

MINUTES of meeting of Federal Executive of the Australian Labor Party, held at the Masonic Hall, Canberra on Monday, 25th September, 1950 and following days.

Acting President, Mr. S. J. Bryan occupied the Chair and formally declared the meeting open at 3.15 p.m. and called upon the Federal Secretary to read the credentials.

CREDENTIALS Credentials read as follows -

New South Wales	- Hon. J. A. Ferguson, M.L.C.; Hon. J. Wright, M.L.C.
Victoria	- Hon. M. J. Clarey, M.L.C.; Mr. J. V. Stout.
Queensland	- Messrs. S. J. Bryan; A. Cole.
South Australia	- Mr. J. A. Walsh, M.L.C.; Mr. J. Toohy.
Western Australia	- Messrs. J. Chamberlain; C. Webb.
Tasmania	- Senator W. Aylett; Hon. L. L. Roope, M.H.A.
Federal Secretary	- Hon. P. J. Kennelly, M.L.C.

Messrs. Clarey and Chamberlain moved - That the credentials as read be accepted. Carried.

HOURS OF SITTING Messrs. Clarey and Chamberlain moved - That the hours of sitting today be 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. On following days the hours to be 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., leaving the question of any future night meetings to the Executive itself to decide.

Motion carried.

PRESS Messrs. Webb and Walsh moved - That the President and Secretary give press statements.

Motion carried.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Federal Secretary suggested that in view of the meeting of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party to consider amendments to the Communist Party Dissolution Bill, items 33 and 34 of the Agenda dealing with this matter, be the first business.

Messrs. Clarey and Chamberlain moved - That the first business considered be items 33 and 34 on the Agenda headed "Communist Party Dissolution Bill".

Messrs. Ferguson and Webb moved amendment that the report of the Federal Advisory Committee meetings be received and items 33 and 34 be taken in conjunction with same.

Mover and Seconder of the motion accepted the amendment and Mr. Clarey suggested that Item 8 be included in same.

Motion as amended was put and carried.

REPORT RE FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS. Secretary reported re meeting of Federal Advisory Committee held on 29th and 30th August and read press statement made by Mr. Monk.

Mr. Ferguson supplemented the report.

Mr. Clarey asked if representatives could give any idea as to the viewpoint taken by various delegates attending the Advisory Committee meeting in regard to the Communist Party Dissolution Bill.

Mr. Ferguson replied to the question.

Messrs. Clarey and Walsh moved adoption of report. Motion carried.

Messrs. Ferguson and Clarey moved - That the constituent bodies be advised to remind their representatives that any press controversy arising out of any discussions at the Advisory Committee meetings are not in the best interest of this Party and should not take place and further the matter be raised at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Messrs. Walsh and Toohy moved amendment - that the constituent bodies of the Advisory Committee be informed that in the opinion of this Executive any matters considered by the Advisory Committee should not be subject to unofficial press statements or press controversy on the part of the members of such committee.

Amendment lost. Motion carried.

ITEM 8 VICTORIAN EXECUTIVE REQUEST FOR BALLOT. Report re request by Victorian Executive for postal ballot by Federal Executive members on the following - That the question of making final decision on amendments to the Communist Party Dissolution Bill should be left to the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party .

Secretary reported and read whole of the correspondence on the matter.

Messrs. Toohy and Ferguson moved - That the report be received.
Motion carried.

Messrs. Toohy and Chamberlain moved - Arising from the decisions of the Victorian Executive to request the Federal Secretary to conduct a postal ballot in regard to a decision of the Federal Executive on the Communist Party Dissolution Bill, this Executive inform all States that decisions of the Federal Executive at its meetings can only be altered at a subsequent properly constituted meeting of the Federal Executive. (Refer to sub-clauses (a) and (b) of Rule 5 of Federal Executive Rules).

Mr. Stout opposed.

Mr. Aylett opposed.

Mr. Chamberlain raised point of order that Mr. Aylett was out of order in his remarks.

Mr. Bryan upheld point of order and Mr. Aylett proceeded along other lines.

Mr. Walsh supported the resolution.

Mr. Clarey opposed.

Mr. Ferguson supported.

Mr. Wright moved that the question be put. Lapsed.

Mr. Reece opposed.

Mr. Toohy replied. Vote taken on show of hands - For 6.
Against 6. Motion declared lost.

Meeting adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Second session. Monday Evening. 25th September.

Meeting assembled at 8.5 p.m. All delegates being present.

MINUTES. Messrs. Cole and Reece moved that the Minutes as read, be confirmed. Carried.

Mr. Ferguson raised the question of press reports, intimating that he had been assured that the press had in some way secured a fairly wide report of matters dealt with at the previous session.

President and Secretary reported as to what was given to the Press.

ITEM 33 - COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL. (From Victoria)

This Executive believes that the question of onus of proof which is the last amendment proposed by the Federal Labor Party, should not be made the issue on which a double dissolution of the Federal Parliament should be forced. The Executive, therefore, instructs its delegates to the Federal Executive to move that the Federal

Executive instructs the Federal Parliamentary Party in accordance with the terms of this resolution, to avoid a double dissolution on the issue of the Communist Party Dissolution Bill.

Messrs. Clarey and Stout moved adoption.

