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5KA BROADCAST BY THE DEPUTY PREMIER, THE HON. J. D. CORCORAN M.P.,
ON WEDNESDAY, 3rd APRIL, 1968.

GOOD EVENING:

WITHOUT QUESTION, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT OF THE LABOR GOVERNMENT PROBABLY HAS BEEN THE SOPHISTICATED AND PLANNED APPROACH WHICH IT HAS TAKEN TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AN APPROACH WHICH HAS WON THE ACCLAIM OF INDUSTRIALISTS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA.

IT IS WELL-KNOWN THAT THE LABOR GOVERNMENT CREATED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS STATE AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPERLY STAFFED WITH EXPERT ECONOMISTS, APPOINTED AN OUTSTANDINGLY QUALIFIED INDUSTRIALIST TO BE THE STATE'S FIRST DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, APPOINTED AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL SECTIONS OF INDUSTRY AND GREATLY STEPPED UP THE INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS PROMOTION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S POTENTIAL FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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BUT AS A GOVERNMENT WE HAVE DONE MORE THAN THAT. BELIEVING THAT PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE REQUIRES THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND PROPER PLANNING, WE ENGAGED LAST YEAR CONSULTANTS OF WORLD RENOWN TO ADVISE ON THE STATE'S RESOURCES AND POTENTIAL.

WE ALREADY HAVE TO HAND THE FIRST REPORT OF W.D. SCOTT & CO. AND ARTHUR D. LITTLE INCORPORATED.

THIS REPORT SHOWS QUITE CLEARLY THAT THE FUTURE FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT IS BRIGHT INDEED. THE REPORT STATES THAT A BALANCED ASSESSMENT OF THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOCATION ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF INDUSTRY WILL SHOW SOUTH AUSTRALIA WELL POSITIONED IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER AREAS IN AUSTRALIA.

THE CONSULTANTS SAY THAT IN THE FUTURE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S GROWTH PROSPECTS AS PART OF AUSTRALIA'S GROWTH ARE CERTAINLY BRIGHT ALTHOUGH COMPETITION ~~BETWEEN~~ BETWEEN THE STATES WILL BE STRONG. FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIANS THE QUESTION IS NOT ONE OF WHETHER GROWTH CAN BE ACHIEVED BUT HOW MUCH.

THE REPORT CONTINUES (AND I QUOTE)

"IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, GOVERNMENT POLICIES TO AID INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION, AND COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP WILL REPRESENT REAL AND EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR ACCELERATING INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IN FUTURE YEARS".

I SPEAK FOR THE GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE WHEN I SAY THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE TO DO OUR UTMOST TO PROMOTE THE STATE'S INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONSULTANTS' RECOMMENDATIONS AND I AM CERTAIN THAT WE SHALL HAVE THE NECESSARY COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT CO-OPERATION.

THE DUNSTAN GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO CONTINUE ITS

ACTIVE PROMOTION OF DECENTRALIZATION WHERE THIS IS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, DECENTRALIZATION DEMANDS THAT THERE MUST BE ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION OF COUNTRY AREAS IN THE STATE PARLIAMENT. DURING THE RECENT STATE ELECTIONS, THE OPPOSITION MADE CLAIMS THAT WERE DEMONSTRABLY FALSE THAT COUNTRY REPRESENTATION WOULD BE REDUCED BY 17. IT WAS NEVER OUR INTENTION TO REDUCE COUNTRY REPRESENTATION UNDER THE PROPOSAL WHICH WE PUT TO THE PEOPLE AT THE ELECTIONS.

HOWEVER, THE OVERWHELMING DEMANDS FOR ELECTORAL REFORM AND A FRESH ELECTION ON NEW BOUNDARIES RECEIVED FROM PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE STATE HAVE NOW LED THE LABOR PARTY TO PUT FORWARD A COMPROMISE. WE ARE NOW PROPOSING A 48 MEMBER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY WITH SIGNIFICANT WEIGHTING FOR COUNTRY AREAS. UNDER THIS SCHEME NOT ONLY RURAL REPRESENTATION BUT ALSO REPRESENTATION FROM INDUSTRIAL

AREAS IN THE COUNTRY WILL BE PRESERVED.

MAY I REMIND YOU THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR "ELECTORAL ADJUSTMENT" PUT BEFORE PARLIAMENT BY SIR THOMAS PLAYFORD IN 1964 - A PROPOSAL TO WHICH MR. HALL SUBSCRIBES - WOULD HAVE HAD THE EFFECT OF COMBINING THE SEATS OF MILLICENT AND MT. GAMBIER AND SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE SPENCER GULF TOWNS AND OF WALLAROO, KADINA AND MOONTA.

OURS IS THE ONLY POLICY WHICH PAYS RESPECT TO THE NEED FOR DECENTRALIZATION IN THE EXPANSION OF THE STATE'S INDUSTRY.

GOODNIGHT.