

in the interests of the people and in line with the Atlantic Charter, the Anglo-Soviet Treaty and the aims of a People's War.

The road to victory is the road of united struggle, of full collaboration between the anti-Fascist nations, of united action by the Australian people behind the Curtin Government.

The decisive factor in turning the whole people in their millions on to this road is a united working class. The Communist Party has always worked for the united front of the working class, women, men, and young people, irrespective of party allegiance, for the immediate interests of the class.

BUILD THE UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS

The Party will use its freedom of activity to strengthen working class unity for the war effort, in the factories and unions, and between the workers in industry and the workers in uniform.

The great need is to unite behind the Curtin Government for the main immediate aim—Victory. Without Victory there can be no social progress.

We call upon the workers to unite, to reject all who in any way disrupt unity because, whatever their intention, they aid the Fascists.

Only if the working class united its own forces can it inspire confidence among other toilers of the nation and win them to a united people's movement for victory and post-war progress.

The Communist Party calls upon the farmers, the professional workers and other working people to rally with the workers of mine, factory and ship along the road of united struggle, the road to victory.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED LIFT THE BAN

On behalf of all Communists this opportunity is taken to record our warm appreciation of the assistance given by the many organisations and hundreds of thousands of people to secure for the Communist Party freedom of action to lead and serve in the cause of the people.

We call upon all who have opposed the ban to rally to the Party, to fight with us for our whole war-winning programme.

The Communist Party has great tasks to fulfil, for the victory and afterwards. A stronger Party will bring nearer a total war effort and, consequently, bring nearer the day of victory. A stronger Party means better preparation and organisation by the working people for the solution of post-war problems.

There is a place in the Party for many more thousands. The Party teaches, organises and leads. Become a leader for united struggle, for victory and for the future of humanity.

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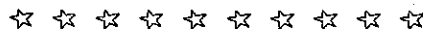


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COMMUNIST PARTY

Manifesto



The ban placed on the Communist party by the reactionary Menzies Government is lifted.

This act of the Curtin Government strengthens the cause of Australia and the United Nations. It is welcomed by all whose aim is victory over Fascism.

It is in line with the character of the anti-Fascist People's War; it is a further step in the unfoldment of democracy which began when the Curtin Government took control from those who were in reality destroying democracy, while professing to wage war in defence of democracy.

A heavy blow has been dealt at the enemies of the people, at the Munichers, and at all who try to disrupt national and international anti-Fascist unity. Morale will be further uplifted, and democracy greatly strengthened. New forces are released for our war effort and victory brought nearer.

The Central Committee of the Party declares its firm adherence to the war policy pursued by Communists, despite the ban, and calls upon the people of Australia to unite and act under the slogan "Everything for the War; Everything for Victory Over Mankind's Worst Enemy, Beastly Fascism." Communists are urged to quickly and fully organise and reorganise their forces for leadership of mass work in the new conditions and in line with the above slogan.

ALLIED VICTORY IS ON THE WAY

We heartily welcome the developments on the fighting fronts near our Northern shores, and the great success of the 8th Army, and the American and British successes in North Africa. These are important tactical preparations for the offensive against Japan, and for the invasion of Europe, where the decisive battles for the destruction of Hitler's armies must be fought by the forces of Britain, America, the Soviet Union and other Allies.

The defeat of Hitler at Stalingrad and the winter offensives of the Red Army demonstrate the strength and resolution of our great Ally, and inspire the fighting and production armies of the United Nations.

We call upon the people to respond to these victories with a greater effort and to insist that a Second Front in Europe must come soon because it is no less necessary to us than to the Soviet Union.

The exchange of Ministers with the Soviet Union opens a bright prospect of close collaboration for victory and in peace with the country and peoples who have done so much for us, as well as themselves, in the struggle against the Hitler hordes. The Communist Party calls upon the people to cherish Australian-Soviet friendship, to combat all enemies of this friendship and to strengthen it in every way.

SUPPORT AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT

Our war effort has advanced very substantially under the leadership of Prime Minister Curtin and his Cabinet. The Communist Party calls for national unity in support of the Curtin Government, for full mobilisation of the nation's manpower, including the use of the Militia in the South-West Pacific area, for support of the Government's economic plans—the transfer of labor, raw material and factories and other premises to the needs of total war, rationing, elimination of Black Markets, Austerity, Loans, and for discipline in industry, and conditions of labor conducive to the highest production.

While supporting the finance policy of the Curtin Government, the Party calls for still higher taxation of the rich and well-to-do, demanding that all taxation be based on ability to pay and with regard to what is left after paying. The limitation of profits problem must also be solved in the interests of morale and war economy.

An increase of the basic wage is needed to improve the position of the lower paid workers and their families. There is also a need for improvement in the wages and dependents' allowances for the lower paid soldiers and sailors, and for elimination or reduction of excise on tobacco in camps and at battle stations.

All these are necessary conditions for a victorious offensive along with our Allies in the Pacific.

Fully supporting the Curtin Government in its every endeavour to strengthen the striking power of Australia and to secure offensive action in the Pacific, the Communist Party sounds the alarm about the weak link in India. In this important Pacific country are millions of people who are not yet organised for the struggle against the Axis.

SELF GOVERNMENT FOR INDIA

The Communist Party urges the people of Australia to call upon the British Government to re-open negotiations for the formation of an Indian Provisional National Government, and that the aims of the Atlantic Charter shall apply to India. An agreement could then be reached on co-operation between the whole people of India, Britain and our Allies for the Victory of Democracy. This would vastly strengthen our cause in the Pacific; it is no less necessary for our Allies than for Australia.

On the basis of the growing influence of the masses upon national policy, the Communist Party calls for support of the proposals to amend the Constitution so that the Federal Parliament will have the necessary power to deal with the post-war situation