

# Organise for NO

Powers "to deal with Communism," on Mr. Menzies' own statements, would cover the whole field of preparations for war—not for defence of Australian soil because Mr. Menzies admitted that no Power threatens Australia with invasion.

Mr. Menzies claims there are "Communist" threats in the efforts of Persians to get control of their oil, the India-Pakistan conflict in Kashmir and the efforts of Kashmiris to win social reforms; in the liberation struggles of Malayans, Indo-Chinese, Indonesians, Burmese and Mid-Eastern peoples. Japanese and German Fascists are being rearmed to "deal with Communism."

There would be no limit to the sweep of powers claimed by Mr. Menzies, in domestic and foreign policy, in industry, agriculture and civil liberty, if there were a Yes majority at the Referendum.

**Menzies seeks what the Melbourne Argus called "the gun-butt on the door" legislation.**

Added to the Arbitration Amendments and the Conscription Act, the Referendum proposals and the Defence Preparations Bill would create in Australia the complete pattern of a Fascist Police State.

It would militarise and Fascise Australia for an American-run war of aggression that could only bring ruin and disaster to our people.

Through a propaganda monopoly of most daily papers and radios, through denials of halls and free speech to NO advocates, Menzies hopes to carry the Referendum as Hitler carried his "Vote Ja" plebiscites.

All Australians, whatever their class, creed or political party, should —

**Unite against fascism  
and war!**

**Organise for a NO victory!**

• As an alternative to menacing war preparations and repressions, sign the Petition for a Pact of Peace among the Five Great Powers, and the Declaration against the Rearming of Japan.

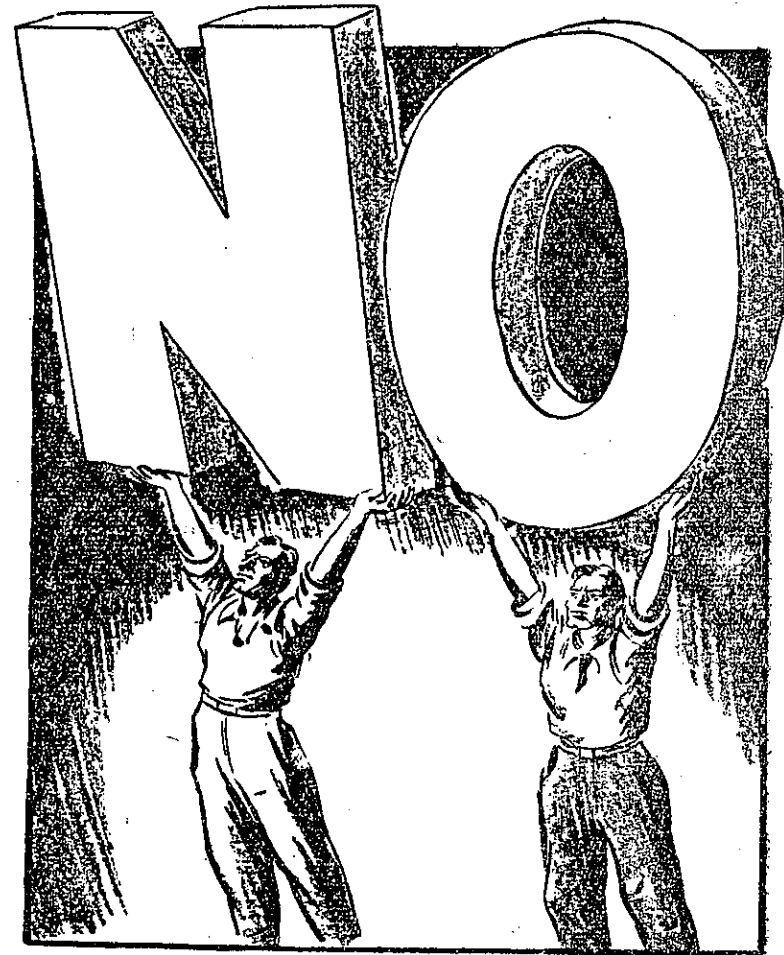
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## Homes "subversive"

If the Menzies Government decreed that it wanted all available boot leather to go for military boots instead of civilian shoes and handbags, then manufacture of shoes and handbags could be declared as "subversive" and "prejudicial to the defence of Australia." Builders of houses and offices could be declared "subversive" of Menzies Government war plans for more military and air force camps.

The Referendum not only threatens manufacturers, shopkeepers and farmers with the Fascist controls contained in the Defence Preparations Act, and with the attentions of the "thought police," but threatens the entire labor movement—the main defence of liberty and living standards—with annihilation.

## Drum-head death sentence

Dr. H. V. Evatt, eminent K.C. and former High Court Judge, pointed out in Parliament on July 11 that Mr. Menzies had said quite openly that his purpose was to "destroy Labor's political power."

"Under the Bill," he said, "he might have trade unions or Labor Parties declared illegal organisations on the grounds that they had socialist objectives."

"Passing of the Referendum would give any Government dragnet powers to create its own system of special tribunals or to have none. It could be authorised to order every Communist or Socialist found within Australia to be put to death without trial."

The definitions of "Communist" and "Socialist" would be left to those anonymous informers—"the liars, pimps and perjurers" referred to by the late Mr. Chifley—and as experience in other Police State countries teaches, could embrace liberals, Christians, advocates of peace, boycotts of high-priced goods or strikers.



Menzies wants to close Peace industries, attack your liberties. If the Menzies Government's Referendum on "Communism" is carried, then the Government will have power to implement the controls of the Defence Preparations Act.

• The Defence Preparations Act gives power to close down factories, farms, businesses and shops, to stop housing, to conscript economically both owners and workers, to make sudden swoops to grab raw materials, foodstuffs or clothing supplies, to overthrow civil liberties and trade union rights, to worsen inflation, shortages and price rises, to divert Australian food and materials for the maintenance and sustenance of countries associated with Australia in preparations for defence"— meaning principally America and no doubt the re-armed Japanese Fascist troops. Penalties under this Act are £5000 fine or two years' jail.

Those misled Australians who might be tempted to say Yes in the Referendum on "Communism," but No on the Defence Preparations powers over the bread, lives and liberties of the people, should remember that

**Both Acts are Fascist and Inseparable**

## Power to confiscate

The Australian Labor Party Federal Executive, meeting in Canberra on July 5, showed that powers granted to the Menzies Government in the Referendum on "Communism" could be used to apply the controls of the Defence Preparations Act, which eminent lawyers suggest is unconstitutional and liable to rejection by the High Court.

**The Referendum on "Communism," if carried, would give the Menzies Government Fascist powers over industry and labor, without the victims having any right of appeal to the Court.**

The Federal A.L.P. Executive branded the Menzies Government Referendum proposals as "fraudulent because they seek wider powers than are necessary to enable the Government to re-enact the Communist Party Dissolution Act.

The Federal A.L.P. Executive gave this warning which should be heeded by all manufacturers, businessmen, housewives and farmers who might be affected by anti-Communist slander inspired and organised by warmongers:

**"Under them (the Referendum proposals), property could be confiscated without inquiry by the Court, whereas existing law permits of judicial process."**