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Public Opinion Exerts Its Role

ARGUMENTS raised by the Communist Party Dis-solution Bill present at least one aspect re-assuring to people who watch the workings of our institutions—the proved effectiveness of an alert public opinion.

Although the Government has agreed to modify provisions dealing with the right of search, access to State as well as Federal Courts in appeals by "declared" persons, the award of costs when appeals succeed, and in certain other directions, the clause relating to onus of proof, directly affecting fundamental rights and liberties, remains a theme of contention.

It is unlikely that the last of the argument has been heard. As the discussion goes on, the Prime Minister and his colleagues may be persuaded, not by abusive attacks, but by reasoned argument and warning, that the major purpose of the legislation could be achieved without exposing individual citizens to the dangers that will exist when a law of this character is in force.

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Subsidies Helping Theatre Abroad

Mr. A. Ben Fuller, who returned to Australia yesterday by the Himalaya, said he was impressed by the extent of State support in other countries of opera, ballet and drama.

Mr. Fuller, who is the son of Sir Benjamin Fuller, booked an organization of 600 singers, orchestra players, technicians and an executive staff.

Deposit Plan for Migrants

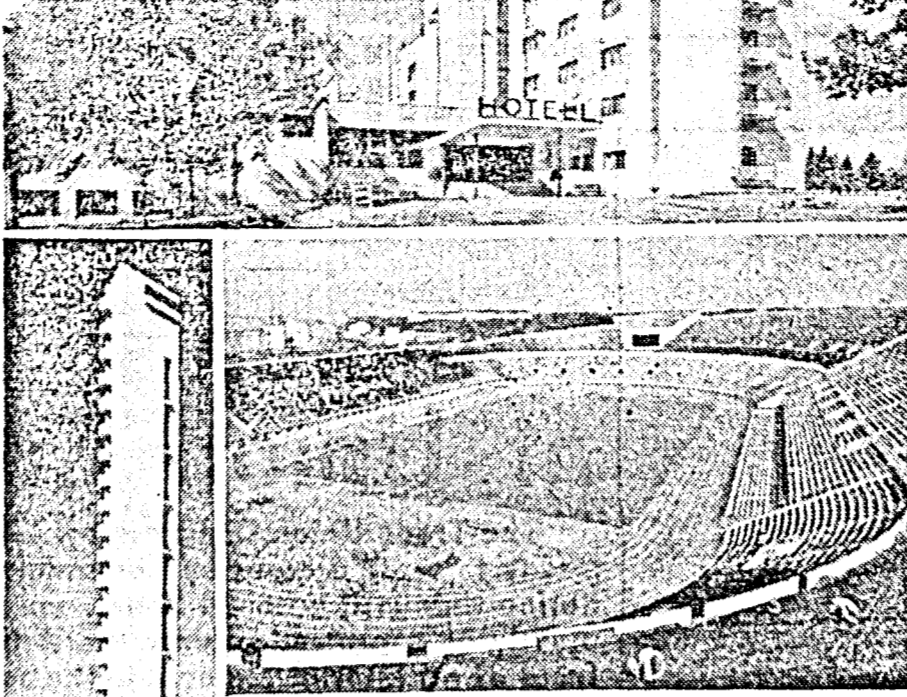
CANBERRA, Thursday.—To prevent migrants arriving in Australia penniless, instructions have been sent to London that group nominees must be deposited £2 or £3, which will be returned on arrival.

New Post for Naval Officer Taxation of Bonus Shares

CANBERRA, Thursday.—The secretary of the Victorian Taxpayers' Association (Mr. J. F. Pattinson) expects the taxation committee formed by the Federal Treasurer (Mr. Fadden) will consider the assailability for taxation of bonus shares.

Finland Prepares for Games

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What Helsinki is Doing for the 1952 Games

At Helsinki, venue of the 1952 Olympic Games, planning and construction for stadiums and housing are well advanced. Mainly extension work is required for the stadiums, which were mostly built in readiness for the abandoned 1940 Games.

The village will have more than the flat buildings. There will be a reception hall and a huge restaurant, which will not be permanent, and will be removed quickly after the Games.

Real Show Place

The village will have a splendid approach and an imposing entrance. The training track for athletes is beyond the main village, so that the village will be a real show place.

Building Types

There will be three main groups of three-story brick buildings, designed as two or three units, each with a kitchen and bathroom.

ABOUT PEOPLE

The Governor (Sir Dallas Brooks), accompanied by Lady Brooks and Mrs. Brooks, left for London yesterday.

CAUGHT COLD

The Pope's gracious agreement to be televised was the cause of recent rumors of his "serious illness."

MELBA DAY

Today, the anniversary of the birth of Nellie Melba, at Burnley, in 1861, will cause many Australians to really appreciate the glory that the prima donna brought to her homeland.

Triple Event

Historic ceremonies of 100 years ago will be re-enacted under the Separation Tree in the Botanic Gardens next year when Victoria celebrates the centenary of its division from New South Wales.

King's Levee

The traditional, colorful ceremony observed at levees held by the King in England will be faithfully followed in the Queen's Hall, Parliament House, on Thursday, June 8, when the Governor (Sir Dallas Brooks) holds a levee to honor the King's birthday.

British Official Highly Popular

SYDNEY, Thursday.—Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the British Commissioner-General for South-East Asia, has suddenly become one of the most sought after men in Australia.

He has leapt into prominence like a Hollywood film star making a first hit.

Vice-Admiral Recalls His Early Days

GEELONG, Thursday.—Vice-Admiral Collins was able to recall many of his early days in the Royal Australian Navy when he visited Geelong today.

When the Naval College was established in 1913 at Osborne House, North Geelong, Vice-Admiral Collins was one of the first students.

Welfare Fund Aid for Homes

CANBERRA, Thursday.—The Government is considering subsidizing or assisting in the building of homes for aged and infirm people.

The Minister for Social Services (Senator Spooner) announced this today.

Anniversary of Self Government

CANBERRA, Thursday.—Mr. Hasluck (Lib.) suggested in the House of Representatives today that celebrations next year of the 50th anniversary of the Australian Federation should also commemorate the 100th anniversary of the grant of self-government to the Australian colonies in 1850.

Letters to the Editor

DEFENCE OF HAIR DRESSERS.—SIR:—I CANNOT LET GO UNCHALLENGED the remarks passed by Lady Dixon at Wesley Church on Sunday afternoon.

Art Festival for Jubilee

The National Theatre Festival will conduct a series of art projects to mark the centenary of the production of opera, ballet and drama.

Mr. E. A. Wells

Mr. Ernest Alfred Wells, who died at Prince Henry's Hospital on Wednesday, was twice mayor of South Melbourne. He was 81.

Mrs. P. H. Atkins

Mrs. Phoebe Henrietta Atkins, who has died aged 86, was born at Ballarat, and was reared at Melbourne.

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