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PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE PREMIER (HON. D.A. DUNSTAN, Q.C., M.P.)

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OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TOUR.

Plans for a two month industrial development tour of 11 countries had been deferred and severely curtailed, the Premier (Mr. Dunstan) announced today.

Mr. Dunstan said that he had intended to leave Adelaide on the 15th April for an 8 week tour of the main Asian trading areas, Europe, the United Kingdom, and North America, as part of a detailed trading, financial and industrial development programme.

He said that the tour would have taken him through South East and Northern Asia where trading expansion for South Australia is essential, and to West Germany where he was to have been the official guest of the West German Government.

He had cancelled the tour following the illness of Mrs. Dunstan, and because its initial stages would have meant that he would have been away during her convalescence.

Mr. Dunstan's tour would have also meant brief but intensive visits to Denmark and Sweden to investigate Government support and sponsorship of high quality industrial design, and to North America where in New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco he was to have had detailed talks with American financial and manufacturing interests.

He said that it would still be necessary for him to make a 10 day visit to the United Kingdom in the latter half of May owing to unavoidable commitments that had been entered into some months ago.

Mr. Dunstan said that he would now be absent for just over a fortnight instead of the 8 weeks as previously planned.

He said that unfortunately while this will mean a significant alteration to the Government's trade promotion schedule in Asia for this year, he believed that it would be possible satisfactorily to fulfill his Asian commitments later on in the year, and that the schedule would have to continue in early 1972.

Speaking of his official visit to West Germany and work in Scandinavia, he said that while it was clear that significant advantages for S.A. could accrue from contacts with industrialists in West Germany and

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from briefings and information gathered in Scandinavia, those aspects of his planned visit could be left to a more convenient time.

He said, however, it may be possible to complete that part of the plan towards the end of this year.
