

From Alister Drysdale

MEDIA SUMMARY

Abortion

The Australian says you assured clergymen yesterday that you would vote in favour of a proposal to stop the financing of abortion. (Page 2).

Sydney Morning Herald says you had promised your support for the motion calling on the Government to pay abortion benefits only when the life of the mother is at stake, (Page 3), while the Age says you had indicated you would support Mr. Lusher's motion but may not be strongly opposed to possible amendments.

Election Funding

Sydney Morning Herald: Hamer and Corcoran support N.S.W. moves towards public funding of election campaigns. Hamer says one way the scheme would be achieved was by allocation to the party's from State consolidated revenue. Yet the Age says the State Government ruled out public funding of political parties in Victorian election campaigns. Hamer is quoted as saying the present system of party funded campaigns was "perfectly legitimate".

In Sydney Morning Herald Eggleton quoted as saying Federal Liberal Party would continue to review its overseas experience.

Queensland ALP

Newspapers report that the threat of Federal intervention in Queensland has been averted. The Administrative Committee under which Mr. Hayden can appoint a proxy when he cannot attend party meetings.

The Australian says Hayden and Queensland ironed out their differences formally and Senator George Georges was apparently left out in the cold.

Greek deportation

Hamer has told the Age and the Sun that he asked you to stop the deportation of a Greek couple living in Melbourne. This story leads the Sun and makes Page 4 of the Age.

I have already had the Melbourne Herald asking about the situation this morning.