

Liberals say: Show ALP how you feel

By PAUL ELLERCAMP

The NSW Liberal Party is planning a campaign for the Drummoyne by-election based on the slogan Show Labor How You Feel.

The Liberals will select their candidate for Drummoyne tonight.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Dowd, will open the campaign at the Drummoyne Civic Centre on Sunday afternoon.

The ALP is expected to open its campaign next Tuesday, March 30, at a venue to be determined.

The ALP says it will attempt to confine its campaign to local issues, to capitalise on the local popularity not just of its candidate, Mr John Murray, the Mayor of Drummoyne, but also of Mr Michael Maher, whose resignation to successfully contest Lowe, made the by-election for Drummoyne necessary. It will be held on April 17.

The ALP campaign will be based on a slogan like "John Murray, your voice in the Wran Government."

Mr Murray has received plaudits from Sir William McMahon, whose resignation in January caused the Lowe by-election.

Speaking at the declaration of the Lowe poll on Monday, Sir William said Mr Murray was a very capable man, who was as well-known throughout Drummoyne as Mr Michael Maher.

He warned that the Liberals should treat Mr Murray very carefully and very sensitively.

As expected, preferences did not need to be distributed in Lowe for Mr Maher to be declared the winner of the by-election. The final figures were:

E. C. Buchanan	400
E. I. Connors	116
P. W. Connelley	407
M. O'Brien	220
B. H. Gidman (ALP)	2,405
M. Lee	183
M. J. Maher (ALP)	22,096
J. Martin	49
J. Pennington	56
T. J. Taylor (Lab)	23,627
B. J. Webb	21
K. W. Warrworth	481
Total formal	61,291
Informal	2,059
Total votes	63,350
(Final preference, 71,208)	

The first preference figures show that Mr Maher polled 53.6 per cent of the first-preference votes, against Mr Taylor's 38.6 per cent. The Democrat, Mr Kirkham, polled 4.1 per cent.

An approximate, and national two-party preferred result, based on scrutineers' reports from both parties, has Mr Maher polling 57.6 per cent, and Mr Taylor 42.4 per cent.

This means the final swing to Mr Maher and the ALP was between 3 and 9 per cent. The turnout of voters was 85 per cent.

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In merito ai risultati delle suppletive di Lowe

Riceviamo e pubblichiamo:

«Il direttore della campagna elettorale di Lowe per M. Gustin Mr. Peter Romano di Ashfield ha emanato il seguente comunicato:

Cari amici, come è andata per le elezioni elettorali di Lowe tutti ormai lo sanno. Anche noi ci congratuliamo con l'onorevole M. Maher e gli auguriamo che al Parlamento Federale possa tenere alto il prestigio della zona di Lowe e dei suoi abitanti che rappresenterà.

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Grazie ancora, vi saluto.
PETER ROMANO

Comunicato del consolato

Si ricorda che anche quest'anno il Ministero degli Affari Esteri Italiano ha messo a disposizione di cittadini italiani stabilmente residenti all'estero un certo numero di mensilità di borsa di studio per l'anno accademico 1982-1983.

Le domande devono essere presentate entro il 26 marzo 1982. Per ogni informazione pregai telefonare al Consolato Generale d'Italia in Sydney, tel. 358-2955.

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Huff and puff on blocking Supply

CAMBERA — The Labor Leader, Mr Hayden, and the NSW president of the party, Mr. Ewing, both deny that the Labor Government will block the Prime Minister's bill, even though the bill is so close to passing that it is almost certain to pass.

Mr. Hayden, however, said he had no intention of supporting the bill, and that the Government would not be able to pass it without his support.

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Michael Maher shifts his hat to victory.

Maher's absence gives comfort to Liberals

By MARK STRATTON,
Sydney Political Correspondent

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The tears and beers flowed the night Labor finally came to Lowe

By DAVID COOPER

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Backbenchers warn of disaster

From PAVEN WALTON

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How Lowe changed hands

Figures are two-party preferred results



The Liberal Party's majority changed from 100 to 107 seats, winning 10,000 votes.

1982 figures are estimates based on unreported counts and reported reports.

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The voting

Party	Members	Deputy Members	Independent Members
Liberal Party	100	10	0
Australian Labor Party	107	10	0
Independent Members	0	0	0

Sir William McMahon was heard to observe unflinchingly at the start of the by-election campaign that Lowe has had a statesman for 32 years but now it was time for a man of the people.

History will show if he is right or the best score he has been around too long to fall into unimpeachable perspective. Today will show if he is right on the second.

Delicacy precluded Sir William from identifying the Lowe candidate on whom he bestowed such a winning title. But it seems to fit Labor's Michael Maher more nearly than the Liberal's Philip Taylor. As the member for the State Seat of Drummond, Maher's amiable attention to electoral detail earned him the title of "the member for bus-stops".

Philip Taylor, a dentist, is experienced in local government but is opening his mouth for the first time in Federal politics.

Demistry, less fate it is a profession which does not inspire great gratification, especially in the terms espoused by Sir William. The former member for Lowe has not invited by the Liberal Party to take any part in the by-election campaign apart from taking a seat on the stage on opening night, at which he was seen to cheer Lowe and wince at the Prime Minister's triumph. Nevertheless, if anyone knows Lowe and his moods it is Sir William who held the seat if at times shakily, since its formation in 1948 until his recent retirement.

By all the objective tests he will be proved right when the votes are counted tonight because it is high impossible to see any other result than Maher and Labor winning comfortably, it is not decisively.

The Liberal Party's campaign tactics were designed to minimise the impact of losing Lowe and the party's NSW machine will be relieved if Maher's majority is under 5 per cent. Those were the tactics from the outset after Sir William announced his resignation in January. They explain the pessimism of the initial statements by Malcolm Fraser and his most senior NSW Cabinet colleagues. The tactics have succeeded to the extent that the premise is now on the Labor Party to win Lowe, a seat it has never held.

The consequences of losing Lowe would be greater for Hayden's leadership than for Fraser's. Gums who got the biggest cheer at a multi-cultural dinner for Maher at Agle Club Leichhardt on Tuesday night. Not Wize, not Hayden, not Keating, not Maher, but Robert James Lee Hawke, Italian and Greek went wild, although the Lebanese present, particularly Modern Lebanese, were

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notably subdued. To them, Hawke is a Zionist, a friend of their enemy.

Hawke's appeal, especially to women, came through when he spent Wednesday campaigning in Lowe for Maher. Whatever Hawke's got, it works like politics and perfume, overpowering a lot of the anti-Labor sentiment of women voters. The issue of him working hard for Maher whose victory would reinforce Hayden's leadership did not escape Hawke. While everything has gone right for Labor the Liberals produced their best and their worst in Lowe, giving their campaign a schizophrenic, frenetic quality.

The Lynch murder which ended the prospect of means testing over-70 pensioners in an electorate which has more pensioners than any other in Sydney, was followed by a quickly organised salvage operation involving the delivery of a pamphlet in the form of a letter from the Prime Minister to every household in Lowe last weekend.

Fraser, who seldom apologises for anything, apologised 40,000 times (the number of pamphlets distributed) to Lowe electors for any worry caused by unfocused reports that pensions were about to be means tested. Whether the letter required the damage remains to be seen but it certainly made pensions the main issue in the last week of the campaign just as an ill-timed Premiers Conference earlier had promoted housing interest rates as another issue on which the Government is very vulnerable.

The crossing of sick anchors in Australia and overseas wasn't enough appreciation for the Prime Minister who chose a businessman's dinner at Concord Golf Club on Monday night to go public about his fears that the world economy was beginning to look like a depression, not just a recession. Poor Philip Taylor could be forgiven for wondering if the Liberals in Canberra were deliberately trying to lose Lowe to shore up Hayden's leadership against a Hawke challenge and thus increase the coalition's prospects of winning the next Federal election. The plot theory



Michael Maher, left, and Philip

Taylor... the proven performer against the promising novice.

Given a choice between conspiracy and fooling, you must go for a fooling every time.

The hardest blow for Taylor was personal, not political. He arrived home late on Wednesday night after a meeting with Greek community leaders to learn that his father had died.

The Liberal organisation in Lowe itself, apart from a less than successful drive for funds, has hardly missed a trick. Despite the NSW Party's financial jabs, the Liberals have spent \$40,000 on the campaign — \$30,000 on the by-election and \$10,000 on the supplementary anti-Wran campaign.

The Labor Party has spared nothing in resources and money to win Lowe. The \$100,000 allocated by the State branch for Lowe will be overspent by \$5,000 or \$10,000 to make the campaign by far the most expensive ever run by Labor in NSW, or for that matter, in Australia. The extent of Labor's big push in Lowe can be measured against

the cost to the party at NSW by-elections held at recent years. The Earlwood by-election in July, 1977, cost \$47,000, (in 1980, \$50,000) and Wollstonecraft by-election in February 1981, cost \$62,000 and will probably be the most expensive by-election for Labor.

Labor Party officials expressed surprise, not to say disbelief, that the Liberals have kept their Low expenses under \$50,000.

"The Liberals," said one campaign official, "had more radio time and more newspaper advertising than we had. Unless they were given a lot of free radio time and newspaper space their campaign costs must be at least as high as ours."

his part. His biggest problem is Michael Maher.

Taylor is a promising success against a proven performer who took the State seat of Drummond from the Liberal Party and made it safe for Labor. There is a lot more to Maher than his steps and taking of his hat to ladies. As an adviser and counsellor, particularly with the Italian and Greek communities, he has entrenched himself in Drummond, which should become today his springboard into Federal politics.

The secret to Maher's success is that he acts like a country MP in Sydney suburbs. Street by street, suburb by suburb, he canvassed Drummond like a National Country Party member, term his rural spread, plunging deep and straight. On Wednesday he accompanied Philip Taylor on a door-to-door visit to Thompson Street, Drummond, deep in County Maher.

