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The difficulty facing the shipbuilding industry was its inability to get a decision from the Commonwealth Government regarding both tariff policy and subsidies, the Premier, Mr Dunstan, said today.

He was referring to the fact that 59 employees of Adelaide Ship Construction Birkenhead were given notice of retrenchment yesterday.

Mr Dunstan said that it will be impossible for shipbuilders to plan adequately until the Federal Government has made firm decisions on these matters.

He said that the State Government had pointed this out to the Federal Government.

Dunstan said, "I deeply regret that these men have been laid off. Unfortunately I can see no short term answer to the shipbuilding industry's present troubles, which will only be solved when the Commonwealth adopts a clear policy."

15/11/72 - ASC still in trouble.
Still no Fed. action - continuing.