other towns in this celebration, but this year it will be different. All credit is due to the sturdy spirits who determined to make this year's Labor Day an outstanding one in the history of Cairns. An announcement will be made later as to what form the celebrations will take. We understand that the committee has found a considerable amount of support. Every worker in Cairns should make up his mind that this year Cairns will have the finest display of working class loyalty in Queensland. In the face of reaction now is the time for workers to show their solidarity.

CREDIT DUE TO COMMITTEE.

The Cairns Amateur Swimming Club hold a swim every Friday night. Every class of swimmer is provided for, and the energetic committee conduct the swim in a capable manner. All of this work is voluntary, and these men and women deserve all the support Cairns people can give them.

SEWERAGE SCHEME.

Surveyors are busy mapping out the city for the proposed sewerage scheme. It will be a Red Letter Day for Cairns when it has a sewerage.

BREAKING REGULATIONS.

The manner in which food is carried round the city makes one wonder what the health inspector is doing with his time. Fish is taken from the freezers to the fish shops in open baskets. Meat and bread is exposed to the dust on the tops of carts, and boys carry cakes and pies in uncovered baskets. In all this public health is being disregarded. This matter needs instant attention.

SPEEDING.

Judging by the manner in which traffic regulations are disregarded by some White Car drivers one would think that they have the freedom of the road. One White Car drove past the school at not less than forty miles an hour last week. Children were coming from all directions towards the school, and this reckless fellow ignored all safety signs.

THE COMING ELECTION.

It seems that only two candidates will contest the Cairns seat. Jack O'Keefe will represent Labor, and W. Chapman the U.A.P. Although this has always been a secure Labor seat nothing should be left to chance. Communists and their supporters will throw their weight in support of the Labor candidate, and ensure his election.

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COMMUNIST POLICY

Election Campaign Opened

By Queensland Leader

Despite wet weather, which necessitated the abandoning of the open air meeting, an enthusiastic crowd packed the Rechabite Hall on Monday night, March 7, when J. C. Henry, who is contesting the Herbert, delivered his opening speech in the Campaign and outlined the Party policy in the elections.

INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

In his opening remarks Comrade Henry drew attention to the grave international situation explaining how the pro-fascist foreign policy of the British Government was violating every democratic principle by throwing overboard all pretence of support for collective security, and was actually assisting the war-like fascist powers in their wars of extermination against the people of Spain and China. The Lyons-Pagge Government, supported by the wealthy capitalist interests in Australia, were in accord with the British foreign policy which is leading the Empire and Australia into war.

A complete alteration of taxation policy: Abolition of the Unemployed Relief Tax: Net incomes of £300 per year and less to be entirely free from taxation, and a more steeply graduated tax to be levied upon all net incomes of over £300 per year.

ABOLISH ORDERS IN COUNCIL.

The Communist Party also advocated the abolition of Government by Order-In-Council and the repeal of all legislation which restricted the democratic rights and liberties of the people among which were: The penal provisions of the Arbitration Act, the secrecy clauses of the Cane Prices Act and other similar legislation.

POWER BEHIND COUNTRY PARTY.

The same people who are reaping enormous profits as a result of the industrial revival and refused to grant the just demands of the workers and unemployed, and held the farmers and the small business people in their financial clutches—these who stood as a bar to progress and a better life for the useful people—where the power behind the United Australia Party and the Country Party. If the interests of the people are to be advanced the power of the financial oligarchy must be broken and the representatives of the rich exploiters must be defeated in the present elections.

FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY.

It was also necessary to link the struggle for a better life for the useful people in this State with the Campaigns to render still further aid to the Government forces in Spain, the boycott of Japanese goods as a means of aiding the Chinese people, and to rally support for the Waterside Workers in the noble action they are taking in refusing to load war materials for Japan.

The workers and people of Innisfail have much to be proud of because their wonderful response to the Spanish Relief Fund, and also because a number of workers from the district are today in Spain, with the International Brigade, fighting on the side of democracy against fascist barbarism.

POWERFUL LABOR MOVEMENT NEEDED.

To advance the interests of the workers, farmers and middle class, it is necessary to build a powerful and united labor movement. Only a determined labor movement united for common action will be strong enough to stand up to the power of the big financial institutions and at the same time bring about a change in the present weak kneed policy of the right wing leadership of the Labor Party.

FARMERS BEING DECEIVED BY RICH.

A strong virile labor movement could win to its leadership the farmers and small business people who to-day were disappointed with Labor and were being misled by the representatives of the rich. That this could be done was evident by the position in Victoria where the Country Party had broken with the Federal Country Party led by Mr. Page, because the farmers that supported it, could see that the policy followed by the federal leadership was opposed to their interests.

REVOLT IN U.A.P.