I was surprised at the number of Liberal voters who came to

the door and said so to Maher when I saw him on Wednesday night. Maher had no trouble identifying the houses where Liberals lived in Thompson Street and then rattled off the names of his supporters in that street.

Maher once managed to service his electorate as the member of the Federal Government. Nominated as an alternate delegate to a constitutional convention held in Perth he kept the secretary assigned to him busy typing throughout the three-day convention. Maher took back to Drummond a case filled with electoral correspondence ready for posting.

While it is easy to predict a Labor victory in Lowe the time of the win is another question. The past two Federal elections have produced swings in Labor in the electorate and there has to be a limit to further erosion of the Liberal vote. The 1977 election saw a swing of 1.3 per cent against Sir William and

1980, when Jan Burns' shock victory produced a swing of 4.7 per cent.

The swing today could be as high as 9 per cent, made up of the 3 per cent swing that usually goes against the Government in a by-election, 3 per cent for the unfavorable political climate and, say, an additional 3 or 4 per cent for Maher's personal vote. A number of factors could reduce the swing by as much as half.

With a big field of 12 candidates informal voters will be high and it is generally believed that Labor voters take less care than Liberals in filling in their ballot papers. There is not much doubt that the Liberal Party has "consolidated" covertly two or three candidates in the hope of increasing Labor's informal vote and thus taking votes from Maher.

The Liberals are certainly counting on the preferences of at least three of the independent candidates going to Taylor. The independent candidate causing the

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most worry to the Labor Party is Mrs. Madeleine Gustin, a multi-lingual broadcaster.

At 48, she is something of a matriarchal figure in the Italian community and is called Mamma Lena, a title denoting affection and respect. Mrs Gustin is identified with the Liberal minority in the Italian-Catholic community which makes up about 3,000 voters in Lowe.

Her candidature is seen by the Labor Party as an attempt, not only to consolidate the Right-wing Italian vote and direct it to strong preferences to Taylor, but also to divert some Italian votes from Maher.

Labor is relying heavily on the Italian vote and expects to get at least 70 per cent.

Mrs Gustin has run a low-key but well-financed campaign. Frances Arena MLC, Labor's own Mamma says the Gustin campaign was funded by a millionaire Italian business retailer who, she says, keeps a low profile in Liberal politics because he does not want to risk losing those of his customers who vote Labor.

Mrs Arena says she has documented proof that the cost of three full-page advertisements in Gustin in the Italian newspaper La Stampa, costing \$300 each, have been billed to the retailer's account with the newspaper.

Mrs Gustin is likely to take 500 votes at most from Maher, not nearly enough to stop him provided his Drummond electorate stays loyal and the Labor Party gets out the vote in its strongest suburbs.

Of far greater importance to Maher is that he breaks the well-established pattern of vote-switching as his electorate votes Labor in a State election and Liberal in a Federal election.

The extent to which Michael Maher succeeds in short-circuiting the switching habit will determine the strength of the shock generated in Lowe today.

Lettera aperta di P. Romano a John Laws

Dal signor P. Romano riceviamo e pubblichiamo integralmente la seguente lettera:

Dear Mr. Laws,

further to your article published in the Sunday Telegraph on the 21st February, 1982, under the heading «What a strange system we have», I have received many calls from people concerned with a portion of that article.

Many people felt that you were accusing Mrs. Lena Gustin of being a 'former Nazi'. Whilst the phrasing of your article is a little ambiguous and could lead to misinterpretation, I do not believe that that was your intention.

Nevertheless I felt I should write this letter, moreso on the interpretation you have given of Mrs. Gustin's platform for Lowe.

Lena Gustin, widely known to the Italian community as Mamma Lena, is Italian born and has been mostly involved with the migrant population of her new adopted country. She has not, however, limited herself to helping Italians but all migrants and indeed all the community.

The Child Care Centre at Fairfield was not built for the Italians or for the migrants but is to serve the Fairfield community in general.

In the 25 years she has been in Australia she has served on the National Women's Advisory Council, has been president of the N.S.W. branch of the National Association of Families of Migrants and been a member of the Australian Institute of Welfare Officers as well as the Ethnic Broadcasting Council.

This is only a brief account of Mamma Lena's contributions to our community and I am sure you are aware of her broadcasting activities.

I know you have met Lena Gustin on at least one occasion and I am pleased to be able to enclose photo copies of the relevant articles in 'La Voce' d'Italia of January 1970 — a little



Mamma Lena e John Laws dodici anni fa.

nostalgia.

Well we were all 12 years younger then but I believe that nothing of substance has changed. You were presented with a 'Friendship Prize' for all the right reasons and you were generous in acknowledging all the good things contributed by the Italian migrant in his new home.

Indeed nothing has changed. Italians like most migrants are still contributing heavily to making this country the best in the world but the Italian has not until now taken an interest in politics at National level. Well now Lena Gustin is leading the way.

If Italian migrants and their children do as well in politics as they have done in the arts, commerce, professions and the labour force generally then they will make a very significant contribution to the society as a whole.

Over the past 25 years Lena Gustin has kept in touch with the problems facing the underprivileged, the pensioner, the unemployed, the disabled, and our youth not by reading

about it in the newspapers like most of us but by actively helping them. Of course she has first hand knowledge of what it takes to start a new life in a strange though beautiful country. Can you imagine the day to day traumas of the migrant who does not speak the English language?

I will agree with you that perhaps the candidacy is a little 'strange'. It is strange to meet a person with heart in politics. A person whose motive is not to gain political capital but to help people in need and in so doing does not have to split her loyalty with any party. It is strange to find a candidate who verges on being IDEAL.

I find it very strange that such a person should be quoted as an example of 'democracy gone haywire'.

Proud to be Australian, Mamma Lena personifies democracy and stands for the good of the entire community.

But politics is a strange world indeed especially when it can provoke unkind words from a friend.

I thank you for being so

kind in reading this letter.

Yours faithfully,
Peter M. Romano,
Campaign Manager,
Maddalena Gustin
for Lowe,
Independent.

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LETTERE AL GIORNALE

SYDNEY — Dal signor Gianfranco Fralazza riceviamo e pubblichiamo integralmente la seguente lettera:

Egregio Direttore,
Chiariamo L'Equivoco

Grazie in anticipo per l'ospitalità di questa mia.

L'equivoco di cui sopra, si riferisce alla candidatura come «indipendente» di Mamma Lena, alle elezioni suppletive per il seggio di Lowe.

Niente in contrario che un'esponente italiano entri in politica, quello che non piace affatto è che la gente votando «indipendente», non sa dove andrà a finire il proprio voto.

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Tutti sanno che Mamma Lena ed il relativo consorte, sino a ieri sono stati accaniti sostenitori dei Liberali (per convinzione o per opportunismo?). Mi sorge il dubbio che il suddetto partito ne abbia anche finanziato la campagna elettorale.

Distinti saluti,
Gianfranco Fralazza.

Riceviamo e pubblichiamo

Egregio Direttore,

Chiariamo l'equivoco.

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Chiedo scusa per il disturbo che arredo al giornale, ma sento il dovere di intervenire nella faccenda riguardante la candidatura di Mamma Lena che si presenta come indipendente al seggio di Lowe nelle prossime elezioni.

Condivido pienamente quanto scritto dalla signora da Abbotsford e sono rimasto deluso dal fatto che non è stata data una risposta a Mamma Lena non ha dichiarato a chi darà i suoi voti. E tutto questo lascia la faccenda nell'oscurità come nell'oscurità e sorta.

Cordialmente Remo
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Praticamente conclusa la campagna elettorale

Su Lowe gli occhi di tutta l'Australia

Dibattuti i grossi temi della politica nazionale: pensioni casa, credito e inflazione - Ottimista l'Opposizione

Sydney, 10 marzo
Fra 24 ore le carte per la campagna di Lowe saranno tutte giocate perché venerdì il giorno che precede le consultazioni sarà di «riflessione».

La «battaglia per Lowe» come è stata definita fin dal giorno delle clamorose dimissioni di Sir William McMahon avrà luogo come noto il giorno 13 un numero che nella credenza popolare indica buona fortuna. A Lowe, tuttavia, la fortuna non conterà affatto perché la campagna elettorale è stata condotta in modo tale da eliminare qualsiasi forma di intervento della dea bendata ma non della «simpatia» o della «popolarità» degli in-

terpreti principali: Taylor per i liberali e Maher per i laburisti. Gli altri, sostengono gli esperti, conterranno poco visto che le due parti, l'Opposizione soprattutto hanno battuto il chiodo di tutti i maggiori temi nazionali ponendo così sulle spalle dei 70mila elettori di Lowe una ben pesante responsabilità. L'accetteranno?

Difficile dirlo ed i candidati dei due maggiori partiti, Taylor per i liberali e Maher per i laburisti, danno un colpo alla botte e uno al cerchio. Per quasi tutta la campagna elettorale sono stati costretti a fare quasi da spalla al big della politica federale calati da Can-

berra per setacciare le strade di Concord, Abbotsford, Drummoyn, Five Dock, Haberfield, Burwood, Strathfield e Mortlake. Sono queste infatti le «capitali» della circoscrizione di Lowe dove risiedono 70mila elettori meno «australiani» d'Australia (in senso generale) visto che l'8 per cento dei voti è nelle mani di italo australiani, il 2 per cento degli australiani di origine turca, egiziana, libanese, il 3 per cento asiatica, il 3 per cento greca l'1 per cento jugoslava ed il 3 o 4 per cento «mista». Rispetto alla media nazionale del 26 per cento gli elettori di Lowe di religione cattolica costituiscono il 40 per

cento. Lowe ha il primato delle scuole private (in maggioranza cattoliche), delle abitazioni di proprietà di chi le abita, dell'occupazione.

Lowe, infine, è stato praticamente perso dai liberali dopo 32 anni alle ultime elezioni federali malgrado McMahon sia riuscito a mantenere il seggio per poco più di un migliaio di voti.

