Malcolm Fraser said in Hobart, in support of Adrian Gibson, that whatever Mr. Calwell thought of his prospects it was clear that his two chief lieutenants were sceptical of his chances. On the assumption of Labour defeat in the election both Mr. Whitlam and Dr. Cairns have announced they would stand for leader. In announcing his intention to stand one paper reported Dr. Cairns as saying he was going to do so because he didn't agree with certain aspects of Mr. Whitlam's policy.

Anyway, it must be a comforting thought for their Leader, Mr. Calwell, to know that his two principal lieutenants are waiting to take over. Perhaps this is why, in a last desperate bid, he offered so many promises to so many people and so many groups of people which could not be fulfilled without gross inflation or without heavy taxation with consequent damage to the policies of development which have been pursued for so long.

Mr. Calwell has said he would pay for these promises by the cost of ending the Viet Nam war. The task of keeping the Task Force in Viet Nam, additional to having the same policies in Australia is only an extra $14 million, not very much out of the hundreds of millions required for Mr. Calwell's program.
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