Messrs. Reece and Ferguson moved to suspend Standing Orders to enable an open discussion on the Communist Party Dissolution Bill.

Mr. Walsh opposed. Motion for suspension carried.

Messrs. Kennelly, Walsh, Cole, Ferguson, Stout, Reece, Chamberlain took part in the debate.

Mr. Aylett moved extension of time of meeting for half an hour. Motion lapsed.

Messrs. Walsh and Webb moved adjournment of the Executive meeting. Adjournment carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10.10 p.m.

THIRD SESSION. TUESDAY MORNING. 26th September, 1950

Executive assembled at 10.10. a.m. all delegates being present.

CHAIR. Acting President, Mr. S. J. Bryan.

MINUTES. Secretary read minutes of the second session. Messrs. Walsh and Reece moved - That minutes as read be confirmed. Motion carried.

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON ITEM 33. (Communist Party Dissolution Bill)

Messrs. W. Aylett, E. Wright, H. Webb and J. Toohy took part in the debate.

Messrs. Webb and Chamberlain moved - That Standing Orders be resumed. Carried.

The resolution was amended by consent to read as follows- This Executive believes that the question on onus of proof which is the last amendment proposed by the Federal Labor Party should not be made the issue on which a double dissolution of the Federal Parliament should be forced. We therefore instruct the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party to avoid a double dissolution on the issue of the Communist Party Dissolution Bill.

Mr. Clarey replied.

Senator Aylett asked a question - If this motion is lost is it an instruction to the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party to persist to the extent of a double dissolution on the onus of proof clause of the Communist Party Dissolution Bill.

Discussion ensued as to procedure.

Messrs. Toohy and Chamberlain moved adjournment of debate in order to hear the Leader of the Party, Rt. Hon. J. B. Chifley, M.P. Adjournment carried.

ATTENDANCE OF RT. HON. J. B. CHIFLEY, M.P. The President welcomed Mr. Chifley who addressed the meeting.

Messrs. Reece and Ferguson moved a vote of thanks to the Leader for his Attendance.

Carried by acclamation and Mr. Chifley suitably replied.

Meeting adjourned at 12.40 p.m.

FOURTH SESSION. TUESDAY AFTERNOON. 26th September.

Meeting assembled at 2.40 p.m. all delegates being present.

CHAIR. Mr. S. J. Bryan.

MINUTES. Messrs. Cole and Reece moved adoption of Minutes
as read. Carried.

ITEM 31. (Queensland) The C.C.E. is of the opinion that the Government's acceptance of the Labor Party's amendment to include the provision of placing on the Crown the responsibility of proving a declared person if that person enter the witness box was a gain by the Labor Party and is opposed to making the annihilation of the Labor Party a possibility if a Double Dissolution is forced on the onus of proof.

Messrs. Webb and Reece moved - That the item be discharged from the notice paper as it has been covered by decision on Item 33.
Carried.

ITEM 7. CORRESPONDENCE FROM FEDERAL ORGANISATIONS. Letter from Federal Office, Building Workers Industrial Union re Communist Party Dissolution Bill.

Messrs. Ferguson and Aylett moved - That correspondence be received and the Secretary suitably reply.

Discussion was adjourned to permit of resumption of debate on the Communist Party Dissolution Bill.

COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL. Resumption of debate.

Mr. Clarey raised point of order to the question asked by Senator Aylett. He quoted Rule 5. sub-clause (1) and claimed that the President had not the power to give a ruling on this matter.

Mr. Chamberlain opposed the remarks of Mr. Clarey.

Chairman ruled that sub-clause (1) of Rule 5. was applicable and that the previous resolution carried at the May (1950) meeting of the Executive came under that particular heading.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the President's ruling be disagreed with.

CHAIR Vice-President E. Reece.

Mr. Bryan replied. He made a personal explanation stating that the decision carried at the last Executive meeting and conveyed to the Parliamentary Party had not been altered by what had been carried by this meeting.

Voting - For 4. Against 8. Motion lost and Chairman's ruling upheld.

General discussion ensued.

Messrs. Ferguson and Reece moved - That a Committee of three be appointed for the purpose of drafting a proper submission to the

Secretary of the Parliamentary Caucus and all constituent Branches of the Party. Motion carried.

It was resolved that Messrs. Ferguson, Reece and Kennelly constitute the Committee and the Committee accordingly withdrew.

ITEM 7. CORRESPONDENCE FROM FEDERAL ORGANISATIONS. Resumption of debate.

Mr. Wright opposed the resolution.

Messrs. Stout and Cole moved the following amendment - That the Building Workers Industrial Union be informed that unaffiliated bodies have no moral or actual right to approach the A.L.P. and that affiliated Unions have proper access to the branches of the A.L.P. to which affiliation dues are paid.

Mr. Walsh supported the motion with the following addendum - and in future only correspondence from Federal Unions shall be entertained by the Federal Executive, State Branches of Unions be advised that all correspondence must be forwarded per medium of the respective State Executives.

The mover and seconder of the motion accepted the addendum.

Mr. Toohy moved that the question be put. Carried.

Amendment lost. Motion with addendum put and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM 1. Reply received from Rt. Hon. J. B. Chifley, M.H.R., on 15 matters referred to him by the last Executive meeting. Messrs. Stout and Aylett moved that the reply be received. Motion carried.