Molti sostengono che le suppletive di Lowe non verranno perse o vinte per i successi o gli errori dei liberali o per le promesse d'alternativa costituita dai laburisti ma da Taylor o da Maher da coloro cioè che dovrebbero rappresentarli a Canberra. Chi sono?

Fraser sullo stato dell'economia

«Prepariamoci al peggio»

Il primo ministro mette in guardia contro le ripercussioni della crisi internazionale

Sydney, 10 marzo
«Il peggio deve ancora venire». Questo il senso dell'avvertimento del primo ministro Fraser contenuto in una analisi sullo «stato della Nazione» fatto martedì in Parlamento. Le speranze e le aspettative degli australiani sono state deluse, ma il primo ministro ha preferito essere «franco», mettere le carte in tavola prima che sia troppo tardi. Fraser non ha rivelato molto di nuovo

l'economia australiana è incatenata al carro di quella internazionale, un carro che va sempre più a rilento negli USA come in Europa, in Giappone e nel resto dell'Asia, in Medio Oriente e nei Paesi comunisti. Fraser ha fatto il punto per due ragioni. Primo per porre fine alle speculazioni e alle critiche sui tagli della spesa pubblica, l'escalation dei tassi di interesse, la scarsità di danaro. Secondo per mettere le mani avanti poiché si sta ricorrendo a livello internazionale il clima di ristagno se non di recessione, che ai tempi di Whitlam venne utilizzato proprio dai liberali per dimostrare che il suo governo era un gran pasticcione e stava portando il Paese sull'orlo del disastro economico. Con l'Opposizione in offensiva Fraser ha ritenuto opportuno mettere le mani avanti: «se va male, non è colpa nostra».

Oltre che a suonare il campanello di allarme Fraser ha detto che sarà

necessario continuare il suo lavoro a cui tutti gli programmi di austerità, australiani dovranno continuare la lotta al ca-

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Philip Taylor, il candidato liberale è stato scelto senza alcun trauma. Dei 18 aspiranti alla selezione Philip Taylor di 49 anni era per for-

za il preferito. Nato e cresciuto a Lowe dove ancora risiede è un medico dentista che dal

(Continua a pag. 2)



Nei corridoi del Parlamento del NSW dove per anni ha rappresentato Drummoyn lo indicavano scherzosamente «quello delle fermate de-

gli autobus». Michael Maher ha l'origine irlandese stampata sulla faccia sempre sorridente.

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Per le suppletive di Lowe

La campagna elettorale nella fase cruciale

Sydney, 3 marzo

La campagna elettorale per le suppletive di Lowe (il collegio elettorale federale che comprende i sobborghi di Abbotsford, Burwood, Concord, Croydon, Drummoyn, Five Dock, Haberfield, Mortlake e Strathfield) è ormai giunta alla fase centrale, quella più accesa. Sabato 13 marzo, com'è noto, gli elettori del suddetto collegio dovranno recarsi alle urne per scegliere colui che dovrà rappresentarli al governo federale di Canberra.

Il seggio di Lowe, che è stato per anni il « regno » di Sir William McMahon, ex Tesoriere ed ex Primo Ministro d'Australia, è uno dei più contesi. Per queste suppletive sono infatti scesi in lizza ben dodici candidati. Oltre a quelli che saranno certamente i protagonisti di queste elezioni, e cioè i rappresentanti dei due maggiori partiti australiani (il Partito Liberale ed il Partito Laburista Australiano), c'è un gruppo di candidati che si possono definire minori per il semplice fatto che non possono fare affidamento sulla macchina politica di grossi partiti. Si tratta del candidato degli Australians Democrats e degli altri candidati indipendenti. Fra questi ultimi, com'è noto, c'è anche la signora Lena Gustin (Mamma Lena) che si presenta appunto alle suppletive di Lowe nelle vesti di indipendente.

I motivi per i quali

Riceviamo e pubblichiamo

Egr. Signor Direttore, sono una italiana residente al 7 Bickleigh Street, Abbotsford, e voterò nelle prossime elezioni del 13 marzo nel collegio di Lowe.

Le scrivo perché voglio sapere a chi darò le sue preferenze la Signora Lena Gustin.

Mi sembra che sia giusto che una candidata indipendente che chiede il voto della Comunità Italiana, dica chiaramente a chi darà le sue preferenze: al Labor Party, al Liberal Party o non assegnate.

Rimango in attesa di una chiarificazione.

Cordialmente

Giovanna Zarrella



Maddalena Gustin

Lena Gustin ha posto la sua candidatura in queste suppletive sono stati illustrati in un comunicato stampa dell'organizzatore della sua campagna elettorale, Peter Romano, comunicato che pubblichiamo integralmente: « Cari amici, elettori di Lowe,

durante una riunione con un gruppo di italiani, è stato realizzato che la nostra Comunità è ormai matura per essere rappresentata al Parlamento a Canberra... perciò abbiamo detto: « Perché non tentare per il seggio di Lowe? » »

Quando in una zona gli abitanti Etnici rappresentano il 40% e ci vivono più di 12 mila italiani, è necessario che questi abbiano una loro « Voce » un loro rappresentante al Parlamento non vi pare? »

I 12 candidati che si presentano alle elezioni del 13 marzo prossimo per il Seggio di Lowe, sono bravi, onesti, ma nessuno di loro è emigrante, nessuno di loro sa cosa vuol dire ricominciare la vita in un Paese straniero, nessuno ha provato le umiliazioni di non potersi esprimere con gente che non parla la nostra lingua, nessuno ha sofferto ed ha fatto i sacrifici che hanno fatto soprattutto i nostri genitori... nessuno di loro può avere quindi il nostro « Feeling »... e perciò abbiamo chiesto a Mamma Lena di rappresentarci... e se, dimostreremo di essere uniti, qualsiasi risultato diano queste elezioni, sarà una vittoria per noi italiani se mai non si tenta... mai si può sapere esattamente

come stanno le cose anche nel campo politico.

Come italiano, penso che sia venuta l'ora di portare avanti un italiano, invece di votare per persone che agli italiani ed agli emigrati in genere ci pensano solo quando può tornar bene sul loro conto.

Perciò crediamo che nessuno meglio di Mamma Lena possa rappresentarci. Una donna che in 25 anni di Australia ha lavorato per la comunità italiana, in campo sociale, radiofonico, giornalistico, ma soprattutto umano, una donna che si è sacrificata al di là del suo lavoro e che non ha mai ricevuto un compenso in denaro da nessun governo e che col suo lavoro non ha mai pesato sul contribuente che paga le tasse. Mamma Lena non ha mai detto no a nessuno, sia esso Italiano e Emigrante in genere che si sia rivolto a lei.

Amici, il 13 marzo prossimo, sarà una data importante per noi... e coloro che vanno a votare, ricordino di votare il numero uno per Maddalena Gustin, ossia Mamma Lena.

Grazie di avermi ascoltato... Io sono Peter Romano, Direttore per la campagna elettorale di Lowe.

Per informazioni e aiuto finanziario rivolgetevi al mio Ufficio situato al 164 Liverpool Rd., Ashfield... Tel. 799 4266.

Ricordate di votare per Maddalena Gustin (Mamma Lena) numero uno — Grazie!!

Peter Romano

Autorizzato da Peter Romano, 164 Liverpool Rd., Ashfield.

How to say no to the tax rip-off.



Of the 22 industrialised nations of the world, Australia now pays the second highest income tax.

And that's not all.

The Fraser Government still wants to impose a savage new sales tax.

Petrol tax is crippling Australian motorists. Private health insurance is beyond the budget of many Australian families.

And now there are moves to tax pensioners' savings.

It's just not good enough.

Three times Malcolm Fraser promised cuts. Each time we ended up paying more.

Send Michael Maher to Canberra. And show the Government how you feel.

Low e by-election. March 13, 1982. Voting is compulsory.

Show how you feel. Vote for Michael Maher.



Australian Labor Party.

Authorised by Michael Maher for the ALP, 54 Redfern Road, Strathfield.

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SEEN & HOPKINS, BRISBANE



Taylor reports for Lowe

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Some people are trying to scare the pensioners of Lowe.

It is a cruel thing to do and it is just not true. I have talked to the Federal Treasurer, Mr John Howard, about this and he said there is no way pensions will be taxed.

ACTION IN LOWE

Right now, in Lowe, the Federal Liberal Government is spending

- \$44 million a year on aged pensions
- More than \$9 million in family allowances for mothers in Lowe
- More than \$400,000 in childrens service programs
- \$750,000 a year to help some 900 find jobs and improve their employment opportunities through the C.E.S.
- \$500,000 in research grants to local companies
- Assistance for nursing homes in Lowe amounts to \$20 million.

As well as all of this, the Liberal Government is spending tens of millions of dollars helping provide education, health and transport facilities for you and your family in Lowe.

The Liberal Government has also handed over "Woodstock" for use by community groups. It is also handing over the old Abbotsford quarantine station site to the State Government on the understanding it is used for public recreation and not turned into a concrete jungle.

The Fraser Government is showing a commitment to Lowe. All of this action helps improve the standard of living in Lowe. It's a great place to live.

Philip Taylor

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LOWE BY-ELECTION

Polling Day —
Saturday, March 13, 1982

HOW TO VOTE



**Philip
TAYLOR
for
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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

• From P2
consideration from the Municipal Council, Noise Pollution Commission and Licensing Court to limit the frequent excessive noise emanating from the Welcome Hotel. The minor concessions gained will certainly not be forfeited through intimidation or the continued disregard of the licensing conditions by the licensee.

M. Curach,

Rozelle.

• From P1
rear-end collisions with vehicles turning into driveways.

But its advantages include: shorter travel times, increased use of the road, savings on

other roadworks, keeping through-traffic to the main road system, reducing fuel consumption and air pollution and increasing main-road safety.

It adds: "The clearway is vital to the protection of the environment of the municipalities concerned."

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**Michael
Maher.**

Lowe Report.

