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# Smash This Rotten Bill

## Gross Abuse Of Human Rights

### DON'T LET MENZIES BECOME DICTATOR!

Menzies' new Bill is a gross and impudent violation of human rights and civil liberties. It seeks to establish Menzies as a dictator wielding power on behalf of Collins House, BHP and the other monopolies. It not only outlaws the Communist Party: it makes all remaining liberty dependent upon the whim of an irresponsible government.

In conjunction with other legislation like the Crimes Act and the Defence Projects Act, it will make the trade unions as powerless to defend the workers as was Hitler's Labor Front. Its penalties on individuals are the most brutal since the convict days.

It is a Bill that no amendment can render acceptable to the Australian people. It must be rejected, lock, stock and barrel, by the Australian people and the Labor Party. Fraudulent misrepresentation of Communist teachings was freely used by Menzies when introducing the Bill to outlaw the Communist Party, seize its property, give the government power to outlaw any body that incurs its displeasure, impose barbarous penalties on individuals, and head the trade union movement. His allegations that the Communists are subversive, seditious, treasonous, and engaged in sabotage and dishonest trickery to conceal the fact that he is a stooge of the war profiteers and, far from giving value back into the pound, is taking living standards.

### War Plot

By describing the people's peace movement as bogus, and an instrument of Soviet foreign policy, the author of the infamous Brisbane speech, who also admired, aided, and fettered Hitler, admitted that he wanted dictatorial power to suppress opposition to his war plans against the Malayans, Chinese, and the Soviet Union. His Bill on the Defence powers of the Constitution, Menzies gave further proof of his war plans, as well as of his contemptuous attitude to the Australian Constitution. The Defence powers cannot support Federal Price Control in peace

### FAREWELL DEAN NEXT SUNDAY

THE Australian Peace Council asks all peace-lovers to be present at Mascot aerodrome to farewell the Dean of Canterbury when he leaves for England by Qantas plane at 9.30 a.m. next Sunday. A good roll-up would be a fitting acknowledgment to the Dean for his services to the Australian peace movement, and a reply to daily press standers. The 8.29 Doll's Point bus from Central station reaches Mascot in good time.

### FOR PEACE --

MARCH ON MAY DAY (Sunday May 7)



### WON'T LET MENZIES EXHUME FASCISM, SAY COALMINERS

Millions died to kill fascism and miners would not stand by and see Menzies "exhume the corpse," Burwood miners struck on Thursday as they struck in protest against the proposed ban on the Communist Party. This declaration was part of a resolution carried unanimously after being moved by a non-Communist miner. Burwood, largest underground mine in Australia and Aberdare were both on strike for the day on Thursday in protest against the repression bill. At Aberdare, mine deputies and CDPA men held separate meetings and also decided to go home. One representative of the deputies, noted at the coal industry's most conservative group, said that the struggle in defence of working class democracy was one of the most important ever held at the pit. **Come And Show Cause** A telegram sent from Burwood miners informed Menzies the men were striking "in protest against the proposed legislation to ban the Communist Party and to destroy civil liberties." The telegram invited Menzies to come before the miners and show cause why the Communist Party should be banned. "To defeat and kill fascism cost millions of lives including Australia's best sons and daughters. We intend to use every means at our disposal to prevent you from exhuming the corpse," the wire concluded.

## Orderly Deputation Sees Politicians At Canberra

CANBERRA.—Fighting back against a venomous labor-hating daily press scare campaign, over 200 members of the deputation for peace and liberty won the right to see members and senators here on Thursday afternoon.

CONTRARY to the lying press stories, the deputation members were orderly and quiet, and there were no incidents.

The deputation represented tens of thousands of freedom loving people who are determined that Menzies and his "Liberal" Government shall not blackout democracy. Amazing scenes outside the House had a deep effect on those Members of Parliament who had shown their faces. People were clustered in orderly groups for a distance around the House, and the foyer was crowded as delegates awaited answers to their requests that members see them. House orderlies said they were amazed at the quiet determination of the deputation. Labor members seen dodged the issue, saying that they must wait and see the Bill before deciding action.

### Won Right Of Entry

When the deputation swelled to about 200 an attempt was made to stop any admittance to the House but a delegation of six saw Speaker Cameron and Senate Chairman Brown and won the right of entry. The delegation was I. Williams, Alan Wilson, E. Roach, J. Brown, S. Oregan (Vic. ARU President) and Ivo Barrett (Wharfies' Sydney Branch).

Prominent in the crowd outside the House was Det.-Sgt. Wilks, security chief, and a score of his men. The very impressive deputation literally forced itself through the House iron curtain to the chagrin of some ALP members, notably S. M. Keon (Labor, Victoria) who told Mrs. K. Williams, "I'll do anything to get rid of the Communist Party." Keon told Mrs. Williams to go home and forget about the Bill. Asked if he would get her a gallery pass, Keon said: "Certainly not. I'll get you one if you'll chain yourself to the railings and throw leaflets about." She replied: "Like the Liberals' you're hoping for an incident or provocation so that you can smear the deputation." The deputation was a huge, unqualified success inasmuch as it showed politicians that liberty would not be lightly flinched from the people. The lobbies were buzzing with talk all the evening, and despite their beliefs and prejudices, both sides of the House knew that a searchlight had been thrown on their activities. Deputation members are all keeping notes of members seen, so that they can report back to the organisations which sent them. (See Page 6 story: Clergymen To "Fight To Death" Against Menzies).



REV. A. M. DICKIE, one of the five clergymen who took part in the march on Canberra to protest against the Bill. "We'll fight you to the death," the clergymen told Menzies. (See story page 6)

### Destroys Civil Rights

Provisions that enable any organisation or individual to be "declared," destroy basic principles of civil rights. No trial is necessary prior to being "declared." It is to be done on the opinion of Menzies and his stooges. A "declared" person has the right of appeal to the High Court, but the onus of proving his innocence is on him. The time-honored principle that a person is innocent until proved guilty is reversed. Barbarous penalties are provided for "declared" persons. In addition to fines and imprisonment, it is clear that no "declared" person will find employment anywhere in Menzies' Australia. Anybody who was a member of the Communist Party at any time since May 10, 1948, would become a criminal and liable to the full penalties of this new fascist law. The Bill is not only preparation for war, but also preparation to attack living standards.

### Ku Klux Klan Trial

Unions are not to be outlawed, but unionists are to be prevented from democratically electing "declared" persons to official positions—and anybody can be "declared" by the Ku Klux Klan justice of these Big Business stooges. Workers who elected Communists as union officials because of their sterling fight for better conditions will not appreciate Menzies' democracy or relish his description of them as "dupes and fools."

### Axe The Unions

By forcibly and violently removing the fighting union leaderships and by using allied measures such as the Crimes Act and the Defence Projects Act, Menzies plans to make the unions powerless to resist the employers' attack on living standards.

**THE BILL IS THE MOST IMPUDENT ATTEMPT EVER MADE BY AUSTRALIAN REACTION TO SEIZE DICTATORIAL POWER.**

The responsibility is on the Labor Party to reject it. All workers, all democrats, all lovers of peace, should raise their voice in an insistent united demand that the Bill be smashed, and the Government soundly defeated. (Turn to Editorial, Page 4.)