

# Sydney Morning Herald

Telephone B0944

One Hundred And Thirty-first Year Of Publication

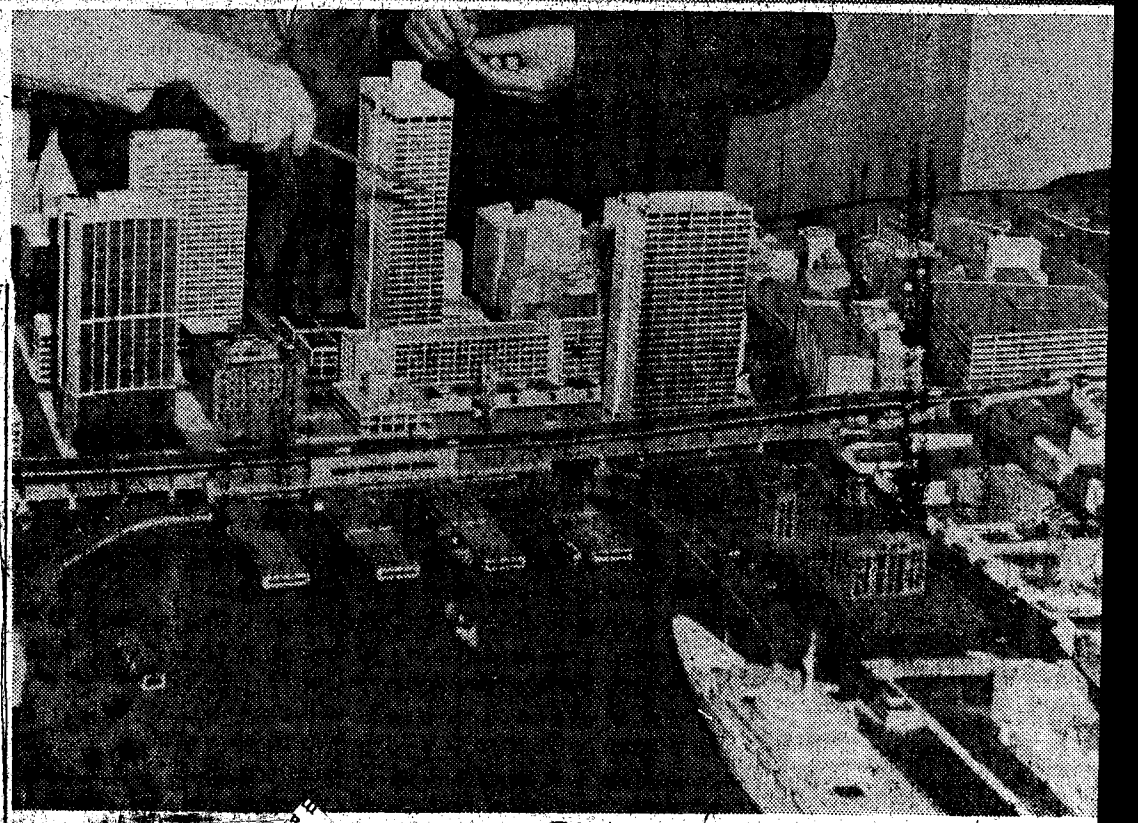
6-3-62

26

## CKED BY 130 SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME AT QUAY



ABOVE: A view of Circular Quay and the city. Dominating the skyline at the Quay is the A.M.P. building. In the immediate foreground is the Opera House. The three recent buildings along the eastern side of the Quay are (front to rear) the Unilever, Lend Lease and L.C.I. buildings. On the opposite side is the new Overseas Shipping Terminal. RIGHT: A model of the proposed development scheme. The A.M.P. building and the Customs House beside it are the only existing buildings in the scheme.



## Letters To The Editor

### DEFEAT OF THE LIBERALS

#### "Responsibility" At Menzies' Door

SIR.—The responsibility for the Liberal Party's defeat in the New South Wales elections can be placed squarely at Mr Menzies' door.

While Prime Minister and a senior member of the Liberal Party, he has implemented more socialistic banking policy than the late Mr Chifley ever thought of. The working and business people of this country should have access to private banks at all times for loans at least equivalent to 50 per cent of their security at lowest possible rates of interest. These banks must not be under the domination of any State or Federal bank so that, with any change of Government, they could be nationalised without compensation.

#### "Petty Favours"

It is a great pity that so many able Liberal members have allowed petty favours to influence their judgment. Mr Menzies should have been forced to return to true Liberal Party policy many years ago.

