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COALMINERS TURN AGAINST REDS

Win Claimed By A.L.P. Men

A.L.P. trade-union officials claimed last night that Labour supporters have won control of the Miners' Federation for the first time since 1933.

Miners' Federation officials yesterday released the result of the nationwide ballot for delegates to the central council — the national governing body of the federation.

A big swing away from Communist control came from the northern coalfield. Its five delegates to the central council are now claimed to be all A.L.P. supporters.

Previously the northern coalfield had three Left-wing supporters and two A.L.P. men on the council.

A coal industry authority said last night that a substantial Red defeat would mean an end to political strikes on the coalfields.

"It will certainly also mean that the federation will more readily discuss mechanical extraction of pillars and other contentious matters," he said.

Counting heads and assessing political allegiances on the miners' new central council, A.L.P. union officials said last night that Labour supporters would have a majority of at least eight to seven, and some said it would be nine to six.

The Communist supporters' majority has been nine to six.

Communists in the federation last night denied that there had been an outright Left-wing majority just defeated and claimed that majority on the new council would still support present policies.

Miners' Federation officials said the first test of the extent of the A.L.P. gains would come on February 5, when the central council, at its first meeting next year, will elect a general vice-president of the federation.

The present vice-president, Mr. W. Parkinson, is a Communist elected by the federation last night.

Trades Hall officials believe an A.L.P. supporter will win the position to give the A.L.P. a two-to-one majority on the central executive, which carries out the decisions of the council.

The other members of the executive now are the general president, Mr. Idris Williams, a Communist, and Mr. G. W. S. Grant, an A.L.P. supporter.

Until now the federation has been opposed to the use of machines in pillars, mainly on the grounds of safety.

The National Convention last month reaffirmed its 1948 decision of opposition to machines in pillars, but added that the federation was willing to confer on any specific proposition.

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OUTBACK ABORIGINES SEE OCEAN FOR FIRST TIME



With leaps of excitement these aboriginal children rush down the beach at Collaroy for their first swim in an ocean yesterday. They are some of 90 native children from the far west of the State who are holidaying at the Salvation Army camp, Collaroy, under the care of the Aborigines Welfare Board. They had never seen a boat, train or sea before they came to Sydney.

PERSIAN "YES" ON OIL PLAN

TEHRAN, Dec. 10 (A.P.)—A Persian oil official said today that Persia would be willing to accept International Bank supervision of Persia's nationalised oil industry.

The official, Mr. Abbas Mazda, information officer of the newly formed National Persian Oil Company, was referring to a plan under which the International Bank would become a trustee of the nationalised assets and installations of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company in Persia.

The plan, originated by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, a former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, also proposes that the bank then finance and operate the extraction and refining of oil in South Persia.

Mr. Mazda said that Persia was willing to accept — as a short-term arrangement — an International Bank board of supervision with Persian representatives.

This mixed board, he added, would supervise the N.P.O.C.'s production and refining operations, and would direct distribution.

Mr. Mazda also said that Persian diplomats abroad had been informed of a new Government-approved plan to barter oil for goods needed by Persia.

A Persian Government spokesman said today that Persian diplomatic representatives abroad had been ordered to notify the former customers of the A.I.O.C. to sign agreements for Persian oil purchases within 10 days, otherwise Persia would sell it to others.

Five more members of the Persian Parliament and nine more newspaper editors today took sanctuary in the Parliament building in Teheran.

This brings the total of "refugees" in the Parliament building to 50—20 members of Parliament and 30 editors.

All claim that their lives are threatened by thugs supporting the Mussadiq Government.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.—A.L.P. industrial group candidates in the Newcastle ironworkers' elections have won the six positions of delegates to the State council of the union.

They won by more than two to one.

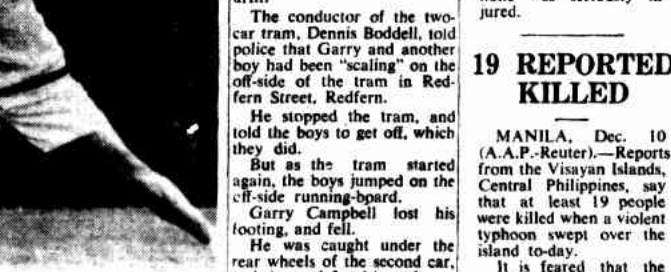
Those elected were Messrs. A. B. Cameron, A. Cooper, A. J. Heath, F. H. Jeans, N. Nolan, L. E. Schofield.

Counting of votes in the sub-branch ballots is not yet complete.

