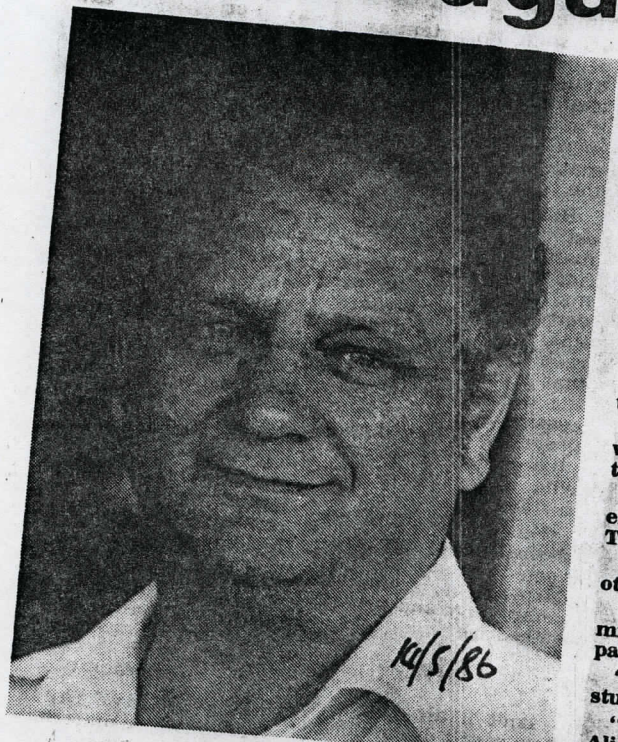


# We'll never be the same again: Weber



● Mr Herman Weber.

Events surrounding the Chief Minister, Mr Ian Tuxworth's, resignation were "disturbing", says Territory CLP vice-president, Mr Herman Weber.

Mr Weber did not attend Saturday's CLP Central Council meeting because he was at a municipal conference in Canberra.

But he was deeply shocked when he discovered what had happened.

"I feel the CLP will never be the same again, if it isn't destroyed," he said.

"Personal ambition and animosity have put public support into the hands of Labor at the next election.

"There will not be time to heal the rifts — what they did was nothing short of disgraceful."

The Council meeting was called after last week's unanimous support for Mr Tuxworth from the parliamentary wing.

It is understood Mr Tuxworth demanded the expulsion of party president Graeme Lewis and Territory MHR Paul Everingham.

The motions were lost and Mr Tuxworth had no other option but to resign.

Mr Weber said he did not know if a new chief minister would face similar difficulties from the party machine.

"It's Darwin where all that cloak and dagger stuff goes on," he said.

"We haven't got the spiteful environment in Alice Springs."

Mr Weber said the party machinery should have no influence on the parliamentary leader.