Will those members and politicians close to our Prime Minister prevail upon him to restore sound financial policies before Labour takes control of our Federal Government? Personal favours and recognition by the awarding of titles are not needed to influence far-sighted "dinkum" Australians.

We don't wish to dishonour Mr Menzies, but, if he will not see the light, he must be asked to step aside in favour of a new Liberal leader. In no circumstances must we allow any further steps to be taken, under a Liberal Party Government, towards nationalisation or socialisation.

WILLIAM C. ALLEN.  
Mosman.

Sir,—Instead of a reasoned reply to the Opposition's censure motion Mr Menzies confined himself almost entirely to a petty and bitter personal tirade against "The Sydney Morning Herald." Surely something better than this can be expected from a Prime Minister of Mr Menzies' stature and intelligence!

If the present Federal Government does not soon show some improvement, the next election should be a walkover for the Opposition.

### Short-Sold On A Miracle?

Sir,—In reply to "Housewife" ("S.M.H." Letters, March 3), I would ask, "Why stop at shirts?"

By now I think the average housewife will have realised that the non-iron, or so-called non-iron, process has shortened the life of material and in most cases added to the housewives' work.

Once it was possible to buy soft, hard-wearing material which could be dry-ironed. My son's five-year-old shirts are still wearable and he is nearly 11. His young sister's "non-iron" poplin blouses, at twice the price, have cut at the lapels before she has outgrown them, and they always need dry-ironing. Her expensive "non-iron" tunic cuts at the hemline and cannot be let down. The material fades, and soils more easily and lasts nowhere near as long.

So many purchased articles ("non-iron" variety) bear the tag "wash by hand" that it doesn't need much imagination to realise that the housewife is now paying for materials which have to be washed by hand, still dry-ironed, and having a much shorter life.

Is it the housewives' fault that we asked for a miracle, having listened wide-eyed to advertising promises? Perhaps we are just beginning to learn the sorry truth that there is no escape from hard work.

ALSO HOODWINKED.  
Lane Cove.

Sir,—I agree with the comments of "Housewife" concerning men's non-iron shirts.

Admittedly the housewife is now saved the work (if she wishes) of ironing, provided she is prepared to see her husband go out in an untidy looking shirt. But how many housewives would really prefer to be lazy at the expense of their husbands' appearance?

One would think also that the man's point of view would be taken into account. There is no doubt that a plain cotton shirt which must be ironed is cooler than the non-iron cotton of today, while the synthetics are even hotter than the non-iron shirts.

A shirt in say the 40/ to 55/ class once was of strong but thin and cool cotton. Feel one shirt of this class today! Whatever is done to make them non-iron makes them feel twice as thick and heavy as formerly, and they are certainly hotter to wear.

(Mrs) M. BROWN.  
Mosman.

## CANBERRA COMMENTARY

# Electoral Reverses End Of Menzies

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

**THE** weekend electoral reverses suffered by the Parties in both New South Wales and South Australia will touch off a movement to sheet home responsibility for the setbacks. And this "hunt" must surely end in the Minister's suite in Parliament House, Canberra.

The Government is in no danger of defeat in the vote on the Opposition censure motion to be taken in the House of Representatives tonight, but this victory will pall in comparison with the censure it received in the two States named. Indeed, the vote on Saturday looks very much like being the writing on the wall for both Mr Menzies' successful leadership and the continuation of the Liberal-Country Party coalition in office for very much longer.

Opposition members are confident the Menzies Government will collapse during the Budget session, if not earlier, and they are equally confident the A.L.P. will win the ensuing election for the House of Representatives and the government of Australia for the following three years.

Informed Labour opinion inclines to the belief that the Government will last to the Budget session, but it is also held that this would be an advantage for the A.L.P., as it is not felt that the Government's present economic measures will be sufficient to restore employment.

In addition there is bound to be resentment after July 1. For the taxpayer—whose recent 5 per cent relief in income-tax is being deducted from March 1 at the rate of 15 per cent, since the concession was granted for the full financial year—may then find that the whole of this recent relief has vanished. The Government has given no indication to the contrary.

### CONVICTION

But over and above all is the growing and well-based Opposition conviction that the Australian people are sick of

jecting a strong feeling of confidence in the community that the measures under fire would both succeed in restoring employment and boost the national economy generally.

Mr Menzies proved that he was not up to the occasion. He quickly branched off on a wild and unrestrained attack on "The Sydney Morning Herald" for its support of the A.L.P. in the last elections, an attack which must have amazed and mystified his tens of thousands of listeners in all other States, and one which proved beyond all doubt that over the years he has developed a state of mind which cannot take criticism.

