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Perkins and the aborigines

MR Whitlam's first Minister of Aboriginal Affairs was Mr Bryant, who had a long connection with aboriginal organisations.

When the ludicrous "turtle farm" affair was exposed by Labor Senator Georges, Mr Whitlam sacked Mr Bryant and appointed Senator Cavanagh.

Senator Cavanagh found himself face-to-face with Mr Charles Perkins.

Perkins is a part-aboriginal who, as Assistant-Secretary of the Department, receives a public service salary of approximately \$17,000 a year.

Mr Perkins is a good man, with understandable historical grievances.

He has been led to believe, by Mr Whitlam as much as anybody else, that he can force an untenable constitutional principle — that a highly-salaried public servant can be, at the same time, both a public servant and a major political leader.

If accepted for Mr Perkins, it must be accepted for everybody else:

A Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs would be justified in publicly attacking Mr Whitlam's China policy, or Dr Cairns' program of securing the victory of North Vietnam.

A Secretary of Defence would be entitled to ask publicly for the removal of Mr Barnard, for wrecking Australia's defence structure.

New attacks

After a previous warning, both by Senator Cavanagh and by departmental head Barrie Dexter, and some kind of signed undertaking, Mr Perkins went to Western Australia, lambasted both the Liberal and Country parties, was duly suspended and charged according to regulations, then attacked his Minister, Senator Cavanagh, as totally ignorant of aboriginal affairs.

Mr Whitlam, as Prime Minister, supported Mr Perkins' political activities, attacked his departmental head for charging him — thus clearly expressing no confidence in him, in his own Minister, and obviously asserting that he, as Prime Minister, was above the regulations.

He left them both to be hanged publicly by a kangaroo court, babbly manned by the Left-Liberals on the media.

Acting on these principles, Mr Whitlam could not run a corner store or a football team, let alone Australia.

Which brings us to the far more serious issue — the aborigines themselves and the chaos in aboriginal policy, which the Minister, Senator Cavanagh, admitted to be a "disaster".

This chaos derives from one immediate fact — that in the aboriginal field, as in others, the Government came to power on the "pop" slogans invented by its hired PR firm. It has slogans and no policy.



SECRETARY DEXTER

It believed, presumably, that by pitching \$117m. a year of public money into the ring, you could solve problems of cultural cleavage which are as old as Australia.

Nobody, in fact, has been able to find out how the \$117m. a year is spent; how much ever reaches the aborigines; whether or not large sums have simply been misappropriated; and how much goes to finance learned research monographs which are written by paid academics who are Government supporters, and which are ultimately sociological waffle.

White backlash

In broad, that was the question asked by Professor Srehlow, of Adelaide University when he resigned from the Institute of Aboriginal Studies.

Senator Cavanagh stated that this is breeding a "white backlash". This obviously can lead to an artificial-style racial confrontation in this country.

Against this white backlash, I would make the most earnest appeal.

The aborigines have great wrongs to be righted. They can only be righted by such measures as the recognition of established land rights, where the old tribal structure prevails; by complete co-operation with the tribal elders; by persistent education of city aborigines into the trades and professions of a predominantly white society.

The group of genuine people who have helped the aborigines over the years, in face of an apathetic community, are now confronted by a well-organised extremist group,

whose aim is a massive confrontation between the two races.

This extremist group has, over the years, been carefully nurtured and financed by the Communist-led unions.

The agitators

This revolutionary group, mostly composed of part-aborigines (manipulated by others who are not even part-aborigines), is dis-trusted by the tribal people of the North, and by their leaders.

Some of its members are clearly making careers out of demagoguery.

The group has shown its capacity for destructive mischief over a wide area of affairs, for example:

- in last year's violent outbreaks in Brisbane;
- in the rioting associated with the "Aboriginal Embassy" outside Parliament House in Canberra;
- in two aboriginal delegations to Peking, both led by extremist leaders — "Chicka" Dixon, and Garry Foley — financed either by the Peking government or Communist unions in Australia.

It is axiomatic that the ABC will always have its cameras ready to publicise these occasions, without which publicity the occasions would cease.

Perish the thought that the armchair radicals in Current Affairs are acting in collusion!

Government payroll

The most bizarre situation arises, however, from the assistance given to this extremist movement by persons whose salary is paid by the Commonwealth, although not technically public servants.

These are a few members of the Aboriginal Legal Service, which, without any statutory authority whatsoever, is paid for by the Commonwealth.

TDT's own cameras showed that the departure points of the buses for last Thursday's Canberra demonstration were the offices of the Aboriginal Legal Service in both Melbourne and Sydney.

Earlier, one field officer was reported as being associated with a demonstration near Nowra.

Another field officer announced on January 23 that he was appealing to the Chinese Embassy for money, which he said was for flood relief.

Publicly paid officials of the Aboriginal Legal Service were involved in the kidnapping of the aboriginal girl, Nola Gaijanamba, in Darwin last September.

The part-aborigines who lead the extremist movement, for obvious reasons, are calling for this dismissal of Senator Cavanagh.

If there are Cabinet dismissals, perhaps the hatchet should fall elsewhere.