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# STATEMENT

from the Premier

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The Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, had not told the truth about the Labor Premiers' attitude to the demonstrations against Sir John Kerr, the Premier, Mr. Dunstan, said today.

Mr. Dunstan said the three Labor Premiers told Mr. Fraser quite clearly that they deplored the violence at the Melbourne demonstrations.

"We made our opposition to the violence perfectly clear to Mr. Fraser," the Premier said.

"But we told him that he was not going to put us in the position of the Prime Minister appearing to be our messenger to Sir John Kerr.

"The three Premiers strongly resented Mr. Fraser's attempt to play politics with the Premiers' Conference. This was the second time yesterday that Mr. Fraser publicly told untruths about what happened in the Conference.

"He told a press conference that none of the Premiers opposed his economic policies. What happened was that the Prime Minister simply tabled a series of economic documents and said they were not for discussion. I demanded that my opposition to the policies be recorded".