In Queensland a number of the U.A.P. branches in the middle class suburbs of Brisbane have been disfranchised in the selection of candidates to contest the present elections. This came about because of the revolt of the rank and file members of the U.A.P. against the extreme reaction of the leadership.

PROTESTANT LABOR.

In explaining the demand of the Communist Party for a public inquiry into the religious sectarian preference in the public service the speaker drew attention to the menace presented to the labor movement by the formation of the so-called Protestant Labor Party. It was very noticeable that no Protestant U.A.P. or Country Party had been formed. The Protestant Labor was not concerned about the economic problems confronting the toilers but was concentrating all its energies upon stirring up sectarian strife and endeavoring to incite the people against each other and against the Labor Party on religious grounds.

OUTFIT WAS OUT TO DIVIDE THE LABOR MOVEMENT.

This outfit was out to divide the labor movement, prevent the workers from winning their demands and to smash the Labor Party at this critical period when unity is so essential. The leaders of the Protestant Labor Party were trying to capitalize the discontent of the people against the weakness in the policy of the present leadership of the Labor Party and were charging the Labor Party leadership and the Government with giving undue concession to the Hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church and to members of the R.C. Church in Government service.

OPEN INQUIRY.

An open public inquiry into these charges and serious allegations was the only way to clear up this disruptive strife. No one who is honest could object to such an inquiry, for no honest person would stand for either dishonest practice, or willful lying accusations.

REVITALISE LABOR PARTY.

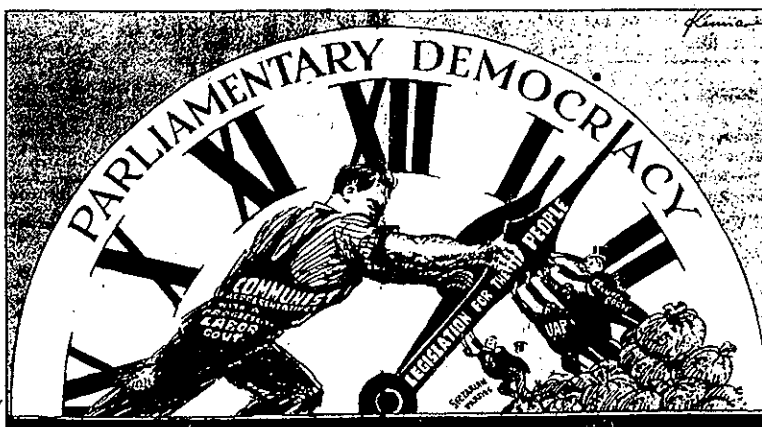
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The very enthusiastic gathering were impressed by the clearness and directness of both speakers; a precision of explanation that left no stone unturned to make certain that every tendency to doubt the practicability and the truth of the party's policy and analysis would be dispelled in the minds of the audience.

Many questions were satisfactorily answered by both speakers.

DON'T LET THEM HOLD BACK THE CLOCK!



PUSH ON WITH A PEOPLE'S PROGRAMME.

DOUG OLIVE

Makes Strong Appeal

For Unity Of Action

Communist Party taxation plan would hit those who could afford to pay, would transfer the financial burden from the backs of the small farmer, etc., to the backs of the wealthy, and would make industry "afford" the 40-hour week to the workers in industry. Numerous figures quoted proved undoubtedly that these and other economic reforms advocated by the Communist Party could be granted by taxing the profits of industry and still leave the capitalists breathing space.

PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY FASCIST DICTATORSHIP.

Comrade Paterson said that our economic standards depended on our political liberties. An example of what was meant was given by the facts on economic life in Germany, where long forced living standards followed directly after the coming of fascism to power in that country. In Australia, and in Queensland, our political liberties are being stealthily attacked by the ever greater power which governments are investing in boards and orders-in-council. He quoted the Transport Act, which gave the Transport Board unlimited power, and which could say: "We do what we like, and you have no redress."

Repressive legislation and orders-in-council were hitting directly at our democratic liberties. In this regard it was vital that the people's confidence be restored in Parliament, because to-day it was a fight between Parliamentary Democracy and Fascist Dictatorship!

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HERBERT

Election Meetings

J. C. HENRY, Communist Candidate for the Herbert, in the State

COMMUNIST CONTENTION.

The endorsed Communist Party candidate for Mundubberra, Mr. D. Olive, addressed a large crowd at Grubb and Foot's corner on Tuesday night. The speaker put forward a strong case for the 40 hours week. He said it was the only answer to the application of science and speed-up to industry.

The sugar industry afforded an excellent example of the effect of modern technique on the working class. Fourteen years ago sugar mills in Queensland produced approximately 1,000,000 tons of sugar; to-day 4,000,000 tons per year are produced with 400 less workers employed in the mills.

FARMERS AND WORKERS.

