This last week saw Senator Greenwood's reply to the irresponsible allegations made by the Attorney-General, Senator Murphy. It was a good reply. It was also a very long one. There has been an enormous amount in the press about the Murphy Croatian affair. If there are any of you who have a particular interest in this matter, the full Hansard record of the Senate debates, where the battle has taken place, are available. But there are still many gaps. Despite all the words Senator Murphy has not said why he first raided the ASIO Canberra headquarters in the darkness of night. He has not let the Parliament understand and know why he felt it necessary to go immediately to Melbourne with 27 policemen to steal the ASIO safes and raid Australia's security organisation.

The Prime Minister has not answered questions put to him in the House of Representatives. He has made counter allegations based on the alleged contents of documents that he won't make public. The whole business is a sad and sorry affair.

I am certain that all Australians would condemn extremism, would condemn any person or group dedicated to violence or terrorism. I am certain Senator Greenwood holds that view. I am also quite sure that Senator Greenwood has an acute concern for civil liberties and for the rights of individuals, and believes that in Australia, no-one should be pilloried and pursued unjustly, or falsely accused - that if charges are to be laid, they ought to be laid before the courts and proven in the courts. His devotion to the rights of the citizen is a passionate devotion. One part of the test of the Government's approach to this matter would be whether or not as a result of the raids people are prosecuted, brought before the courts, charged and convicted. If there are such groups, or if there are such individuals in Australia, I certainly hope that happens, and would support it.
But there is still too much mystery about this affair. There is mystery about the midnight raids. Why does the Attorney-General, supported by the Commonwealth Police, have to raid an agency of Government, which from the Senator's own admission, had always given all the information that he had asked for? Is it part of an approach which will provide a background against which the Government can introduce substantial changes to ASIO? It ought to be noted that Mr. Chifley began the organisation, a Labor Prime Minister. He began the organisation by an administrative act as Prime Minister. We gave the organisation a parliamentary statute which makes it responsible to Parliament, but along the same lines as had been initiated by Prime Minister Chifley. This story has not yet been played out.

A short while ago, I indicated that reports out of Canberra showed that the Government would not support the decisions we had earlier made about wool research and promotion. The Minister for Primary Industry has now announced that these reports were accurate. The levy on the grower is to be increased by 70% and the Government's contribution will be cut by a third. Instead of providing for a three-year commitment, the Government's commitment is for one year alone. While there might be people who can suggest that because of current wool prices the industry can afford this additional charge, we ought to remember the rapidity with which wool prices change under certain circumstances. There has been a dramatic fall within the last two weeks only of over 100 cents a kilo. The decision of the Government will clearly have implications for other rural industries depending upon Government support for their research funds.
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