The Communist Party and the Labor Party

In view of the confusion created by the many official statements handed out from time to time by the leaders of the Communist Party in relation to the Labor Party, it is necessary, in the interest of the working class, to clarify the position. At the outset, it can be pointed out that many of the statements made by the Communist Party are quite true, and from this it can be definitely established that the actions of the Communist Party are flagrantly opportunist and treacherous, especially when we consider the support rendered the Labor Party by the Communists during the last six years.

We might add that in Victoria, the Hogan Labor Government gave Police Commissioner, General Blains, a free hand in the situation, and condemned the killing of Allan Whitaker, who was shot on Port Melbourne Pier.

We are then told (p.6) that The history of the Labor Party in Parliament is a record of political degeneration ending in political bankruptcy.

Dealing with Labor Governments in Queensland the C.P. enumerates numerous hostile acts against the Trade Unions of Queensland by the Labor Party: the use of armed police against striking meat workers at Townsville; reductions of wage imposed on civil servants by the Theodore Labor Government; attacks on railway workers, waterfront workers, and others. The shooting dead of Jack Hynes while on picket duty in 1927. 18,000 railway workers were sacked because they refused to scab on striking sugar workers.

Yet, and note well, L. L. Sharkey, President of the C.P. confesses on page 50 (A Free World Without Violence) (July, 1945), "Our policy in regard to the Australian Labor Party is a United Front to fight for common aims and to advance the workers' interests."

That the Communist Party can have "common aims" with such a Labor Party reflects the treachery and anti-working character of the Communist Party.

Again, on page 15 ("Towards a Workers' Government") we find the following indictment:

"The Labor Party has consistently betrayed the workers while occupying the Government benches ... this definitely alloying itself with the capitalist class."

So the so-called Communist Party wants a united front with the treacherous Labor Party which, on its own admission, is allied with the capitalist class. Apparently, all the condemnation of the Labor Party and its leaders is so much hot-water intended to delude unsuspecting workers in a vote-catching campaign. Further, when the C.P. talked of "regulating the united front with the A.L.P.," it was lying, a fact borne out by Sharkey's statement, "Our policy with regard to the A.L.P. is a united front."

PREWAR POLICY AND THE A.L.P.

A party that panders to political ignorance truckles to popular prejudices, and engages in emotional outbursts must inevitably expose itself to ridicule with (Continued on page 2, col. 1)
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What Capitalists Really Think of Nationalisation

Under the heading, "Two Sides to British Nationalisation," the Melbourne Communist, No. 28/3, 1941, publish the following:

"Two sides to British Nationalisation" by Sydney Day

The paper in the case of a worker who has a different view of the work to be done..." The conclusion is: "While..."...we will be left to the discretion of the small and..."

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UNREST IN THE TOWNS

Right-wing observers, who had initially reported that they prosperity and nationalisation might be fulfilled, were later said to have been disheartened by the phenomenal losses sustained by the Labour Governments in the towns.

Actually, industries for which they had nationalised have been done very well.

Coal shares, Bank of England shares, and road transport shares are all shown on the forefront of nationalisation.

One of the aims of the Labour party was to foster the nationalisation of heavy industry, and it succeeded in doing so.

Some artificial legs: Real Prices

We have all heard the familiar cry: "What will we do with a Broken Nation?" But now they are saying "What will they do with a nationalised country?" The American people have asked, "What will they do with a nationalised country?"

It is not from America that artificial legs made in Government orthopaedic workshops are sent to the world, but from the British Isles. For this, the American Government is responsible.

Even in the "most advanced country in the world," the production of artificial legs is far from negligible.

Not only in India, where land of staggering wealth and abundant cheap labour is the home of the British Empire, but also in the "most advanced country in the world," the production of artificial legs is far from negligible.

CALCUTTA SLUMS AND MR. CASEY

In India, a party which claims to be liberal and advanced, has been brought to heel by the economic conditions of the country. The British Government has found it necessary to impose certain restrictions on the activities of the party.

Of course, the "citizens" were "socialists," and the "nationalists" were "liberals." Everyone in India is aware of the struggle between the British and the "nationalists." The British have discovered that certain restrictions on the activities of the party are necessary.

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WORKING SOCIALIST PARTY OF U.S.—
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The Doctor Prescribes Sedatives

Communist candidate for Williams-
town, Dr. Dobbin, put forward a pro-
gram of no less than twenty-four re-
forms, from a forty-hour, five-day week
to deep-sea fishing for sunshine pre-
vention bodies. However, after his
lengthy list of reforms this statement is-
made: "Our problems can only be sol-
vated when all the resources of the
country are owned by the people,
that is, when our aim of Socialism is
realised!" If Socialism is the only solu-
tion, why mislead the working class
with reforms which, when achieved,
still leave the working class wage slaves.
Doctor? Vote Bat.

Cheap

After the working class of world have
starved, sweated, and slaughtered in the
interests of their masters, Lady Astor
showed her appreciation recently. Ac-
cording to the Melbourne "Sun," 12/12/43, Lady Astor presented the
H.M.A.S. Australia with an antique sil-
ver tray "as a small tribute to the war
services of the ship's company during
the second World War.

Simon Huxley, in "The M.P.," esti-
mates the Astor fortune at £15,000,000 in
America (p. 161). Cheap insurance!

Capitalism is the Wages System

The December Communist Review
quotes from "Value, Price and Profits"
by Marx, wherein Marx shows the need
for the working class to resist the en-
croachment of the capitalist class. What
was not quoted was Marx's conclusion:
"They (trade unions) fail generally from
limiting themselves to a guerrilla war
against the effects of the present
system, instead of simultaneously try-
ing to change it, instead of using their
organised forces as a lever for the final
emancipation of the working class-
that is to say, the ultimate abolition
of the wages system." P. 105.

It is realised that had this been
quoted the Communist Party would have
required reams of paper to explain the
existence of the wages system in Russi.

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Socialist Manifesto (S.P. of
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