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Peace Movement Broadened By Students, Ex-Servicemen

Powerful peace resolutions passed by the Legion of Ex-Servicemen in Victoria and by the National Union of Australian University Students' Congress were a warning to warmongers at home and abroad that the peace front extends far beyond the militant workers, the trade unions and progressive liberals.

The peace resolutions were passed at a time when the Menzies-Fadden Government is preparing to take part in aggressive military plans in the Pacific, when a new "Berlin Crisis" is being cooked up, when American imperialism tries to cow humanity with threats of a hydrogen mass-murder bomb and General Blamey calls for fraternisation and friendship with the Japanese torturers of yesterday.

In addition to expressing peace sentiments, the Legion of Ex-Servicemen, at their Victorian convention, "strongly protested against the policy of General MacArthur in re-arming Japan and his intention of settling Japanese in Australia."

MR. W. BORLAND (North and West Melbourne branches) said that General MacArthur had ignored the Potsdam Agreement on Japan, and was acting as dictator there.

The Legion of Ex-Servicemen in Queensland is one of the main driving forces behind the peace campaign in that State.

Outlaw A-Bomb
The National Union of Australian University Students' Congress at Gan Gan, near Newcastle, passed a strong resolution calling on students to support the peace drive and outlaw of the atom bomb.

The NUAUS Congress was attended by about 300 representative students from all Australian States. They included Liberal and Labor Party and Christian group members.

This Congress is the annual rank-and-file gathering of Australian University students.

In addition to the NUAUS resolution opposing military conscription, reported in the last Tribune, the students also took a vigorous stand against "purging" on political grounds and other forms of witch-hunting.

Student Campaign
Students showed their resentment at the victimisation of Dr. Thomas Kaiser, the brilliant Australian nuclear physicist, who lost his post with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation after he had demonstrated before Australia House, London, against the jailing of union leaders during the recent coal strike.

The students carried this resolution: "That this meeting of Congress, in view of the unjustified dismissal of Dr. Kaiser, strongly urges all students to work for his reinstatement and for the provision of adequate safeguards against similar occurrences in the future."
The Congress called on the NUAUS Council to inaugurate a student campaign to achieve these aims and

while the CSIRO should exist as a developing, independent organisation."

Congress also "viewed with concern the recent threats to the rights of students to organise in groups, clubs or societies and to propagate views on social, religious or political matters."

Rights Defended

Congress upheld the right of students to form clubs, societies or professional associations based on common interest in regard to social, religious or political matters, the right of students to propagate policies on social, political or religious questions and "to invite speakers of their own choosing."



"Seems a jolly idea, doesn't it? Think we'd get the same support for a War Day?"

Rex Chiplin Says

SYDNEY University Chemical Engineering Department official, acting in an advisory capacity at Garden Island, was working on the deslaying of the Tarakan oil tank.

had issued strict instructions that the tank was not to be worked until he had pronounced it safe for anybody, without consultation with him, countermanded this with the now well-known results.

at a recent sitting of the Victoria Police Disciplinary Board, Commissioner Raymond Hayes was asked by Board chairman (Mr. Jackson) why he had refused to make any statement at Russell Street Headquarters.

consider it is always dangerous to make a statement to the police and Hayes.

we were thrilled to learn from a week-end paper that the King's expert jig-saw solver, Judge Geoffrey Scott's article in Monday Telegraph he'd be flat out trying to put the "Empliah" together.

IA NORTON, owner of the Daily Mirror, Truth and Sports has appointed Mr. W. Linken as Staff Superintendent of those papers.

kenbach is an ex-policeman and a member of the Vice Squad, the SP Squad.

ITALISM: In Australia there has been a steady decline of wool production and sheep numbers since 1890, Mr. J. G. Crawford, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, said on Sunday.

BETTERS SECTION: In a radio interview last Sunday Sun columnist Andrea Illusi in the family atmosphere at a Miss Elizabeth's wedding by the Duke of Gloucester's son blew his nose on the train.

RE recent letters in the London Daily press.

cently we had a number of roots (lyanthus) in full bloom deliberately dug up and eaten. We do not know the Government for this, but if it is the culprits must be Communists or Socialists who begrudge a very flower in our garden. Probably the result of putting lyanthus in the same bed with Mr. William...

RE'S another. "This milk has not been diverted to a work-class because they need it, but to the upper class to whom it always been a great item of food. The evil comes, man hopes to the country of the better class. The method is a bit slow, but...

Menzies' Minister Betrayed Liberty

In April, 1943, when Australia was fighting desperately to repel Japanese aggression, a man who now holds high Cabinet rank in the Menzies-Fadden Government was publicly charged with having sabotaged the Third Liberty Loan.