ITEM 2. Reply received from Senator McKenna on question of reciprocal pension and social service payments between the united Kingdom and Australia. Messrs. Webb and Chamberlain moved that the letter be received. Motion carried.

ITEM 3. Reply received from Hon. A. A. Calwell re Migration policy in Australia under Menzies Government in order to prevent any possible threat to the living standards of Australian workers. Messrs. Toohy and Walsh moved reception and that a copy of the reply be forwarded to the South Australian Executive. Motion carried.

ITEM 4. Reply received from Hon. A. A. Calwell re censorship Department to deal with the importation of comic strips. Messrs. Toohy and Walsh moved that the letter be received and the matter be referred to Federal Conference. Motion carried.

ITEM 5. AFFILIATION WITH COMISCO. Reply from Mr. Morgan Phillips Secretary of British Labor Party, re COMISCO, and invitation to affiliate therewith. Messrs. Toohy and Clarey moved that the letter be received and that the matter be referred to next Federal Conference. Motion carried.

ITEM 6. INTER DOMINION CONFERENCE LEVY. From Queensland Executive in further reference to Inter-Dominion Conference levy. Messrs. Walsh and Toohy moved - that the matter be referred to next meeting of the Federal Executive with a view to submitting a report to next Federal Conference. Motion carried.

ITEM 9. Consideration adjourned pending attendance of Secretary.

ITEM 10. Re Labor Women's Interstate Conference. Request for conference on 2nd October to be opened by Federal President.
Messrs. Toohy and Clarey moved - That Item 50 be discussed with Item 10. Carried.
Further discussion was adjourned pending attendance by Federal Secretary as were items 12 and 13.

ITEM 11. FINANCE AND TAXATION (From Queensland). The Federal Parliamentary Labor Party to submit that the Taxation Acts be amended to provide -

(a) That where a person, being the owner of a home, is transferred in the course of his employment, to a centre other than that in which his home is situated, he be allowed as a set-off against the property income received by him as rental for his home, less rates and taxes if any paid by him as owner, an amount not greater than the rental paid for a house or flat in the centre to which he has been transferred and occupied but not owned by him.

(b) That where a person, being the owner of a home, is unable to secure possession of such home for his own occupancy, and is paying rent for another house, he be allowed, as a set-off against property income received by him for the house owned by him, less rates and taxes, if any, paid by him as owner, an amount not greater than the rental paid for a house or flat occupied, but not owned by him.

Messrs. Cole and Webb moved - That this matter be referred to the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party.

Messrs. Aylett and Chamberlain moved that this item be referred to Federal Conference.

Messrs. Clarey and Walsh supported the amendment.

Mr. Cole replied. Amendment carried and put as motion. Carried.

ITEM 15. (from Victoria) That for Income Tax purposes the concession allowance for student children be extended from 19 years to cover the whole time spent at school.

Messrs. Webb and Clarey moved that this matter be referred to Federal Conference. Carried.

ITEM 16. SOCIAL SERVICES (from N. S. W.). That the proposal for computing endowment on the basis of 10/- for the first child, 11/- for the second child, and 12/- for the third child, and so on for each following child, is strongly recommended.

Messrs. Wright and Clarey moved adoption and that the matter be referred to the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party. Motion carried.

ITEMS 17, 18, 19 (from N. S. W.) Conference affirms the male basic wage as an equitable standard for aged, invalid, other pensions and all social service payments where husband and wife are both recipients, and two thirds of the basic wage as equitable for a single person.

We compliment the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party in opposing the reduction in basic wage regimen, but in view of the present Federal Government's determination through its Endowment Legislation to reduce the basic wage unit to husband and wife, conference stresses upon the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party, the need for pressure to have the basic wage standard applied to pensioners.

Realising that pensioners are at present suffering serious economic hardship owing to inflated living costs, we demand an immediate increase of 25/- per week in all pensions.

These items were referred to the New South Wales Delegates for redrafting and re-submission to this meeting.

REPORT BY SUB COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DEAL WITH COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL.

Messrs. Ferguson and Chamberlain moved adoption of the report.

"The Federal Executive at its meeting on September 25th, 1950 and following days gave consideration to the Communist Party Dissolution Bill and as a result the resolution recorded at the Executive's meeting in May, 1950, were not altered.

"The resolutions read as follows -

- (a) That the Australian Labor Party expresses its adherence to the Australian democratic way of life. We therefore declare that any proposal for the banning of a political party because of hostility and objection no matter how repugnant such may be is a negation of democratic principles. Nevertheless, consistent with our belief in democracy and together with our knowledge that the policy and actions of the Communist Party demonstrates that its method and object aim at the destruction of the Australian way of life we are justified in approving the action of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party in favouring amendments to the Communist Party Dissolution Bill.
- (b) That the Leader be advised that in the opinion of this Executive, the amendments foreshadowed by the Parliamentary Labor Party should be persisted in.

"The Executive interprets resolution (b) as follows - That the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party be instructed to continue its opposition to clauses 5 and 9 and insistence upon consequential amendments to other clauses of the Bill until the Government accepts the amendment and/or amendments of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party. Further, this decision binds all members of the Australian Labor Party.

