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Menzies' Ban Threat First Step To War, Fascism



"The moderate union executive you rang for, sir!"

Mr. Menzies' pledge—if elected—to ban the Communist Party clearly reveals the aims of the Collins House millionaires to drag Australia, in alliance with the U.S., into an aggressive war against the Soviet Union and the New Democracies of Eastern Europe.

The ban pledge is also part of the monopolists' plan to shift the burden of the coming depression on to the working people by slashing wages and lengthening hours.

Throw all the Communists and militant trade union leaders into concentration camps and then cut living standards is the essence of Menzies' policy.

This war-and-fascist policy will be answered by Communist speakers at the Lenin Anniversary Rally in the Brunswick Town Hall on Tuesday night. The outlawing of the Communist Party, as history shows, is always the prelude to full-scale fascism, which is the violent rule of Big Business.

It is followed by attacks on all trade unions and the crushing of democratic and real liberal opinion.

WORKERS' SHIELD
 Communist-led unions have been the main force which has prevented the use of the Essential Services Act and other anti-union legislation.

In order to shackle the workers with such legislation Big Business realises that it must get rid of the Communists.

Recent big strike struggles such as the Queensland railway workers and metal trades strike, which were fought for urgently-needed wage increases, are branded by Mr. Menzies as treasonable Communist activity.

"TREASON"
 Any action by the workers to improve their living conditions is regarded by Big Business Liberals as treason.

Menzies in his Town Hall speech not only attacked the Communists, but warned church people and radicals to get rid of "treasonable opinions" while there was yet time.

He described as a treasonable opinion the widely-held belief that communism has something in common with the ideals of Christianity.

LENIN RALLY BRUNSWICK NEXT TUESDAY

All roads will lead to the Lenin Anniversary Rally in the Brunswick Town Hall next Tuesday night.

The rally will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the death of Lenin, leader of the Socialist Revolution in Russia.

The Coburg or Brunswick tram in Elizabeth Street will get you there.

A number of branches will hire vans to take them to the meeting in a body. A van will be leaving Cameron Hall, 9 Gipps Street, Richmond, at 7.15 p.m.

FAREWELL
 Mr. Noel Counihan will give the main address. It will also be the farewell address of the Victorian State Secretary of the Communist Party, Mr. Blake is leaving for Sydney soon.

Mr. Noel Counihan, The Guardian's brilliant cartoonist, will also be making a farewell appearance before leaving for Europe. Mr. Counihan will be putting on a special act which will stir many memories.

New Move By Militants To Heal THC Split

Representatives of 22 militant unions will again reach the Trades Hall Council Executive this week to be split over the Essential Services Act that led to the union of eight militant unions from the T.H.C.

Militant leaders will force the deputation to ask for lifting of the Act.

Militant delegates illegally suspended from the Melbourne THC did not use violence at the Council meeting last week as suggested by capitalist press reports.

Acting on the advice of legal counsel, they went to the THC to take their seats peacefully in accordance with their democratic and constitutional rights.

Mr. Richard Crossman, leader of the anti-Bevin Labor rebels in the House of Commons, said today that he had inspected the British planes shot down in Israel, and had found live cannon-shells round the wreckage.

The planes were flying as an armed reconnaissance group over Israel, Mr. Crossman said. "I cannot see what else Israel

Subsidy Steal

Stocks of last-winter garments are being cleared off the racks in some shops for storage until the autumn season opens.

Then they will re-appear as "1949 stock" marked up to unsubsidised prices.

One corset manufacturing firm is said to have abnormal stocks in its warehouse, made from subsidised materials.

PLANES ISRAELIS SHOT DOWN WERE ARMED, SAYS BRITISH M.P.

FROM RUPERT LOCKWOOD LONDON, Tuesday.—Mr. Richard Crossman, leader of the anti-Bevin Labor rebels in the House of Commons, said today that he had inspected the British planes shot down in Israel, and had found live cannon-shells round the wreckage.

fighters could have done except attack hostile Spitfires flying over Egyptian lines," he said. Bevin's aggressive anti-Semitism is earning world odium. It has panicked the Tories and has created the strongest Labor revolt yet.

MENZIES' ATTACKS ANSWERED AT LENIN RALLY, BRUNSWICK TOWN HALL, TUESDAY, 8 P.M.

Menzies And Treason

At the Melbourne Town Hall on Monday, Mr. Menzies spoke of Communism as "a form of high treason."

Mr. Menzies should be the last person in Australia to talk about treason.

His entire Federal political career has been a record of acts of treason to democracy.

His first action as a Federal Minister in 1934 was to ban the Czech anti-fascist Egon Kisch, who came to Australia to give first-hand information of Hitler's brutal terror and preparations for war.

In 1938 he compelled Port Kembla wharves, under threat of starvation, to load pig-iron for Japan. Sir Isaac Isaacs described this as "the worst act of executive dictatorship in Australian history."

After visiting Europe in 1938-39, he returned to Australia as an apologist for Hitler and Mussolini—despite their aggressions in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Spain and Abyssinia.

At Anzac House, Perth, on July 12, 1939, Mr. Menzies declared (West Australian, 13/7/39):

"If Herr Hitler was to be considered fairly and dispassionately, it must be admitted he had done remarkable things for his country."

Mr. Menzies said that he found it hard to believe that a man who had been able to build up his country again was anxious to plunge it into the miseries of a big war.

Concerning Mussolini, Mr. Menzies said he was a man of first-class ability... no other Italian in the last 60 years had rendered his country more service.