PENSIONER PLIGHT WORSE THAN EVER

It was pleasing to read the Liberals' apparent concern for pensioners. (Aeroplane Press February 16, 1982.)

Unfortunately, some of their comments were inaccurate.

They claimed pensions increased to a record 24% of average weekly earnings, under the Liberal Government.

They didn't. By the end of March pensions will be 21.6% of average weekly earnings. Not 24%.

The Liberal Government also claimed they'd 'reduced inflation'.

But you only have to read the newspapers to know that this isn't true.

Prices are up, living expenses are up and pensions just don't stretch as far as before.

Labour's policy has always been born compassionate and realistic.

We recommend a pension of 25% of average weekly earnings, and would work to see this implemented.

In effect, this would give pensioners an extra \$9.20 a week.

The final irony is, despite the Liberals' apparent concern at the plight of pensioners, Liberal backbenchers are now demanding the reintroduction of a means test for all pension payments.

Their lack of concern for pensioners couldn't be more obvious.

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FREE SPEECH UPHELD

The recent eruption in Parliament over the motion to suspend Bob Hawke had a positive outcome.

Sir Billy Snedden refused to bow to pressure. He established his belief in the Westminster system which states that a Speaker should be independent.

And the result proved once and for all that no-one should be allowed to tell lies.

CUTBACKS AT CONCORD HOSPITAL

In spite of its dedicated staff Lowe's federally funded Concord Hospital is in trouble. In an economically calculated move the Veteran Affairs Department has cut the intake of local patients from 37% to 20%. Less beds and less staff followed.

Now the standards of the hospital are in danger of falling. Patients in the area find it hard to gain admission.

Additional victims are the veterans and repatriation patients. They are being deprived of the quality and care they deserve.

NEW OFFICE FOR BURWOOD

If elected, I plan to open an office in Burwood, preferably in the heart of Burwood's busiest shopping centre.

This would ensure that I am accessible to a vast number of my constituents.

I also intend to arrange regular interviews in the Strathfield and Homebush areas, as well as Five Dock. No appointments required.

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Women take the reins

THE Salvation Army at Earlwood is now under the ministry of women.

Major Gwen Woodbury, who has supervised the Army's youth work in Chile, Bolivia and Peru for the past three years, has been welcomed as the Corps officer this week.

Major Woodbury will be assisted by Lieutenant Kerry Gears, who was commissioned six weeks ago.

Major Woodbury is the daughter of retired Salvation Army officers, Brigadier and Mrs Norman Woodbury of Hurstville. Her brother, Major Erol Woodbury, is the officer-in-charge of the Army's work in Wollongong and a sister, Major Noreen Claffield, with her husband Max, are the officers of the Koki Corps in Papua New Guinea.

Before being appointed to South America, Major Woodbury held positions in Canberra and Sydney.

Lieutenant Gears, who was a nurse before becoming a trainee officer, lived at Belmore and entered the training college two years ago from the Rockdale Corps.

Wedding at Ashfield

THE wedding took place recently of Mr Andrew McMillan of Red Cross to Mrs Josephine Spencer of Ashfield.



Mr and Mrs Andrew McMillan after their wedding in St Vincent's Catholic Church, Ashfield, recently.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Spencer and the bridegroom the only son of Mr and Mrs Ivan McMillan.

The wedding took place in St Vincent's Catholic Church, Ashfield.

A reception was held at Auburn Travelodge.

Comfort for children

FOR the past 18 years, Red Cross has been running a program to help children in need of the interest, comfort and warmth of a stable adult to help them grow and to fit into the community.

The School Volunteer Project matches volunteer adults to children and asks them to visit a child once a week for an hour in the school setting, building up a friendship through shared activities, talking and affection.

As more children are referred, there is a great need for more volunteers able to undertake this commitment of helping another.

If you are interested and can travel a little in the Sydney area, telephone Mrs Joan McGrigor at Red Cross House, on 290-2622, extension 259.

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brow arch and full facial, manicure and pedicure normally \$80, costs \$45 as a "special".

Play Van location

THE Mobile Play and Information Van will visit Euston Park in Floss Street, Hurstville Park, each Thursday morning between 10 am and 12 noon for five weeks from March 4.

The van provides parents and their young children with a wide range of play ideas, health information and information about activities and services in the area.

The Play Van is a free community service by Canterbury Community Health Services, Inner Metropolitan Health Region, Health Commission of NSW.

For details telephone Pam Station on 50-3177.

St ALBAN'S Anglican Church, Belmore, will hold a commissioning service at 9.30 am on Sunday, March 7 when all taking office for the year will be acknowledged and introduced to the congregation. A barbeque lunch will follow. Girls' Friendly Society, Church of England Boys' Society, Bible studies and other activities are in full swing, details of which can be obtained by phoning 759-2086.

THE ladies auxiliary of the Concord Senior Citizens' Home will hold its annual luncheon and fashion parade on Wednesday, March 17, at noon in the Concord Memorial Hall, Majors Bay Road, Concord. Admission is \$3.50. The president, Mrs Lorna Money, Mayoress of Concord, will attend the function at which fashions will be presented by courtesy of Mens's Place, Majors Bay Road, Concord. All welcome. For bookings phone 73-4889 or 73-4117.



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Some people are trying to scare the pensioners of Lowe.

It is a cruel thing to do and it is just not true. I have talked to the Federal Treasurer, Mr. John Howard, about this and he said there is no way pensions will be taxed.

ACTION IN LOWE:

Right now, in Lowe, the Federal Liberal Government is spending:

- \$44 million a year on aged pensions.
- More than \$9 million in family allowances for mothers in Lowe.
- More than \$400,000 in children's services programmes.
- \$750,000 a year to help some 900 find jobs and improve their employment opportunities through the C.E.S.
- \$500,000 in research grants to local companies.
- Assistance for nursing homes in Lowe amounts to \$20 million.

As well as this, the Liberal Government is spending tens of millions of dollars helping provide education, health and transport facilities for you and your family in Lowe.

The Liberal Government has also handed over "Woodstock" for use by community groups. It is also handing over the old Abbotsford quarantine station site to the State Government on the understanding it is used for public recreation and not turned into a concrete jungle.

The Fraser Government is showing a commitment to Lowe.

All of this action helps improve the standard of living in Lowe. It's a great place to live.

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PETER CONSANDINE Constitutional Republican Candidate for LOWE

AUTHOR: Les Murray (of prose, poetry, essays and observations: "THE PEASANT MANDARIN") (UQP, 1978)

SPEECH TO LAUNCH THE CAMPAIGN OF MR PETER CONSANDINE, CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE IN THE ELECTORATE OF LOWE, DELIVERED AT STRATHFIELD ON FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1982.

Ladies and Gentlemen,
It's good to be back in Strathfield, where I once lived for a while, over twenty years ago. I'm honoured to have been invited to launch this campaign and to speak in public again, after a silence, about the idea of an Australian republic. My silence on the matter, this last two or three years, illustrates one difference between a writer and a politician. I'd said my piece about the republic a number of times in the Seventies, before and after 1975, then, having said all I had to say on the subject, had moved on to other things — I lack the instincts and the patience of a campaigner. That is the value of people like Mr Consandine, though not their whole value: they are prepared to carry out the slog of promoting and realising an idea, prepared to repeat themselves endlessly about an important matter.

All the same, I have not retreated one centimetre from my faith in the republican idea. As Charles Perkins said the other day about Aboriginal Land Rights, another matter on which we need to make a lot of progress before 1988: "nobody has to be killed for it". The republican aspiration is likewise not a violent nor a negative thing. Naturally, I don't see it as a cure-all, or the portal of a new Australian paradise. I see it as a vital stage in the work of completing Australian identity and self-confidence. It would be a dramatic act, designed to legitimise our strivings towards a dignified and genuine independence. It is a charm, if you like, against our lingering habits of dependence on overseas, on the prestige of foreign models, the Overseas Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval. It is about self-acceptance as a people and a community. It is a means of helping us to see ourselves and our fellow Australians clearly, from our own perspective, rather than from perspectives distorted by obediences to the past or to standards we imagine to prevail elsewhere. And, for me, it is also a way of furthering something which lies deep in the history of the last nearly two hundred years on this continent: the struggle, articulate and inarticulate, to establish the dignity of each person, as against the subordination of everyone's dignity to a remote, privileged system of rather faded grandeur ultimately vested in a foreign head of state. As I've said before, I'm interested in the crown which is hidden in every person, rather than in that crown occasionally worn by a monarch on the far side of the globe.

I'm constitutionally republican, as you see, but since I'm also cautious about political change, as I think most Australians wisely are, I'm particularly glad that Mr Consandine envisages the republic as coming about within a firm constitutional framework. He advocates a necessary set of democratic safeguards to ensure that republican aspirations will remain well above the realms of political adventurism and mere excitement. Mr Consandine's campaign is not a single-issue thing — he will elaborate on it's other aspirations himself — but I'm happy to endorse it because it brings into focus an issue which the major (or do I mean merely the large?) parties have chosen to neglect, despite evidence of very wide public interest in it, and despite the deep traditions of one of those parties. I'm glad to see someone raising this by-election into a dimension beyond the drab business-as-usual aspect which it would otherwise bear. Without always being notably effective in the practical sense, our mainstream politicians do have this habit of projecting a narrowly "practical" image, to the frequent exclusion of any wider vision. I don't trust this deliberately grey facade of theirs. It is itself a colonial thing, implying that great ideals and anything like spiritual needs are not a matter for Australians, but can be delegated to authority figures abroad — about which we may practice a sort of weak, sneering cynicism even as we draw on them for our knightships, our political and social ideas and even the legitimacy of our institutions. This, if you like, is the "Australian ugliness", the mediocrity we belabour each other with, the confluence of self-contempt, smallness and pretended "realism". I'm delighted the republican idea has surfaced again — or been allowed to surface again — and happy that someone has dared to take it up and test it in an election. I'm glad, too, that this campaign is non-partisan, because that is how I am, especially about the republic. It concerns all Australians, and is better kept above party. I hope, therefore, that electors in Lowe will vote for Mr Consandine first, and then for the big drab-mainstream party of their choice. And with that I declare this campaign launched. **LES MURRAY.**

Authorised by Peter W. Consandine P.O. Box 343, STRATHFIELD 2135.