"The amendments desired by the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party have for their purpose the protection of innocent individuals and innocent organisations. The party wants the ordinary principles of British justice to be made available to these individuals and organisations in charges made against them by the Government."

Motion to adoption carried. For 8. Against 4.

At the request of the Secretary it was resolved on the motion of Messrs. Walsh and Tohey that the Executive meet between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. to dispose of matters referred to Executive by Victorian Executive dealing with himself personally.

Meeting adjourned at 5. 30 p.m.

FIFTH SESSION. TUESDAY EVENING. 26th September, 1950

Meeting re-assembled at 8 p.m., all delegates being present.

CHAIR. Mr. S. J. Bryan.

MINUTES. Messrs. Clarey and Tohey moved adoption of minutes as read. Motion carried.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. Messrs. Clarey and Walsh moved suspension of Standing Orders to permit the Victorian delegates to bring before the Executive a letter which they had received from the Victorian Executive of the Australian Labor Party, relative to the Federal Secretary. Motion for suspension carried.

Mr. Clarey (with extension of time) read letters from Victorian Executive, circulated printed matter issued by that Executive and at length submitted the case of the Victorian Executive alleging charges against the Federal Secretary.

Mr. Stout supplemented the report of Mr. Clarey.

Mr. Kennelly replied to the allegations made pointing out that Executive members would remember that Mr. Chifley had informed the Executive members when he addressed them that the proposed action of some of the Victorian members as reported in the press should be stopped.

Mr. Kennelly informed the Executive from which he received verification of the story that he had phoned the Victorian office and contacted the assistant Secretary whom promised him that he would get the Victorian Secretary to ring, but he received no ring from the State Secretary and the next thing he knew about the matter was the press not only of Victoria, but of interstate rang him and stated that the letter had been released to the press. The Victorian Executive had issued many press statements on the matter, had circulated 5,000 copies of a reprint from the Labor Call. During the whole of the episode he had himself refused to comment to the press as he stated it was an internal matter. Mr. Kennelly stated that he was shown the names of the Victorian members who the press stated were proposed to meet and to no-one had he denied having received such information. At a meeting of the Victorian Executive he was censured and this received due publicity in the press.

Messrs. Ferguson and Tohey moved - That this Executive declares its confidence in the Federal Secretary, Mr. P. J. Kennelly and dismisses the complaint and allegations made against him by the Victorian State Branch Executive.

Mr. Stout made explanation.

Messrs. Chamberlain and Webb moved amendment - To add the words "and we deprecate the fact that the letter sent by the Federal Secretary to members of this Federal Executive found its way into the press and that the person or persons concerned are censured by this Executive".

Mr. Walsh supported the motion.

Mr. Aylett supported the motion.

Mr. Reece supported the motion.

Amendment lost. Motion carried. For 10. Against 2.

Messrs. Chamberlain and Walsh moved - that this decision of the Executive be released to the press. Motion carried.

Messrs. Tohey and Reece secured adjournment of the meeting.

Messrs. Tohey and Walsh moved - That the first matters dealt with at Wednesday morning session be 1. Question of deputation (Item 9); 2. Matters referred to this Executive by Leader, Hon. J. B. Chifley.

Meeting adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

SIXTH SESSION. WEDNESDAY MORNING. 27th September, 1950

Meeting assembled at 10.15 a.m., all delegates present.

CHAIR. Mr. S. J. Bryan.

MINUTES. Messrs. Cole and Walsh moved - That the Minutes as read be confirmed. Motion carried.

ITEM 9. REPORT BY SECRETARY RELATIVE TO DEPUTATION.

Mr. Kennelly reported re a deputation he had received from representatives of some Unions of Victoria relative to the Communist Party Dissolution Bill.

Messrs. Clarey and Reece moved - That the report be received Motion carried.

Messrs. Clarey and Stout moved - That when Branches of a Union affiliated with a State Executive make requests to a Federal Officer or Federal Officers for a deputation, that the request be referred to the State Executive concerned.

Mr. Walsh moved as amendment - to preface the motion with the words "That in accepting the explanation given by the Secretary in connection with the report, we resolve"

The mover and seconder accepted the amendment and the motion as amended was put and carried.

COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING. Messrs. Ferguson and Wright moved a motion, to which Mr. Clarey suggested an amendment and Mr. Chamberlain a further amendment. Both the amendment and further amendment were accepted by the mover and seconder of the motion and the motion as amended was put and carried as follows -

"This Executive draws attention to the 1948 Federal Conference decision on Defence policy, which, having regard to the limitation imposed upon us by our paucity of population and the vital need for economic development, is designed to ensure maximum measures being taken in defence of Australia and takes into consideration Australia's defence needs.

We consider that national interest can best be served by full implementation of Labor Policy which is framed to strengthen our defences and improve the position of Australia as a holding base.

We stress the following policy as necessary to our national well being -

1. Strengthen friendly relations by active co-operation with Governments of the Pacific and South East Asia to assist in the economic and political development of these areas by means of regional arrangements and by means of direct technical, educational and material assistance.
2. Maintenance of Australia as an integral part of the British Commonwealth of Nations.
3. The establishment of an adequate and properly balanced defence organisation on a voluntary basis.
4. Complete co-operation with other units of the British Commonwealth of Nations in order to ensure co-operative action against aggression.
5. Co-operation within the British Commonwealth of Nations in support of the United Nations Organisation for the purpose of maintaining international peace and security.
6. Intense investigation of atomic and biological warfare with a view to development of adequate protection for the civil population.