Very few of his Ministers were in the secret that he intended taking the line that he did, and those who were naturally assumed that their leader would make a brief reference to his critics and pass on to the big task entrusted him—that of rebutting a vote of no confidence in the face of a strong and well-founded Opposition attack. With two vital State elections facing his party within 48 hours, these Ministers could hardly be blamed for their assumptions, but apparently they do not yet really understand their man.

### WORKED UP

Mr Menzies wasted no time in making "The Sydney Morning Herald" the main target of his attack. He got so worked up with his own eloquence that 20 minutes later he was still on the same tack, and even his supporters, who had greeted his first sallies with the usual dutiful and sycophantic laughter, were beginning to get rather worried. Once away on these themes Mr Menzies is completely unresponsive to any atmosphere, with the result that his speech ended very lamely, and it was left to the Deputy Opposition Leader, Mr Whitlam, to come in and

Government by motions on the r which ran counter

It was not the chose to discipline men that upset followers; it was perate manner in chose to do it. T was hushed up, could hush the I ster up in the Thursday night, got many of his porters really wor

Listening to M was difficult to fact that here was had retained the stership by the teeth and sacrific colleagues, includi his own Minister three months b what are the survi cember 9 going t it? Perhaps the some men left in Party in Canberra find the courage the Prime Ministe ly the Country



SIR FRANK

# Multi-million Pound Quay Plan

A multi-million pound plan for the redevelopment of Circular Quay was explained to Sydney City Council aldermen yesterday.

The plan was prepared by the Sydney Cove Area Improvements Committee and provides for the redevelopment of the area bounded by Alfred, Phillip, Bridge and Pitt streets.

The committee consists of representatives of Lend Lease Corporation Ltd., Imperial Chemical Industries of Australia and New Zealand Ltd., Unilever Australia Pty. Ltd., Australian Mutual Provident Society, British Tobacco Co. Australia Ltd., and the Macquarie Club, and the Professor of Town and Country Planning at Sydney University, Professor Denis Winston.

The first four companies occupy multi-storey office blocks at east Circular Quay and British Tobacco plans to build in the same area.

The plan aims at preventing the construction of a wall of tall buildings around the Quay foreshores.

Meanwhile, the Minister for Local Government, Mr P. D. Hills, has taken over control of development at the Quay.

## "Gateway To The City"

In a minute to yesterday's council meeting, the Lord Mayor, Alderman H. F. Jensen, said Mr Hills had suspended the Quay from the Cumberland planning scheme.

Mr Hills has directed that the council refer to him for decision on any interim development application in the area.

He has also directed the council to prepare a development control plan for Circular Quay, covering not only the land but architectural and other factors.

Mr Hills told the council the purpose of his action was to "ensure that pending preparation of a scheme for the locality, development will be of the highest standard in

keeping with its importance as the gateway to the city."

The area involved is bounded by Bridge Street, Macquarie Street, Farm Cove Crescent to the foreshore at Fort Macquarie, then along the foreshore to the western end of Bene-long Point, then westerly to where Hickson Road underpasses the Bradfield Highway, along the eastern side of the highway, and then by Circular Quay West, Argyle Street, and George Street, to Bridge Street.

## £5,000 Model Prepared

A £5,000 model of the plan prepared by the Sydney Cove Area Improvements Committee was explained to aldermen by the managing director of Lend Lease Corporation Ltd., Mr J. G. Dusseldorp, Professor Winston, and a city architect Mr G. Clarke.

The plan envisages, after the demolition of most existing buildings, the construction of three multi-storey tower blocks in the area, as well as several smaller buildings.

This would treble the present permissible floor space in the area, but leave

more room between the buildings.

A feature of the plan is the provision for the free movement of pedestrians away from traffic on elevated walks and squares.

Alfred Street will be divided into three individual pedestrian areas, one a commercial square at the Pitt Street end, the second a flagged plaza in front of the Customs House, and the third a grove of trees in front of the A.M.P. building.

Midway between Phillip and Pitt Streets is designed a low-level building for bars, restaurants and a ballroom to provide brightness and a centre of activity at the Quay.

## New Parking Stations

The plan also includes two new parking stations and a large sheltered bus terminal.

Professor Winston told the aldermen: "Circular Quay in the heart of Sydney, and in a sense the heart of Australia, is important historically, sentimentally and commercially."

"The Opera House and the proposed grand redevelopment scheme for The Rocks leave a hole in the middle."