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Handwritten radio script regarding 'speeches of Menzies Govt. ministers in Canberra on the economic situation', unemployment and the motor vehicle industry.

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Good evening.

It has been diverting to listen to the speeches of Menzies Gov. ministers in Canberra on the economic situation, - at least it would be diverting if it were not infuriating.

According to the leader of the Gov. in the Senate, we were previously in a state of over-full employment. This had to be stopped. And what is overfull employment? A state of affairs where a man can get a job if he wants one. That is a bad thing according to the Gov.

Now that we have over 70,000 unemployed, we still have 'full employment' according to the Gov.

And what is 'full' employment? Not, according to the Menzies definition, when all employable workers are employed. Oh no.

It means apparently a state of affairs where there are some ~~workers~~ workers not employed, and some jobs, requiring skills those workers don't have, still vacant. It must be a great consolation to an unemployed tradesman, desperately trying to keep his wife and family as well as possible, to be told that...

his first child, not forgetting the generous provision of a specialised child endowment payment — it must be a great consolation to him to be told by the Govt. that there is nothing to worry about — we will have jobs available in other trades for which he has not been trained and for which he has no reasonable opportunity of obtaining the necessary training.

The Menzies Govt. apparently imagines that it can reassure the people of Australia by doublethink & doubletalk — by gaily using terms in meanings they don't bear to describe our present plight as the greatest prosperity in the world.

The industrial nations of the world are, many of them, facing difficult times. In Canada there is severe unemployment. In the U.S.A. in the very motor industries which are so essential to S.A.'s industrial employment, and in other substantially those companies which export here, there are growing and alarming lay-offs of workers. We want like to have trouble enough without Governmental bungling. But that the situation should be hopelessly exacerbated by economic policies which were unnecessary and unwise for them

published purpose, is criminal folly of the
most disastrous kind.

Perhaps then it was as much by
design as by accident, that for ever
~~the~~ dismissals of hundreds of motor
industry workers last week in S. A.
in addition to the previously announced
dismissals received no publicity at
all — they would have made the
covering of soft speeches in Canberra
by the Minister look more foolish still.

The people of Australia are being
taught the hard way that until we
have a Government which is prepared to plan
our economy, ensure greater investment
in the public sector, and address the
imbalance of incomes by ~~greater~~ adequate
social services, we will have neither
the stability nor the full employment
& fair shares we should have.

But I'm not just going to go
on preaching in these Monday night
talks. From now on I'm going
to try each Monday night, to bring
you actual cases of the things I have
been talking about — you will hear
people who are in very real suffering
from the policies of Liberal Govts. Talk
about their problems & how we can

This program. All listeners will be able
 to see just how for our ~~present~~ ^{present} board
 ensures that community obligations
 are met. When you listen to these
 people talking to me remember -
 in other circumstances many of my
 audience could be in the same plight.
 I hope you will all listen - and get
 your friends to listen - in each case
 I bring to you there is a pressing issue
 to be dealt by the community.

Cordelia Co.

Thomas, Charles. Witting.

Rosa T'lay.