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MENZIES' FASCIST BILL AROUSES NATION

All sections of the Australian nation have been stirred into active protest against Menzies' fascist bill.

The full text of the bill reveals it as a measure to deprive all citizens of their rights and to give R. G. Menzies personally the absolute powers of a dictator (see full text of bill, page 5).

The A.C.T.U. leader, Mr. A. E. Monk, expressed the united opposition of the trade union movement to the bill when he said: "This bill is the first step towards totalitarianism. I read behind Mr. Menzies' percipitousness, the evidence of a fascist. There is no doubt whatever regarding the fascist tendencies of Mr. Menzies and what he stands for."

MAKING MAY DAY MARCH AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

May Day this year falls in a period of unprecedented attacks on the working class," Mr. E. F. Gill, State Secretary of the Australian Communist Party, said yesterday. "Deadly fear of Communism, of the collapse of capitalism, has driven the ruling class to desperate measures," he continued. "These measures will not save them. History shows that those who have made such frantic efforts to destroy Communism and the working class movement, have themselves been destroyed. Let this year's May Day review of working class forces strike further terror into the hearts of the Tories; let May Day be the finest display of solidarity and strength ever. "Every Communist Party member will do his utmost to make May Day an outstanding success," concluded.

Hundreds of factory and job meetings throughout the Commonwealth and the executives of powerful Federal unions are demanding that the A.L.P. Senate majority reject the bill in its entirety. (See "Snap Stoppages in Melbourne," page 8.)

No monkey business with amendments to cover a sham fight can be tolerated. The whole Bill must be wiped out.

Daily, even hourly workers are ringing The Guardian and telephoning through new protests carried from job meetings.

National union leaders say that if Menzies were taken to the country on the Bill, the Liberals and all they stand for would be annihilated once the people knew the real measures provided for in this Bill (see P. 5) and the war plans that have motivated it.

Big Federal unions like the ARU, AEU, Seamen, Miners and the Waterside Workers' Federation are planning immediate action against the Bill.

Spontaneous stoppages of varying duration have already taken place on various jobs throughout Australia.

The movement developing against the Bill is as big as and will probably eclipse that of the anti-conscription fight in 1917, which was basically the same issue—freedom.

Canberra has been flooded with telegrams from individuals and unions urging Labor Caucus to take an uncompromising stand against the Bill.

Speaking out against the Bill in its entirety, ACTU leader Monk said the over-riding principle of the Bill clearly established its desire to destroy the ordinary concept of the fundamentals of justice.

It gave full and unfettered power to the government to deal with those whom it wished to remove from political or industrial influence, said Mr. Monk.

While the rank and file and some leaders of the Labor Movement are uniting against Menzies' fascist threat, some extreme Right Wing Labor politicians are frantically trying to split the leadership of political Labor in order to assist Menzies.

The extreme Right Wing group includes Keon, Mullens, Peters and Sheahan, who have had no industrial experience and who take their orders from the clerical fascist leaders of Catholic Action.

They are completely out of step with the Labor Movement, which is united from the ACTU down.

These cheap opportunists are playing the same role as the German Labor Party politicians did on the eve of Hitler's bloody era of power.

Menzies' program is the Hitler program of concentration camps, police terror, torture, pimping, re-armament, war.

Those who stand for the Bill, on any part of it, stand for that program. There is no middle way. There is no watering down of such a program with "amendments."

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Strike Blow At Fascism By Voting Communist

A FINAL appeal to all Communists and supporters for an all-out effort in the last week of the State election campaign, to win a strong Communist vote, was made yesterday by Mr. Frank Johnson, State President of the Communist Party.

"A strong vote for the Communist candidates would be a powerful and direct blow against Menzies' fascist bill and his war plans," said Mr. Johnson.

"It would be a blow for a guaranteed living wage, price control, a real housing program, and peace.

"The Holloway Government must be routed as a demonstration by the Victorian people against its misrule of Victoria and against its master, the Menzies Government.

"However no simple faith can be placed in a Labor Government, as past and present events amply show. A big effort is needed to secure the strongest possible vote for the Communist candidates."

(See Election News, page 3.)

Communist candidates are:

Mr. Ralph Gibson (Port Melbourne);

Mr. K. Miller (Richmond);

Mr. John Arrowsmith (Footscray);

Dr. A. H. Dobbin (Williamstown).

In these electorates vote Communist.

Communist 1, and give second preference to the ALP. Where Communist is standing, vote the ALP candidate against Holloway Government and Menzies.

Read The Bill For Yourself! Only Paper To Publish Menzies' Bill

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A Christian Replies Menzies. (See a statement to the Prime Minister from the Rev. Fr. Hartley on page 4).

In his statement to Mr. Menzies, Mr. Hartley made it clear that he was speaking as an individual and not officially on behalf of his church.

PEACE COUNCIL IN MARCH

THE Australian Peace Council has decided to organise a Peace Section in the May Day march and has asked all lovers of peace to participate.

MENZIES GOVT. "HEALTH PLAN" IS A GIGANTIC RACKET

MENZIES' latest "National Health Scheme," as outlined this week by Health Minister Page, is plainly a gigantic racket aimed to boost the profits of big insurance companies at the expense of the people.

Wiping out most free medicines and regimenting citizens to pay to insurance companies or friendly societies for any benefits, Menzies intends to hang on to the social service tax and spend it on war.

This swindle is but a tiny example of the gigantic blundering of the people that would take place if Menzies were to succeed in stamping out liberty and establishing himself as a dictator, as he is trying to do with his fascist bill. Unite against Menzies!

Against Menzies, For Peace, Freedom And Democracy, March On Sunday