BRISBANE, Monday.—After nine years of Communist leadership the Queensland ironworkers have reverted to complete A.L.P. leadership.

Counting of votes in the union's ballot for official positions ended today and resulted in the Brisbane and Ipswich sub-branches electing A.L.P. delegates to the U.N. General Assembly to submit recommendations.

SEDGMAN IN THREE-SET WIN



Wearing a jumper to keep warm in the cold weather, Frank Sedgman plays a forehand shot from the baseline during his match with American Dick Savitt in the finals of the Victorian championships at Kooyong yesterday. Sedgman won 8-6, 6-0, 6-4.

U.S. Davis Cup Choice Causes Surprise

MELBOURNE, Monday.—The U.S. manager, Frank Shields, caused surprise today by choosing 30-year-old Ted Schroeder and 21-year-old naval aviator Tony Trabert to represent the United States against Sweden in the Davis Cup inter-zone final.

The inter-zone final will start at Kooyong on Thursday. It will be played over three days.

Sweden's team will be Lennart Bergelin and Sven Davidson.

The draw, made at Kooyong this afternoon, is:—

Opening singles: S. Davidson (Sweden) v T. Trabert (U.S.), followed by F. R. Schroeder (U.S.) v L. Bergelin (Sweden).

On Friday the doubles will be played and the second round of the singles will conclude the match on Saturday.

Saturday's programme will be opened by the match between Bergelin and Trabert, followed by Schroeder v Davidson.

Sir Norman Brookes, president of the L.T.A.A., and Bill Barnett, inter-zone final referee, drew the names from a silver bowl in the clubhouse at Kooyong this afternoon.

Decision to make the draw followed early morning discussions, but it was postponed until after the singles final between Frank Sedgman and Dick Savitt.

Winner of the inter-zone final will challenge Australia for the Davis Cup at Sydney, starting on December 26.

OVERWHELMED

This afternoon Frank Sedgman (Victoria) defeated Dick Savitt (U.S.) 8-6, 6-0, 6-4, in the final of the Victorian singles championship.

Sedgman, playing in spikes to ensure safe footing on the slippery grass, overwhelmed Savitt after trailing 2-5 in the first set.

At one stage the Victorian won 12 out of 13 games.

Boy Loses Leg And Arm In Tram Fall

When he fell from the running-board of a tram last night, Garry Campbell, 6, of Pitt Street, Redfern, rolled underneath it, and lost his left leg and right arm.

The conductor of the two-car tram, Dennis Boddell, told police that Garry and another boy had been "sculling" on the off-side of the tram in Redfern Street, Redfern.

He stopped the tram, and told the boys to get off, which they did.

But as the tram started again, the boys jumped on the off-side running-board.

Garry Campbell lost his footing, and fell.

He was caught under the rear wheels of the second car, and dragged for 14 yards.

Central District Ambulance took him to St. Vincent's Hospital.

His condition is serious.

BUSHFIRES FLARE IN MOUNTAINS AGAIN

Fanned by a west wind, bushfires flared up again yesterday in the Blue Mountains.

Firefighters got them under control, but fear a renewal today of the danger.

The three main danger areas are: Blaxland, Sassafras Gully, near Springwood, and on the Hawkesbury Road between Springwood and Penrith.

Last night the firefighters burned breaks around poultry farms and houses in the Springwood area.

R.A.A.F. planes patrolled the fire areas all day.

BUREAU WARNS

Senior Constable A. J. Brahan, of Penrith police, said: "If we get more wind tomorrow the fires could easily get out on to the grass country."

The Sydney Weather Bureau last night rated the bushfire danger in the Blue Mountains to-day as "moderate to rather high."

The wind forecast was "Moderate west to south-west, fresh at times."

NO SIGN

The Bureau said that though fine mild weather was forecast for most of New South Wales for the next few days, there was still no sign of drought-breaking rains.

Up till June this year rainfall had been above average for most of the State, but since June it had been well below average.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman E. C. O'Dea, yesterday said civic authorities at Katoomba had advised him that no more clothing was needed for fire victims.

He added that any monetary gifts should be sent direct to the Mayor of the City of the Blue Mountains, and not to the Sydney Town Hall.

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RAILWAYMAN INJURED

Frederick James Henning, 51, carpenter, of Melbourne Street, Lithgow, received concussion yesterday when hit by an electric train while working on the railway line near Eastwood station.

He was admitted to Ryde Memorial Hospital and was unconscious all day.

Buying Old Trams (£50) For Homes

The Department of Road Transport and Tramways has for sale at Randwick depot 122 30-year-old trams.

