

...the world except Europe, Yugoslavia and Japan. They came to the Festival to see the cultural displays and to see the people of the Festival who were unable to stay for the Congress.

Q: What contributions to the Festival impressed you most?

A: I was particularly impressed with the contributions of the Far Eastern peoples. Some of these are part of the Soviet Union; others, like the Mongolians, belong to People's Republics friendly with the USSR. Their displays introduced me to a culture which I didn't know existed before.

Q: How did you manage for accommodation in Budapest?

A: We were put up in People's Colleges which were on vacation at the time. These are in big buildings, some of which were formerly private schools, others equipped private homes of Nazi collaborators.

Q: These have been given by the government to the youth and the young people are no longer debarred from higher education because their parents can't afford it. Preference is given now to children of workers and peasants; the only test is ability.

Q: The government offered a scholarship to one person from each delegation to stay in Hungary and study.

Q: How did you find the food situation in Hungary, as compared with other countries you visited?

A: Delegates at the Festival were well fed. A light continental breakfast, lunch of soup, a meat dish, sweets and fruit, and a similar evening meal, except that there was no soup.

Q: Food prices didn't seem high, but there was no rationing. What was the situation about the normal diet?

A: This compared very well with

...the country was better off.

Q: She replied that for the country as a whole, conditions were the best now that she had ever known in her lifetime.

Q: She had one or two minor criticisms of the Festival, but she was generally very complimentary.

Q: Did you find out anything about rents?

A: People told me that they were kept down to about one-tenth of the income of the person paying the rent.

Q: Did you hear of any shortage of petrol?

A: I couldn't say for sure, but there were no signs of any shortage. There were certainly plenty of cars and taxis.

Q: Did you see any signs of persecution of the Church?

A: No, I did not. Priests were walking about freely, and the churches were open. I made a point of walking into a church one Sunday while a service was being held. It was being held in the normal way, just as in Australia or any other country.

Q: Were there any Red Army men in the streets?

A: Yes, a few because Budapest is on the route to Austria, which is an occupied country. They were obviously on friendly terms with the people. I saw two with English girls on their arms.

Q: I saw a ballet in a Hungarian theatre depicting recent events. When the ballet showed the liberation of Hungary by the Soviet Army, the young Hungarians in

...the Peace Movement.

Q: The people's movement appears to be very strong in Italy. The Communist Party is strong, particularly in Genoa, Milan and Turin.

Q: A Red Army memorial erected by the Hungarian people in Budapest in gratitude for their liberation.

# Program For Peace, Plenty, Independence Of Australia: Communist Senate Manifesto

THE seven-point election program of the Australian Communist Party's Victorian Senate team is aimed at protecting the interests of Australia and all the useful people who are Australia.

The program covers the main needs of the vast majority of the people of Victoria — workers, farmers, shopkeepers — of all ages and both sexes.

**PEACE MUST BE DEFENDED:** The atom bomb and germ warfare threaten town and country alike. War preparations mean high taxation, restricted health and social services. The steel and chemical monopolies want war; for them it means mountains of gold from seas of human blood; for us — workers and farmers — it means needless death and destruction.

Peace can be assured through economic co-operation with the Socialist section of the world, and breaking with the warmongers of Wall Street.

**KEEP AUSTRALIA FREE:** Both Liberal and Labor parties are willing to make Australia an American dependency. Devaluation of Australian currency is a taste of what it means.

As Australia's subordination to American imperialism becomes more complete, it would mean unemployment, wage cuts and speed up for workers and cut-throat competition, dumping and ruinous prices for farm products. Already America (Herald, Nov. 1) has an "unmanageable crop surplus valued at 131 million dollars." Mr. Morgenthau advocates giving this surplus to friendly governments in Asia and the Middle East to help check the spread of Communism. It would, in fact, destroy the markets for Australian primary products — for example (Herald, Nov. 4), Pakistan is threatening reprisals for the increase in the price of Australian wheat following devaluation. Canada is capturing the Singapore and Malayan flour market.

To fight to keep Australia free from American dollar domination is to fight for the independence of Australian industry and agriculture, and for a peaceful democratic life.

**FOREIGN POLICY:** Must be made in Australia to strengthen



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Senate Candidate.

our economic and political friendship in the Pacific with our neighbors. The Blamey-MacArthur plan of rebuilding a militarist Japan is a military and economic threat to Australia.

Sympathetic recognition of the democratic revolutionary changes aimed at raising the standards of living of the peoples of Asia is to Australia's economic and political advantage.

Recognition of New China means an expanding market for manufactured goods, machinery and farm products. The Communist Party advocates full independence for all colonial people; this is in the interests of Australia because People's Democratic governments everywhere are opposed to war.

A Pacific People's Democratic alliance would wipe out the need for war preparations and end the \$300,000,000 "Defence" expenditure.

**DEFEND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS:** The right to know and cross-examine anyone who alleges you guilty of a crime; the right to be tried by a jury of your fellow citizens; the right to be assumed innocent until proved guilty; the right to refuse to incriminate yourself — all these rights are denied to you under part 11A of the Commonwealth Crimes Act.

The Labor Party was elected in 1928, pledged to repeal the political sections of this Act. It was under this Act that Australian Communist Party General Secretary, Mr. Lance Sharkey, is serving a sentence for making a declaration very similar to the charter of the UNO.

The Communist Party stands for the full independence of the trade unions, farmers' economic organisations and genuine people's organisations. It stands for the abolition of all repressive legislation such as the political sections of the Crimes Act, the amended Arbitration Act No. 28 of 1949 and the Victorian Essential Services Act.



MRS. THELMA LEES  
Senate Candidate

Communist Senators will assist in every way the actions of workers and democrats to secure the repeal of repressive Federal or State legislation.

**NATIONALISE THE MONOPOLIES:** Which exploit both worker and small farmer. Collins House monopolies contribute to the shortages of galvanised iron and wire netting. They are exporting our metals to cash in on higher prices overseas, callously leaving Australian primary industry and housing short of the product of our own country.

**LIVING STANDARDS:** Today the people are faced with ever-rising prices. The Communist Party gives full support for the £10 basic wage claim (with immediate £2 interim increase), for a reduction in prices and then strict price control. It supports equal pay for women.

**FARMERS:** Have other sectional program demands, but on this basic program can join their efforts with those of other citizens and the workers' unity to make a popular movement for Peace and Democracy.

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## Race Bar In Sth. African 'Varsities

**DURBAN** — The anti-Negro, anti-Indian, anti-Semitic government of Malan in South Africa has just taken another Jim Crow step by outlawing joint classroom attendance by colored and white students in all SA Universities.



## SAVOY THEATRE

Hear Dr. A. Dobbin (recently returned from New Zealand, where he made investigations into conditions of public health), speak on — "The Prevention of Milk-borne Diseases" SUNDAY, NOV. 13, 8 p.m.



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