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New Labor: How The Left has Moved to the Center



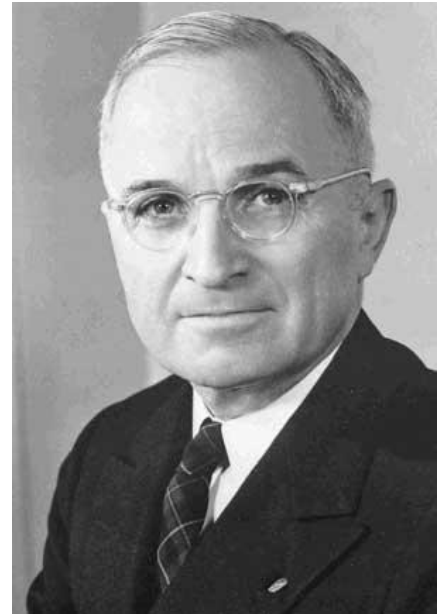
Blair after Senate Appointment.

The history of the labor party began at the dissolution of the Jesus Christ Party, which had within its ranks the Social Democratic Caucus. Its members formed a political party and renamed itself to Labor in February 2012. It started with a majority in the Midwest and an At-Large Senate seat it inherited by way of Nathan, its first leader. Midwest RPP Senator Marokai Blue joined its ranks as well. Throughout its history until last summer, it always possessed itself of two Senate seats, At-Large #1 and the Midwest, and varying held others.

However, it was clearly in a secondary role to the Liberal Party throughout 2012. Liberals won the Presidency throughout 2012, in three straight elections. The Labor Party, drawing heavily from the most left-wing members of the JCP,

concerned. Using the power nationalization issue as an opportunity to jump off the Labor bandwagon, Oakvale and others began to assail Labor, which slowly eroded over the next two months, losing their majority in the August 2014 Senate elections, and the Presidency in October 2014. The crisis at the tail end of the DemPGH administration, led to many Laborites abandoning the Party to the point that it was reduced to just two Regional Senate seats, those of TNF and Bore.

However, in October, 2014 Windjammer took the Mideast over and was elected its Regional Senator. Windjammer was a different breed of Laborite, having started as a Liberal and thus was nowhere as hostile to regions, though he was still pretty left wing on economic policy. But Labor had not yet been broken with its past just yet. Labor won two At-Large Senate seats in December 2014 and soon thereafter a Labor-TPP alliance was again formed among the IRC wing of both parties, producing the "moderate" Bore/BK, which soon after election become Bore/Nix.



Senator Truman

more conservative, this transformation comes at a critical time and allows Labor to remain competitive as a left of center alternative to the Federalist Party and reduces the threat of radicalism stemming from the left should it recapture the Senate together with the Presidency again.

To the casual observers one would notice that although there is a Laborite former Senator running for NE Governor, he has too this point not received much support. In fact, three Laborite Senators have endorsed independent Kingpoleon for the position of NE Governor,

it also quickly obtained strong support amongst the anti-Bgwah, anti-Napoleon left as well. This as well as its role as a left-wing pressure group to pull the Liberals further to the left, meant that its members were very much on the left, at least until 2013 when it obtained some more moderate membership. Marokai Blue became Labor's first President in a coalition with The People's Party in March of 2013. The TPP dissolved a short time later and many of its members joined the Labor Party, with the collapse of the Liberals, the Laborites absorbed most of their support as well, becoming the dominant party on the left.

Most its members were on the extreme left and this included most of its Senators, including especially Senator TNF. This would pose a problem later on because of the Labor Party's gains in Senate membership, its strong sense of unity and mutual support and finally the unwillingness of TNF and others to moderate their policies and message. Instead, it was a steady stream of legislation that many either just pretended didn't exist or were willing to accept as a part of some trade-off. Such didn't dissuade moderate support from Tyrion in the October 2013 Pacific Senate Race and Adam Griffin in the March 2014 At-Large Special. A good bit of this was driven by the rimjob alignment as many pro-rimjob centrists like Oakvale and others voted for both.

Labor was slashed upon the rocks though, once it obtained both the President and the Senate together for the first time in July 2014. Voting TNF into the position of PPT, irregardless of all the warning signs that it would be a disaster, he quickly displayed all the traits that made people

While allied on the surface, the hostilities between the two parties were fully visible just beneath the surface. They were manifested in the March 2015 Special election, and in various confrontations with Governor Sawx (TPP-NH), who was banned in July.

The real transformation began with the July Anarchy though. With the departure of TNF and the Party's turning on him and leading efforts to recall him, as well as turning on its own administration, Labor was thus casting off both its extremism, as well as its long history of radical ties dating back to Rimjob and before to its founding. Machine Labor was pro-Atlasia and thus hostile to the dissolution movement, leading it to form part of the pro-reform consensus. This was clear in both October 2015 and February 2016 as both candidates were pro-reform.

Though it was another Labor/TPP ticket in October that won the election, Griffin/Duke was more akin to Maro-Duke of early 2013 in that you had pro-Atlasia, pro-reform members of both parties on each side of the ticket. TPP by this point no longer contained the members who had left over dissolution, which included most of those who organized and comprised the bore/BK ticket. Once again also, Labor proceeded to absorb the remnants of the TPP, including Senators Truman and Darthebearnc. Along with newer members like Blair, who led the efforts to oppose NE Secession and slightly less new Justice Windjammer, these members forming the new core of Labor's active officeholders stand in stark contrast to those Laborites who had previously defined the Party

and considering there are only four of them that is a considerable number.

While it is true that SWE is a Laborite and was a Senator for that party in early 2015, it is also the case that on policy he comes from the TNF wing of the party and he has long been allied with the radicals including on the dissolution and NE Secession pushes. With most of the new Labor officeholders coming either from newer more moderate members or those reform members of the TPP left behind by the departing radicals, it makes sense why there wouldn't be a rush to embrace such a radical as NE Governor.

The timing is also critically important as the candidate in question in running on as nostalgic campaign for days when said radicals were in office, the constitution is moving closer and closer towards ratification and with the NE an area of concern for ratification, one cannot help but be troubled by the presence of a radical in the Governor's mansion just as the ratification vote occurs. The opposition of Governors last time, played a key role in the defeat suffered back in 2014, therefore it is vitally essential for those who support the ratification now to ensure the support of the Regional Governors.

One cannot be mistaken that Labor is still a leftwing party, but and most of its members are on the left as well. However, its officeholders represent the closest equivalent to what could dub to be Atlasia's "New Labor", in the sense that they are not quite as socialist and nowhere near as tied to the radical movement as it used to be.

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