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"In his humiliation justice was denied him"

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A Roman dream becomes Australia's nightmare.

The Melbourne Catholic Advocate of 28th April 1955, reported an address delivered by Archbishop D. Mannix at a State Electricity Commission Communion breakfast. Mannix was stated to have told 250 Roman Catholic employees of the Commission about a fantastic dream. This is how the Advocate reported his words:

----- Fantastic Dream -----

"I know there are differences of opinion among those who declare their opposition to Communism. But I am not going to dwell upon them now. Instead I will tell you of a dream I had last night. I dreamt that I was a Protestant - a fantastic dream of course, - and that I was the Protestant leader of the Labour Party. As a matter of fact I don't belong to any party. I am not a financial or even an unfinancial member of any of the existing parties, including the new Anti-Communist party led by Mr. Joshua. At all events, in my fantastic dream I thought I was the Leader of the Labour Party, and naturally, like all leaders, I aspired to be Prime Minister of Australia. That was my fantastic dream. But I came to realize, Protestant though I imagined myself, that there was not the faintest hope of climbing onto the Treasury benches unless I could secure a substantial Catholic vote. And I came to realize too, that there was no hope of getting that substantial Catholic vote unless I engaged in a real fight - not a sham fight - against Communism.

It was only a dream. But I think it might be worthwhile for Labour leaders to turn over my dream in their minds in their waking moments.

We Catholics are a minority in the community unfortunately, but without a strong backing of Catholic votes, it is my opinion that no Labour leader will ever climb up to the Treasury benches of the Federal Parliament. If that opinion is sound, it is something upon which Labour leaders might ponder carefully. I am not saying this by way of a threat or as a menace to anybody. I say it just because it is a political fact, and I think there is no gainsaying it."

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Mannix's "dream" of 1955 became Australia's nightmare thereafter.

At every Federal election held since 1955, the preferences of the DLP have carried Mannix's dream into practical effect. The present Liberal Party government owes its long tenure in office to the fact that the disciplined and controlled voters of the DLP have consistently given their preferences to the Liberal Party. Indeed, the DLP boasts of its role as "king-maker".

I say it just because it is a political fact, that the DLP is carrying out Mannix's policy of 1955, and I think there is no gainsaying it.

On 15<sup>th</sup> October 1968, the leader of the Liberal Party, John Gorton, announced that he did not intend to hold an election in 1968. Prior to this announcement, the DLP had threatened to switch preferences to the Labour Party in certain selected seats if Gorton held an election in 1968. The DLP has always used its disciplined preference vote as an instrument of political blackmail, but on this occasion it was more obvious than usual.

In the Senate too, the DLP is in a position to dictate terms. It is there represented by 4 Senators who hold the "balance of power" between the major rival parties.

It is in defence and foreign policy - particularly the Vietnam War - that the DLP has had its most disastrous effects on Australian policies. With the interests of the Church threatened in Vietnam - see issues of the Melbourne Catholic Advocate for 1954 and 1955 - the DLP vote consolidated Menzies in power and led ultimately to Australian involvement in a Holy War in Vietnam on behalf of Vatican interests. The conniving and chicanery has been dealt with in detail in other pamphlets.

But one thing Archbishop Mannix did not tell the Australian people in 1955 - he forgot to mention that since 1941, he and B.A. Santamaria had been organising the Roman Catholic vote - "formulating public opinion" they called it - for the express purpose of carrying their political blackmail into effect. For it was in 1941 they started "the Movement", the organization which white-anted the ALP and led to the formation of the DLP.

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