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STOP WAR AGAINST KOREA

CUT WAR SPENDING TO PAY DIGGERS GRATUITY RISE

"Robert Gordon Menzies, architect of the Brisbane Line and the lieutenant who resigned his commission at the outbreak of World War I, has never shown any sympathy for ex-servicemen and women — and he's still running true to form."

A LEGION of Ex-Servicemen and women sub-branch official made this comment yesterday on the campaign for higher pensions and a 50 per cent war gratuity rise.

The Legion member said: "The 50 per cent increase in War Gratuities is the fairest claim ever put forward by ex-service members."

"Its rejection by the Menzies Government is as expected. It shows scant regard for the welfare of ex-service men and women."

£36,000,000 Robbery

"All Menzies' fancy words do not get away from the fact that by 1945 values, on which the Gratuity was based, ex-servicemen have been robbed of over £36,000,000."

"The curt 'No' of our globe-trotting Prime Minister will prove to countless thousands of ex-service men and women that the present Government, which echoes the Collins House monopolists, is the foe of ex-service rights."

"This Government is prepared to spend:

- £225,000,000 for the Snowy River war project;
- £20,000,000 for the Rocket Range;
- £7,750,000 every year for conscription;

• And undisclosed millions for the war against the Malayan and Korean peoples.

"From this money could come the necessary finance to increase diggers' gratuity payments to their 1945 values."

Big Campaign Needed

"A mighty campaign by the trade unions in unity with the ex-service bodies and other interested organisations is the way forward for the 50 per cent increase."

"Only the development of a mass movement amongst ex-servicemen and women, in and outside their ex-service groups, will bring results."

"The facts are this: money is available for further wars but not to pay those who fought in the last."

"This should be explained to rank and file diggers to assist them to see more clearly that the US rulers and their Australian satellites are driving for a Third World War."

"A gigantic swindle over our gratuities is the Government's intention. It is assisted by the bulk of the RSL leadership and the Federal Legion who to date refuse to support the just claim for a gratuity increase."

Sign Peace Petition



THE SEVEN-STORY steel-framework building in the background of this picture was completely gutted although it was one mile from the centre of the Hiroshima atom bomb explosion. The tangled mass of steel in the foreground was a smaller, lighter-framed building. Help to ban the atom bomb by signing the Stockholm Peace Appeal. (Turn to Page 3 for story on horrors of Hiroshima and Bikini.)

Paterson Challenged Spender During First Day Of Burns Case

In the special Federal Court on Thursday Mr. F. W. Paterson strongly challenged a statement on the Korean War by External Affairs Minister Spender.

MR. PATERSON was defending Mr. W. F. Burns, publisher of the Tribune, against charges of sedition under the Crimes Act.

The statement was not admissible as evidence in the court "unless Mr. Spender comes here and submits to examination," said Mr. Paterson.

Mr. Spender's statement claimed that the North Korean forces began the war on June 25. Mr. Paterson said this was untrue.

He added that the UNO Security Council decision to send aid to the so-called South Korean Government, mentioned in the Spender

statement, was invalid under Article 27 of the UN Charter, which had been accepted by the Commonwealth Parliament.

(Article 27 states that major decisions by the Security Council must be agreed to by all five Permanent Members.)

Mr. Isles, SM, did not admit the statement.

Mr. Burns pleaded not guilty. The case was proceeding when the Tribune went to press. (See story page 2).

Argument Helped To Get Signatures

CANVASSING for Stockholm petition signatures along Elizabeth Street, Redfern, a returned Digger met another who not only signed but helped him collect signatures.

In Taylor Square he became involved in an argument which spread among bystanders and enabled him to collect about 40 signatures in 20 minutes.

GO OUT AND EXPLAIN WHY WARMONGERS OPPOSE THE PEACE PETITION. FIGHT FOR SIGNATURES TO BAN THE A-BOMB.

Gasworkers Put AGL On The Run

Gasworkers, who are struggling for a 22/- wage increase, have forced the Australian Gas Light Company to abandon its policy of trying to turn the public against them.

AFTER charging that AGL was deliberately denying the people gas, the Gas Employees' Union put the company on the run by providing day workers for shift work.

This removed all excuses for imposing gas rationing.

"The company now has enough union labor to operate its full plant," said president of the union, Mr. L. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson added that while the union had taken steps to see that the AGL could not continue

to impose unnecessary rationing on the people, it was maintaining the overtime ban until the 22/- increase was met.

