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DEADLOCK

Bash victim's body in street

A MAN found dead in a Thornbury Street was bashed, then run down by a car, police believe.

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From LAURIE OAKES

CANBERRA. — Political chaos threatens Australia after yesterday's decision by the Opposition to block the Federal Budget.

The Labor caucus decided last night that the Government should not give in to the Opposition's demand for a House of Representatives election.

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, proposed that the Government do nothing until Opposition senators formally rejected the Budget Appropriation Bills.

He said the Government then should call only a half-Senate election — probably on December 13.

'Tough it out'

At an emotional special caucus meeting, Mr Whitlam's plan was overwhelmingly approved.

But the Federal Opposition Leader, Mr Fraser, told a press conference yesterday the Opposition would not reject the Budget Bills — merely delay them until the Government agreed to a House of Representatives poll.

The Opposition senators would not grant even temporary Supply if the Government proposed a half-Senate election, he said.

The stalemate could plunge Australia into the most serious constitutional crisis since Federation.

Mr Whitlam and his ministers last night seemed determined to "tough it out" even if money dried up and Government services halted.

'We have the power'

Mr Fraser announced the Opposition's decision at a press conference at 2.50 p.m. yesterday.

The Opposition had no choice because Mr Whitlam and the Labor Government had refused to resign, he said.

"We will use the power vested in us by the Constitution and delay the passage of the Government's money Bill through the Senate, until the Parliament goes to the people," Mr Fraser said.

"In accordance with long-established constitutional practice, which the Prime Minister has himself acknowledged in the past, the Government must then resign.

"We will do this because there is no other way the Australian people can be given the opportunity to judge this disreputable government."

In a statement two hours later Mr Whitlam said: "I make it clear that the Government will not yield to pressure.

"We will not yield to

blackmail. We will not be panicked.

"We will not turn over the government of this country to vested interests, pressure groups, and newspaper proprietors whose tactics would destroy the standards and traditions of parliamentary government.

"The business of government will go on."

The Liberal and National Country parties decided at a joint meeting at lunch time yesterday to hold up the Budget in the Senate until Mr Whitlam took the House of Representatives to the polls.

The action was recommended to Liberal and NCP parliamentarians by the Opposition's inner executive on Mr Fraser's initiative.

Soon after Mr Fraser announced the decision, the Opposition senators demonstrated their determination to force the Government from office by voting 29-28 to block the 1975 Loans Bill — one of the key pieces of Budget legislation.

Blocking of the two appropriation Bills will follow, probably today.

In the debate on the Loans Bill, the Opposition Senate Leader, Senator Withers, said: "The only way to force the Government to submit to the people is by this device.

"The Opposition is not rejecting the Budget. It is not taking action that would cause anyone to suffer.

"We will pass legislation providing social service and repatriation payments, states grants, and any other legislation of a similar nature."

Mr Whitlam called last night's special caucus meeting to approve strategy worked out in his office on Tuesday night.

The Social Security Minister, Senator Wheelodon, and the Government Senate Leader, Senator Wriedt, warned caucus members that support for the Labor Party could deteriorate even further if the "tough it out" policy was followed.

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Top Cup hopes draw wide

THE top fancied horses in Saturday's \$116,500 Caulfield Cup drew outside barriers in the draw at a gala Hilton Hotel dinner last night.

Favorite Suleiman drew barrier 15 and second favorite Battle Sign 17.

Three of Bart Cummings' five horses drew outside barriers.

His best chance, Cap d'Antibes, drew the outside barrier, 20, but will start from barrier 18, the field maximum.

Next to him in the draw was Roy Higgins' mount Leica Lover, Cum-

mings' lightweight Rangitoto drew alongside in No. 18.

Cummings' two other runners fared more favorably. Think Big has No. 8 and Martindale No. 6.

The barrier draw was televised live by HSV7.

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• CHARLESTON dancer Fayette Corlass catches the Cup spirit at last night's dinner.