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Meeting on Queensland ALP fails to reach decision

A meeting of the ALP federal executive in Canberra yesterday failed to decide its attitude on the question of intervention in the party's Queensland branch.

The federal secretary, Mr David Combe, told reporters after the meeting that the executive had discussed the matter for four hours and would resume this morning.

He said there were a number of matters before the chair, none of which had been finalised. However a Queensland motion seeking to adjourn the intervention question had been defeated by 13 votes to five.

The motion, moved by the State's acting president, Mr Harry Hauenschild, and seconded by the State secretary, Mr Gerry Jones, was critical of federal executive officers.



Mr Combe

It said they had failed to take up an offer for discussions with Queensland branch officers and were in no position to fully inform the executive of the position in Queensland.

Yesterday's meeting also decided that it was proper for it to proceed in relation to Queensland in accordance with party rules covering the power of the executive to intervene in a State branch.

Mr Hayden appeared cheerful after the meeting but declined to make any comment.

It is understood that Mr Hayden still has the numbers to institute reforms, but sources said this was apparently largely dependent upon how far he wanted to go.

The main point at issue appeared to be proportional representation, and the concern of some members that it could increase the influence of the socialist left on the executive.

The executive decided that there should be no briefing on the matters still before the executive at the end of yesterday's meeting.

LATE NEWS Support for Olympics

LONDON, Friday (AAP). — Representatives of four of Britain's Olympic sports stated their intention today to take part in the Moscow Games, despite political pressure from the Government for a boycott.

Federation officials from archery, canoeing, cycling and judo made it clear that they did not want their athletes to miss their "one chance in a lifetime".

At the same time, each accepted a \$10,000 commercial sponsorship from the Alka-Seltzer company to assist them in staging the necessary tournaments to make their Olympic team selections.

New settler



Tran Hanh Dong, 4, waits patiently for transport at Canberra Airport after the arrival of her family and 11 other Vietnamese families yesterday.

Twelve refugee families arrive in Canberra

Twelve refugee families from Vietnam arrived yesterday, the first group to be settled in Canberra under the Government's Community Refugee Settlement Scheme.

They are the third such group to be settled in Australia under the scheme.

Under this scheme, greater responsibility is placed on church, voluntary organisations and individuals in the resettlement of refugees.

One of the group, Dr Tran Phong, 31,

said yesterday that he and his wife and young daughter had escaped in a 14-metre boat with about 500 people on May 30 last year and had arrived in Indonesia on June 8. He said there had been no problems during the journey.

He had graduated from the University of Saigon in 1974 and was a surgeon at Quang Dong Hospital in Saigon at the time of his escape. His wife, Truong Bieh Nt Ngoc, also worked at the hospital as a clerk.

Dr Tran Phong said that he hoped he would be able to continue his medical studies in Australia.

Daylight saving

Daylight saving will end at 3am tomorrow and people should put their clocks back an hour before going to bed tonight.

Victoria, NSW, Tasmania, South Australia and the ACT will officially revert to Eastern Standard Time.

inside today

THE BOOK PAGES

"Few are likely to compete with the legendary Norwegian who is said to have died at 160, leaving a widow with a child of nine and another child, of a previous liaison, of 103. . . But there are other, more likely good things that retirement and old age can bring. Thelma Hunter reviews a new book which investigates the realities and explodes the myths of old age, today in the Book Pages. — Pages 14 and 15.

Cathryn, smallest of the quins, dies

MELBOURNE: Cathryn, the only girl and smallest of Melbourne's Kissane quins, died late on Thursday, just before the end of her first week of life.

Doctors at the Mercy Hospital, East Melbourne, announcing the news yesterday, said she died from a cerebral hemorrhage at 10.19pm.

The four remaining quins, all boys, although still in the danger period, were improving. Doctors were optimistic the boys would survive.

Cathryn, Mark, Stephen, Anthony and Justin were born to Dr Josephine Kissane and her husband, Peter, a week ago yesterday.

Eleven weeks premature, they were delivered by caesarean section in 2½ minutes.

The medical director of the hospital, Dr James Brecheny, said "Cathryn had plenty of spirit. Nature has its own way. . ."

"It has cast an aura of sadness over the hospital".

Dr Brecheny said the parents "obviously are very sad, but nevertheless coping very well".

Cathryn's condition fluctuated during the week as doctors tried to

help her fight the dangerous hyaline membrane disease, common in premature birth babies.

On Monday, Cathryn's condition became critical. On Tuesday night her blood pressure dropped and her breathing deteriorated rapidly.

Doctors and nurses took turns at operating a thumb-press ventilator to help her struggle for air.

Specialists and teams of nurses

have been watching the quins in their humidicribs around the clock.

The Kissane quins would have been Australia's only surviving set of quins.

One of Brisbane's Braham quins born on December 31, 1967, died four days after birth.

The Premier of Victoria, Mr Hamer, extended yesterday the "deepest sympathy of the Government to the parents of Cathryn".

