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LABOR — the party of radical change, Australian Independence, a new flag and republic?

LIBERAL — the party of rock-solid conservatism, British to the bootheels, Monarchist to the core?

Well, which party has contributed more to Australian Republicanism? Consider the following:

Q. Which party in government quietly removed the Queen's head from our pre-decimal banknotes above one pound (1954) and from our decimal currency above one dollar (1966)?

A. Liberal.

Q. Which government had the chance to do the same with the new dollar coin but didn't?

A. Labor.

Q. Which government abolished the British nationality requirement for Australian ships (1982)?

A. Liberal.

Q. Which government had Britain's Queen proclaimed "Queen of Australia"?

A. Labor.

Q. Which government limited Federal appeals to the Privy Council and persuaded all States to eliminate State appeals to same?

A. Liberal.

Q. Which party declared for a new flag but saturates it's advertising with the flag it is supposed to be anxious to get rid of?

A. Labor.

Q. Which party features the flag it doesn't want whilst all the while managing to mutilate the Australian parts (the Southern Cross & Federation Star) and simultaneously preserving uncut the British symbol which it says it wants to remove?

A. Labor.

Australian Liberal governments profess undying loyalty to all things "British". As a result, they get away with a steady chopping of British links and very little is said about it. Labor professes it's dedication to an independent Australia and gives the Royalists permanent fidgets by doing hardly anything about it. It is called PRAGMATISM!



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