

## Episode Eight: An Australian Way of Life



**Supplement:** Susan Carland in conversation with Dr Waleed Aly

Extend your knowledge of post war Australia and contemporary Australian sport, culture and society

#### Four Texts to Read

- David Day, Chifley (Sydney: HarperCollins, 2001)
- David Lowe, Menzies and the 'Great World Struggle': Australia's Cold War, 1948-1954 (Sydney: UNSW Press, 1999).
- Stuart Macintyre, Australia's Boldest Experiment: War and Reconstruction in the 1940s (Sydney: New South 2015)
- John Murphy, Imagining the Fifties: Private Sentiment and Political Culture in Menzies' Australia (Sydney: UNSW Press, 2000).

#### Three Websites to Visit

- Menzies Virtual Museum
  - https://menziesvirtualmuseum.org.au/the-1950s/1950
- 'Election of Menzies', National Museum of Australia
  - http://primeministers.naa.gov.au/ primeministers/menzies/in-office.aspx
- 'Australia in the 1950s', My Place for Teachers
  - http://www.myplace.edu.au/decades\_ timeline/1950/decade\_landing\_5. html?tabRank=1



#### Podcasts to listen to

- 'Historyonics: Chifley's Light on the Hill', RN Drive, 4 September 2013
  - Summary: Ben Chifley's Light on the Hill speech has become a seminal speech for the Australian Labor Party. Speaking at the ALP conference in June 1949, Chifley urged the Labor faithful to continue to fight for a better society for all.
  - http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/ programs/drive/historyonics3a-chifley27slight-on-the-hill/4932640
- 'ASIO files' personal truths', Late Night Live, 8 August 2013
  - Summary: A new four-part documentary series delves into four different ASIO files, asking the subject of each to explain the contents. The series premieres this weekend at the Melbourne Film Festival.
  - http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/ programs/latenightlive/asio-files27personal-truths/4873750

#### Film and Literature

- TV Series: True Believers, episode #1 (ABC, 1988)
  - Available on YouTube: https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=mcbEylfaXgM
- Novel: Ruth Park, Poor Man's Orange (Sydney: Angus and Robertson, 1949)

### A Primary Source

 Ben Chifley (1952), Things Worth Fighting For (collected speeches), Melbourne University Press, Parkville, Victoria

# Links to the National Museum of Australia's Defining Moments Project

- 1949: Election of the Menzies government the longest serving in Australian history
  - http://www.nma.gov.au/online\_features/ defining\_moments/featured/election\_of\_ menzies\_government
- 1956: Television introduced in time for Australia's first Olympic Games, Melbourne
  - http://www.nma.gov.au/online\_features/ defining\_moments/featured/television\_ and\_the\_melbourne\_olympics