AFGHANISTAN DEBATE

Move on bipartisan response rejected

By JACK WATERFORD and AAP

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Sir Billy Snedden, has rejected an Opposition request that he convene and chair a meeting between the Government and the Opposition on a bipartisan response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Sir Billy wrote to the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Hayden, late yesterday afternoon saying that the appropriate course was for the Opposition to approach the Government directly on the issue.

"I appreciate the sentiments expressed in your letter regarding my role as Speaker of the House", Sir Billy said in a brief letter.

"However, the appropriate course is that you should approach the Government direct with your discussion proposals".

His letter, written 24 hours after the Opposition request, followed a strong statement from the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Anthony, rejecting the idea of bipartisan talks, and virtually insisting that if there was to be a bipartisan policy, then the Opposition should accept that put forward by the Government.

Mr Anthony said that Mr Hayden's offer for the talks was not genuine.

Mr Anthony said that Mr Hayden's new, contradictory approach to the question of boycotts on the Olympic Games and on trade exposed the "falseness" of the "so-called" offer.

It also destroyed what otherwise might be the basis for achieving a real bipartisan policy, he said.

"If Mr Hayden was genuine, he would stop this pretence of concern for bipartisanship and would support and work to make effective the efforts of the Australian Government and other free world Governments aimed at making an impact on the Soviet Union", he said.

"The test of his sincerity is his willingness to do this".

Mr Anthony said Mr Hayden's suggestion

that there should be trade bans if there was an Olympic Boycott completely contradicted what he and his colleagues had repeatedly said.

"They have said from the outset that trade bans would be futile and pointless and of course they would be", he said.

"No country had talked about cutting off all its trade with the Soviet Union.

"The Labor Party in Australia, until now, has not suggested it and in fact has strongly opposed it", he said.

"For Mr Hayden now to propose trade boycotts as part of a bipartisan policy exposes the falseness of his position.

"It is clear that he is not genuinely interested in achieving a bipartisan policy, but only in giving the appearance of having a responsible attitude.

"My Hayden's position on boycotts is quite untenable".

Mr Hayden's request of the Speaker to chair talks on developing a bipartisan policy towards the appropriate Australian response to the Soviet invasion followed a speech by the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, in Parliament on Thursday when he said that he would plead with the Opposition for such a policy, and a national consensus.

The issuing of permits yesterday for merino ram exports to the Soviet Union made a joke of the Government's "posturing" on Afghanistan, the Opposition's spokesman on Primary Industry, Senator Walsh, said yesterday.

"The Government would not allow visas to Russian buyers who wanted to come to Australia to attend the Dubbo ram sales", Senator Walsh said in a statement issued in Canberra.

"Two weeks later, it allows rams, purchased by an agent at the sales to be exported".

All that had been achieved by this was a considerable saving of money for the Russians — the cost of their air fares and accommodation. **Amnesty told no torture. — Page 5.**

Colombian guerillas free 14 hostages

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, Friday (AAP-AP). Guerillas who stormed the Dominican Republic's Embassy on Wednesday freed 14 hostages yesterday, opening the way toward negotiations and the release of the remaining 46 captives, the Colombian Government said.

Those released included Paraguay's acting ambassador, Mr Oscar Gostiaga, who was wounded in a leg when the embassy was taken during a diplomatic reception.

Others freed were 10 women, a 16-year-old boy and two men, the communique said. The Government said 46 persons, including five women remain as

hostages. The remaining five women were to be released this morning.

The US Ambassador, Mr Diego Asencio, who was reached by telephone after the hostages were released confirmed that only five women were still being held. Mr Asencio said that with Paraguayan diplomats being evacuated, 19 ambassadors remained as captives in the two-storey house that is surrounded by an estimated 500 heavily armed soldiers and policemen.

The Foreign Ministry and embassies had earlier indicated that there were only 16 ambassadors taken hostage while the guerillas had said there were 20.

The guerillas cut short the US Ambassador's telephone call from an Associated Press newsmen before he could be

asked who the other ambassadors are who have not yet been identified as being hostages.

In addition to \$US50 million (about \$A45 million) ransom, the guerillas are demanding freedom for 311 people they describe as political prisoners, withdrawal of all troops and policemen from around the embassy and safe conduct out of Colombia for the 30 guerillas in the embassy.

The Red Cross delivered food, medicine, cigarettes and mattresses to the hostages.

The Red Cross also removed from the embassy the body of a dead guerilla who was wounded in the mid-day Wednesday storming of the embassy and who died about nine hours later.

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Voters 'beat dye'

Voters in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia have been using Coca-Cola to wash off a dye used to mark voters to prevent them from voting twice, according to a party contesting the election. — Page 5.

'Outside' investors

Investors from Sydney and country areas have made 40 per cent of the purchases so far in the first stage of the \$10 million Argyle Square housing development in Reid. — Page 9.

Diseases increase

Sexually transmitted diseases are increasing in Australia, according to information given to a combined conference of Australian and Canadian doctors. — Page 11.

Canberra inventor

An O'Connor man has been awarded second place in an international inventors' competition at a world fair in the US. Business. — Page 18.

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