BIG INCREASE IN COMMUNIST VOTE

LABOR VOTE EXCEEDS V.C.P.-U.A.P. TOTAL

Workers' Unity Still Keen To Defeat Of Reaction

Three things stand out sharply from the statement of the union result:

(1) The greatly increased vote for the Communist Party.
(2) The wide gap between party votes and seats gained.
(3) A united front of the Labor movement is needed to win the leadership of the people. This is clear from the support given to the Labor Party.

The Communist vote (in present figures) of more than 15,000 has increased approximately four times since the last election. It would have been bigger if workers in the Armistice Forces and the A.G.A. had been fully mobilised.

The combined Labor-Communist-Socialist vote—53,239—was greater than the total Country Party vote, 53,210. The V.C.P.-A.G.A. will have 44 seats, 22 of which are in the country, but Labor's glaring disparity exists between the Country, 27, and Melbourne, 1,634.

Miss Bertha Laidler's vote at Richmond is a striking indication of the increasing numbers of workers in the Communist Party. She has been a successful candidate in Richmond for Miss Laidler, Labor, 3,281; A.G.A., 2,132; Labor, 1,465; country, 908. The Labor vote is now a promise of good support for the forthcoming Federal elections.

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The political committee of the Communist Party has decided to endorse the proposal of the Communist International for the adoption of unity in the Labor Party with all Party candidates.

In view of the great difficulties which would be involved in reconvening the recently re-elected National Congress, it was also decided that all Party Branches would endorse the proposal of the Labor Party with all Party candidates.

The basis for discussion will be the communique of the Labor Party, published in the last issue of the Union Bulletin.

The general secretary of the Communist Party of Australia (Mr. George Dimitrov) has issued a cable to the general secretary of the Communist International in Moscow: "Forward, Secretaries Comintern.

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