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PARTY IS READY TO GIVE FULL ACCOUNT OF AIMS, ACTIVITY

Demand Equal Pay For Women

ANY attempt to reduce women's wages, following the High Court's disallowance of regulations protecting their employment, will be resisted to the limit of direct action by powerful unions associated with the Victorian Combined Unions Committee.

A committee decided this last Thursday night to call for an immediate struggle for women's wages equal to male rates in their industries.

A threat to women's wages is part of the general preparation for big business to attack the wages and conditions of all workers, a resolution declared.

R. J. Request For Assurance

Australian Railways Union already asked the Railway Commissioners for assurances that no reductions will be made in the men's jobs women are doing in the railways.

Thousand ironworkers were determined to prevent cuts in men's members' wages, the workers' Union research officer (Mr. Baker) said yesterday.

Women In Militant Mood

This week in militant mood the women showed a militant spirit, and industry leaders were 100 per cent sure that they would be able to attend a special general meeting of the union next week.



MAX JULIUS

ACCOUNT OF AIMS, ACTIVITY

FASCIST trends in Victoria will be exposed by the Communist Party during the Royal Commission inquiry, the State Executive of the Party said this week.

The Communist Party has done a great deal of research into subversion of law and order by would-be fascists in Victoria, and the indoctrination of school children with fascist ideas and anti-Semitic and anti-Soviet views.

Whatever comes or goes on the Royal Commission, this information will be made public, the State executive of the Party, said this week.

The Communist Party wants to make these disclosures at the Royal Commission, and will do so if possible, the statement said. The Royal Commission was told that the Australian Communist Party was only too anxious to tell the full story of its activities in Victoria.

These statements were made to the Royal Commissioner (Sir Charles Lowe) by Mr. F. W. Paterson, M.L.A., the leading counsel for the Victorian section of the Communist Party at the preliminary sitting of the Commission into Communist Activities.

Mr. Paterson is the Communist member of the Queensland Parliament.

"Limits," Says Judge

Mr. Paterson said he presumed the inquiry would deal with the whole of the Party's activities, speeches, meetings—in fact, right back to its origin.

Sir Charles Lowe replied that he wanted to keep the Commission within limits. Mr. Paterson said he thought it might be necessary to call a large body of evidence, as the terms of

Hidden Microphone Armed Blow At Communist Meeting

SYDNEY.—Using American-style frame-up methods, police last week planted an armed undercover agent in Communist Party Senate candidate Adam Ogston's meeting at Hurstville and rigged a concealed microphone to record every word of the proceedings.

Following so swiftly on the disgusting attempt to frame Communist Senate candidate Ken Miller in Melbourne on a hanging charge involving a young girl, this new exposure should shock all Communist Party members and trade union activists into being on guard against provocation.

It is believed that the armed police pimp, who was pretending to be a Communist Party sympathiser, was under orders to start provocation among 30 people who gathered outside the Hurstville Hall Institute after the hall booking for Mr. Ogston's meeting had been suddenly cancelled.

The pimp, a slightly-built man of about 25, first appeared at the Communist Party building, George Street, on the day of the meeting, claiming he wanted some advice on a dispute with his landlady.

When Mr. Ogston suggested he see a solicitor, the man said he did not want a solicitor but wanted the Communist Party to do something about it.

While the man was in Mr. Ogston's office, a Communist Party organiser entered and said that the Hurstville Hall Institute booking for Mr. Ogston's meeting had been suddenly cancelled.

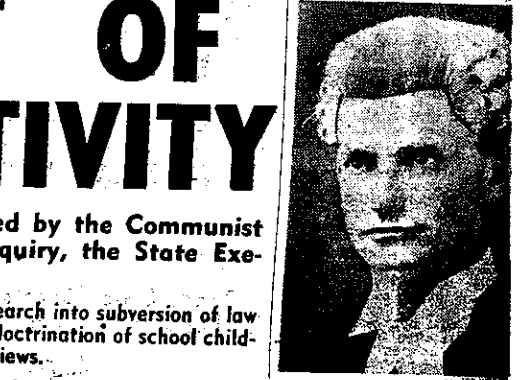
The possibility of protesting against the cancellation was mentioned briefly before Mr. Ogston showed the man out of his office.

MEN WHO SPY

NEW YORK.—The American Legion magazine has published an article entitled "Men Who Spy for America." It talks of thousands of men and women spies of the USSR and People's Republics, and appeals for vigilance.

Basic Wage Case Is Bogging Down

ALREADY the basic wage case is showing signs of dragging out. The Court adjourned because of the Glyde engineering dispute, and didn't resume until Wednesday, June 1st. The Court did not sit because the inquiry was held up by the Glyde engineering dispute for the best part of the week.



M.R. Fred Fitzpatrick (above) who is leading the Victorian section of the Australian Communist Party in the Royal Commission is the first Australian Communist member of Parliament. He has an outstanding record in service to the people.

Early in his career he was a brilliant socialist, and a member of the Communist Party in the Victorian Parliament.

At Oxford he studied for a law degree, and qualified for the Bar in 1944. He was elected to Parliament in 1944.

In April 1945, Mr. Fitzpatrick was backed by police while advising workers on picketing against the new picketing Act.

Company Profits Up 28.5 p.c. In 3 Years, Court Told

COMPANY profits had increased by 28.5 per cent since he had last given evidence to the Court in 1946, Mr. Brian Fitzpatrick told the Arbitration Court this week.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was giving evidence in the Basic Wage claim for 1949 behalf of the A.C.T.U.

Mr. Fitzpatrick had been making similar and contradictory statements in 1946.

Dividend rates were up by 15.7 per cent, said Mr. Fitzpatrick.

This meant that as well as having substantially increased dividends a greater proportion of profits was being put back into industry, indicating an optimistic view of the future by company directors.

"The employers' cross-examination tried to show that companies had prospered up to the middle of 1948, but that since then there had been a falling-off of profits,

and less optimistic statements were being made by directors. Mr. Fitzpatrick's figures were not challenged.

Mr. Baker, (ironworkers) later that afternoon with his optimistic statements for an obvious reason—a fight for a wage rise was before the Court.



MR. E. V. HILL

POLITICAL CHARGE AGAINST SHARKEY

SON'S verbal defence of Sir Price led from all Queenslanders.

LONDON—Coal to Britain

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