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SPEECH BY THE PREMIER, HON. DON DUNSTAN, Q.C., M.P., AT THE
OPENING OF THE SMITFIELD PLAINS SHOPPING CENTRE,

14-12-67.

MR. CHAIRMAN, ETC.

IT GIVES ME MUCH PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU THIS EVENING AND TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THIS NEW SMITFIELD PLAINS SHOPPING CENTRE.

AT ALL TIMES, MY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN CONSCIOUS THAT IN CONSIDERING THE PROVISION OF HOUSING FOR THE PEOPLE, A WIDE RANGE OF FACTORS MUST BE CONSIDERED TO MEET THE HUMAN NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO WILL LIVE IN THE HOUSES. THE GOVERNMENT AND THE HOUSING TRUST ALWAYS HAS GIVEN DETAILED ATTENTION TO THE VARIOUS NEEDS, AND THIS EVENING WE SEE THE RESULT OF CAREFUL PLANNING SO THAT NECESSARY FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC IN REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO THEIR HOMES.

THIS NEW SHOPPING CENTRE IS THE THIRD BUILT BY THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOUSING TRUST IN THE MUNNO PARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AREA. THE FIRST ESTABLISHED AT ELIZABETH WEST WAS OPENED IN JUNE, 1963, AND THE SECOND IS LOCATED AT ELIZABETH FIELD WHERE TRADING COMMENCED IN NOVEMBER, 1965. IN THIS SMITFIELD PLAINS AREA, PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF THE SHOPPING CENTRE OF 20,000 SQ.FT. THIS CENTRE WILL THEREFORE PROVIDE A LARGE FOODLAND FOOD MARKET WHICH WILL BE OPERATED BY MR. H. KNIGHT, AN EXPERIENCED PROPRIETOR OF FOOD MARKETS. THE CHEMIST SHOP WILL BE OPERATED BY MR. R.L. BESSELL, AND MR. W.C. BATES WILL PROVIDE SERVICE IN A STATIONERY AND GIFT CENTRE. FULL POST OFFICE FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS IN MR. BATES'S SHOP UNTIL THE P.M.G. OPENS ITS OWN POST OFFICE IN THE CENTRE.

THE HOUSING TRUST WILL OPERATE AN OFFICE WHERE TENANTS MAY PAY RENTS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 A.M. AND 11.15 A.M. ON SATURDAY MORNINGS, BUT THESE HOURS WILL BE EXTENDED AS THE

REQUIREMENTS OF THE AREA DEMAND.

I MENTIONED EARLIER THE NECESSITY FOR PROVIDING FOR THE HUMAN NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC. AN IMPORTANT AREA IN THIS ESTABLISHMENT IS THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE CO-OPERATING CHURCHES. THIS CENTRE WILL PROVIDE AN AREA WHERE PEOPLE CAN MEET EACH OTHER IN FELLOWSHIP AND WHERE ORGANIZATIONS CAN BE FORMED WITH THE INITIAL SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE. IT WILL PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A MEETING CENTRE FOR THE PLANNING OF YOUTH WORK AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES. ALL IN ALL, IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT UNIT FOR THE FUTURE WELFARE OF THE DISTRICT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MOTHERS AND BABIES HEALTH ASSOCIATION WILL OPERATE A CLINIC FROM 21ST JANUARY, 1968. TWO OTHER SHOPS WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY FOR SELECTED TENANTS TO PROVIDE APPROVED SERVICES, AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT A PETROL

SERVICE STATION WILL BE ESTABLISHED ADJOINING THE SHOPPING CENTRE IN 1968. A FURTHER ADJACENT FACILITY WILL BE THE PRIMARY SCHOOL WHICH WILL OPEN NEARBY FOR THE 1968 SCHOOL YEAR.

THE WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THIS SHOPPING CENTRE INDICATES THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOUSING TRUST, PLACES ON THE PROVISION OF PROPER FACILITIES FOR THE PEOPLE. I TRUST THAT THE RESIDENTS OF SMITHFIELD PLAINS WILL SUPPORT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEIR PERSONAL CONVENIENCE AND THE WELLBEING OF THE DISTRICT ITSELF.

IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I DECLARE THE SMITHFIELD PLAINS SHOPPING CENTRE OPEN.