



**PRIME MINISTER**

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DEATH OF THE HON. W.J. RIORDAN

We have all been greatly saddened to learn of the death of Bill Riordan, one of the few surviving members of the Chifley Government.

He was a staunch friend and a profoundly loyal Labor man.

He maintained a remarkable hold on the loyalty of his electorate of Kennedy (North Queensland) which was undeviatingly a Labor stronghold until his retirement.

Arrangements are being made for a State funeral.

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