An officer of the department, Mr. R. C. Lippin, said yesterday that most people wanted to use them as homes.

He said that prospective buyers should get permission from their local councils before they bought them for this purpose.

The trams were offered at £50 each. It cost about £30 to transport them 50 miles.

The department had already sold about 20.

"One woman said she would build a verandah around hers and put up coloured blinds," said Mr. Lippin.

"Another woman at Moss Vale uses one as kennels for cocker spaniels, and a man grows orchids in the one he bought."

The Electric Traction Society bought the old prison tram from which Percy Dugan and William Mearns cut their way to a sensational escape.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rosen, of Grantham Street, Burwood, yesterday bought two trams to replace their week-end cottage, burnt down in a bushfire at Blaxland on the Blue Mountains.

GOVT. TO BUY 16 SHIPS

Coastal Work

The Commonwealth Government is to order 16 new ships to help relieve the coastal shipping shortage.

This was announced last night by the Minister for Transport and Shipping, Senator G. McLeay. The cost, he said, would be about £14 million.

14 IN LOCAL SHIPYARDS

Fourteen of the ships will be built in local shipyards, and two in Britain.

● CARGOES

Iron And Coal

Senator McLeay said 12 of the new ships will be 10,000-ton iron ore carriers. Two will be 5,000-ton colliers to serve the Queensland Cattle coalfield.

These 14 ships will be built at the Whyalla and Evans Deakin shipyards.

Orders for the other two—of 1,600 tons each, to serve the North Queensland timber trade—will be placed in Britain.

"The Government has decided to have these 12 extra iron ore carriers built because of increased expansion and capacity at the Whyalla iron ore works and the Port Kembla steel rolling mills," Senator McLeay said.

"The programme for the two local yards will keep them fully occupied for the next five years."

Ten more ships for the coastal trade are being built in local shipyards at an estimated cost of £6,500,000, Senator G. McLeay added.

Six of them are for the Commonwealth Shipping Line, the other four for private shipping companies.

The ships comprise one 12,000-ton iron ore ship (costing £2m), one 7,000-ton collier (£750,000), one 2,000-ton collier (£500,000), four 6,000-ton general cargo ships (a total of £2,500,000) and three 3,000-ton general cargo ships (total £1,500,000).

Two of the 6,000-ton general cargo ships will be delivered next March, said Senator McLeay.

The chairman of the Australian Shipbuilding Board, Mr. A. S. McAlpine, last night said at least seven ships either building or on order.

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IT'S long been the practice for the agent to receive the first week's rent as commission.

But, at a Special Court yesterday, Mr. Meagher, S.M., was told that the modern practice was for the tenant to pay a week's rent to the owner as well as the agent.

"I must have the old-fashioned idea," said Mr. Meagher.

Yes, sir. The new idea is to make two payments grow where one grew before.

NIGHTCLUB proprietors can see quite well in the daytime.

A citizen whose job it has been to attend each sitting of the Liquor Inquiry went with a friend to a nightclub the other night but couldn't get a drink.

When he asked why he was being so ostentatiously neglected the waiter asked his name, pulled a piece of paper from his pocket and said, with the perfect poker face, "Sorry, sir. Your name's not here. You didn't order before 6 p.m. and we can't possibly serve you."

AGE Cannot Withstand the J.C. casual employees on Saturday, the Veteran's Stakes—a 50-yard sprint was won by Sam Russell, aged 89.

Sandy Robinson, aged 88, was second in a photo-finish, beaten by a whisker.

SIR DONALD BRADMAN reappeared at the wicket yesterday—battering for Fathers against Sons at St. Peter's Preparatory, Adelaide.

He made 22 and then hit—perhaps I should say contrived to hit—the ball back to the very keen bowler, who happened to be his 12-year-old son John.

So the entry in the scorebook reads: D. G. Bradman, c. and b. J. Bradman, 22—and many a bowler would have been proud of that entry.

SHOPPING in Coogee yesterday, a reader was surprised to find a most hostile look appear on the face of the friendly greengrocer.

When he followed the gaze he saw the cause.

His two-year-old son was helping himself to cherries which he was passing round to other customers—and the cherries were 4/6 a lb.

AFTER his car had been parked beyond the time limit in a city street the other day a motorist found the inevitable chalk mark on a front tyre.

He turned the steering wheel until the chalk-mark was hidden under the guard and went back to finish his business.

When he returned he found a newspaper clipping left by one of the Brown Bombers.

It stated that the turning of the steering gear when a car was stationary could damage vital parts.

Granny

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