

What Future?

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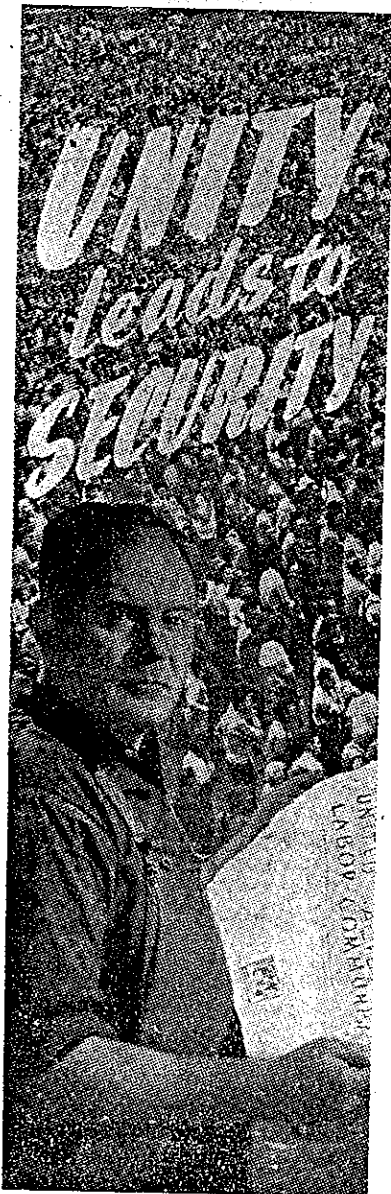
CHAOS
DEPRESSION

Look up sister!



Which Path will you choose, Electors

Is it to be atom-rent cities, with your orphaned children sobbing amid radio-active ruins, or a world of peace and plenty?



The Australian Communist Party enters this historic Federal Election to point the path to peace and plenty, to expose the war-mongers, to win jobs, homes and security, more wages, leisure and culture for the people.

Communists fight for a 40-hour week, an increase of at least £1 in the basic wage, speedier housing, more schools and hospitals, less taxes and no Means Test, continued pegging of prices and rents.

Communist policies stand out in clear and hopeful contrast from those of "Liberal," Country and other Parties tied to Big Business.

- When Big Business politicians say, "Raise the fares to meet transport deficits," Communists says, "Pull down the interest toll paid to idle bondholders oversea, the real cause of deficits."

- When Big Business politicians say, "Let's build rocket stations for World War III in Australia's inland," Communists say, "Let's build irrigation canals to turn our inland to a flourishing garden, let's oppose all preparations for World War III and unite with peace-loving forces all over the world to ensure peace, progress and brotherhood."

The choices in this atomic age, the alternatives at the Federal election, are sharp and pressing.

- Is it to be more milk for the baby or more profit for monopolies? Smokes for the workers, or futile calls for child labor by a tobacco monopoly that won't produce the goods? Budget and tax burdens for rockets and bombs, or more money in the pay envelope for fruit and vegetables, children's shoes, good books and good homes?

You will assist the creative, constructive alternatives if you go to the polls on September 28 with these slogans in your mind:—

- **Send Communists to Canberra!**
- **Help to re-elect the Labor Government!**
- **Defeat Big Business "Liberal" and Country Party candidates!**

Outlaw War!

Once we used to ask, "Peace or War?" War came, and the dead were counted in millions. But the world went on.

Now we have to ask, "Peace or Annihilation?" World War III, with its rockets, radar and atomic bombs, mightn't leave enough living to bury the dead.

Spectral back-drop to anti-democratic foreign policies now being pursued in Washington and Wall Street, London and Canberra, is the deadly, mushroom-like canopy that rises from atomic explosion. British Commonwealth peoples must prevent Mr. Bevin and Dr. Evatt from following the line of American imperialists like Mr. Byrnes—the spokesman for Morgan, Rockefeller and Du Pont trusts who secretly plot to crush the new democracies of Europe, the rising democratic movements of Asia, and the Socialist Sixth of the World, and to shackle mankind as hewers of wood and drawers of water for Wall Street.