Michael Maher.

Lowe Report.

PENSIONER PLIGHT WORSE THAN EVER

It was pleasing to read the Liberal's recent concern for pensioners. (Aeroplane Press February 16, 1982.)

Unfortunately, some of their comments were inaccurate.

They claimed pensions increased to a record 24% of average weekly earnings, under the Liberal Government. They didn't.

By the end of March pensions will be 21.6% of average weekly earnings. Not 24%.

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FREE SPEECH UPHELD

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And the result proved once and for all that no-one should be allowed to tell lies.

CUTBACKS AT CONCORD HOSPITAL

In spite of its dedicated staff Lowe's federally funded Concord Hospital is in trouble. In an economically calculated move the Veteran Affairs Department has cut the intake of local patients from 37% to 20%. Less beds and less staff followed.

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This would ensure that I am accessible to a vast number of my constituents.

I also intend to arrange regular interviews in the Strathfield and Homebush area, as well as Five Dock. No appointments required.

MICHAEL MAHER - BACKGROUND

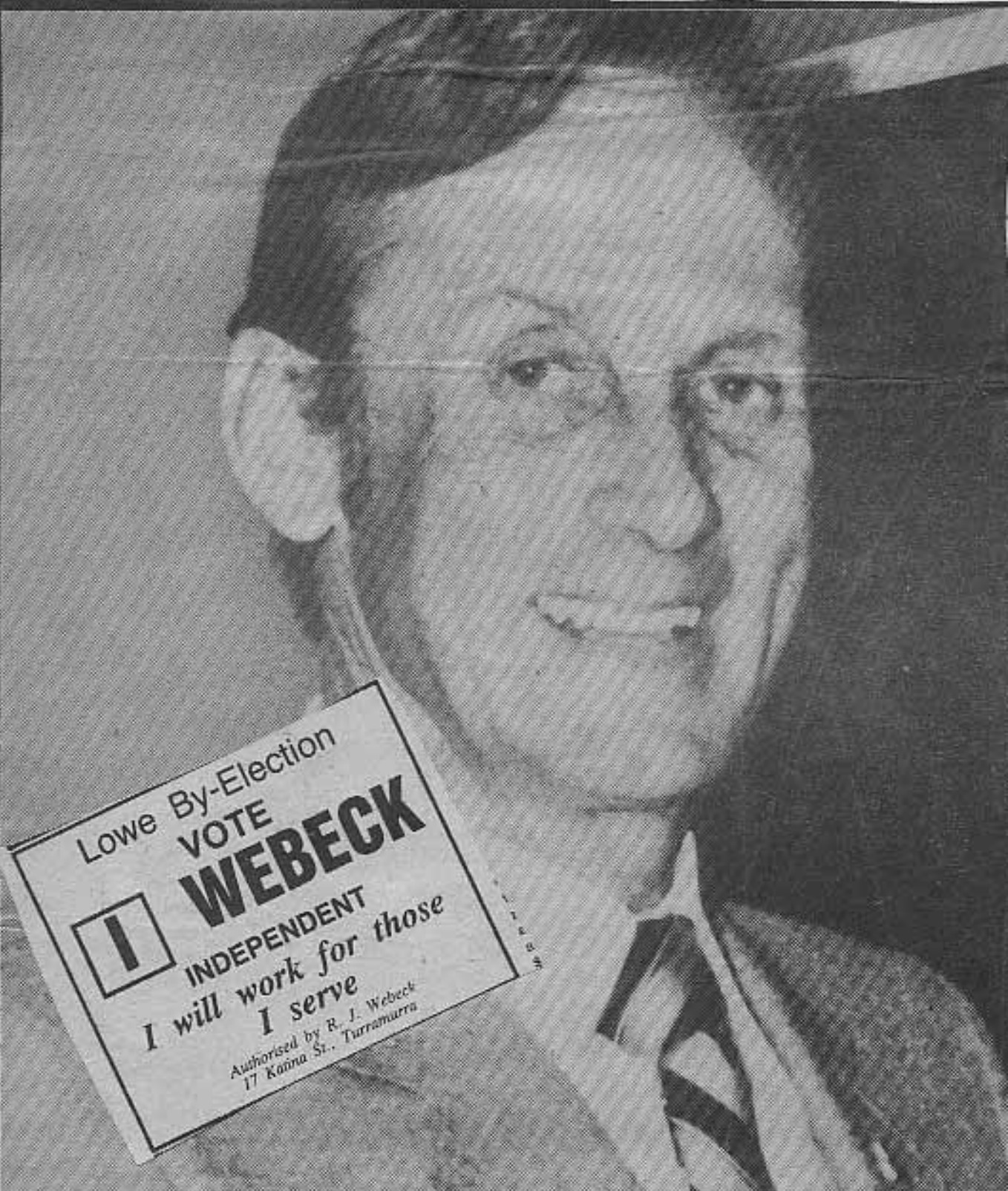
Michael Maher is an experienced M.P. with 8 years of service in New South Wales Parliament behind him. He has a reputation for hard work with perhaps the greatest load of constituency interviews and representations of any member. His extensive experience with people and their problems has made him an active speaker in the House on a wide variety of bills, debates and motions.

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Vote for Michael Maher.**

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**Vote  Philip Taylor
and put Liberal
back in Lowe.**

ELEZIONI A LOWE

Temi politici e ripercussioni locali

L'elettorato di Lowe chiamato a pronunciarsi per rimpiazzare Sir William Mac Mahon (liberale) ritiratosi dalla vita politica 2 mesi fa costituisce un quadro particolare nel contesto delle circoscrizioni federali. Piuttosto stabile sotto il profilo di classe sociale ivi residente (middle class), con la sola eccezione di una parte di Strathfield, lascia emergere alcune eccezioni se invece

si passa a considerare l'influenza della nazionalità di origine di una grossa percentuale dei residenti. Negli ultimi 10-15 anni, quartieri come Haberfield,

Five Dock, Concord, Drummoyne, e Croydon/Ashfield sono divenuti le mete preferite degli emigrati italiani degli anni 70 e delle seconde generazioni di quelli che li hanno preceduti. Notevole è anche

l'afflusso di greci, libanesi e vietnamiti anche se non così rilevante come quello italiano. Anche per quanto riguarda l'aspetto religioso, Lowe è atipico. Mentre la media nazionale dei cattolici è del 25 per cento, quella di Lowe raggiunge il 38 per cento. Questo elettorato è stabile anche sulle due fasce principali del tipo di famiglia che è rappresentato da un nucleo medio di cinque persone e da un numero rilevante di pensionati.

Premesso ciò è logico che la propaganda elettorale di laburisti e liberali tocchi temi come l'assistenza sociale ai bambini ed agli anziani, le tasse sulla casa, gli interessi sui prestiti per la proprietà immobiliare, ed è altrettanto naturale che il partito liberale ha pochi argomenti validi da affidare al candidato Phillip Taylor, un consigliere comunale di Burwood che di quel sobborgo è stato anche il sindaco per tre anni.

Molto meglio situato è Michael Maher, popolarissimo in gran parte dell'elettorato per essere stato il deputato statale di Drummoyne per vari anni.

Inoltre Maher è un vero e proprio prototipo dell'elettorato di Lowe: famiglia numerosa, cattolico, umano e affabile come pochi con gli anziani. Con anni di presenza attiva tra gli italiani, è visto almeno come un "concittadino onorario", e a buona ragione se si considera che pochi esponenti politici hanno saputo lavorare bene e senza discriminazioni in un elettorato etnicamente composito come ha saputo fare Michael Maher.

Togliendo dall'elettorato di Lowe le aree che riguardano Drummoyne anche a livello statale, tra le elezioni federali del 1980 e quella del NSW dell'anno successivo, il partito laburista è passato da una media di voti primari del 45,9 al 60,2. Un balzo che non potrà non riapparire anche se parzialmente, il 13 marzo.

Al partito liberale sono rimasti pochi argomenti. In un elettorato colpito particolarmente dagli aumenti delle tasse locali, dagli interessi sui prestiti per l'acquisto della casa, dagli scarsi aumenti delle pensioni, i temi politici proiettati nei due prossimi anni, contano assai poco in una "by election".

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LE ELEZIONI A LOWE

FRASER E HAYDEN SCENDONO IN CAMPO



Wran, domenica scorsa a Drummoyne

Tra domenica e lunedì, nella Civic Hall di Drummoyne, si sono susseguite le manifestazioni ufficiali del partito laburista e del partito liberale per l'elezione suppletiva di Lowe.

Avevano iniziato domenica i laburisti forti di tutti i maggiori Leaders - Bill Hayden, Lionel Bowen, Neville Wran, Paul Keating e Bob Hawke - che hanno fatto corona a Michael Maher, il candidato dell'opposizione.

Tutti gli oratori hanno

fatto precisi riferimenti a dieci anni fa quando L'Alp iniziò il lavoro preparatorio che sfociò, infine, con la vittoria di Whitlam. Bill Hayden, nel suo intervento ha fatto il punto sulla strategia del suo partito per le prossime elezioni federali, delle quali, ha detto il leader laburista, la votazione per il seggio di Lowe è una specie di prova generale. Hayden, in caso di successo laburista, si è ancora una volta impegnato ad operare una riduzione del-

le tasse sui salari, l'istituzione di una nuova mutua nazionale uguale per tutti e uno schema di sussidi per coloro che debbono acquistare la prima casa o che hanno in corso il pagamento di un'abitazione.

Applauditissimo dal folto pubblico presente a Drummoyne, Michael Maher, si è appellato per una maggiore giustizia sociale negli stanziamenti per la pubblica istruzione e per l'assistenza sociale.

