

## Strengthen the fight against

# MENZIES' MEN—all brands

**T**HE Liberal Party—Menzies' Party—has secured office in Victoria solely because of the treachery of a small group of renegades from the A.L.P.—the Barry-Coleman clique.

These renegades first destroyed the Labor Government by voting with the Liberals.

Then in the elections they not only sowed confusion, but directly handed over a number of seats to the Liberals by the allocation of their preferences.

### Menzies' fifth column routed

**BUT THESE FIFTH COLUMNISTS FOR MENZIES**—the Barry-Coleman candidates—themselves received a crushing defeat. They lost 11 out of the 12 seats they had previously held, and only scraped back in one seat, Richmond, on Liberal preferences.

Now that this fifth column has been routed, the fight to win a better deal for the Victorian people can be waged with even greater vigor by the whole Labor Movement.

### Upper House elections

On June 18, the Victorian people will vote once again, at the Legislative Council elections, and can express their feelings about the sordid deal made between the Liberals and the Barry-Coleman-Santamaria group.

The Liberals, because of their big business connections and their position as junior partners of the Menzies Government, cannot improve the lot of the Victorian people. Their policy involves:

- Support for the expensive and aggressive war commitments of the Menzies Government;
- Abetting Menzies in attacks on liberties and union rights;
- Less money for homes, schools and hospitals;
- Rises in prices and rents;
- Opposition to the just demands of workers for increases in wage margins;
- Insecurity for workers and farmers by neglect of the trade opportunities in the socialist countries and Asia.

### Peace policy needed

Only a policy hinged around positive action to safeguard peace can improve the well-being of the Australian people and free the money vitally needed for development in all States.

The Communist Party has such a policy, which it will continually work for in every phase of Victorian life. **IT IS PRINTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS LEAFLET.**

In addition, the Communist Party will continue to strive for the unity of all sections of the Labor Movement in defence of peace and the vital interests of all working people.

**As an immediate step the Communist Party calls for unity to defeat the Liberal-Coleman candidates on June 18: Voting is compulsory.**

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# Communist Party State Program

## Break with Menzies' war policy

- The Victorian Government must break with the war policy of the Menzies Government and work to defeat that Government.
- It should rally the Victorian people against the sending of troops to Malaya and in support of the world-wide movement for the banning of atomic weapons and a general reduction in armaments.
- It should call for a policy of peaceful co-existence with the socialist countries and a lifting of restrictions on peaceful trade with those countries.
- It should demand a reduction in war expenditure with increased Commonwealth grants to the States to finance the following State program.

## More houses for the people

- An increase in the building of Housing Commission homes and a reduction in new Housing Commission rents by Government subsidy.
- Government to provide low interest loans for small home builders.
- Slum clearance including the ending of Camp Pell on the basis of the above program.
- Repeal of the law relaxing rent control.

## Increase schools, kindergartens

- An increase in the education construction grant to speed the building program to overtake present overcrowding and provide for the annual increase in school population.
- Establishment of a wide network of free crèches and kindergartens.

## Non-contributory health scheme

- A NON-CONTRIBUTORY medical and hospital service.
- Improved wages and conditions for hospital staffs.
- Reopening of wards that have been closed in certain hospitals.
- Extended program of hospital building.

## A better deal for pensioners

- Granting of the demands of the Combined Pensioners' Association, including completely free hospital and medical service without discrimination, a pensioners' housing scheme, concession fares to operate at all times.
- State support for an increase in pensions to at least half the basic wage.

## Equal pay for women

- Immediate granting of equal pay to women employed in State instrumentalities and the Government service. Steps to secure the adoption of this principle throughout industry whatever the wage fixing tribunal.

## More land for the farmers

- Divide the estates of the monopoly the working farmer. Revalue the land combines and provide land for land and stop speculation.

- ALL marketing boards to be democratically elected and producer-controlled with consumer representation.
- Break with American dominated international marketing schemes—open trade with socialist countries.
- Strict price control of farm machinery and fuel.

## Apprentices' pay

- Effect to be given to the finding of the Apprenticeship Inquiry making apprentices' wages a percentage of the tradesmen's rate.

## Workers' compensation

- Review of Workers' Compensation Act to overcome anomalies and provide **PAYMENT EQUAL TO WAGES LOST.**

## Olympic Games

- Rapid completion of Olympic Games construction. Trade Union representation on controlling committees.
- Action to stamp out graft and profiteering on Games.

## Workers in State instrumentalities

- A doubling of wage margins and granting of trade union demands for improved conditions for workers in State instrumentalities.
- No more letting of contracts to private enterprise where they can be done by the State instrumentalities.
- A writing off of the capital debt on the railways with a reduction in rail fares and freights.

## Police, prisons

- The abolition of the death penalty.
- Prison reform including replacement of Pentridge.
- Action to stamp out police bashing and put an end to corruption in a section of the police force.

## Democratic rights

- Introduce laws that guarantee freedom of speech, press, assembly and organisation. Repeal all repressive legislation.

## Electoral reform

- Abolition of Upper House.
- Universal franchise in municipal elections.
- Proportional representation in both parliamentary and municipal elections. The establishment of right of recall.

## IN FIGHTING FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESENT NEEDS OF THE VICTORIAN PEOPLE THE COMMUNIST PARTY ALSO FIGHTS FOR THEIR FUTURE.

It aims at building a movement of the people which in winning the demands listed above can go forward to end capitalist exploitation and production for profit and to establish in its place socialism and production for use.

Planned socialist production for use would not only guarantee a constantly rising standard of living but by taking the profit out of war would put an end to wars for all time.