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PRESS RELEASE BY THE PREMIER, HON. DON DUNSTAN, M.C., M.P.,

29.2.68.

New developments to the Actil factory worth \$3,200,000 were announced by the Premier, Mr. Dunstan, today. The increase to buildings and plant will be complete in two years.

Mr. Dunstan said that the under-cover factory area at Woodville will increase by 80,000 square feet and Actil will provide jobs for an additional 200 employees. This will mean at least an increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars annually in wages to the South Australian work force.

More than 85% of the goods manufactured by Actil are sold interstate.

Mr. Dunstan said that this development by Actil reflected the confidence shown by industry in South Australia. It will increase Actil's output to more than 31% of total Australian production of woven cotton piecegoods and will increase by 50% the bed sheeting manufacturing capacity of the plant.

The shareholders of Calico Printers' Association Ltd. of Manchester, had carefully considered the suitability of South Australia to continue to be the sole area for manufacture by Actil products and were satisfied that the industrial climate was most suitable. A director of Actil said that the facilities provided by the South Australian Government have played no small part in the continuing development of the Company.

Machinery is already on order and the bulk of it is expected to reach Adelaide within 9 months. The new buildings and plant will allow Actil to process annually an estimated 9.2 million lbs. of Australian grown raw cotton.