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15 COMMUNISTS FOR VICTORIAN FEDERAL SEATS

The Communist Party will fight the Federal elections with a record number of candidates, including 15 in Victoria," Mr. Ralph Gibson, State President of the

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"Communist Senate teams will dand in all States, thus making bossible a strong nation-wide ambaign and a full estimate of the Communist Party on a national scale.
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PRICES

Newport Powerhouse workers are ready to take direct stop-work action with other unions to force back price levels.

A lunch-hour meeting on Tuesday decided this after hearing Rail Union Secretary J. J. Brown. In a resolution the workers:

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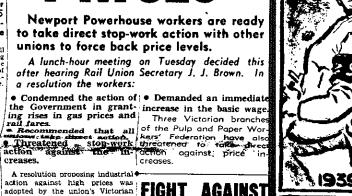
A resolution proposing industrial action against high prices was adopted by the union's Victorian executive, and forwarded to the Premier (Mr. Hollway) and to Mr.

Cain. Opposition leader. The Newport meeting decided to make common cause with SEC workers who also work at the powerhouse.

T.H.C. CONDEMNED

After Mr. Brown had explained the spiliting tactics of the Trades Hail Council executive the meeting carried another resolution condemning the THO for its inactivity in the campaign for higher wages and lower prices and called on it to readmit the suspended militant delegates.

A mighty wave of protest is mounting in opposition to the Hollway Government which is blatantly authorising price increases at the behest of its big business masters.



FIGHT AGAINST

From now on the Com-ned Unions' Committee will meet weekly to step up the struggle against the splitting tactics of the Right Wing Trades Hall Council executive.

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A spokesman for the Committee yesterday ridiculed the suggestion that the Committee was a breakway group.

"Suspended unions on the Committee want to get back on the Committee want to get back on the Committee has functioned in all important struggles over the past three years, so it is not new. The way back to the Council is to expose the spitting moves of the THG executive and to show the workers how these moves help the boss to resist the trade union movement's demand for higher wages and lower prices," he concluded.





THE SPLITTERS French Workers Rally T Defend Leaders

From RUPERT LOCKWOOD

LONDON.—French workers are preparing defensive action to prevent attempts to gaol Communist Party leaders Maurice Thorez and Marcel Cachin, and to frame other workers' leaders as "spies" for refusing to support aggression against France's ally, and refusing to surrender France's independence.

The General Confederation of Labor, embracing the vast majority of unionists, threatens mass action if the Government lays action it the Government lays hands on Thorez, L'Humanite's pub-lisher Cachin, or Deputy Florimond Bonte, as threat-

Interior Minister Moch's police are raiding union and newspaper offices and private homes. Ramadier, Daladier, Gaullists and other Rightists sponsored by the Americans, want the whole Central Committee of the French Communist Party tried.

Some demand the outlawing of the party—"the party of the exe-cuted" (so-called from the fact that 75,000 French Communists lost their lives in the Resistance.)

The ground of the threatened prosecution of Cachin is the orinting in L'Humanite three months ago of the solemn pledge: "The people of France shall never make war against the Soviet Union."

The ground of the threatened prosecution against Thorez is a speech, widely misquoted by press and radio. His actual words were:

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"If the common efforts of all liberty loving, neace - loving Frenchmen do not succeed in bringing our country into the camp of democracy and peace, if as a result our people are dragged against their will into a war against their will into a war against their will into a war against the Soviet and if under these conditions the Soviet Army, defending the cause of Socialism, was led to phraue aggressors right on to our soil, could the workers of France behave differently toward the Soviet Army than the workers and people of Foland, Rumania, Yugoslavia and so on?"

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prices by up to 30 per without wage cuts or a ployment.

Meanwhile, in the US an shail "Aided" countries of unemployment is soaring, are being cut and the princessities remain high.

In Moscow on Monday mier Stalin signed a sharply reducing the prifood, clothing, household and other goods ranging tobacco and urink to plant television sets.

This means a big rise real wages of Soviet citizes there is no question of unement or wage cuts.

This is in distinct contraction the United States where the United States where the United States where the Judges of the United States. From 1, over 270,000 employes of rail Motors suffered cuts-weekly and further cuts a tain to follow.

In Belgium, most "Mared" of all West European tries, unemployment rose 37.271 at the end of 1947, staggering total of 2.552 the end of 1948.

Western Germany, unempliamped by 201, 303 in Jampass the 1,000,000 mark.

Numbers of Jobless are I ing rapidly in Italy 2,500,000), France, Del Switzerland and Finland.

arty Launches

THE Communist Party in Victoria has launched

a £20,000 fighting fund. When plans to launch the fund were announced at the last meeting of the State Committee of the Party, members pledged themselves to give more

Most of the Committee are Party functionaries on

If this flying start is maintained, the fund should fill rapidly. It will

officially open next month and close in September.

Director of the Fund (Mr. Bernard Taft) said yesterday that Communists in many countries were sacrificing their lives in the cause of human progress.

It was not asking too much of Communists here to sacrifice a few pounds. Mr. Taft said the fund

was the best investment for a secure and happy

Every day it is becoming end more obvious more and more obvious that the Communist Party is the only Australian political party which is carrying on a real fight in the interests of the people against profiteers, war-mongers, and the curtailment of democratic rights.

To wage this fight effectively the whole wark of the Party needs to be

£20,000 Fighting Victoria

stepped up. The fund will do this. It will be used for:

 A mighty expansion of Communist Party publicity and organisation.

 Election of Communists to the Federal Parliament. Defeat of the Hollway Government.

 Higher living standards, peace, and extension of democratic rights.