HE is Fuel and Shipping Minister Senator McLeay, South Australian businessman and sponsor of the notorious 10-point plan for speeding-up factory workers.

On April 13, 1943, Senator McLeay and Mr. J. G. Duncan Hughes, MHR, a brother of Sir Walter Duncan of the BHP, were booked to speak at a loan rally at Kapunda, South Australia.

Strong protests against their negative attitude were made to the State War Loan Committee by the Mayor of Kapunda, Mr. H. Rees and Warrant Officer Legg, a returned soldier from the Ninth Division.

"Political Sabotage"

This was reported by the Adelaide News on April 15, 1943. The News quoted Warrant Officer Legg as having said: "Instead of supporting the loan, these men sabotaged it on party political lines."

"Their attitude made me furious. Here was I, specially scheduled to assist the loan, confronted with two men who spoke only half-heartedly and Mr. Duncan Hughes who gave more points why people should not subscribe than why they should do so."

The Mayor of Kapunda, Mr. Rees, said that "most of the 60 to 70 people present resented Mr. Duncan Hughes' speech. It tended to divert people from subscribing."

"We never got a penny from the meeting, Senator McLeay supported the loan half-heartedly," said the Mayor.

The charges against Senator McLeay and Mr. Duncan Hughes were corroborated in the press by the Church of England Minister at Kapunda, Rev. T. O. Scrutton and the Kapunda manager of Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd., Mr. Langdon. Mr. Langdon said that Mr. Duncan Hughes "ran the loan down from start to finish. I got up and walked out, together with several others."

Senator McLeay's attitude towards the Third Liberty Loan typifies the attitude of the entire Menzies-Fadden Government to the liberties of the Australian people to-day.

Beginning with a ban on the Communist Party and attacks on militant union leaders the Government aims at negating the civil liberties of all its political opponents.

It must not be allowed to succeed. The unity in action which brought about the defeat of the Menzies Government in 1941 can ensure defeat of its reactionary plans today.

Unity Committees in the workplaces and unions should be formed to allow ALP supporters, Communists and workers who adhere to no particular political party to wage a common fight against the Government's policy which adversely affects the interests of all workers.

Transatlantic Decline For British Shipping

LONDON.—It was natural that the Cunard White Star Co. should deny the press report that it was planning a 90,000 ton liner, because indications are that Britain may have to reduce her Transatlantic services when competition grows.

By 1952 the largest liner ever built in USA will be on the run, with lower fares than Cunard boats. Holland and France are also planning new ocean giants.

From the USSR comes news of a 50,000 ton liner, carrying 4500 passengers, being constructed in Leningrad yards.

HOBART.—Decision of the recent conference of the Australian Teachers' Federation to oppose all non-merit, junior teacher and pupil-teacher systems will be applauded by all thinking parents.

ATOMIC POWER COULD END DROUGHTS

In a radio talk last week Dr. Thomas Kaiser asked whether use of atomic energy to divert rivers might not be the solution to the problem of developing the dry Australian inland.

DR. KAISER pointed out that the Russians had practised this peaceable method of using atomic explosions.

Dr. Kaiser, brilliant 25-year-old Australian scientist from Oxford, was sacked by the CSIR for participating in a London protest against the NEW coal strike jollies last year. He said atomic energy was so important that in view of American reluctance to help other countries in the field he should demand that our

Governments establish friendly relations with Russia and obtain details of this work.

Scientists alone could not determine whether science would follow the path to peace or war, added Dr. Kaiser.

"By united action all democratic Australians through their organisations and by co-operation with the Australian Peace Council, which is the spearhead of this struggle, can and will impose peace on those who prey war."

The Australian Government contributes millions of taxpayers' money

to the rocket range, yet important research in universities is impeded through lack of finance, said Dr. Kaiser.

He quoted a Melbourne Age report:

"Lack of finance has forced Adelaide bacteriology workers to discontinue development work on anti-TB vaccine BGG.

"Miss Nancy Atkinson, lecturer in bacteriology said that a further Commonwealth grant of £700 might have been enough to enable this work to be completed."

Norway Land Taken For War Exercises

LONDON.—Norwegian farmers, agricultural, timber and industrial workers and Peace Committees are strongly protesting against military expropriation of large tracts known as the Haslemoen, in the Soleer district, for military training.

Haslemoen was one of the best arable tracts.

The Norwegian Peace Committee stated that it was "more important to provide people with food than with military exercises."

The expropriation was a link in the chain of Atlantic Pact military preparations against the Soviet.