Poco più di ventiquat-

tro ore dopo, c'è stata la volta del partito liberale. Il Primo Ministro Fraser attorniato dai suoi maggiori collaboratori ha stimolato l'elettorato a riconfermare il suo partito e a votare quindi per Philip Taylor, il candidato del governo. Fraser ha evitato una risposta diretta all'opposizione sui temi federali preferendo reiterare le sue accuse al Premier del NSW, Neville Wran, per le sue concessioni sindacali.

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Lowe

non ha perso molto tempo a suggerire delle alternative precise. Si è mantenuto sul vago forse per non rivelare programmi e politiche che costituiranno il cavallo di battaglia per le prossime federali. E' stato specifico soltanto su un tema, il Medibank, il sistema mutualistico nazionale che a giudicare dagli applausi dei presenti potrebbe essere un cavallo vincente.

Fraser presentatosi agli elettori di questa circoscrizione il giorno successivo non ha tenuto in apparente considerazione la linea dell'opposizione. Riferendosi in particolare al problema del caro-cassa ha detto molto chiaramente che l'era del danaro a buon mercato è purtroppo tramontata e non per colpa certamente dell'Australia dove si riflette la situazione delle economie dei Paesi occidentali. Fraser ripetendo la tesi sostenuta la scorsa settimana alla conferenza dei premier ha detto che per quanto concerne la casa il problema non è tanto l'alto costo del danaro quanto la scarsità dello stesso, la difficoltà cioè di ottenere credito. In questo senso, ha lasciato intendere, verrà studiato un piano per aiutare coloro che desiderano acquistare un alloggio. Fraser ha ribadito l'infertilità di sussidiare gli alti tassi di interesse se non c'è disponibilità di credito ed ha suggerito l'intervento anche degli Stati che possono esercitare un controllo sulle «State Saving Banks» e le «Building Societies».

Fraser ha anche affrontato il tema scottante della militanza dei sindacati e la gestione della politica delle relazioni industriali che alcuni Stati non sembrano disposti a voler cedere a Canberra. In questo contesto ha sparato a zero contro Wran e l'incapacità dei laburisti a risolvere i problemi sindacali. Le critiche a Wran in un contesto di elezioni

si federali combattute sul campo dei problemi nazionali, non sono andate a segno del tutto perché è parso chiaro che il primo ministro tentava di portare la palla in un campo «neutro».

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Il Primo ministro e il capo dell'Opposizione

A Lowe i grandi temi nazionali

Fraser avverte che l'era del danaro a buon mercato è tramontata - Dibattito sul problema della casa, il caos sindacale, l'inflazione, la disoccupazione e le pensioni

Sydney, 24 febbraio

Domenica e lunedì inizio ufficiale della campagna di Lowe. laburisti e liberali hanno impegnato i loro massimi esponenti, segno dell'importanza di queste suppletive che secondo gli osservatori nazionali dovrebbero costituire le «idi di marzo» per la leadership di Fraser o per quella di Hayden o, addirittura, il giro di boa alle federali dell'anno prossimo della politica nazionale. E' un'esagerazione? Può anche darsi tuttavia non si può fare a meno di notare che malgrado i tentativi del primo ministro Fraser che ha aperto la campagna liberale lunedì a Drummoyne di contenere al NSW i temi della campagna, gli elettori verranno posti di fronte

ai problemi che affliggono il Paese. Hayden che il giorno precedente aveva dato il via alla campagna laburista con un comizio nella stessa sala di Drummoyne, lo ha ribadito molto chiaramente. Maher e Taylor si trovano così sulle spalle responsabilità sia pure indirette di cui farebbero volentieri a me-

no ma che in ogni caso sono costretti a trasportare fino al 13 marzo sperando nel meglio.

Ma vediamo i programmi delle due campagne. Hayden che l'ha inaugurata ufficialmente sostenuto da Wran, da Paul Keating, da Bob Hawke e da Maher ha messo sul tappeto i sei

anni della gestione Fraser. In quella che molti considerano la prova generale per le prossime federali il leader laburista ha passato in rassegna le «malattie» del Paese. I tassi di interesse giunti ad un livello da «strozzo» e destinati a salire ancora, le tasse che impoveriscono la

famiglia media e consentono ai ricchi di arricchirsi ancora di più e la disoccupazione.

«Rispetto a 16 mesi fa», ha ricordato riferendosi alle elezioni federali dell'80, tutto quello che avrebbe dovuto diminuire è invece aumentato come ad esempio le tasse, l'inflazione e la disoccupazione mentre tutto quello che doveva aumentare è diminuito come lo standard di vita, le speranze dei cittadini, la fiducia degli imprenditori, i consumi, la prosperità generale ed il risparmio. Hayden come gli oratori che gli hanno fatto seguito ha avuto buon gioco nell'elencare i guai dell'economia ma

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Il 13 marzo fate sapere cosa pensate! **Votate per Michael Maher**



Michael Maher M.A., LLB. è stato per 8 anni il Deputato per la circoscrizione di Drummoyne per il Parlamento del N.S.W.

E' avvocato, padre di cinque figli e vive a Five Dock. Sua moglie Margaret è assistente universitaria.

Michael si è sempre interessato dei bisogni di tutti i residenti nell'elettorato.

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Relazione di Taylor su Lowe

facente le veci del deputato di Lowe

I problemi a cui i residenti nella circoscrizione di Lowe devono far fronte non si risolvono, semplicemente perché in questo momento non abbiamo un deputato federale.

Nelle scorse settimane ci sono state numerose richieste di assistenza, di consiglio e di informazioni da parte degli abitanti dell'elettorato, che mi hanno fatto sentire nei panni del facente le veci del deputato di Lowe.

Non esitate dunque a telefonarmi nel mio ufficio al numero 76 8033, se avete qualcosa da discutere e se pensate che io possa fare qualcosa per voi.

L'ISTITUZIONE DELLA RADIO LOCALE È UNA BUONA NOTIZIA!

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Il ministro federale per le Comunicazioni, Ian Sinclair, ha partecipato qualche giorno fa ad una cerimonia del Rotary nell'elettorato di Lowe ed io gli ho domandato quando la nostra stazione radio locale inizierà a trasmettere. Gli ho anche ricordato tutto il lavoro svolto da parte di molti a favore della realizzazione della stazione radio, che è già stata allestita e pronta per iniziare, nel Woodstock Community Centre di Burwood.

Alcuni giorni dopo il ministro mi ha telefonato, dicendomi di aver dato la propria approvazione alle domande per la nostra Community Radio Station, che ora è in attesa delle regolari licenze.

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MICHAEL MAHER POTREBBE RIMANERE NEL PARLAMENTO STATALE

Il mio avversario in queste elezioni suppletive, ha pubblicamente dichiarato che non si presenterà per il seggio statale, che egli stesso ha lasciato vacante a Drummoyne, nel caso non riuscisse a vincere la candidatura di Lowe.

La maggior parte delle persone dell'elettorato che mi conoscono sanno che non mi piace distruggere gli altri.

Io però con molta obiettività penso che le persone che voteranno in queste elezioni dovrebbero essere consapevoli della differenza esistente tra i pubblici commenti fatti da Mr. Maher e quanto egli stesso ha dichiarato in Parlamento, quando ha rassegnato le dimissioni.

Egli infatti ha dichiarato: «Devo avvertirvi che se io non dovessi essere eletto candidato di Lowe nelle sopra menzionate elezioni, mi rappresenterei nel collegio elettorale rimasto vacante a Drummoyne».

«Vi sarei perciò grato se voleste dilazionare l'indizione delle elezioni suppletive nel Collegio di Drummoyne, fino a che non sarà ufficialmente nominato il candidato per il seggio di Lowe della Camera dei deputati».

È dunque chiaro che nella dichiarazione al presidente della Camera Mr. Maher intendeva rappresentarsi per Drummoyne.

Considerando perciò le intenzioni di Mr. Maher, i residenti nella circoscrizione di Lowe potrebbero votare Liberale nelle elezioni suppletive di Lowe, avendo così chi può parlare per loro nel Parlamento federale e tenere ancora Michael Maher nel Parlamento statale.

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SYDNEY — Il Ministro
Federale per la Sanità On.
Michael McKellar ed il
Ministro Federale per
l'immigrazione e gli Affari
Etnici, On. Ian McPhee,

sono stati gli ospiti d'onore
di una serata organizzata
alla Latvian House di
Strathfield.

Alla serata era anche
presente il candidato
liberale per il seggio di
Lowe, Philip Taylor il quale
ha avuto modo di conoscere
i diversi rappresentanti delle
varie comunità etniche della
zona, inclusa anche quella
italiana.

L'incontro ha fatto parte
del programma della
campagna elettorale liberale
nella zona, aperta giorni fa
dal Primo Ministro Malcolm
Fraser con il suo duro
attacco nei confronti della
situazione sindacale
australiana e soprattutto al
Premier del N.S.W. Neville
Wran sul quale continua a
pesare sempre di più il
problema dell'energia
elettrica dello Stato e da
qualche giorno a questa
parte anche il milione di
dollari spesi per convincere
la popolazione ad usare
meno corrente.

Forti di questa situazione
che va a loro favore, i
rappresentanti politici
liberali presenti alla
Latvian House hanno
potuto esprimere con
maggiore penetrazione
l'importanza di avere un
rappresentante come Philip
Taylor a Canberra.

Durante il suo breve
discorso lo stesso candidato
liberale ha affermato che
questa elezione è puramente
suppletiva e non importa
quale sia il risultato finale
perché cambierà ben poco di
quella che è la situazione
parlamentare a Canberra.

Infatti una vittoria
laburista non servirebbe che
ad inviare un rappresentante
che con il suo voto non
potrebbe certamente fare
pesare l'ago della bilancia a
favore del suo partito.
Quindi, come lo stesso
Philip Taylor lo ha definito,
rifacendosi a commenti da
lui ascoltati in precedenza,
un «messaggio» laburista.

