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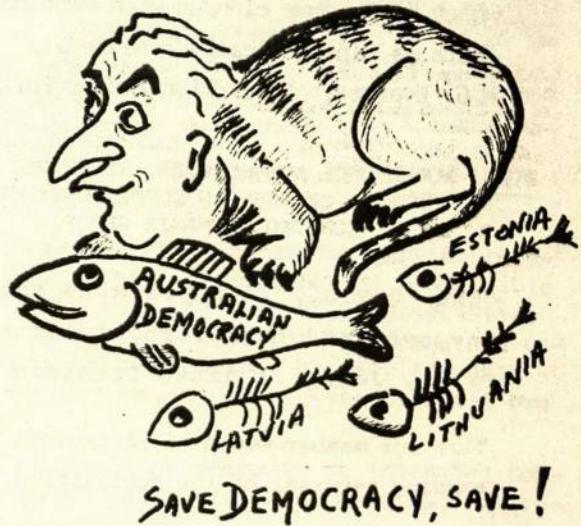
## AUSTRALIAN BALTS NEED YOUR HELP

Because all election matters have been adequately covered in the enclosed copy of the Baltic Herald, no regular issue of the Baltic News has been produced.

The Executive of the H.E.L.L.P. Association, however, would like to bring to the notice of all members a resolution passed at its meeting of December 2, 1975, that -

"IN THE COMING ELECTION THE H.E.L.L.P. ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE LIBERAL-NATIONAL PARTY COALITION FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO REVERSE THE DECISION, AND BRIAN HARRADINE FOR HIS CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE BALTIC CAUSE"

(Read also 'Our Say' front page,  
Baltic Herald No.6)



According to an earlier decision all candidates were requested to state briefly what they would do, if elected, to reverse the decision to recognise de jure Russian sovereignty over Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania within the first year of the Parliament.

Considering the limited space available, it is not possible to reproduce all replies in full, but the following extracts appear to reflect accurately the essence of each answer :

"I will continue to apply pressure to have recognition reversed, and will use my position to that effect...." B. Harradine (Independent).

"I completely support Mr. Fraser's announcement that the Whitlam decision would be reversed, and I will be proud to vote to that effect in Parliament...." M. Hodgman (Liberal)

"I support Mr. Fraser's commitment and will fight for the Baltic cause...." B. Goodluck (Liberal).

"... Russian recognition will be reversed. My personal pledge is to ensure that L.C.P. coalition stands by this decision." K. Neuman (Liberal).

"...(I) would give my full support to all moves he (Mr. Fraser) will make to reverse the decision of the Whitlam Government..." Shirley Walters (Liberal)

"... give full support." B. Archer (Liberal)

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"The move (to reverse Mr. Whitlam's decision) would certainly have my support..."  
E.J. Bessell (Liberal).

"I will take whatever action is necessary to see that the reversal of recognition is done...." M. Townley (Liberal).

"... we will work to withdraw recognition of the Russian annexation of the Baltic States." B. Whiley, Margaret Franklin, J. Hand, J. Hay, B. Casimaty, D. Hazell, Margaret Rockliff. (National Party of Australia - Tas)

"... I adhere to my previously stated position (opposing the de jure recognition) which has been publicly reported at previous meetings of your Association"  
R. Sherry (Australian Labour Party).

"I do not believe it is safe to reach a decision on an issue which has become clouded with emotion without regard to the facts as diplomatically assessed..."

M.G. Everett. Australian Labour Party).

"I WOULD URGE AND SUPPORT ANY FUTURE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IN REVERSING 'DE JURE' RECOGNITION OF RUSSIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER ESTONIA, LATVIA AND LITHUANIA ..."  
R. BROWN (UNITED TASMANIA GROUP).

"The U.T.G. is opposed to the suppression of minority rights of any sort and therefore cannot support (Mr. Whitlam's) action...."  
Dr. R. Jones (United Tasmania Group).

"... our member would be instructed to bring down a private member's bill demanding reversal of the recognition." Dr. M. Stanton (Workers Party).

"... WILL SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR REVERSAL." ENID SHEA (INDEPENDENT)

"I shall fight for reversal of recognition ..."  
A.E. Mansel (Independent)

"... I SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENT BALTIC STATES. BUT I DO NOT THINK THAT THE REGIMES WHICH EXISTED IN THOSE COUNTRIES PRIOR TO THE RUSSIAN OCCUPATION CAN BE DEFENDED BY ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A DEMOCRAT, LET ALONE A SOCIALIST."  
J. TULLY (SOCIALIST WORKERS LEAGUE)

(This includes all replies received by 4.12.75)



## YOUR VOTE CAN HELP

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