**People's Conference To**

**Answer**

**Menzies' Threat**

The opening of the Federal Parliament on February 22 draws near, the tide of public feeling against the threatened anti-Communist ban keeps rising.

The Council for Democratic Rights has called a conference of all organisations desiring to defeat the move for February 23 in the Kelvin Hall, Colombo.

This was announced yesterday by the secretary of the council (the Rev. Frank Hartley).

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London—Sir Alexander Lamarche, chief advisor on tobacco to the Board of Trade, told a scientist's meeting on Wednesday that the price of tobacco in Australia had risen by 25%, due to the high cost of labour and fuel.

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