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SENATE RESULTS: heir Meaning For A.L.P. Militants

The dectine in the standing of the Gorton Government (Liberal-Country Party coalition) to some 37.8% of the national vote (a reduction of some 5.5% on its October 1969 House of

Government's performance, led to consideration of the claims of alternative political formations that they would perform better in the national parliame The defectors from support of the government, found their new "saviours" in a variety of smaller political parties and

independents, the latter mostly standing on a single plank platform. Some of them voted DLP, because of fear of the "Asian red hordes" in respect of whom the Gorton government "was being insufficiently intransigeant"; others because the DLP was projecting an image for the unsophisticated of concern for the family. Others again swing to the Australia Party, on the score that the lime has now come to get our of Vietnam and in response to its projected more

Labor Party, the vote for which registered t decline by some 4% to about 42.6% in comparison with its October 1969 total.

Two Struggles

The still predominant right wing of the Labor Party draws the conclusion that strong so still further to the right. — to a content of personalities having a basic allegance to the establishment. — if it is to be the heneficiary of the movement of the electorate away from the government. This, also is the direction continually This, also is the direction continually urged on it by the capitalist press, which demands drastic action against the left wing, particularly the latter's outstanding manifestation in Victoria.

This view has the support of the majority of the ALP Federal Executive.

majority of the ALF rederal executive. But this majority's attempt to dismiss the Victorian left wing leadership and impose right wing control, is proving to be any-thing but a pushover. The section of the Victorian left wing leadership which stood firm has solid activist backing against

regard of rank and file sentiments.

It properly rejects the prespective of a concerned. And obscause or is spirit, activity and union basis, it constitutes the present vanguard of a socialist-oriented left wing in the Labor Party and the lodestar for the parry's left wing nationally in the continuing struggle to isolate and defeat the right wing.

erecting a Labor government, the other concerns the same imperative but with the qualification that such a government must be erected on the basis of a policy in conflict with the interests of the

As yet, the majority of the working class has not advanced to recognition of how essential and valid the second perspective is, but rather still adheres to the view that "a bad Labor government is better than a good Liberal government

Can Whitlam Win?

But it is by no means inevitable that a right wing, essentially pro-status quo Labor leadership will achieve the position electorate set-up negatives the principle of

On the other hand, the smaller parties will not be strong enough to enter the 120 separate electoral contests, and many electors critical of the government will have to decide whether to prefer the "moderate" Labor position.

being a more effective working class political force as a minority party than a

There is no call to deny the fact that a Branch, attracts less mass support in today's political climate, than do the other State Branches. But there is no doubt that the acceptability for the Victorians of the validity of extraparliamentary initiatives of a right wing

situation: (i) a right wing Labor

a principled militant party policy is not a factor responsible for inhabiting a "Labor electoral victory" (fif) such a struggle will transform the party into a much more effective force in the workers' inevitable struggle against capitalist rule; (iv) the transformed party will confront a future

STRUGGLE OF THE VICTORIAN BRANCH VANGUARD THEIR VICTORY IS ESSENTIAL IN THE WORKERS' INTERESTS!

REPORT FROM VICTORIA

ENTER THE SAVIOURS

the Australian Labor Party continues

At present it appears that the struggle may be resolved in a "Bonapartist" way. and ALP rank-and-file with few interstate allies), can at present impose their will on the situation, turning the Victorian

to emerge as the decisive gro

This group is led by Bob Hawke (A.C.T.U. President) and Ted Innes (former Treasurer of the Victorian branch), and has now apparently been joined by Dr. Cairns. These "figures" pose as "saviours" and "unifers", playing

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Mr Whitlam and Dr Cairns confer at yesterday's Victorian ALP meeting

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The Economic Slowdown

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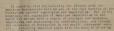
The New Opposition







The "Democratic Movement"











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The November 22 nd meeting

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decide the final form of the new constitution; and (iv) to request the Federal Executive to bring the new constitution into force by the end of February 1971. An amendment was then moved by the Left.



the Left lives to fight another day.

The full is now in the Flederic Lexensive's court, where they are allowing at to day for the time being. They have at the day for the full court of the fu

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