The opponents of the 40-hour week used the cry that the man on the land would be ruined. They endeavored to drive a wedge between the workers and the farmers, between whom no natural hostility existed or could exist. Hostility was only created by the rich, who realised it was in their interests to maintain a split between those useful sections of the producers. The rich realised that once the worker and the farmer united on common ground it was going to be difficult for them.

WAGE INCREASE INSUFFICIENT.

A point in the Communist Party programme, the speaker continued, was for an increase in the basic wage to meet the rising cost of living. They received an increase of 4 in the basic wage last year when it was definitely proved the cost of living had risen 14. Every housewife in the district knew that since then the rise in the price of two essential commodities—meat and butter—neutralised the 4-rise.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Communist Party called for the extension of Public Works to make full-time work for the unemployed; for the total abolition of the Relief Tax, which, he stated, was part of the Pro-

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PREFERENCE VOTES

DO COUNT

So Use Them

We are advised there is considerable doubt as to the question of preference voting in the State election.

The Elections Act provides that the voter may choose whether he exercises the preference or not. In either case the vote is formal, and it will be counted. The following are the relevant portions of the Act—

Clause 61—(1) The elector, having received a ballot paper shall, in one of the compartments provided for the purpose, subject to the provisions relating to contingent voting, mark his ballot paper by placing the figure 1 in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom he votes in the first instance and shall make no other mark or writing thereon, and shall forthwith fold up the paper in such manner as will conceal the name of the candidate and deposit it in the ballot box in the presence of the presiding officer.

Clause 65—(1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, an elector may, if he thinks fit, indicate on his ballot paper any candidate or candidates, rather than the candidate for whom he votes in the first instance, for whom he desires his vote to be counted in the event of the candidate for whom he votes in the first instance, not receiving an absolute majority of votes; and, if he indicates more than one such candidate, may indicate in order in which he desires that his vote shall be counted for any such candidate.

Clause 66—(2) The vote of every elector who has voted for a candidate shall be counted for that one (if any) of the two remaining candidates for whom he has indicated in the manner aforesaid that he desires his vote to be counted.

PREFERENCE COUNT.

The foregoing clauses of the Act show clearly that the elector may vote plain No. 1, or 1, 2, or 1, 2, 3, and in all cases his preference vote will be counted in the event of the candidate he votes No. 1 not being in the first two at the count.

We particularly ask all Communist voters in Townsville, Herbert, Tablelands, Mundubberra, and Bowen electorates, to use the preference by voting No. 2 for the Labor candidate.

NOTICE

A most unfortunate incident occurred at the opening meeting of the Labor Party's campaign in Townsville. An old man had climbed onto the stage to make an explanation and was conversing with the chairman when he was taken unawares from behind and hurled onto the concrete floor of the theatre by Burns, the A.W.U. Organiser.

Due to lack of space, we regret that our report of the proceedings has been unavoidably left over until next week.

F. Paterson
Will Broadcast

from
CALEDONIAN HALL, AYR.

BOWEN MEETING

POINTS FROM

Fred Paterson's Speech

F. Paterson opened the Communist

campaign in Bowen in the Tivoli

theatre on Sunday, March 6. The fol-

lowing are some points from his

speech.

COMMUNISTS WANTED IN

PARLIAMENT.

He said that the people now desire Communists as their representatives in Parliament. The reason was obvious, for in the face of the present prosperity, the real position in Queensland is that the rich are growing richer, the poor getting poorer.

Mr. Paterson linked up the poverty of the workers and farmers to the same cause, that of a very weak labor party which lacked the courage to tackle the everyday problems confronting the toilers.

UNITY THE SOLUTION.

The Communist programme of unity is the solution to the immediate problems of town and country, to workers and farmers.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

Would not the 40-hour week mean more wage earning? 14/18/- too much for a family man?

Would the farmers kick at £200 a year income free of tax? Are these extraordinary demands? No, they are demands of decent men. The Communist Party says it is not sufficient to put forward these demands, they have to be realised.

The introduction of the machine was responsible for unemployment. If hours were to be reduced in relation to advancement of machinery, more money would go into the pockets of the workers. But at present the gifts of machines means £274 a day to Knox and the like, and according to income tax reports, there are eight people in Queensland drawing £300 per week. For the worker it means taxation and unemployment and poverty. The life of the farmers is a continual nightmare of mortgages and crop liens.

STRENGTHEN LABOR PARTY.

The Communist Party says relief tax must be abolished, and relief work replaced by public works, in order to provide full time work for unemployed. Those who derive most from the production must be made to put the most in for public works.

The Government must be strengthened, to be courageous enough to legislate in the interests of the producers, the useful people, and to make the rich pay. In pointing out the definite trend of the Queensland Government to give power to boards and committees, Mr. Paterson said that this back door dictatorship must cease. Government by Order-In-Council must be abolished, and power to make laws be continued to elected representatives in Parliament.

EXTEND DEMOCRACY.

The aim of the Communist Party is to extend democracy and organise for a real