It would be fatal for Australia to be drawn into a Third World War, converted to an American pawn, blasted because imperialist foreign policies have made our land an arsenal and a target. Already, anti-Australian politicians affront our national honor by suggesting foreign American garrisons on Australian soil, instead of Big Five leadership to keep the peace through U.N.O.

- ① Our Party stands for a democratic Australian defence policy, in co-operation with other United Nations. We stand for a democratic peace, that will crush all remnants of fascism, curb all war-mongers, ensure treaties that give life and hope to the newly arisen democracies—and not interventionary rights to the City of London and Wall Street.
- ② Communists demand that the atomic-bomb, like poison gas, be outlawed.



- ③ Communists demand that war itself be outlawed, through a U.N.O. freed from atomic diplomacy and dollar imperialism.
- ④ Uncurbed slanders of the Soviet and other democratic countries, drives to split and weaken the labor-democratic forces, to outlaw Communist Parties, to exploit colonial riches, bring us nearer to war.
- ⑤ A stronger labor movement, aided by Communists in Parliament, will see that we take the road to peace, that it won't be democracy that's outlawed, but the atomic-bomb.
- ⑥ Victory for Communist peace policies means less money for armaments, more money for wages, schools, homes, public works.

Vote for this

A Communist voice in Parliament means YOUR voice in Parliament!
 Communist M.P.'s like Mr. Fred Paterson, M.L.A., in Queensland,
 provide a real forum for workers, farmers and middle-classes.
 These are some of the reforms that Communist M.P.'s will fight for
 and, with your aid, win.

Program

Industrial Conditions

- 40-hour week, at least £1 on the basic wage.
- No taxation on £6 a week and under, heavy reductions on middle incomes, maximum taxation on the rich and on company profits.
- Three weeks' paid annual holidays, holiday and rest homes, free or assisted travel for workers.
- National, non-contributory social insurance, to cover sickness, accidents, unemployment and old age, giving at least basic wage standards without Means Tests.
- The Arbitration system to be radically revised to permit full development of direct negotiation, to speed up hearing of Union claims, to abolish court compulsion and interference in union affairs and limit the powers of judges.

Health

- Commonwealth-planned health services, with more hospitals, clinics, maternity, baby health, pre-school, industrial hygiene and other health facilities; nationalisation of drug and other medical supply industries, salaried medical services.
- National research plan, covering diet, tuberculosis, infantile paralysis, cancer, V.D., rheumatism and allied diseases.

Education

- Comprehensive, Australia-wide planning of education by the

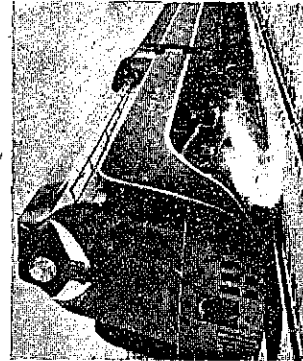
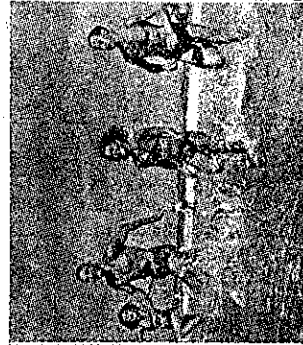
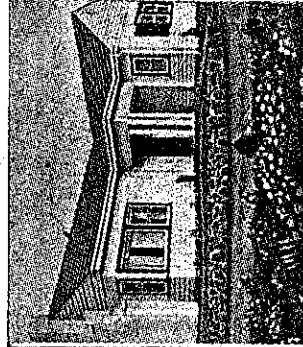
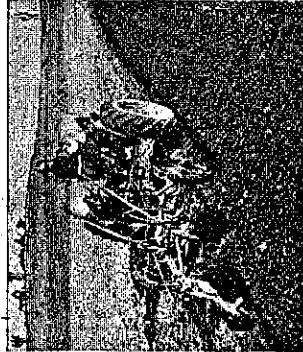
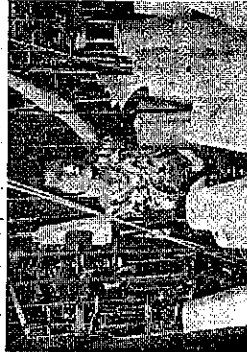
Commonwealth Government, free education at all stages, extension of technical and university education, facilities for continued adult education, annual Commonwealth grants to the States for education and extension of school building on modern standards.