Taylor ha invece ricorda-
to che la sua eventuale
elezione permetterebbe

Taylor: più dialogo con gli immigrati

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invece ai cittadini del
collegio elettorale di Lowe
di avere un rappresentante
con accesso diretto al
governo. Un uomo quindi
che potrebbe esprimere alle
autorità più alte del governo
i bisogni e le necessità degli
abitanti di potere risolvere
eventuali problemi locali o
se non altro cercare di fare
realizzare quelle che
potrebbero essere le
richieste provenienti
dall'elettorato.

Philip Taylor ha anche
ricordato il suo attaccamen-
to ai rappresentanti delle
comunità etniche della zona
e soprattutto agli amici dei
suoi figli che hanno
trascorso così tante ore nella
sua abitazione a giocare con
gli amici.

Incontro che gli hanno
permesso di venire a

conoscenza dei problemi
delle varie comunità e che
allo stesso tempo hanno
attratto anche maggiore
attenzione da parte dei figli
stessi del candidato liberale.

Infatti una delle figlie di
Philip Taylor ha deciso di
recarsi in Italia per imparare
qualche cosa di più sul
nostro paese.

Dopo tre anni di
soggiorno è tornata con una
lingua in più ed un rispetto
maggiore per una popola-
zione che così tanto a dato
non solo al mondo dell'arte
nei secoli, ma anche alla
crescita dell'Australia.

E quello sguardo di
ammirazione per questa
popolazione di cultura
diversa che abbiamo letto
negli occhi di Philip Taylor
sembrano confermare che
questa volta il discorso
politico abbia lasciato
spazio ad una confessione
puramente umana.

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LAWS ON LIFE



JOHN LAWS

Australia's most famous radio personality writes exclusively for The Sunday Telegraph

We are living in a State of chaos

IF THE State of New South Wales were a private company, it would probably be in the hands of a receiver.

I was going to say it would be the target of takeover bids, but I don't think anyone would want the place.

New South Wales is a mess. A rich, once-proud State, virtually under siege by the militancy of unions.

Its power supply is so precarious that daylight saving has to be extended by a month to save just 1 per cent.

The police force is so disenchanted it is near revolt, the education system is in tatters, hospitals all over the place are threatened with closure, and the airport and the Harbor Bridge can't cope with traffic.

And added to it all is a State with real financial problems. If you doubt that, just look at the figures. For the 1981/82 financial year the Gov-



□ Neville Wran.

ernment budgeted for a deficit of \$3 million. That's for the whole year.

But the deficit for the first three months was \$13 million - for a quarter of a year when the budgeted amount for the entire year was \$3 million!

Neville Wran has obvi-

ously been kept in the dark. He is too intelligent to allow his world to crumble around him.

After six years in office, the Government is to set up its own Razor Gang to prune Government expenditure and try to regain control of the economy.

It seems a bit late for that. But imagine what's going to happen if the Government lops any dead wood or cuts any fat cat perk. The unions will go berserk - or should I say even more berserk.

Yes we are a mess all right. But if you're planning to migrate to another State you'd better hurry before the air industry unions really get heavy and ground all aircraft.

What a strange system we have

THIS WEEK provided a great example of democracy at work and democracy gone haywire.

Throughout the State of NSW every principle of democracy was being defied by a minority. Those unscrupulous, uncaring dissidents within the trade union movement who made life miserable for the vast majority were, I suppose, exercising their democratic rights. In so doing, they prevented us from exercising our rights.

And yet on the other side of the coin we saw something in Sydney few systems could match.

When nominations for the Lowe by-election closed there were 12 candidates. Apart from those representing the major parties, there was a man who claims to have premonitions about all sorts of things. There was a former Nazi, a woman who wants to be the Canberra voice for all Italians and a constitutional republican.

It is a strange system all right.

New job for an old mate in hot water

IF YOU are a Labor Premier and one of the party faithful gets into hot water in a job you've given him, what do you do?

If the State happens to be NSW and the man Joe Riordan, you give him another job.

Joe Riordan is a very nice man. He is also a Labor stalwart, a former Federal Minister who lost his seat and was appointed deputy chairman of the Electricity

Commission. That was when his mate Pat Hills was Energy Minister.

Since then Joe has copped plenty of flack, culminating during the week in Opposition calls for his dismissal.

Coincidentally, the Government has decided to give Joe a new job - as head of the Industrial Relations Department. Coincidentally, that department comes under the control of the Industrial Relations Minister - Pat Hills.



□ Mr Riordan

It must be good to have loyal friends. But for Joe's sake I hope Pat Hills never receives an overseas diplomatic posting.

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FRASER E HAYDEN A CONFRONTO Lowe: cominciata la campagna elettorale

MICHAEL MAHER CANDIDATO LABURISTA

A meno di quattro settimane dalle votazioni per il seggio di Lowe - senza vacante per il ritiro di Sir William McMahon - i due maggiori partiti politici australiani hanno dato il via alla campagna elettorale.

Sia in campo laburista che liberale sono stati i maggiori esponenti a scendere in campo ed è logico prevedere che, nei prossimi giorni, Bill Hayden e Malcolm Fraser affronteranno i principali temi del momento politico australiano.

E' altrettanto certo però che le linee informatrici della campagna elettorale si diversificheranno notevolmente, soprattutto perché le previsioni generali sono per una vittoria laburista.

L'ALP, come è noto, presenta la candidatura di Michael Maher, ex deputato statale per il seggio di Drumoyne che in cam-



MICHAEL MAHER

po federale e' parte della circoscrizione di Lowe. Maher e' popolarissimo e per la sua carica umana e la sua sensibilità ai problemi "personali" del suo elettorato e' riuscito a capitalizzare per il suo partito molto di più di quanto fosse logico supporre. Un po' come e' avvenuto nel passato per Sir William MacMahon che, in occasione del suo ultimo successo elettorale, si guadagnò il seggio a Canberra più per simpatie personali che per la popolarità, in quel momento, del suo partito.

La prospettiva di una vittoria di Michael Maher nasce anche da altre valutazioni, prima fra tutte quella relativa ad una elezione suppletiva che, normalmente, favorisce il partito all'opposizione e, nel caso specifico non va dimenticato che ai laburisti basta uno "swing" di un punto e mezzo per assicurarsi la vittoria. Inoltre, dopo il ritiro di MacMahon, lo stesso partito liberale sembra accettare l'inevitabilità di una sconfitta a Lowe. Solo dopo il richiamo dell'ex ministro Peacock, che accusò Fraser e gli altri membri del gabinetto di disfattismo, il partito liberale ha messo da parte, almeno formalmente, le note pessimistiche, affidando ad esponenti di prestigio la gestione della campagna elettorale.

Tuttavia, malgrado adesso i liberali non parlino più di contenimento della sconfitta come obiettivo di massima, restano deboli anche a livello di candidatura. Con l'ex sindaco di Burwood, Taylor, non sono certo riusciti a bilanciare l'influenza di Maher, anzi, hanno accentratato il distacco sul piano della po-

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SETTIMANA POLITICA IN ITALIA SI INASPRISCE LA POLEMICA DC-PSI

Roma

Si e' fatta più vivace, la settimana scorsa, la polemica tra le forze di governo (DC, PSI, PSDI, PRI, PLI) in Italia.

Soprattutto tra democristiani e socialisti si e' giunti ad un confronto diretto, ad un clima di tensione accentratosi giovedì dopo la comunicazione data dal segretario della DC, Flaminio Piccoli, che il congresso nazionale della democrazia cristiana si svolgerà tra il 28 aprile e il 2 maggio prossimi.

Silenzio, infatti, la cosiddetta "verifica" degli accordi che hanno portato il 28 giugno 1981 alla co-

stituzione dell'attuale governo, verifica che si e' trasformata in un vero e proprio panno della discordia nella maggioranza di governo.

Per i democristiani le pressanti richieste di "ridiscutere" l'alleanza di governo nascondono l'intenzione da parte di socialisti e socialdemocratici di aumentare il proprio peso nell'esecutivo, magari agitando lo spauracchio delle elezioni anticipate.

Piccoli ha messo in guardia i socialisti in questo senso parlando martedì scorso a Milano, roccaforte del segretario socialista Bettino Craxi.

"Non sarà consentito a nessuno - ha detto il segretario DC - di approfittare della nebbia delle difficoltà attuali per presentarsi come protagonisti di salti più audaci in cui il paese potrebbe rompersi il collo".

Da parte socialista c'è stata una dura replica sull'organo del partito "l'Avanti" che ha ricordato alla DC che, "indietro non si torna, che il paese punta al rinnovamento e che occorre andare avanti".

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When a different herd instinct takes over at election time

Michael Maher has a problem: Lowe voters' switching habit

Colquhoun

IT IS not so much the swinging voter as the switching voter who will determine the result in the Lowe by-election on March 13.

The switcher, a new version of the swinger, is a by-product of the volatile politics that began with the Whitlam years and are sustained by the Fraser and Wran years.

The essential difference is this: The swinger goes hot and cold with the political climate, swinging between opposing parties. Switchers, to borrow John Howard's description, are as bizarrely unpredictable as Democrat senators voting on the tax.

Switchers, on the other hand, are predictable, at least to the extent that they switch on and off on cue, depending on whether they are voting in a State or Federal election.

Switching voters are found in strength in only two States, NSW and Tasmania, and it is not coincidence that both are Labor.

The Tasmanian switch began with the Bass by-election in 1973, which gave Malcolm Fraser such a smashing victory anything seemed possible.

Within six months the Whitlam Government had been sacked, Fraser was Prime Minister and the Liberals had captured all five Federal seats in Tasmania. In all

subsequent polls Tasmania has elected a State Labor Government while returning five Liberals to Canberra.

The switching phenomenon began in NSW in 1976 within six months of Fraser's winning a huge majority.

As though perceiving that politics was out of balance and Fraser's crushing win needed to be offset, the NSW electorate gave Wran his first victory, returning a Labor Government to power after 10 years of coalition government. In 1977 NSW confirmed Fraser's majority, only to give Wran an equally smashing victory in 1978.