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7. A national survey of all industries to ascertain their potential value for defence purposes.

8. The mobilisation of the entire resources of the nations in the event of attack.

9. Government control of the manufacture of armaments and munitions of war. " Motion carried.

ITEM 10. RE LABOR WOMEN'S INTERSTATE CONFERENCE. Request for Conference on 2nd October, 1950, to be opened by Federal President.

The Secretary reported having received intimation from four States that the Labor Women's Interstate Conference should be held. South Australian Executive had raised a query regarding same and Queensland who do not send delegates to the Conference, took no part in the decision. The Agenda as submitted to this meeting had been supplied by the Secretary of the Labor Women's Interstate Executive, and any decisions arrived at could not be operated upon until same had received the sanction of this Executive. In regard to Item 50 which was taken in conjunction with Item 10, Mr. Toohy had requested an expression of opinion as to whether such Conference of the women should be held.

Messrs. Walsh and Toohy moved - That this Executive approves of the holding of the Federal Labor Women's Interstate Conference as arranged for the 2nd October.

Mr. Reece supported the resolution. Motion carried.

ITEM 12. ELECTION REPORT. From last Executive meeting (On item 49 from W.A.) That the Federal Executive apply itself to an examination of those factors that may have contributed to the defeat of political Labor and the results of such examination to be sent to all Branches so that attention may be given to those factors in future elections. (Secretary's report attached to Official Minutes.)

Messrs. Toohy and Wright moved reception of report. Carried.

ITEM 13. From last Executive meeting - That the Secretary be requested to draft proposals covering the forthcoming Federal Elections for the consideration of the next Federal Executive meeting. (Secretary's report attached to Official Minutes.)

Mr. Kennelly reported on the matter and meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

SEVENTH SESSION. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. 27th SEPTEMBER, 1950

Meeting assembled at 2.40 p.m. all delegates present.

MINUTES. Messrs. Wright and Aylett moved that the Minutes as read be confirmed. Motion carried.

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON ITEM 13. Mr. Kennelly continued his report. Messrs. Toohy and Wright moved - That the report of the Secretary be received, that Mr. Kennelly be complimented on the compilation of the points contained in same and that it be referred to the various State Executives for comment. Motion carried.

ITEM 20. SOCIAL SERVICES. (N.S.W.) We also demand that Income Allowance be amended to provide that no reductions be made in pensions until earnings of pensioner, plus pension, equals the basic wage, and that Property Allowances be extended to \$1,000 in cash or property (apart from home) without reduction of pension rate.

Messrs. Wright and Ferguson moved that this matter be referred to Federal Conference. Motion carried.

ITEMS 17 to 27. (N.S.W.) Messrs. Wright and Webb moved that Items 17 to 27 (as follows) be referred to Federal Conference. Carried.

Item 17. (N.S.W.) Conference affirms the male basic wage as an equitable standard for aged, invalid, other pensions and all social service payments where husband and wife are both recipients, and two thirds of the basic wage as equitable for a single person.

Item 18. (N.S.W.) We compliment the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party in opposing the reduction in basic wage regimen, but in view of the present Federal Government's determination through its Endowment Legislation to reduce the basic wage unit to husband and wife, conference stresses upon the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party, the need for pressure to have the basic wage standard applied to pensioners.

Item 19 (N.S.W.) Realising that pensioners are at present suffering serious economic hardship owing to inflated living costs, we demand an immediate increase of 25/- per week in all pensions.

Item 20. (N.S.W.) We also demand that Income Allowance be amended to provide that no reductions be made in pensions until earnings of pensioner, plus pension, equals the basic wage, and that Property Allowance be extended to £1,000 in cash or property (apart from home) without reduction of pension rate.

Item 21. (N.S.W.) Further, we demand that the value of home property when a claimant is unable to occupy his or her home, be not considered in the value of property held.

Item 22. (N.S.W.) Labor's policy for the progressive reduction of Means Test is endorsed, the foregoing three paragraphs being submitted to ards that end. Progressive rather than immediate elimination is recommended in the interest of securing increases for existing pensioners who are in more serious need than many who would receive pension under total elimination.

Item 23. (N.S.W.) Application of basic wage fluctuations to pensions is not recommended as this principle, previously adopted by the Curtin Labor Government, met with hostile reception by previous Annual Conference, and other recognised Labor bodies.

Item 24. (N.S.W.) Extension of the policy for home settlements for pensioners as announced by the N.S.W. and Queensland Labor Governments is recommended with efforts to secure the assistance of the Commonwealth Government, and that such homes be provided in areas in which pensioners desire to reside.

Item 25. (N.S.W.) Immediate free medical benefits for pensioners, and the desirability of reduction in qualifying ages to 60 years males, and 55 years females are endorsed.

Item 26. (N.S.W.) The principle of eligibility of superannuated pensioners to Funeral Benefit is recommended - That Conference recommends that persons in receipt of superannuation pensions should be entitled to funeral benefits as applies to old age pensioners under the Social Service Benefits.

