

Joint Parties 14 October 1975 at 10.30 a.m.

Political Situation

Fraser: Connor reported to be resisting resignation - this issue involves Whitlam, unlike the Cairns affair - tactics will be considered throughout the day.

Wentworth: main aim to establish to public that Whitlam liar - no isolated case.

Katter: no need for loans for Australia except through banks.

Jessop: present position justifies call for Royal Commission.

McMahon: must sheet home blame to leadership itself.

Fraser: not call for Royal Commission now, as Government already convicted itself.

Jessop: not calling new Royal Commission now.

Adermann: what our response to Royal Commission if suggested?

Fraser: could only be whitewash as Whitlam himself implicated - call K to bar of Senate useless too.

Wright: Cameron's speech 9 July said loan would still be raised by Connor - referred section of Wheeler's letter referring to "Michael Murphy" and "October initiatives" - keep in touch ACTU-Solo, where ALP has helped ACTU.

Wood: Whitlam must be blamed for everything - Senate select Committee might be best.

Fairbairn: options: 1. censure 2. want confidence PM or Connor 3. MPI - don't forget Connor as he will drag Government with him.

Missen: should pursue matters in Cameron's speech.

Tactics

Sinclair: MPI on budget deficit.

Fraser: complete quiet in House.

Navigation Bill

Nixon: 105 amendments.

Agreed to

Maritime College

Nixon: Launceston \$22.

Agreed to

Income Tax Bills

Lynch: Budget decisions - sham.

Fraser: should be continuing attack on new tax scheme giving many examples available.

Agreed to

ASIO

Greenwood: Director's appointment and PM takeover.

Agreed to

C & A Bill

Greenwood: C & A appoints 1 more judge.

Agreed to

Telephonic Communications

Greenwood: PM person to authorise instead of AG. Agreed to

Cormack: transference to PM dangerous and ought not to agree to.

Cameron: should be in hands of AG, if not oppose, then in Government.

Fraser: should agree to recommendation - senior public servants believe phones tapped, that point should be made - revise in Government.

Enquiry on DFRB anomalies

Fraser: Bonnettsuggested - better to have one person to enquire.

Public Service

Fraser: want to look at Jessop's Bill after Royal Commission report received - statement on appointments of permanent heads to be announced soon.

Education Policy

Guilfoyle

Policy Agreed to