Ex-Service Men and Women

- Higher pensions; more extensive rehabilitation assistance, business, housing and land settlement aids for ex-Service men and women; full maintenance until they are placed in regular employment.

Rent and Prices

- Rigid price and rent controls.



SPEED HOME BUILDING

Many Australian workers and farmers have always been badly housed. Today, with the ex-Servicemen returning, housing shortages and slum overcrowding have become acute. For the requirements of the next 10 years, we are 700,000 houses short. The Communist Party, taking full account of material and skilled labor shortages, says that 50,000 houses can be provided in the next year, with the quota steadily rising to cope with increased population and migrants.

Speed is the decisive factor. Unless Governments are pushed to it, overcrowding and its consequent evils will become intolerable.

Governments must control the building industry and all its allied branches; they must build houses as they built military camps, hangars, aerodromes and aeroplanes in the war emergency.

Housing calls for a national plan, for priorities in home-building, for elimination of luxury building, for the breaking of the private speculators' grip on materials and construction.

Don't forget there is a vested interest in the housing shortage. Landlords and racketeers like shortages.

Communists are needed in Canberra to fight the vested interests, to see that the houses go up at lightning speed.

FOR A HAPPY COUNTRYSIDE

The Communist Party insists on prosperity, comfort, modernisation for the hard-working farmers and townspeople of the Australian countryside.

Among the demands put in parliament by Communist MHR's would be:

● Lifting of debt burdens from farmers, by drastic scaling down, and writing off of



farm debts, nationalisation of the land trusts' big estates and resumption of leases for closer settlement, security from farm evictions, Government assistance and encouragement to secure modern farm equipment and supplies, fuller use of cooperative methods, including cooperative alliances between country producers and city consumers, to give better returns to farmers, lower prices to the public.

● Anti-erosion measures, like water conservation, flood control, irrigation, re-afforestation and Government assistance in soil rehabilitation.

● Rail unification and more air transport to country centres, to give improved transport and mail services.

● More amenities for country people, including wide networks of hospitals, schools, technical colleges, public libraries, community centres, kindergartens, nurseries and recreation facilities.

Support a triple "Yes" in the Referendum, to give elected parliaments control over terms and conditions of employment, organised marketing and extended social services.

Jobs, Homes, Progress

Vote **1** COMMUNIST



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Herbert



M. JULIUS
Wide Bay



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Hindmarsh



A. WATT
Adelaide



K. HEALY
Perth

Vested interests, big monopolies, the parties of Menzies and Fadden, bar the path to peace, plenty and progress.

They must be pushed out of the way at the next elections.

Put the "Liberals" and Country Party last on your ballot paper, put the Communists first, the Labor Party second. If the Communist is not elected, the second preference is good as a No. 1 for the Labor Party man. Where no Communist is standing, give No. 1 to the Labor Party.

The Australian Communist Party election proposals, if won, would be a mighty advance for the Australian people. They do not constitute Socialism, for which the Communist Party always works, but they are a step on the road to that better, war-free, secure and creative Socialist society, in which workers run their own industries, farmers own their own farms, and the parasitical monopolists remove their grip from the middle-classes—go to work.

Victory for our election proposals means curbs on monopolists, more say for the people, a wider democracy.

All this will strengthen the great cause of workers' emancipation and hasten the dawn of a Great Socialist Commonwealth. ☉



L. SHARKEY
Cook



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West Sydney



A. OGSTON
Lang



L. MULLIN
Werriwa

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For Lasting Peace, for the Outlawing of War

And for Senate Vote for the Labor 3.



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Batman



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the Australia we want

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