Item 27 (N.S.W.) Adoption of the principle as outlined - is recommended to Federal Executive - That the institution of marriage loans, with capita remission on the birth of each child, be included in the Federal Platform and Objective of the Party.

(Items 17 to 27 referred to Fed. Conference)

ITEM 28. (N.S.W.) The maternity allowance be paid to mothers of still-born children.

This item was withdrawn from the agenda,

ITEM 29. (W.A.) That the Federal Executive be requested to place before the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party the need for impressing upon the Government a complete review of the amounts being paid to old age and invalid pensioners, also the position of those in receipt of superannuation payments, in view of the ever increasing cost of living
Messrs. Chamberlain and Webb moved adoption. MOTION Carried.

ITEM 29 (a) (S.A.) That pensioners owning a home be not penalised in regard to the Capital value, and only rental be regarded as income for pension purposes.

Mr. Toohy asked that this item be withdrawn. Motion carried.

ITEM 30. (Q'land). A request be made to the Government that the provisions of the Social Services Consolidation Act be amended to enable a claimant for Sickness Benefits to obtain payment from the first day of incapacitation and not from the seventh day after the day on which the claimant became incapacitated as the present Act provides
Messrs. Cole and Webb moved adoption and that the matter be referred to the Leader of the Federal Parl. Labor Party.

Motion carried.

ITEM 31 (Q'land) The Federal Parliamentary Labor Party to raise in the Federal Parliament the necessity of increasing Unemployment and Sickness Benefits payments which have not been increased since the Act was introduced in 1944.

Messrs. Cole and Webb moved adoption and that the matter be referred to the Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party.

Motion carried.

ITEM 32. (Q'land) The Federal Parliamentary Labor Party to submit to the Government "That any Means Test in respect of Old Age or Invalid Pensions or Social Service benefits payable under Commonwealth legislation be abolished."

Mr. Cole moved adoption and that the matter be referred to the Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party.

Messrs. Toohey and Walsh moved amendment that in view of the fact that this question has already been dealt with by the 1948 Conference, the item be discharged from the business paper.

Messrs. Reece and Ferguson moved further amendment - That this item be re-drafted and referred to next Triennial Conference.

Amendment by Mr. Toohey was withdrawn in favor of the further amendment. Further amendment by Mr. Reece became the amendment which was put and carried. Put as the motion and carried.

ITEM 35. KOREA. (Vic) The Executive condemns the unjustified aggression by the North Korean Government, deploras the menace of a third world war implicit in the Korean situation, and urges the full use of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations for the purpose of ending this threat.

2. In support of these principles, we accept the enlistment of an Australian volunteer force as an essential measure against aggression, but oppose any attempt to conscript Australians to Korea.

3. The Executive further declares that having regard to the pattern of Russian aggression throughout the world, and in particular the significance for Australia of such aggression in the Pacific, our foreign policy should not be confined to support of the United Nations.

4. In pursuance of peace in the Pacific and Australian security, Australia must endeavor by every means at its disposal to cultivate the friendliest relations with the peoples of the Pacific, to assist them in development towards representative Government, national independence, social justice and improved living standards and to protect them from the evils of Capitalism, Russian Imperialism and Communism.

Messrs. Clarey and Stout moved adoption.

Messrs. Ferguson and Wright moved Item 36 as amendment as follows - We pledge our support for the United Nations in measures necessary to re-establish peace in Korea, to restrain Russia, and to build peace upon a basis of prosperity, security and freedom.

We denounce so-called Peace Councils as instruments of Soviet aggression, and we warn members of the Australian Labor Movement against being involved with appeals or organisations, which exploit the desire for peace in the interests of Russian plans.

We give our support to the efforts of U.N.O. and its agencies, to the British Commonwealth and to members and agencies of the World Confederation of Free Trade Unions in their efforts to meet the needs of these people.

Discussion ensued and it was ultimately resolved on the motion of Messrs. Aylett and Toohey that the movers of the motion and the amendment confer to draw up a composite motion. Carried.

Messrs. Clarey and Ferguson moved the following resolution -

1. The Executive condemns the unjustified aggression by the North Korean Government, deploras the menace of a third world war implicit in the Korean situation and urges the full use of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations for the purpose of ending this threat.

2. In support of these principles, we accept the enlistment of an Australian volunteer force as an essential measure against aggression, but oppose any attempt to conscript Australians to Korea.

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significance for Australia of such imperialistic policy in the Pacific, our foreign policy should not be confined merely to support of the United Nations but also in pursuance of peace in the Pacific and Australian security, Australia must endeavor by every means at its disposal to cultivate the friendliest relations with the peoples of the Pacific, to assist them in development towards representative Government, national independence, social justice and improved living standards.

4. We further denounce so-called Peace Councils as instruments of Soviet imperialism, and we warn members of the Australian Labor Movement against being involved with appeals or organisations, which exploit the desire for peace in the interests of Russian plans.

Motion carried.

ITEM 40. BANKING (S.A.) That if the Bill to re-establish the Bank Board becomes law, that the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party press for the appointment of a Trade Union representative on the Board.

Messrs. Toohy and Walsh moved that the item be deferred.

Motion carried.

