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Menzies' Treason Act Drags Country Back To Dark Ages

By proposing to introduce the first Commonwealth treason act the Menzies-Fadden Government is attempting drag Australia back to the 14th century.



Rex Chiplin Says

APANESE and United State authorities are shocked by he discovery that a certified matic has been acting for five ears as an official and approved gent for the Occupation," said he Adelaide Mail recently.

With those qualifications he should be in the American Congress. After all, Forrestal was Defence Secretari and he didn't have a certificate.

I'WO British scientists have de-veloped electrical robot tortoises hich shaw ages of 'Italiad monaga,' 'Couple of tor perhaps recruits be Arniveation system?

ENGAL TIGER CASEY said in a broadcast on Sunday night tha instrails was entering a new pioneer period. If you've got vision

period.
you've got visions of RedCoats
chained convicts again, Casey.
in for a rude shock.

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Cyclops toys price increases: Meim tricycles up from 95/- to 102/-;
lis' prams from 58/6 to 68/8, large'
poters from 68/3 to 78/-, and meim motor cars 70/3 to 88/-.
We suppose Cyclops would say inased prices are chasing increased
iket money. It would be just as
ild as the prices chase wages
pories.

NEWS report says that American scientists hope to learn, from dying fighting mice; why men go

war. They'd be right on the ball if they died the rats in the White House.

DES Capitalism mend delinquents

DES Capitalism mend delinquents or create criminals?

In Priday-night two truckloads of Sarrived in Gostord from the 17th Prison Farm on their monthly to the pictures where they were win Red Light, a furid Hollywood lodrams of murder, gambling, thing and stand-over tactics, surely the boys are worth better in that.

NE morning last week, thousands of tran travellers saw a sign:
orkers, Unite Against Menzies'
n, painted in two-feet high letters,
the wall of Victoria Barracks,
housinds more saw officials tryto-secrab the sign off. They
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Menzies' plan to attack the trade unions and other working class comments this month's Clothing Activities But life Government has A recent general meeting of the life newspapers Union unanimously.

It is trying to put the clock back to the reign of Edward III, the age of the Black Death and Statute of aborers, which jailed workers who asked for more

In the 50 years since its foundation the Commonwealth has never had a treason act, the closest approach to one being the sedition clauses in the Commonwealth Crimes Act, condemned by all sections of the labor and democratic movement.

Power to legislate on this subject was not included in the 39 special powers handed over to the Common wealth at Pederation.

This has created a hig constitutiona hurdle for the Pederal Government to overcome in drarting its anti-democratic legislation. However, the Covernment has the

However, the Covernment has indi-cated it will not be baulked by this and is quite prepared to ride roughshood over the Constitution to achieve its aims.

Defence Powers

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By relying on this section to han the Communist Farty, Eureks Youth Lesgue, peace organisations, and other progressive sodies, the Mennies-Fadder progressive sodies, the Mennies-Fadder reactionary, character of the war it is repairing for.

The Communist Party stands in the front ranks of the defenders of peace and of Australia's national independence.

in a just war, a war really fought to defend the freedom of the Australian beople and protect the country from aggression, Cammunists would be found in the front line, as they were in the eccent anti-fascist war.

Unjust War

But in an unjust war, a war of aggression to destroy the freedom of other people and increase the profits of American and Australian capitalists, the Communists would be found at the head of all true patriots opposed to their country being plunged into patastrophe.

Section 51 (XXXV) of the Constitution gives the Federal Covernment Dower to legislate on:

"Conciliation and arbitration for the prevention and settlement of industrial disputes extending beyond the limits of any one State."

Even if this power could be stretched to achieve the Government's purpose of removing Communist officials from trade unions, it would seem to limit such action to Federal officials.

Little wonder that the Government anticipates considerable litigation in the High Court arising from its legistation.

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While every avenue of legal challenge, will be exploited it must be resognized that the battle for democracy will not be won in the High Court, but In the traditional working class arena for mass struggle.

Press Campaign

STATE laws on treason dates paign blaming the Communists for back to the reign of Edward so it can be said their removal from trade union office will facilitate the Power to legislate on this subject to the processes of arbitration and concilia-

processes of arbitration and conciliation.

