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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.

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PENSIONS REPATRIATION FOR MIGRANTS.

The South Australian Premier, Mr. Dunstan, has said he intends to raise with Australian Immigration Ministers the question of migrants being able to keep Australian pensions if they return to their homelands. He was commenting on remarks by the High Commissioner for Malta, Mr. J. Forace, that he could see no reason why English and New Zealand migrants were allowed to transfer their Australian pensions, while other migrant groups were not.

Mr. Dunstan said the Federal Government should seek reciprocal pension agreements with countries such as Italy, Greece and Malta.

He could see no reason why migrants should not be able to receive pensions earned here if they returned to their homelands.

Then people who came here as migrants who had having paid for their pensions in this country by years of taxation would be able to make an extended trip home during their retirement years and still be able to draw the pension for which they were qualified in this country. "Ours is one of the few countries which says you've got to live in Australia in order to draw the pension for which you've paid", the Premier said.

The Premier said it was quite reasonable for migrants who had lived and worked in Australia for years to want to go home on their retirement.

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