ITEM 37 PRICES REFERENDUM (N.S.W.) Mr. Wright moved the item in the following form - That all State Branches be requested to conduct an Australian wide campaign calling for action by the Federal Government demanding a Referendum, asking the people for powers for the Federal Government to control prices. Finally, if necessary, the Labor Party use its majority in the Senate to introduce necessary legislation to meet the requirements of the people.

Mr. Chamberlain seconded with the deletion of the words "if necessary"

Messrs. Clarey and Walsh supported.

Motion as amended put and carried.

ITEMS 38 and 39. Item 38 (Q'land) That Price Control be re-introduced.

Item 39 (J.A.) That the Federal Executive, through the State Branches, organise a Commonwealth wide campaign to give support to the action of the Party as envisaged by the Bill to be introduced into the Senate seeking to restore Federal Price control.

It was ruled that these items were covered by previous resolution.

ITEM 41. DEFENCE. (N.S.W.) That women in the Army, Navy and Air Force Units be paid the same rate of pay, with the same privileges and conditions as those applying to males.

Messrs. Ferguson and Wright moved that this item be referred to Federal Conference.

Motion carried.

ITEM 42. (Q'land) Owing to the possibility of a surprise attack being launched against Australia, we urge that an adequate system of defence be introduced and we support any necessary measures that are being compiled in this direction.

It was ruled that this item is covered by the defence resolution already carried by this meeting.

ITEM 43. INDUSTRIAL & ARBITRATION. (N.S.W.) That in view of the proposed legislation of the Menzies-Fadden Coalition Government interfering with the domestic workings of the Trade Union Movement, the Annual Conference recommend to the Federal Labor Opposition that they resist such undemocratic enactment and, further, use every means at their disposal to strive for compulsory voting in all Trade Union Ballots under penalty of fine, such fine (if any) to be paid into Union funds and such ballots to be conducted by Returning Officers within the Trade Unions.

Messrs. Ferguson and Wright moved - That this item be referred to Federal Conference.

Motion carried.

ITEM 44. INDUSTRIAL GROUPS (Victoria) That an Interstate Conference of A.L.P. Industrial Groups be held in order that the Groups be established on a Federal basis and that the Parliamentary Party be requested to confer with the A.L.P. Groups on political

and industrial questions affecting their fight against the Communist Party.

Messrs. Clarey and Stout moved adoption. Motion lost.

ITEM 45. EDUCATION (Vict.) That under the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme, the "means test" for living allowances be abolished.

Messrs. Clarey and Ferguson moved that this item be referred to Federal Conference. Motion carried.

ITEM 46. (N.S.W.) That funds made available in the future by the Commonwealth Government for Educational purposes in this State shall be shared on a per capita basis, with all denominational schools and kindergartens duly registered under the State Education Act of N.S.W.

Messrs. Ferguson and Wright moved adoption. Motion lost.

ITEM 47. (N.S.W.) ELECTORAL. That the Electoral Act be amended to allow all persons who attain the age of eighteen years the right of franchise.

Messrs. Ferguson and Wright moved that the item be discharged as it is already on the platform of the Party. Motion carried.

ITEM 48. ORGANISATION. (Q'land) The Branches be requested to contact migrants with a view to enlightening them of the real necessity for their joining Unions and A.L.P. Organisations and to inculcate in them the Policy and Platform of the A.L.P. and generally to show and to teach them that their interests and ours are best served politically by the Australian Labor Party.

Messrs. Cole and Ferguson moved adoption. Motion carried.

ITEM 49. (Q'land) An organisation be formed on a National scale to instruct and educate the younger workers of Australia in the aims and objects of the Labor Party.

Messrs. Cole and Chamberlain moved adoption. Motion lost.

ITEM 51. DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS COUNCIL. (S.A.) That the Federal Executive give a ruling in regard to the position of members of the A.L.P. associating themselves with the Democratic Rights Council.

Messrs. Ferguson and Cole moved - That the Democratic Rights Council be declared an auxiliary of the Communist Party.

General discussion ensued. Motion carried.

CREDENTIAL. At this stage Senator Aylett withdrew and Senator R. J. Murray was appointed substitute Tasmanian delegate.

ITEM 52. (S.A.) That provision should be made inside the A.L.P. for members to take part in activities to promote peace.

Messrs. Ferguson and Toohy moved that this item be referred to Federal Conference. Motion carried.

ITEM 53. (Q'land) An invitation to British Labor men for the purpose of lecturing on Socialism and its progress in Britain be sponsored by the Federal Executive.

Messrs. Cole and Bryan moved adoption with the addition of the words "at the appropriate time". This was moved subsequent ~~to~~ to the Federal Secretary reporting what negotiations were pending relative to the Secretary of the British Labor Party visiting Australia.

Messrs. Walsh and Webb moved amendment - That the Secretary continue negotiations that he has commenced with the object of bringing Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the British Labor Party to Australia.

Amendment carried. Put as the motion and carried.

ITEM 54. (W.A.) That the Federal Executive of the A.L.P. request the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party to press for amendments to the Naturalisation Act to enable New Australians being brought into the country under the present migration scheme, to apply for naturalisation at the end of two years residence in Australia, and that the fee charged be not more than £1.

Messrs. Clarey and Reece moved that this item be referred to Federal Conference. Motion carried.

ITEM 55. (W.A.) That the Federal Executive request the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party to give consideration to the question of bringing under the notice of the Government the need for action which will prevent the export of materials in short supply, particularly those related to housing.

