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COMMUNIST-LABOR AFFILIATION

WILL GUARANTEE PROMISE OF TEHERAN PACT

VICTORIAN STATE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH MET FROM MARCH 11-13 UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED THE ACTION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN APPLYING FOR COMMUNIST AFFILIATION TO THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY.

"Unity of the two Parties of the Labor Movement is a cardinal need whose attainment will make the cause of Australian Labor invincible in the final efforts for victory in the war, and in determining the peace which will follow victory," the resolution declared.

Mr. Ralph Gibson, president of the State Committee, who delivered the main political report, declared:—

"Our job is surely to unite the whole Australian people for the winning of the war and for support of the Teheran policy."

"It is the duty of the Communist Party to approach the problem of peaceful development to socialism one task to which we must devote special attention is that of ensuring in the nearest future the election of Communists to the State and Federal Parliaments, and to municipal and shire councils."

"If we make a search for the key to winning parliamentary seats we will find that key in municipal or local politics."

"The real starting points in local politics are not the big issues, but frequently what our members tend to think of as very minor and small matters."

"Lending a helping hand in the work of the local Community Centre, helping with associations of soldiers' wives, helping to get a playground for children, or a creche, or a kindergarten, helping tenants on rent or other problems, helping youth organisations in localities to broaden out their work. These are only a few examples."

"The support and respect which will reward our good work in local government matters—the so-called small matters—will provide the basis for the mass acceptance of our policy on the larger political issues."

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Members of the Presidium at the State Conference (left to right): J. D. Blake, R. Dixon, E. Gibson, B. Whitecombe, A. Williams, D. E. McDonald, E. Russell.

Victorian Party President Gives Policy For Future

"Many great victories have been won by the Australian people in the past twelve months. Making allowance for all the failures, all the difficulties, and all the sacrifices, we can still say that this past year has been a good year for the Australian people," said Mr. Gibson.

"Allied unity became much stronger with the Teheran Conference and with the conferences held just before it in Moscow and Cairo. These conferences outlined in more detail the main ideas of the Atlantic Charter and the Anglo-Soviet Treaty. From them comes a very clear and strong policy, based on four things:—

"FIRST, the crushing of Fascism. Fascist Germany and Fascist Japan must be fought till they surrender unconditionally. All traces of Fascist Government must go.

"SECONDLY, all peoples must be left free to decide their own future. To quote the Anglo-Soviet Treaty, there must be 'no interference in the internal affairs of other States.' To quote the Moscow Three-Power Agreement, there must be no armies of occupation save by the common consent of all three Powers.

"THIRDLY, the great democratic Powers have pledged themselves to co-operate to maintain peace and security after the war. The cause of collective security for which we battled successfully for many years before the war has at last triumphed. Moscow and Teheran have avenged Madrid and Munich.

"FOURTHLY, the Allied agreements say that there shall be economic co-operation of all the democratic nations, and to reduce the economic life of countries seized by the fascists.

"If the agreements are faithfully carried out, the world will be a better place than it is today. It will be a world in which the people will have more power and more freedom than they have now. It will be a world in which the people will be able to live in peace and security."

Half a Million Just a Start

"The end of the war may find the "Daily Worker" firmly established in Fleet Street itself," according to "World's Press News."

Plans are afoot for the acquisition of a suitable building, and negotiations are well advanced. As soon as peace comes, states the trade paper, the "Daily Worker" should reach half a million copies as a starting point.

Coal Anarchists Endanger Labor Movement

SYDNEY.—The rejection, by certain sections of the South Coast miners of the Central Council decision for a return to work is a serious threat to the Miners' Federation, to other unions, and the whole of the Labor movement.

The position of the Labor Government itself is directly compromised. This flouting of the authority of the union leadership creates an impossible position.

Problems of safety, the call-ups, and all issues can be successfully handled only on the basis of union strength. Miners' president "Bob" Wells emphasised union solidarity and discipline as the first need in the struggle for the just demands of the miners.

Last week's vote was a victory for the provocative owners and managers. The capitalist press immediately raised the issue of freezing union funds which would be the start in their long-term plan to smash the Fed-

fluenced by "wartime militants"—men who never took a progressive part in union affairs. These union-wreckers include the "political stooges" referred to by Mr. Curtin—that is, agents or tools of reactionary forces bent on hampering the democratic war against fascism.

The misguided followers of these saboteurs should, in weighing up the results of their "victory," examine their future if the Federation is smashed and the Labor Government replaced by the Menzies-Fadden reaction.

If the disruption on the South Coast continues, the miners there will find themselves in isolation from the rest of the

Can Be Won

There can be no doubt that the majority of Labor Party members can be won to support the proposal, therefore affiliation is possible. We must get over our defeatism about it and approach it with confidence and the assurance of victory.

All important thing is that the Labor Party and Communist Party should operate closely and con-

Working Class Unity Vital

By R. DIXON.

Victory we must find the way to overcome the Labor movement. We have working-class unity. Creman and we have brought the political level. We are responsible for the election of Labor in Victorian Federation.

Working class unity is the basis of the Labor Party. It is above all the concern of the Labor Party members and the trade unions.

Unless they are prepared to put an end to disruption, it will continue. The Labor Party can become an effective fighting instrument only if it is united and if it vigorously takes up the struggle against reaction.

In seeking affiliation with the Labor Party, the Communist Party wants to broaden the basis of working class unity. There can be no doubt that if our forces were united with those of the Labor Party

the Communist Party will be able to do more for the working class than it is doing at present. It will be able to do more for the working class than it is doing at present. It will be able to do more for the working class than it is doing at present.