

Latrobe A.L.P. Committee

MR. CAIN'S ADDRESS AT MICAWBER PARK

THE biggest assembly of politicians of the Australian Labor Party ever to meet in the Shire were at Micawber Park, Belgrave, on Sunday afternoon

They were attending the second annual Australia Day weekend picnic of the Latrobe Electorate Council of the A.L.P.

Politicians present were the Premier of Victoria, Mr. John Cain, Senators Kennelly, Shean and Sandford, Mr. R. R. Rawson, M.L.C., and Mr. Doube (M.L.A., Oakleigh), Mr. Connell (M.L.A., Evelyn), and Mr. Les. Coates (M.L.A., Dandenong).

Also present were three aspiring politicians, Cr. Ted Smith, of Dandenong, who is endorsed Labor candidate for Latrobe, Mr. Gordon Bryant, endorsed Labor candidate for Deakin, and Cr. Alex. Miller, endorsed Labor candidate for Henty.

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The president of the electorate council (Mr. J. Bennett) read apologies from Messrs. Calwell, Drakeford, Ewart, Joshua, Keon, Crean, Cremean, Clarey, Pollard and Devlin.

The picnic began with a loyal address from the president of the Aus-

tralian Natives' Association, followed by the raising

of the Australian flag.

More than 100 people present stood to attention as the Australian National Anthem and God Save The Queen were played.

Senator Kennelly said that the A.L.P. had played a great part in the building of the Australian nation.

LEADERS SET STANDARD

"From 1890 on, the people who have been the spokesmen for this party have contributed very largely to the growth and development of this country," he said.

"No country can be called great unless its people enjoy a high standard of living. The Australian standard of living, for which Labor has fought so hard over the years, will compare favorably with any in the world."

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The party would try to carry on where the great Labor leaders, Mr. Curtin and Mr. Chifley, left off, he said.

The Premier (Mr. Cain) spoke affectionately of the great gum trees in Micawber Park, where the Australian flag had been raised that day.

"I can think of no better place to fly this flag, no place that is more Australian, than here under the shade of these fine gum trees," he said.

Australia should do more to honor its Australian Day, he said. There was no more reason why the Fourth of July should be a red letter day in the United States than the 26th of January should be here.

"I don't advocate all the frivolities that the Americans go in for," he said, "but I would like to see more national pride displayed on this great day."

No country in the world, said Mr. Cain, could compare with Australia as a country where the masses had such a

the masses had such a splendid charter of privileges and rights.

"LIFT HATS TO PIONEERS"

Australia, with such a solid foundation, had great possibilities. They were ours to take.

"Our party has made a very solid contribution to this prosperity," he said. "We have won the respect of the people of this nation for what we have done."

Australians should lift their hats to the pioneers of the Labor movement. In the shearing sheds, in the mines, in the factories, in the workshops, they had laid the foundation for a great movement.

"And unless we too pioneer in that spirit," he said, "we shall not be able to call ourselves worthy carriers of the torch that has been handed down."

He wished those associated with the movement in the Latrobe electorate every success.

A vote of thanks moved by Cr. Ted Smith was seconded by Mr. Gordon Bryant and supported by Mr. Alex. Miller.

After the secretary of the electorate committee, Mr. Dave Palmer, had stressed the need for funds for the coming elections in May, a collection was taken.