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# FIRST COMMUNIST M.L.A.: PATERSON WINS BOWEN

By making Alderman F. W. Paterson, B.A., the first Australian Communist member of Parliament, the electors of Bowen (Queensland), made history last Saturday.

Mr. Paterson's success is a major victory in the cause of unity and a blow to reactionaries and anti-Soviet disruptors.

THESE points are brought out in a statement issued by General Secretary J. B. Miles on behalf of the Central Committee of the Australian Communist Party, which reads:

The electors of Bowen, Queensland, have made history; they have elected the first Communist member of an Australian parliament.

Comrade Paterson's success is a tribute to his fearless championship of the interests of the common people, the sugar workers and farmers, the coalminers, waterside workers and railmen, the professional workers and small business people of the towns.

The election of a member of the Australian Communist Party to the Queensland Parliament is a result of several years' effort to win leadership of the toiling people by the State Committee of our Party, and the Party organisations in the area.

The electors have become familiar with, and supporters of, the policy of the Communist Party, its local leaders and banner bearer, Comrade Paterson.

## A.C.P.'s Consistent Record

By their action at the polling booths the electors have sent into the Queensland House a member of the most consistently anti-fascist party; the Party that has persistent-



LES SULLIVAN, Ninth Div. who polled well in Herbert.

defended democratic liberties and the living standards of the working people; the Party whose members are devoted to victory in the present war of liberation.

Comrade Paterson will utilise his position and the privileges that go with it to carry forward the policy of the Australian Communist Party; national and international unity for victory, the strengthening of the unity and plans for victory and peace decided on at Tehran, Moscow and Cairo.

## Big Aid To Labor Unity

The campaign of the Communist Party for unity of the Labor movement, for affiliation of our Party to

fluence of our Party and its rapid organisational growth in recent years.

It is in keeping with Australian conditions that substantial influence in trade unions should find a reflection in the parliamentary sphere.

The people of Queensland, even of the whole country, will experience what a Communist M.P. can do as a tribune of the people, what use can be made of parliament for the immediate struggle and the Socialist objective of the Communist Party and the Labor movement.

## Heavy Blow To Reaction

Our opponents of the capitalist class and of the Right wing of the Labor Party will also have cause to regard the 1944 Queensland elections as important for their policy and their future.

The Labor Party disruptors face the fact that a representative of labor unity, an advocate of Communist Party-Labor Party unity, is now an M.P.

The anti-Soviet reactionaries of all kinds face the fact that a consistent friend of U.S.S.R., a champion of collective security and alliance between Australia and the Soviet Union, is an M.P.

The monopolists face the fact that one who stands for transition to Socialism after victory is won is an M.P.

Having broken through, our Party can confidently look forward to future successes in parliamentary and local elections.

## Shows How We Can Win

Election of a colleague or two for Comrade Paterson, and success in other States and in the Federal sphere in the near future, depend mainly on the work of our members in the localities and factories, on presenting openly and clearly to the electors the policy and programme of our Party, and on the selection of suitable candidates who work in the area on behalf of the people and become known to them as Communists and their champions.

Comrade Paterson has been known to the people of Bowen as a propagandist for our Party, as an able man in his profession and as a municipal councillor.

All our organisations in discussing the Bowen result must draw suitable conclusions for their own area about mass work carried out in the name of the Party, and participation regularly and over long periods in activities on behalf of the people of the electorate by prospective Party candidates.



FRED PATERSON, first Communist M.L.A., is a Rhodes Scholar, barrister, athlete and ex-Digger.

## Editorial

# They Talk Of Free Speech

NEWSPAPER events of last week-end have no more to do with the principle of free speech than Tojo's war has to do with prosperity of east Asia.

The High Court is to determine on charges of censorship breaches brought by the Commonwealth against the papers.

But the workers made up their minds very long ago that capitalist press magnates are the last people on earth with the right to talk about free speech.

They know what the "Herald" and "Telegraph" said when democratic liberties of working-class bodies were trampled in the mire.

Imagine New Guardist Capt. Harrison, who never speaks except to damn some worthwhile cause, quoting Voltaire on freedom!

Menzies and Weaver, too.

Not free speech, but the growing strength of the Labor movement is the real political issue!

The reaction fears the extending influence of the Com-

# Second Front Believed Near

LONDON.—Britain's drastic and unprecedented ban on the exit of foreign diplomats has raised Second Front expectations to new heights.

It is coupled with revelations that the Red Army which has maintained an unbroken advance since last July, has yet another vast army ready for the biggest offensive to date, when the British and Americans move.

Shattering Soviet victories in the past week have increased the possibility of an early end to the war in Europe.

The Crimea has been overrun at a pace which has left enemy critics and allied friends gasping.

## Race Through Mountains

The mechanised forces of Generals Tolbukhin and Yezemenko raced through mountains and long-prepared Nazi fortifications, as though they were still on the level steppe.

(Herald and Bulletin critics who contended that Hitler's Command was conducting a "planned retreat" look as foolish as they did when Zhukov and Koniev burst the Dniester and Pruth barriers in record time.)

## Watch On Poles

Britain's closer control on foreign diplomats is seen as a necessary precaution against the anti-Soviet Polish and Yugoslav emigre "govern-

ment" whose opposition to the democratic cause is notorious. Representatives of the previous pro-Nazi Governments in the Baltic Republics are still recognised by the Foreign Office and have diplomatic privileges.

## West Front Denuded

The Soviet Information Bureau reveals that German divisions are still being switched from the western front to hold up the Red Army's advance.

This contradicts the Nazi propaganda assertion, eagerly supported by the British Tory and Munich press, that the transfer is taking place in the opposite direction.

Tremendous losses have been caused to the Tenth German Tank Division recently arrived on the Soviet-German front from France," says the Soviet Information Bureau's message.

More than 300 Hitlerites were wiped out and 28 tanks and self-propelled guns and armored vehicles destroyed on April 15.

## Aussies' Win

Australia's victory at Bogadjim (northern New Guinea) was worthy of the highest Digger traditions.

It is already being cited to encourage British and Allied troops contending with the Japs in the Burmese jungle.

It is another pointer to Second Front troops and their officers that boldness brings results.

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## U.S. Negro Girl In Production Post

NEW YORK.—The first woman in America to become a full-time, official of a joint production committee in a war plant is a young negro girl, Edith Schemberg. This girl also runs her own home and is the mother of two children.

## Kharkov Trial Yields Results

The Kharkov trial has had a big effect on German soldiers. News has reached England that many have been executed for refusing to obey commands to commit atrocities, says Reynolds News.



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