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BROADCAST BY THE PREMIER, HON. DON DUNSTAN, Q.C., M.P., 5-K.A.
WEDNESDAY, 22/11/67, 6.55 P.M.

GOOD EVENING :

THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY I WILL HAVE TO TALK TO YOU OVER THE RADIO BEFORE THE SENATE ELECTIONS ON SATURDAY, AND I ASK YOU TO SEE TO IT THAT ON SATURDAY, THIS STATE GETS AN OVERWHELMING VOTE FOR THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY CANDIDATES BECAUSE THIS WILL BE A VOTE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS WHICH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED TO DO FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE, ABOUT WHICH IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT. LET ME DETAIL THESE TO YOU :

IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT, AFTER THE DECLINE IN THE EASTERN STATES MARKETS FOR OUR PRODUCTS IN THIS STATE DUE TO THE 1965 DROUGHT, REFUSED TO STIMULATE THOSE MARKETS IN THE EASTERN STATES IN ORDER TO SEE THAT THERE WAS NEVER MONEY IN THE POCKETS OF THE PEOPLE IN THOSE AREAS TO BUY THE PRODUCTS OF THIS STATE, AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF THIS POLICY - THE REFUSAL OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO STIMULATE OUR MARKETS THAT THERE WAS A DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT, IN MOTOR CARS AND HOME APPLIANCES, OUR BASIC INDUSTRIES, IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

NOW, WE ARE PART OF AUSTRALIA. WHERE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY OR NATURAL CAUSES HAVE PRODUCED A DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT, IT IS THE DUTY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT JUST AS MUCH AS IT IS THE DUTY OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN ITS SPHERE TO STIMULATE EMPLOYMENT. THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA DID HAND OUT AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE INTO THE COMMUNITY TO KEEP DEMAND HIGH HERE, BUT ONLY 10% TO 15% OF OUR PRODUCTS, OF OUR MAIN INDUSTRIES, ARE SOLD IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AND THEREFORE WE NEEDED THE HELP OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE DIDN'T GET IT. THERE WERE SECONDARY EFFECTS UPON EMPLOYMENT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA FROM THE CAUSES WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED, AND THIS PRODUCED THE DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY. WHILE THE STATE GOVERNMENT KEPT CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURE AT RECORD LEVELS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA IN ORDER TO KEEP EMPLOYMENT HIGH IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY SO FAR AS IT COULD, THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT, INSTEAD OF PUMPING MORE MONEY IN TO STIMULATE EMPLOYMENT IN THAT AREA,

REDUCED ITS CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURE IN THIS STATE. THIS SHOWS JUST HOW LITTLE THE FEDERAL LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO PLAY ITS PART IN TAKING CARE OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS STATE. LET ME DETAIL OTHER MATTERS TO YOU IN WHICH THEY HAVE CLEARLY FALLEN DOWN :

WE HAVE NOT HAD THE PROPER RESPONSE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE REQUESTS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA TO THE NEEDS OF THIS STATE. LET ME MENTION THE MATTER OF TRANSPORT FACILITIES ALONE. HERE WE KNOW THAT WE WILL HAVE A GREAT EXPANSION OF INDUSTRY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA ONCE WE ARE ON A STANDARD GAUGE LINE IN ADELAIDE. THE COST BENEFITS ARE OBVIOUS. THE INDUSTRIES ESTABLISHING HERE WILL HAVE CHEAP LONG HAUL RAIL TRANSPORT TO THE MARKETS OF THE EAST AND THE EXPANDING MARKETS OF THE WEST. THIS CAN BECOME THE DETROIT OF AUSTRALIA ONCE THIS IS DONE, BUT WE HAVE NOT HAD THE RESPONSE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF OUR AGREEMENT WITH THEM ABOUT RAIL STANDARDISATION WHICH WE SHOULD HAVE HAD.

THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO UNDERTAKE WITH US URGENT PLANNING OF THE DETAILS OF THE STANDARDISATION OF THE RAIL LINE FROM ADELAIDE TO PORT PIRIE. WE HAVE NOT HAD A REPLY OFFICIALLY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OVER MANY MONTHS. THE ONLY REPLY WE DID GET WAS A PUBLIC STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, MR. FREETH, THAT IT WAS TRUE THAT THE PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAD ASKED FOR THIS DETAILED PLANNING TO BE UNDERTAKEN, BUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DIDNT THINK THIS WAS NECESSARY AT THIS STAGE, THEY FELT THEY HAD TIME UP THEIR SLEEVES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE NO TIME IN THIS MATTER. WE NEED TO GET THAT PLANNING DONE IMMEDIATELY SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO GET ON WITH THE JOB.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AS IN THE OTHER CASES I HAVE MENTIONED, HAS NOT GIVEN TO THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE THE ATTENTION WHICH WE MERIT AND DESERVE. WE ARE PART OF AUSTRALIA. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS A DUTY TO US. LET US SHOW THEM

THAT WE DEMAND THEY PAY ATTENTION TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA BY RETURNING AN OVERWHELMING LABOR MAJORITY VOTE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH.

GOOD NIGHT.