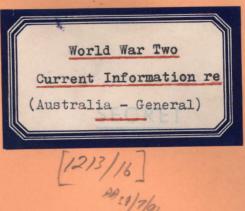


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The Frime Minister of Australia in March, 1942, John Ourtin, marked the beginning of a major change in Australia's foreign policy when he broadcast that Australia (while acutely conscious of her link with Britain through blood and the Crown) must look to merica for counsel and advice of and military aid and co-operation. Mr. Curtin, a pronounced pacifist and anti-conscriptionist in World War I, had to face the brutal facts of geo-politics as Prime Minister in World War II – and for bistory. Successive Australian Prime

Ministers, particularly Sir Robert Menzies and Mr. Holt, have merely had to carry on that understanding and encourage that trend. Surely this is not being pro-American; it is being pro-Australian.

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LABOR SPEAKS • This weekly feature is written by a spokesman for the Australian Labor Party and is published as a matter of public interest. The Herald's views are expressed in its leading articles. **Curtin** and Chifley ed the way

This week's Budget session in Canberra showed almost as much variety and action as a three-ring circus.

Inside Parliament House, our smug, self-satisfied but peevish Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, answered Labor's criticism of his Government's newest Budget.

Outside the chamber there were rumblings among Liberal back-benchers about the Government's extrava-gant proposal to move Parliament House to the bank of one of those expensive new lakes. And then by way of

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And then, by way of light relief, one of Sir Rob-ert's Ministers suggested that Australia's lack of development is all Labor's fault

The Minister for Supply, Mr Fairhall, made this sur-prising statement that "Labor had discouraged Australians from putting their money into develop-ing their own country" (The Sun, August 29).

Labor acted

Mr Fairhall may not have heard about — or he may have forgotten — the record of the Curtin and Chifley Labor Govern-ments in Australia's de-velopment.

ments in Australia's de-velopment. Older Australians will recall John Curtin as the Labor leader whose gov-ernment steered Australia through the trials and tri-bulations of the Second World War. They will recall, too, how the Australian people, sick-ened by the bungling, wrangling and mismanage-ment of the Menzies Gov-ernment, welcomed the positive planning of the Curtin Labor Government that held office for only a few months when the first Japanese bombs fell on Australian soil. Labor was able then to develop a defence program that was quite beyond the capacity of the first muddling Menzies Govern-ment. And when the Chifley Government followed we

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and set on its way by the Chifley Labor Govern-

ment. There will be ample evi-dence of Labor's record of national development long after the name Fairhall has been forgotten.