

News from 1973 on Australia.....

AUSTRALIA NOW PERILOUSLY LEFTIST

One of the dominoes that has fallen or titled as a result of the indecisive nature of the conflict in Indochina is Australia. The long no-victory war together with the United States rapprochement with Communist China combined to give a victory last December to the Australian Labor Party, in which Communists openly boast they hold the predominant power. Australia was the second government to change as a result of American foreign policy in the Far East, the first having been Japan's.

Gough Whitlam, the new Australian Premier, has a seven-seat margin in the Parliament, although the Liberal Party with the Democratic Labor Party through the 47 labor federations, which are Communist-controlled. The top man in the Labor Party caucus is Dr. J. Cairns.

Immediately after its election the Labor Government recognized Communist China and withdrew recognition from the Republic of China on Taiwan. It also recognized Communist East Germany, and is planning recognition of the Red dictatorship controlling North Vietnam. Recently it entertained Yugoslav Prime Minister Bijedic, who presented a list of Croat-born Australians, who, he alleged, were "terrorists." Naturally, with Operation Keelhaul of World War II in mind, the 100,000 Croats in Australia are deeply concerned.

Dr. Cairns has denounced President Nixon as a "murderer and a maniac" and accused him of "genocide" for the bombing of North Vietnam last December that brought about the cease-fire agreement.

This Australian development is not a fortunate one.

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