

"Democracy gives every man the right to be his own oppressor!"

—Thos. Carlyle.

Don't vote away your freedom!

Politicians—NOT a Court—can Decide that—

**YOU
ARE A
COMMUNIST**

**if the Referendum on
September 22 is passed**

Read Inside

"It would be a tragedy if we found we had fought for freedom and the value of each individual soul, and won the war, but lost the things we were fighting for."

—R. G. Menzies, 6/9/39.

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The Conservative Party of Britain rejected out of hand a proposal similar to Mr. Menzies' "Anti-Red Bill."

Fifty-nine Sydney University professors, lecturers and readers publicly denounced the Bill.

Forty-four per cent. of the Young Liberals Victorian Council opposed this Referendum.

Like Everyone Else

YOU Can Be Declared A 'Communist'—If You—

(in the words of the fraudulently-termed "Communist Party Dissolution Bill")—

"BACK-DOOR" SOVEREIGN POWERS

The Referendum asks that **IN PLACE OF COURTS, EACH FUTURE GOVERNMENT SHALL ITSELF INTERPRET** whether a law **IT WANTS** affects Defence, the Constitution or Law. Definition of "Communism" can be changed at will. **SOON MOST** proposals may be conveniently "interpreted."

Labor Supporters Please Note!

The following are a few utterances by men whose Party (if this Referendum is passed) would determine what individuals or bodies are "Communist":—

Mr. Chas. Anderson, M.H.R. (15/6/50):—
"Labor Socialism is Marxist Socialism!"

Senator Maher (6/6/50):—
"The objective of the Communists and of the Labor Party are identical."

R. G. Menzies (3/8/50):—
"The friends of the Communists sit on the opposite benches."

As the late Mr Chifley said ("Age," 10/8/50) this Bill could be "used just as effectively to crush the Labor Party as the Communist Party!"

Labor's platform includes 'sovereign power for the Commonwealth—but not to suppress people. On the contrary, Clause one of the "Amendment of the Commonwealth Constitution Section" reads: "To include in the Commonwealth Constitution a charter of civil and human rights."

"SUPPORT OR ADVOCATE . . . the objectives, teachings, principles or practices of Communism as expounded by Marx and Lenin."

The thinking person asks "what does this include?" . . . Here are some of Marx's principles (Communist Manifesto, 1848):—

- Centralisation OF THE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT IN THE HANDS OF THE STATE (i.e., Government Railways, G.P.O., etc.).
- A HEAVY PROGRESSIVE OR GRADUATED INCOME TAX (i.e., higher rates of tax on large than on small incomes).
- FREE EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN IN PUBLIC (State) SCHOOLS.

DO YOU SUPPORT ANY OF THESE PRINCIPLES? . . . IF SO—YOU CAN BE "DECLARED"—AND BY POLITICIANS—NOT BY TRIAL IN A COURT.

(You need never be told why—or who any secret accuser was!)

Worse—The Referendum gives two extra powers by which any future Government can interpret "Communist" however it likes. Governments could silence or "declare" every critic.

Centuries ago governments tried to divert attention from their failures by publicly throwing **CHRISTIANS TO THE LIONS**. Today Mr Menzies, hopelessly floundering 'mid inflation, uses "**COMMUNISTS**."

PERSECUTING ONE MINORITY TODAY MEANS ANOTHER MINORITY TOMORROW—WHO'S NEXT?

DURING THE LAST WAR the newspapers daily put the word "Communist" in inverted commas, when reporting executions by the Nazis.

WHY?

BECAUSE HITLER, like his kind, CALLED ALL HIS OPPONENTS, COMMUNISTS.

Despite the tragedies of the recent war against Fascism, Mr. Menzies has not included "power to deal with Fascists" in his Referendum. . . . Is he afraid of how future Governments may interpret "Fascists"?

Mailed fist legislation produces retaliatory laws by Governments that follow. . . . It often produces **VIOLENCE**, too. . . . We don't want that, or need it, in Australia.

DEFEAT THIS REFERENDUM or NOBODY WILL BE SAFE

READ AND PASS ON

Even Anti-Communist Dewey of U.S.A. said "prosecute men for crimes they committ, but never for ideas they have."



Remember the late Mr. Chifley's Warning Against

"THE LIARS PERJURERS AND PIMPS"

which this Referendum could produce and encourage.

There may be one in YOUR street, factory or office. Fascism BREEDS secret informers.

DON'T vote for a society where each fears his neighbors.

The powers now sought FOR ALL TIME are far greater than in the original "Anti-Communist Bill" which aroused such opposition that numerous amendments were forced.

Worst of all, accused individuals or bodies need not be tried by the Courts, if these powers are given.

Mr Menzies admits that, as the Chief Judge stressed, he already has powers to deal with subversive activities, but says their use would reveal, and permit cross-examination of, his "sources of information."

The NEED for cross-examination was glaringly proved when he had to correct many mistakes after he submitted a list of alleged Communists to Parliament.

PLAY SAFE:

DON'T RISK UNJUST LOSS OF OTHER PEOPLE'S LIBERTY OR YOUR OWN.

Vote

2 YES

1 **NO**

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