

The Lowe Camp Campaign



David Widdup, the acknowledged homosexual candidate for Lowe has started his campaign for Billy's seat. He has been a guest on the "Bob Rogers Show", written up in "Digger" — and the campaign has only just started.

David has been teaching in Tasmania this year and doing a Dip. Ed. He has appeared recently on "T.D.T." in Hobart and featured on the front-page of the Hobart "Saturday Evening Mercury", as a Launceston school-teacher, self-professed homosexual; a story of his election stand. This has thrown the Tas. Ed. Dept into a flap. They have known all year that David is a poofster, but while he wrote only the occasional newspaper article and was discreet they were prepared to be tolerant.

If David is told by the Tas. Ed. Dept that he is not wanted next year it will be for political reasons only. We await the decision of the Tas. Ed. Dept to see if they have been encouraged from "tolerance" to "acceptance" and public acknowledgement.

The campaign in Sydney has been

helped by some donations, which have enabled us to place advertisements in the local suburban throw-aways in Lowe and also in national newspapers. A lot more money is needed to make this an effective campaign. Members have responded to the request to help on election day but more helpers are required. There are many polling booths and these are open all day on Dec. 2nd. Helpers are also needed to hand out pamphlets and stick up posters.

The campaign is what we make it. David has been accused of being bourgeois — and what is more bourgeois than standing for Parliament against the Prime Minister as a homosexual (David that is). However, if the more "radical" members of the camp community want to hold demonstration in the electorate we welcome it. If people want to come in drag, good and if the camp electors of Lowe disguised as squares sneak into the ballot booth and "come-out" on the voting slip that's also good. Whatever way people care to help we can use this campaign to show our solidarity.