Messrs. Chamberlain and Webb moved - That this item be referred to the Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party. Carried.

ITEM 56. (W.A) That the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party be requested to approach the Government seeking an enquiry into the rents being paid by workers who are tenants under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement.

Messrs. Chamberlain and Webb moved adoption. Motion carried.

ITEM 57. (W.A) That the Federal Executive be requested to ascertain whether it is the intention of the Government to dispose of the Commonwealth owned ships, and if such enquiries reveal that the Government does so intend, every effort be made by the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party to prevent such intention.

Messrs. Chamberlain and Webb moved adoption. Motion carried.

RULES OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE. The Secretary requested that a Committee of three be appointed to revise the rules of the Federal Executive and that a report be made to the next meeting of the Federal Executive.

Messrs. Webb and Stout moved - That the request of the Secretary be agreed to. Motion carried.

Messrs. Reece and Webb moved That the Committee consist of Messrs. J. Ferguson, F. Walsh and the Secretary, P.J. Kennelly. Motion carried.

FINANCE STATEMENT. The Secretary presented the Finance Statement as from 31st April to 15th September.

Messrs. Walsh and Reece moved adoption. Motion carried.

PAST MEMBERS. Messrs. Clarey and Reece moved - That a letter expressing the appreciation of the Executive for services rendered the Executive be forwarded to Messrs. A. S. McAlpine and J. Stewart. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Messrs. Webb and Chamberlain moved that the Secretary act Returning Officer. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT. The nominations of J. Ferguson, F. Walsh, S.J. Bryan and P. J. Clarey were received.

Messrs. Walsh, Bryan and Clarey declined nomination.

Mr. Ferguson was therefore declared elected President unopposed.

VICE PRESIDENTS. (Two required) The nominations of E. Reece, S. J. Bryan and F. Walsh were received and all accepted nomination. The result of the ballot showed that Mr. Reece was elected Senior Vice-President and Mr. Walsh was elected Junior Vice-President.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Messrs. Toohy and Clarey moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman of the meeting, Mr. S. J. Bryan and Mr. Bryan suitably replied.

Mr. Bryan installed the incoming President, Mr. J. Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson installed the Vice-Presidents Messrs. E. E. Reece and J. F. Walsh.

Messrs. Clarey and Stout thanked Miss Clarke for clerical assistance.

Meeting terminated at 5.40 p.m.

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Australian Labor Party held at the Masonic Hall,
Canberra, on Monday, October 16, 1950 at
10. 30 a.m.

PRESENT: N. S. W: Hon. J. W. Ferguson, Hon. E. Wright.
VIC: Hon. P. J. Clarey, Mr. J. V. Stout.
S. A: Mr. J. F. Walsh, M. H. A., Mr. J. Toohey.
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CHAIR: Federal President, Hon. J. Ferguson. Secretary
read correspondence from W. A. and replies from the various Federal
Executive members.

Moved by Mr. Clarey and seconded by Mr. Webb that the report
be received. CARRIED.

Secretary reported having received numerous telegrams relative
to the attitude of the Party towards the Bill.

The President reported having been informed that a deputation
was leaving Melbourne and Sydney to wait on Executive members
relative to Labor's attitude on the C. P. D. B.

Messrs. Bryan and Aylett moved that the requests for deputations
to this Executive on the Party's attitude on the C. P. D. B. be
refused. CARRIED.

SESSIONAL TIMES: Messrs. Reece and Aylett moved that this
session terminate at 12.30 p.m. and if necessary the Executive
re-assemble at 2.30 p.m. CARRIED.

W. A. RESOLUTION: Messrs. Webb and Chamberlain moved that having
regard for all the circumstances this meeting is of the opinion
that the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party be allowed to use its
discretion in connection with the C. P. D. B.

Mr. J. F. Walsh raised point of order asking the President
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for the endorsement of the President's ruling be adjourned pending
suspension of Standing Orders in order that the Executive review
the position that has now arisen regarding the C. P. D. B.

Motion for adjournment defeated

Motion for endorsement of President's ruling CARRIED.

Messrs. Aylett and Bryan moved that in accordance with sub
clause i of Rule 5, Federal Executive Rules, discussion on the
Party's attitude as to the C. P. D. B. be re-opened. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

SECOND SESSION.

Executive re-assembled at 3.10 p.m. A1

All delegates being present.

CHAIR: President, Hon. J. Ferguson, M.L.C.

Messrs. Clarey and Reece moved

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"The Federal Executive further directs the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party to insert Labor's amendments in the legislation immediately upon its resumption of Governmental office."

In answer to Mr. Stout the President ruled the request for a deputation of Labor Party members could not be granted in view of the decision of the Executive as carried during the previous session.

Messrs. Stout and Clarey moved that the resolution carried at the previous session relative to deputations being received by the Federal Executive be re-committed. LOST.

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE: Messrs. Stout and Chamberlain moved an amendment by delation of the last paragraph namely:-

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Division claimed. For 7. Against 5.
Motion CARRIED.

Toohy opposed both motion and amendment.
Aylett supported amendment.
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Clarey replied.
Motion CARRIED. Division claimed. For 8. Against 4.
Motion carried.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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