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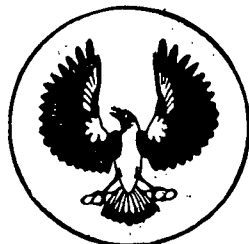
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STATEMENT

from the Premier

Date.....November 27, 1975

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"Dr. Tonkin certainly has a strange idea of the truth. He accuses me of distorting crowd figures, yet in an advance copy of his speech - released to the press 1½ hours before today's rally began - he estimated the crowd at 'infinitely more than 10,000'.

"Dr. Tonkin's hypocrisy and disregard for the truth are obvious. He is prepared to bend the truth himself while at the same time accusing others of being less than honest.

"The A.L.P. rally to which Dr. Tonkin refers was attended by a crowd estimated by The Australian at 'around 10,000', by the Adelaide Advertiser and as 'between 7000 and 8000' and by the State Secretary of the A.L.P., Mr. Howard O'Neill, as 'about 10,000'.

"At no stage did I make a statement to the press about the size of the crowd, although I agree with Mr. O'Neill that at least 10,000 people came to Victoria Square to protest at the actions of Mr. Fraser and his Country Party colleagues".