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COMMUNIST PARTY WILL FIGHT FOR LEGAL RIGHTS

Unity Can Beat Fascist Bill

The working people of Australia must be rallied to the mightiest effort in their history to defeat the fascist onslaught of the Menzies Government and big business on the rights and liberties of the people, said Mr. R. Dixon, President, Australian Communist Party.

MR. DIXON warned that no one must underestimate the danger that now threatens. He added:

If the legislation that Menzies tried to justify in a speech in which he mentioned Stalin and lied about and slandered the Communist Party is given effect, then freedom will be blown out in Australia.

This legislation is the most far-reaching attack on democratic liberties ever witnessed in this country. It will put an end to the free Labor Movement as we know it.

Thought Control

It will bring thought control and concentration camps to our country.

The trade unions will lose their independence and become mere instruments of the capitalist state, run in the interests of the employers, as in Italy and Germany under fascism.

The defence of the Communist Party is the defence of liberty, of the traditional rights and freedoms of all Australians. The defence of the Communist Party is the defence of the working class movement.

The Menzies Government is the mailed fist of the men of the trusts, of the banking, BHP, CSR and other big monopolies.

"National Betrayal"

This Government is the deadly enemy of the working class and of freedom. It is a government of national betrayal, which aims to involve our country in the war the American warmakers are planning, and to destroy our independence.

Its job is to crush the working class movement, lower standards of living and push through its war plans in the interests of American imperialism.

All Communists, all Labor Party members, in short, all workers, must frankly face the brutal reality of the Menzies fascist bill. All illusions must be swept aside.

ROLL OF DISHONOR

They Support The Fascist Bill

W. F. Sheahan, MLA
R. G. Hamilton, MLA
S. M. Keon, MHR

There Are Others, But

THE WORKERS WILL FIGHT ON

Hitler Bill Is Aimed At YOU!

CANBERRA.—Menzies' Hitler Bill is not directed against the Communist Party alone. It is also aimed at:

- Every active trade unionist.
- Every fighter for peace.
- Every woman who protests—our women have protested in the last two years—against high prices.
- Every youth who fights against being conscripted or for a decent living wage.

The Bill outlaws all the precious liberties for which decent Australians have fought and shed blood in the past.

The Bill is the most monstrous piece of legislation launched by the pro-fascist, warmongering Menzies-Collins House clique against the entire Labor Government and its supporters.

Because the public has not been told the real implications of the Bill, by either Menzies or the daily press, the Tribune presents on Page 3 a factual survey of what the Bill means to Australians and to democracy.

Mass Pressure Needed

Need For Unity

Some have doubts as to how far Menzies will go. One look at the bill would destroy these illusions.

There is no other way to defeat this bill than by powerful united working class struggle.

Let everyone understand that the Australian Communist Party cannot be dissolved by decision of the Menzies Government. We will continue to function whether we have legal status or not. Our press will continue to be published and distributed, despite government bans. This does not mean, however, that we intend to give up voluntarily one inch of our legal rights. We will fight in every means at our disposal for

every legal position.

This is the struggle that now stands ahead of the Communist Party and the working class. The fight for the legality of the party, for the rights and liberties of the workers, must be waged in the factories, workshops and streets, by propaganda, agitation and action.

The legislation of Menzies, indeed the Government itself, can be defeated by united working class struggle.

Protests are already raining in on the Government and the Labor Party from all parts of Australia, and from overseas.

But much more needs to be done.

Meetings of protest must be held everywhere.

Stoppages of work in protest at the fascist attack on the Labor Movement should be organized.

Demonstrations should be held.

We must all understand, Communists, Labor Party members and other workers, that the future of Australia as a free and independent country rests in our hands.

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Workers Uniting To Defeat Bill

The upsurge of protest against Menzies' Hitler Bill indicates it will be fought with the greatest display of mass action yet shown by the freedom-loving Australian people.

ALL sections of the community from clergymen to university students are indicating alarm at the drastic attack the bill constitutes against democratic liberty, and are joining the unions in protest.

Indications of the great upheaval the Bill will evoke among Australian workers has promptly been shown by calls for 24 hour stoppages from miners, wharfties and tally clerks.

Miners Angry

Miners have already given a foretaste of what Menzies has provoked by staging two spontaneous stoppages at Northern pits.

Central Council of the Miners' Federation is expected to underline the warning of these job rumbles with strong demands for withdrawal of the Bill when they meet this week.

The powerful Ironworkers' and Waterside Workers' Unions have denounced the Bill, and called on the ACTU Congress on May 16 to fight it with nation-wide strike action if Labor politicians fail to force its withdrawal.

At the weekend these two powerful unions sounded "hands off" warnings:

Amalgamated Engineering Union: More than 750 AEU men at a Sydney district mass meeting on Sunday declared: "We will protect our union from any attack by Menzies with all the power we possess."

Seeing the bill as a smokescreen for falling living standards, the meeting decided to move into a great counter-offensive with demands for interim marginal increases of 50 per cent extra.

Herald Scared

The Sydney Morning Herald on Monday expressed alarm at the AEU declaration. Admitting the power of the union, the Herald pointed out that a strike of key engineering men could paralyse most heavy industries.

Clerks' Union: The Clerks' Union Central Council has unanimously and unequivocally denounced the bill as an attack on democracy and free trade unionism. Council decided to:

- Send a deputation to Canberra to seek the withdrawal of the Government's legislation against democracy.
- Support the formation of a united committee for the defence of trade union independence.
- Co-operate with other unions and bodies to fight the bill through the courts to the Privy Council.

Job Protests Pour In

THESE are some of hundreds of job protests pouring into Canberra demanding that Menzies withdraw the bill and that Labor politicians stand by Labor principles and fight to see it is withdrawn:

- A central meeting of about 400 wharfties in the Sussex Street rooms denounced the legislation and called on their executive to consider an immediate protest stoppage.
- Darling Harbor tally clerks denounced the bill as a violation of fundamental human rights, warned of industrial action if their right to elect their own union officials was attacked and called on the Clerks' Union execu-

give to consider an immediate 24 hour stoppage.

after Wharfties on the Merno, Pyrmont and said the bill would hit at all workers Communist or otherwise, called on the Labor Party to use its Senate majority to throw out the bill.

- Wharfties at SS Admiral Chase, wired their protest against the legislation to Menzies and warned him to keep out of union affairs.
- A meeting of Reifern citizens at Reifern Lawson Hall protested against the Bill last Sunday night and declared it to be against the best interests of Australian workers.
- A similar meeting at 221 William Street, East Sydney, protested against the Bill and pledged full support to the May Day march for peace, and liberty.

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