LABOR UNITY SPELLS VICTORY

WHY COMMUNIST PARTY SEeks A.L.P. AFFILIATION

The Australian Communist Party has written to the Australian Labor Party asking for affiliation.

The letter to the A.L.P. Federal Executive stresses that a Labor government would strengthen the whole of the Labor Movement, unite more closely all supporters of the Federal and State Labor Governments, and help to realise the aims of the Curtin Ministry for victory and post-war reconstruction.

Lord Mayor Thanks Communists

The Secretary of the Communist Party has received the following letter from the Lord Mayor of Melbourne:

"Dear Sir,

Will you kindly convey to the President and Members of the Victorian State Committee of the Communist Party of Australia my sincere appreciation of their ready response to the Rush Fire Relief Fund by forwarding me a cheque for £20. I have caused it to be sent to the unfortunate sufferers in the devastated area.

Yours sincerely,

T. S. Nettlefold
Lord Mayor"

EDITORIAL

AUSTRALASIA MOVES TO FULL NATIONHOOD

Australia and New Zealand have grown to nationhood. This is the meaning of the new Australia-New Zealand agreement.

The agreement shows that the two Dominions have become less dependent on Imperial Britain and that they want to limit the plans of certain very independent politicians in the U.S.A.

The Australian Labor Party in history was to establish an "independent nationhood." The Australia-New Zealand agreement shows how far the two Dominions have gone in their own way.

They declare in Article 16 that: "construction and use of naval, military and air installations... does not in itself affect any basis for territorial claims."

They pledge themselves to act in concert with other freedom-loving nations for the winning of the war and the peace. They declare their desire to join the "international organisation referred to in the Moscow Declaration of October, 1943."

This proves once again that the present war has killed the old "Isolation policy" of the Australian Labor Party.

Nothing is said in the agreement about the rights of the Indian and Chinese people, other than for the New Guinea and Australian territories. The agreement is not to affect the influence of Imperialism and national freedom.

The Labor Movement must fight against these views and aim to give all the combined influence of Australia and New Zealand to bring about real co-operation of all the Pacific peoples.

This is the only sound basis for peace and universal social progress in the Pacific area.

VICTORY FOR MINERS AT KORUMBURRA PITS

Korumburra coal miners will now resume work under satisfactory conditions as a result of decision of the Federal Government last week-end.

The Federal Government, which has provided £1,600, which, in addition to the previous State grant of £1,800, will be used to improve safety and ventilation in the Austral and Sunbeam mines. A new drive is to be put through the Sunbeam mine.

The State Government guaranties the wages of the Korumburra miners. In the past, the Coal Commission is to call a conference of the office of the Government, the miners' Federation and the coal owners to settle outstanding matters.

This is an important victory for the first coal strike, which has strangled for months to clear up unsatisfactory conditions which would have made continued production at Korumburra impossible.

This victory prevents the loss of an important source of coal for the war effort.

DON THOMPSON RE-ELECTED

Mr. Don Thompson has been re-elected as Secretary of the Building Trade Union at his recent election.

This is the seventh time Mr. Thompson has stood for the post since the last time he was re-elected.

The re-reelection record proves the confidence of the members of the union in Mr. Thompson's abilities.