However, recent atrikes among meatherworkers and coalfield deputies are not control of the communistical unions. The disciplinary action taken against these moderate unions also proves that the coercive sections of the Government's proposed legislation will not be used exclusively against Communista. The basic cause of industrial unrest—capitalist exploitation—will not be exemoved by the removal of Communistation of the community of the removal of the community of the community. The community of the community leaders out of the way atrikes lower living standards and drive the people to war.

Clergymen Threatened

Proof that repressive measures will not be confined to Communists is given by press references to prominent clergy-men and other non-Communist pro-gressives who are already on the black list for their activities in the cause

list for their activities in the cause of peace.

The object of such propaganda is to intimidate progressives and to isolate the Communist Party.

The Government has already failed in this part of its plan.

Thousands of workers at union and factory meetings have put aside their party political and religious differences and joined in united action against the Government's proposals.

United Action

Labor politicians have not been able to disregard the strong desire of their supporters for united struggle against Menzies and Fadden, and have ex-pressed their intention to oppose the Government's reactionary legislation in Parliament.

Menzies has replied with the threat of double dissolution, but Mr. Chiffey has indicated that this will not deter the Opposition.

the Opposition.
"Never mind about this threat of double dissolution." he told a meeting in his electorate. "If these things have to be fought, my advice is to fight them despite what is said about the Menzies Government having a mandate from the people."

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The Menzies Government was elected
on a minority vote and has no mandate
from the Australian people, least of all
from the working class, for its Subrevaive Activities Bill.

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Labor Party members should take
their cue from their leader's statement
and intensify the struggle, in unity with
the Communits, against the MenziesFadden Government.



"CHAINS 1788—CHAINS 1950," said this tableau which was diriven round Sydney streets on Friday as a protest against the hackling of political prisoner L. L. Sharkey in a chain-gang. The tableau was also an advertisement for Sunday's big Domain Rally for the freeing of Lance Sharkey — see story on page 3.

New Threat Hastens Plans For Deputation

Fresh news of Menzies' intended assassination of Australian civil liberties has given new impetus to plans for the Canberra deputation of April 4.

UMBER of delegates elected loan of cars to transport the depuat union, job and factory, pittop, park and hall meetings to ake the people's views direct to Menzies, Chifley and other poliicians has jumped to 50.

As the threat becomes clearer and wider in its in.plications, wider sec-tions of the masses are mobilising in defence of their own and Australia's liberties.

Deputation's Aims

The deputation will place before the Government and the Opposition workers' views on these subjects:

• The need to outlaw the atom own and all other atomic weapons shrough the United Nations Organisations

hrough the Umera American

The proposed ban on the Comnumist Party.

The Government's Banking Bill.

The release of L. L. Sharkey.

Conscription.

Interference in union affairs.

Reimposition of Federal price
control.

control.

The Committee's rooms are on the second floor, 188 George Street, Sydney.

Phone BW 4738 or call for information.

Cars, Please! The organising committee has re-ceated its urgent speal for the

Disruptors Routed

About 130 people packed them-selves somehow into the half, many of them stancing. Of these about 40 appeared to be hostile to Labor unity at the start, though some were later won over.

tation.

Funds for the considerable expense involved are also urgently needed.

Attempts by Rightwingers mainly of the ALP Cammeray Branch to disrupt a meeting in Crow's Nest School of Arts last week were shattered by the support for Communism of the overwhelming majority of the neeting.

Strong speeches by leading Com-munists R. Dixon and E. Thornton and chairman S. Deacon silenced the becklers and, at the close, Mr. Dixon gave effective answers to a number of questions.

of questions.

Mr. Deacon pointed out to the disrupters that by undermining Labor unity they would play straight into the hands of Menzies, the enemy of the entire Labor movement.

The meeting carried a resolution, by an overwhelming majority, protesting against the Menzies' Government's proposed Bill to ban the Communist Party and interfere in trade unions.

rade unions.

It elected a delegation of four, including three women, to foir the April 4 deputation to Canberra, and took up a collection of £14 for their expenses:

North Shore Communists are jubilant at the result of the meet-ing, which will affinishe Party activity throughout the district.

ference in the internal affairs of A Melbourne message states in a further & names of promining the person of the person proceed the attempt to introduce military conscription.

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A DELIALDE.— The last meeting of the Branch Council of the Fed-erated Clerks Unben unanimously endorsed a resolution opposing the Mensies' plan to attack the trade understanding other working class

supported the Trades and Labor Council's resolution opposing the ban on the Communist Party and inter-ference in the internal affairs, of trade unions.