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PAGE ONE OF TODAY'S "THE AUSTRALIAN" HAS A LARGE HEADLINE "MOVE TO ADMIT ULSTER VICTIMS" THE ARTICLE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING AFTER A DISCUSSION OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM QUOTE "ON THE QUESTION OF REFUGEES FROM NORTHERN IRELAND, THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR PEACOCK, IS EXPECTED TO PROPOSE TO CABINET SOON THAT AUSTRALIA ADOPT AN OPEN-DOOR POLICY ON MIGRANTS WANTING TO ESCAPE THE VIOLENCE

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NO "REFUGEE" POLICY ON ULSTER AND MR MACKELLAR SAID LAST NIGHT ANY PEOPLE ACCEPTED WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE A CLEAR CHARACTER ASSESSMENT FROM AUTHORITIES AT THE BELFAST END THE SCREENING WOULD BE VITAL TO KEEP OUT EITHER IRA OR UDA TERRORISTS

HE SAID: "THERE ARE FEARS THAT THESE PEOPLE WOULD CARRY ON THEIR FEUD HERE WE WOULD HAVE TO BE ABLE TO REASSURE AUSTRALIANS THAT THESE MIGRANTS WOULD NOT BE A DISRUPTIVE INFLUENCE IF THEY WERE ALLOWED TO SETTLE HERE"

THE SCHEME WAS ORIGINALLY PUT TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BY VISITING ULSTER PEACE CAMPAIGNER MRS MAIREAD CORRIGAN

NEW ZEALAND'S PRIME MINISTER, MR MULDOON, WAS ENTHUSIASTIC AND IMMEDIATELY AGREED, DESPITE SOME OPPOSITION WITHIN NEW ZEALAND

IT WAS MR MULDOON WHO RE-OPENED THE IDEA OF AUSTRALIA TAKING SOME OF THE MIGRANTS DURING TALKS WITH MR PEACOCK IN PARIS LAST WEEK AND MR PEACOCK IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE INDICATED HE IS IN FAVOR": UNQUOTE

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