

Act now to save innocent Rosenberg couple from the electric chair in U.S.

EXECUTION SET FOR JUNE 18

SHOCKED by news that the U.S. Supreme Court had refused a new trial for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and that their electrocution has been fixed for June 19, Melbourne democratic organisations acted swiftly last Friday.

Within a few hours they organised a deputation of 30 leading trade unionists and others to the U.S. Consul, Mr. Stebbins, and organised a protest meeting and demonstration outside the Consulate.

In a further bid to prevent the execution of the innocent parents of two young children and secure justice, the Melbourne Save the Rosenbergs Committee has called a public protest meeting in the Assembly Hall, next Monday night at 8 p.m.

Among many other mass and individual demands for justice for the Rosenbergs 30 Brighton citizens sent this week a telegram to the US Consul in Melbourne, Mr. Stebbins:—"Please convey President Eisenhower our demand re-hearing of Rosenbergs case."

Friday's deputation to the US Consul included representatives of the Seamen's Union, Building Workers' Industrial Union, Liquors, Trades, Ship Painters and Dockers, Builders' Laborers, Butchers' Wateryside Workers, Democratic Rights Council, Italia...

Although he has granted a phone to meet the deputation, the Consul, Mr. Stebbins, slipped away in a car a few minutes after the deputation

arrived at the consulate. He curtly told a Building Trades Union official who approached him just before he drove off to "put your views in writing."

The deputation, however, went up to the Consulate and spoke its views to his secretary. They asked him to communicate to President Eisenhower their demand that he use his power to stop the execution and order a new trial.

Mr. Stebbins' secretary said that there was no obligation upon him to submit the deputation's views to Washington.

Assembly Hall Meeting

In view of the tragically short time remaining before the execution date on June 19, the Melbourne Save the Rosenbergs Committee has appealed to all lovers of justice not only to make a great protest in the Assembly Hall next Monday night, but to use no time in sending mass and individual protests to the President, Eisenhower, or US representatives in Canberra and Melbourne.

"Every democrat has a duty to prevent an awful injustice being committed and to secure a new trial," declared a spokesman of the Save the Rosenbergs Committee yesterday.

Many leading personalities, both in America and other countries, have challenged the justice of the Rosenbergs' trial on a charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage. Among these are Prof. Albert Einstein, leading American atomic scientist, Prof. Harold Urey and world famous British scientist, Prof. J. D. Bernal.

Prof. Bernal has declared that his information which the Rosenbergs are alleged to have "conspired" to pass on was not only not "secret" but has been published in scientific journals from 1888 on.

Among other glaring injustices, both in the death sentence and conviction, which have been pointed out by leading world legal authorities, including Mr. D. N. Pritt, QC, are these:—

• The Rosenbergs were convicted on the evidence of a self-confessed spy, Greenglass, who, himself, has been sentenced to only 15 years, while the Rosenbergs who are supposed to have "conspired" to get information from him are sentenced to death.

• No American has ever been executed for espionage in peacetime and the Rosenbergs were only charged with "conspiracy to commit espionage."

• The maximum sentence for conviction on this charge is 30 years—hence the death sentence itself is a violation of the law.

• The year in which the Rosenbergs are alleged to have committed this "conspiracy" was 1944, when the Soviet Union was an ally of the USA.

In view of these and other grave anomalies and doubts about the conviction and death sentence, millions throughout the world have asked for a retrial and for the setting aside of the death sentence.

The Pope has twice asked for clemency on the grounds of Christian mercy and humanity to the parents of two young children. Leaders of many other denominations have also asked for clemency.

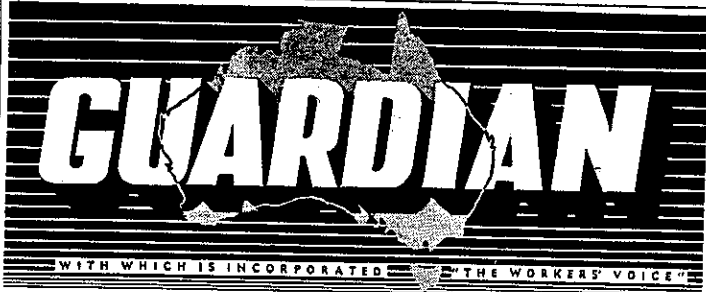
The refusal of the American Government to heed these worldwide pleas shows that it is not concerned, either with justice or humanity, but only with a desperate attempt to vindicate its anti-Soviet war policy.

If the Rosenbergs case were quashed, all the lurid stories of Soviet atom spies in the USA would collapse.

Two innocent people are accordingly to be crucified on the cross of US war policy. Their execution would provide a precedent paving the way to the death sentence in America for every opponent of aggressive American war policy.

The winning of justice for the Rosenbergs is therefore a vital part of the battle for peace. A great democratic battle in America, backed by world-wide protests, has saved the Rosenbergs for two years since their sentence. At this moment, when the forces of world peace have reached a decisive stage of struggle with the American warmongers, justice for the Rosenbergs can well be a powerful blow tipping the balance in favor of the forces of world peace.

ACT NOW FOR JUSTICE SAVE THE ROSENBERGS!



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Jolimont men lead the wages fight in Victoria



JOLIMONT railway inspection shop workers are still seeking a conference with the Railways Commissioners to settle their claim for a 2/- a day disability allowance.

JOLIMONT inspection shop delegates of the three unions fighting for 2/- a day disability allowance for all workers in the shop.

Left to right: Bill Coulthurst, Amalgamated Engineering Union; Alan McGarvie, Australian Railways Union, and Wilf Thurlwell, Electrical Trades Union. See story of Jolimont workers' struggle, Page 6.

Menzies' 'health' fraud cuts living standards

THE Menzies Government's so-called Hospital and Medical Benefit schemes which are to come fully into operation on July 1 represent one of the biggest frauds yet perpetrated on the Australian people and strike directly at the Australian standards of living.

Briefly the aim of the Menzies Government is to place all social services on a compulsory contributory insurance basis.

A contributory old age pensions scheme is at present being planned to follow the hospital and medical schemes, and to replace the present non-contributory old age pensions.

The compulsory contributions to insurance or benefit societies will not reduce taxation. The social service tax originally levied to meet expanded social services is still being collected but has been diverted into consolidated revenue. This enables this money to go to war preparations and profitable contracts to big business.

The steps so far taken in connection with the Hospital and

Medical Benefits schemes are only the first steps on the road to full compulsory contributory insurance.

The government at present still makes some contribution towards "benefits" for insured persons but the way is open for the government to reduce or withdraw altogether its contribution at any stage, or to water it down by inflation.

The purpose of the government's contribution at the present stage is to force the people into the insurance of benefit societies. Once this purpose has been achieved the government can start wriggling out of its present limited payment.

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DR. Lloyd Roberts of the ARU, was Saturday. He had a secret Right Wing Victorian ARU Britannia Hos

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