The State-Federal switching pattern continued in NSW in the 1980 Federal and the 1981 State Elections.

In 1980 the Federal Labor Party picked up seven seats in Victoria, but in NSW could win only two seats from the Liberals, losing out to the NCP for a net gain of one. Labor got an estimated 50.4 per cent of the NSW vote, but lost four seats narrowly which it might otherwise have won had the vote been more widely spread.

Last October Wran repeated his spectacular 1978 win, lifting Labor's vote to 58 per cent, 7.6 fewer than 250,000 NSW people who voted for the Fraser Government in October, 1980, switched to Wran 12 months later.

Clearly a different herd instinct takes over at Federal and State elections in NSW. But why?

Labor Party research attributed block switching of votes largely to the electorate's perception of Fraser and Wran as strong leaders.

They have polarised personality politics to the point where they do not simply lead a Government. To thousands of voters they are the Government. Wran's style is even more presidential than Fraser's, because Wran's command of television and domination of his party and Parliament are greater than Fraser's.

The leadership augurs that drags voters across party lines may be reinforced by a substantial preponderance of the Labor Party in NSW as historically the natural Government, while the coalition

parties are seen as the natural Government in Canberra.

Familiarity, it seems, breeds contempt in politics. Switch voting has become entrenched in Sydney that within the boundaries of four Federal electorates held by the Liberal Party — Lowe, Warringah, Phillip and Barton — every State seat is held by the Labor Party.

Wran and Fraser between them have mixed Sydney into a queer political cake made up of Labor wedges covered with Liberal icing. No electorate is more mixed up than Lowe.

This inner western suburban seat, taking in such suburbs as Drummoyne, Strathfield and Homebush, has been Liberal since its creation in 1948.

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Sir William McMahon's majority started slipping in 1977. He hung on in 1980, but now that he is gone the seat is even more marginal.

The two State seats wholly within Lowe and part of those other seats are all held by Labor by big majorities. State and Federal subdivisions of the same name within Lowe are common, so Federal and State results in those subdivisions give an accurate picture of vote switching.

Labor's candidate, Michael Maher, resigned his State seat of Drummoyne, which comprises 49 per cent of Lowe, to contest the by-election.

In the eight years he held Drummoyne, Maher turned a majority of 168 into more than 12,000. Last year he won 73 per cent of the vote.

Can he break the switching pattern and carry his State seat into the Federal seat?

Maher's majority includes a Wran factor, which Labor Party officials estimate at 5 per cent. (The difference between the Labor vote in the 1980 Federal election and the 1981 State election.)

PETER BOWERS



NATIONAL COLUMNIST

Is the switching habit so strong that the electorate will automatically drop the Wran vote?

The table shows how Maher and two other Labor MPs in the NSW Parliament dramatically lifted Labor's vote in 1981, compared with Jan Burnwoods, Labor's candidate a year earlier against Sir William McMahon. Burnwoods is an outspoken feminist whose advocacy of abortion on demand must have been anathema to the big Catholic vote in Lowe (35 per cent of the electorate compared with a national average of 26 per cent).

Maher, a Catholic, has turned his Catholic constituency, pandering by a big Italian community. He lost Italian lessons and introduced himself to Italians with the words "Sono il vostro deputato" (I am your member of Parliament).

The Liberal candidate, Phillip Taylor, a dental surgeon, is also making a big play for the Italian vote.

One of the more interesting "independent" candidates in the big field of 12 for Lowe is Mrs Magdalena Gustin, a radio broadcaster and a respected sister in the Italian and Catholic establishment. She calls herself "Mamma Lena", and as she is identified with the Liberal Party in the past, her preferences will go to Taylor.

In a close result, she could



take enough votes from Maher to make the difference.

The big field will ensure a big informal vote and this too could tell against Maher because Labor voters are thought to take less care than Liberals in filling in ballot papers.

Maher is a big man with a soft voice and old-fashioned manners. He has a collection of hats, which is an important political prop. He is continually taking off his hat to the ladies.

Hayden took off his hat to Maher when they visited a local school. Hayden was mightily impressed that Maher dodged his

hat and pecked the cheek of just about every woman teacher they met.

If there is such a thing as a perfect candidate, Michael Maher comes very close. He is the right candidate for the right seat at the right time.

You have to go back a long way to find a better Labor candidate to fight an important by-election. Back, in fact, to 1965, when Rex Patterson captured the NCP stronghold of Daresbury — and changed the course of Labor and Australian history by saving Whitlam from being expelled from the party.

In a sense, Maher is too good. Labor has everything going for it in Lowe — a strong candidate and the Fraser Government in deep trouble.

If Labor cannot win a marginal Sydney seat in a by-election, it cannot hope to win other marginal Sydney seats in a general election. Without more Sydney seats, Hayden has little prospect of winning Government.

The loss of Lowe would be a blow to Fraser, who seems to have run out of luck. But Hayden has a lot more riding on this by-election. If Labor does not win Lowe, Hayden is history.

SUBDIVISION	STATE SEAT MEMBER	1st preferences of total vote 1980 Federal election (Jan Burnwoods, ALP)	1st preferences of total vote 1981 State election
Abbotsford-Drummoyne	Drummoyne — Michael Maher (ALP)	50.3	67.5
Five Dock		44.7	61.9
Haberfield		53.4	70.8
Montlake		52.7	67.0
		52.7	68.6
TOTAL		50.5	67.0
Burwood	Burwood — Phil O'Neil (ALP)	41.9	56.3
Burwood East		47.7	58.9
Concord and Yarealla		44.8	57.6
Strathfield		29.3	41.4
TOTAL		29.8	52.6
Croydon North	Ashfield — Paul Whelan (ALP)	51.9	59.5
TOTAL		51.9	59.5
GRAND TOTAL FOR LOWE		45.9	60.2

This table shows how Labor sharply increased its vote in 10 Lowe subdivisions between the 1980 Federal election and the 1981 State election. The first column of figures shows the percentage of first preference votes for the Labor candidates in the Federal poll. The second column shows the vote obtained by these Labor candidates in the same subdivisions, in the State election.

"MAMMA LENA"

CANDIDATA PER IL SEGGIO DI LOWE



Al momento di andare in macchina apprendiamo che Lena Gustin, la popolare "Mamma Lena", si presenterà come indipendente per il seggio di Lowe, alle prossime elezioni suppletive il 13 marzo.

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Divergent dozen line up for Lowe poll

Twelve candidates yesterday nominated for next month's Lowe by-election threatening to throw the poll into confusion.

Political observers said the number of candidates for the Federal seat could cloud the final outcome.

The main combatants are: Mr Michael Maher, Solicitor, A.L.P.; Mr Philip Taylor, dental surgeon, Liberal; and Mr Stephen Kirkham, accountant, Australian Democrats.

The rest of the field comprises independents campaigning on issues ranging from constitutional reform to the return of a White Australia policy.

The candidates are: Edwin Bellchambers, bus driver; John Cameron, writer; Peter Consandine, telecommunications consultant; Maddalena Gustin, director of radio programs; Maggie Lee, home duties; Edwin Martin, trades assistant; John Pennington, farmer; Robert Webeck, auctioneer; and Katherine Wentworth, company director. — TED KNEZ

Lowe attracts 4 locals among 12 nominations

By PAUL ELLERCAMP

Twelve candidates have nominated for the Lowe by-election on March 13, but only four live in the electorate.

The others come from as far afield as Broken Hill, Turrum, Bellevue Hill, Balgowlah North and Sylvania. Three are women.

Nominations closed at noon yesterday.

Since the Liberal and Labor candidates are positioned well down the ballot paper, the main parties would appear to be unlikely to benefit from the "donkey vote," which some analysts say is worth up to 2 per cent of a poll.

Most observers do not now expect a large swing to Labor, although most expect the ALP to win comfortably. They need a swing of about 1.2 per cent to take the seat from the Liberals.

Ballot papers on March 13 will

contain no information identifying party allegiances, which will make the task for voters even more complicated, since they must fill in every square in correct numerical order to ensure a valid vote.

Candidates appear in alphabetical order on the ballot paper.

A list of candidates follows. Where known, party allegiance is included in brackets.

Edwin Charles Bellchambers, bus driver, Monterey; Robert John Cameron, writer, Bidwell; Peter Warren Cosandine, telecommunications consultant, Strathfield (Constitutional Republican); Maddalena Gustin, director of radio programs, Bankstown; Stephen Raymond Kirkham, accountant, Burwood (Australian Democrat); Maxine Lee, home duties, Balgowlah North; Michael John Maher, solicitor, Five Dock (ALP); Frederick Edwin Martin, trades assistant, Broken Hill; John Pennington, farmer, Sylvania; Philip John Taylor, dental surgeon, Croydon (Liberal); Robert James Webeck, auctioneer, Turrum; and Katherine Westworth Westworth, company director, Bellevue Hill.

La campagna per Lowe I laburisti hanno scelto Michael Maher



L'on. M. Maher

Sydney, 27 gennaio
La campagna elettorale per le suppletive di Lowe, il seggio dell'ex primo ministro McMahon che con le sue dimissioni a sorpresa ha creato notevole imbarazzo in seno ai liberali, è praticamente inizia-

ta anche se gli elettori di questa circoscrizione che comprende diversi sobborghi «etnici», andranno alle urne il 13 marzo.

L'importanza di questa suppletiva trascende da quello che può essere la conquista o la perdita di un seggio. I liberali hanno una maggioranza tale che un seggio più o un seggio meno non fa alcuna differenza e al contrario si deve dire per i laburisti. Lowe, però sarà la prova del fuoco dell'amministrazione Fraser o addirittura, secondo alcuni osservatori decisamente pessimisti, potrebbe essere l'inizio della fine della coalizione. Gli stessi liberali hanno ammesso pubblicamente di non avere molte speranze di una riconferma

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