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A.L.P. BROADCAST BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.
HON. DON DUNSTAN, .C., M.P., 5-K.A., 4/12/68, 6.55 P.M.

GOOD EVENING :

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S RATE OF INDUSTRIAL GROWTH REMAINS UNSATISFACTORY. THE FACILE AND EMPTY THINGS WHICH THE LIBERALS SAID BEFORE THE ELECTIONS AS TO HOW THEY WOULD ACHIEVE INDUSTRIAL GROWTH HAVE NOW BEEN PROVED TO BE FACILE AND EMPTY. NO ADEQUATE RATE OF INDUSTRIAL GROWTH HAS BEEN SHOWN FROM THEIR EFFORTS AND THIS IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE FAILED TO ANALYSE THE SITUATION AND SEE WHAT PROBLEMS SOUTH AUSTRALIA IS FACING. THEY HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY UNINTELLIGENT TO BE DECEIVED BY THEIR OWN PROPAGANDA AND NOT ONLY TO SAY BUT APPARENTLY TO BELIEVE THAT THEIR RETURN TO OFFICE WOULD PRODUCE SO GREAT A STATE OF CONFIDENCE ON THE PART OF INVESTORS THAT INEVITABLY GROWTH WOULD TAKE PLACE. THEIR RETURN TO OFFICE HAS GIVEN NO CONFIDENCE TO INVESTORS. IN FACT RATHER THE REVERSE. WHAT IS THE SITUATION FACING SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND ITS NEEDS FOR INDUSTRIAL GROWTH?

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OBTAIN THROUGH THE EXISTENCE OF SKILLED CRAFTSMEN IN THIS STATE. IN ORDER TO DO THIS EFFECTIVELY, FIRSTLY WE MUST CREATE THE RIGHT TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PLANT. WE MUST HAVE AN INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH NOT AS IS THE C.S.I.R.O. INVESTIGATING AT LARGE SCIENTIFIC PROBLEMS FOR AUSTRALIA, BUT SPECIFICALLY ANGLED TO THE INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA. THIS WAS A COURSE WHICH I SUGGESTED WHEN I WAS PREMIER AND FOR WHICH I HAD HAD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. APPARENTLY THE PROJECT HAS BEEN THROWN INTO THE WASTE PAPER BASKET BY THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT. WE MUST INFORM THE WHOLE OF OUR TECHNICAL EDUCATION WITH A SENSE OF DESIGN. FOR THIS PURPOSE, WE MUST HAVE AN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN CENTRE, THE BEST IN AUSTRALIA. THE PROVISIONS FOR THIS WERE MADE BY ME WHEN IN GOVERNMENT, BUT THE WHOLE PROJECT HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO HANG FIRE BY THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT. WE MUST NOT SO MUCH GO AFTER INDUSTRY WHERE WE HEAR SOME LITTLE

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