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LEGALITY WON FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY

A VICTORY FOR DEMOCRACY AND ITS WAR EFFORT

On the 18th December, 1942, the Communist Party of Australia, outlawed two and a half years ago by the U.A.P.-C.P. Government led by Menzies, Hughes and Fadden, had its legality restored by the Curtin Government.

The Australian people, particularly the Labour Movement, earned the victory they won on that day. On no other issue of internal politics in the history of this country did people on all walks of life, led by militant labour, rally so closely and fight with such determination and consistency as on the issue of legality for the Communist Party.

First the anti-democratic forces had to be defeated. Then the timidity and hesitancy of the Government itself had to be overcome. But the mass movement stuck to its cause and on against all opposition.

DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT ASSERTED.

This unity of action arose from the love of democracy so characteristic of all true Australians since the heroic stand against injustice and tyranny made by the miners beneath the five-starred flag at Eureka in 1854.

It is also a tribute to the work and policy of the Communists who, since the foundation of their party in 1920, in legal and illegal days, have fought courageously in the interests of the toiling masses.

All anti-Fascists are delighted with the decision of the Government and many organisations have already telegraphed congratulations to Mr. Curtin and Dr. Evatt.

BLOW AGAINST FASCISM.

The lifting of the ban by the Curtin Government was a further stage in the development of its policy of defending and extending democracy, destroying the undemocratic legislation of the Menzies-Fadden Government, and of relying more on the power of the people and less upon the monopolists and their spokesmen. The lifting of the ban will rally further support around the Government, giving the workers and toiling farmers greater confidence in its policy.

It will allow the Communist Party to do in the past to strengthen the

nation's war effort against the enemies of mankind.

The Queensland State Committee and the Editorial Board of its official do to even more than it has been able organ sincerely thank all those organisations, particularly the Trades Unions and individuals who helped the Party win its rightful status as a legal party of the Australian working class.

POLICY INCREASED STRENGTH.

That the Party was several times stronger in membership and in branch organisation when the ban was lifted than when the ban was imposed, and the circulation of its illegal Press in a corresponding position, demonstrates the tenacity of the Communists and the correctness of the leadership and policy of the Party.

Only the party of a new type based upon the resolute teachings of the immortal Lenin, inspired by the devotion and steadfastness of the Soldiers of Communism the world over and enthused by the justice and noble aims of the Communist Cause could have achieved such results. The members of the Communist Party of Australia and the thousands of men, women and young people who have assisted it during the difficult days have every reason to be proud of their Party.

JOIN THE PARTY.

Our Party is already a mass party, but it is not yet nearly strong enough. There is room in our Party for thousands more workers, farmers, soldiers and middle class people who want to contribute the maximum effort in building anti-Fascist national unity, who believe that Socialism is the new order for which we must struggle to provide security for the people after Fascism has been destroyed.

The defeat of Fascism is the most revolutionary task capable of fulfilment in the present situation.

Hasten the road to victory over Fascism!

Build national unity around the

Monster Celebration on January 25th

Every Party member and every sympathiser is expected to rally to the Monster Celebration, organised by the Queensland State Committee of the Communist Party in Brisbane on January 25th.

It is fitting the restoration of the Party's legality should figure prominently.

The Brisbane City Hall should see a demonstration of the strength of the Party in Brisbane, and the hundreds who support the Party will be especially welcome at this great Rally.

Further details of the Rally will be given in the next issue. But cancel everything on January 25th and roll up to the City Hall.

FULL ENQUIRY NEEDED INTO A.W.C. IN QUEENSLAND

The Government has acceded to requests for an enquiry into certain aspects of the workings of the A.W.C. in Sydney. The enquiry is now proceeding, and its results should make for a more efficient contribution to the war effort.

However, the terms of reference of the enquiry are too limited.

The Queensland Trades Union Congress, the Queensland T. and L. Council and the Building Trades Unions have all called for a complete enquiry into the workings of the A.W.C., especially in Queensland. The Building Trades Unions have asked that at least one member of the unions sit on the Commission.

Curtin Government and assist Australia's war effort in every way!

Work for a Communist Party-Labour Party United Front of the working class.—

Join the Communist Party!