18 Months' Arbitration

The men imposed the overtime ban for the increase, after 18 months of arbitration had got them virtually nothing.

Mr. Thompson said the company should pay the men's claims out of profits. While the AGL has complained of "losing money," it has

gained three substantial price rises in the past two years.

In addition, thousands of pounds are made annually from the sale of by-products including tar, refined oils, road-binding materials, coke and breeze (fine coke).

The behavior of AGL in boosting gas bills, rejecting claims for adequate wages and manipulating gas supplies to turn the public against their employees provides a powerful argument for the removal of this public utility from private control.

END 'BLOOD LOAN' PLOT

The Australian people's reply to Prime Minister Menzies' statement this week that a dollar "loan" seems certain should be:

Reject the American "blood loan"! Withdraw all Australian forces from the American wars in Asia!

The United States Senate on July 31 accepted an amendment to the "Marshall Plan" Act giving Truman powers to stop "aid" at his own discretion "to any nation which he feels fails or refuses to do all it could or should in supplying equipment or materials to support the United Nations in Korea."

THIS blackmailing move of humanity because war is neither strikingly confirms the Tribune's charge that the Menzies Government is bartering Australian lives for dollars; that the dollar moneylenders are demanding their pound of flesh.

The blood sacrifice, serving the interests only of the Big Business profit-makers, will not be confined to Australians in uniform.

Speaking at Ottawa on Wednesday, Menzies spoke of the loan as a foregone conclusion. He went on to declare that he would reintroduce the so-called Communist Party Dissolution Bill in Parliament next month.

Fascist Bill

The Bill is part of the price of the "blood loan." As the Tribune has repeatedly shown, the Bill was introduced as an American-inspired war measure in preparation for worldwide aggression. The Menzies Government, with the support of the Labor Party leaders, wholeheartedly backs this imperialist war policy.

A dollar loan was the reward held out by Wall Street for Australian participation in its plans.

Mass pressure on the Labor Party leaders upset the time-table, which was to pass the Bill by June 22, just before the US launched its South Korean army into the ill-fated attack on North Korea.

The Bill is aimed at destroying the Communist Party, the trade unions and other democratic organisations, and any opposition at all to the inevitable attack on the Australian people's conditions arising from the war policy.

Already the people are groaning under increasing burdens of higher prices, housing shortage, inadequate wages and other social problems.

These burdens would grow heavier under Wall Street's attack on the Australian people.

Heavier Burdens

On Tuesday in Ottawa, Menzies told his big business colleagues at the Canadian Club that war preparations "mean diverting production to a warlike basis." Every Government head had the right to say to his people—as he intended to tell Australians—"whatever burdens and change of habits are placed on you, these things must be done and shall be done."

The preparations for atomic world war are all the more a crime against

the road to peace has been consistently marked by the Soviet Union. It is now using its right as chairman of the Security Council this month to bare the truth about Korea, and gain a peaceful settlement there to prevent the war spreading.

The US-led majority in the Security Council has violated the UN Charter to screen American responsibility and present the attack on North Korea on June 25 as its opposite.

Exposed by the Soviet, the Americans and their imperialist satellites fear the truth like the plague. Not prepared to carry out the letter or spirit of the UN Charter, they have consequently attempted to destroy it.

Australia's future is gravely threatened. The first steps in actual war have been taken by the Menzies-Fadden-Chifley American party.

The Australian people can halt the march to war. They can take the first step to peace by signing the Stockholm Appeal to ban the Atom bomb.

They should demand the withdrawal of all moral and material support by the Menzies Government for the wars on Korea, China, Malaya, Vietnam and other countries.

They should demand that Asia be left to the Asians; a policy that ensures Australia's future by peaceful co-operation with our northern neighbors.

THEY SHOULD DEMAND THE REJECTION OF THE BLOOD LOAN AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF AUSTRALIA'S LONG STRUGGLE FOR FULL NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.

TALK OF 'LIBERAL' PAPER FOR DARWIN

THE "Liberal" Party is reported to be preparing to launch a new newspaper in Darwin to oppose the Northern Standard, which has aroused the ire of big businessmen by its championing of Northern Territory workers.

Former publicity officer to Robert Gordon Menzies, Eric White, has been mentioned as the new paper's editor.

It is understood that the "Liberal" venture has been assured lavish financial backing from BHP and Collins House monopoly interests.