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NOTES FOR THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN, T.V. BROADCAST, DARWIN 5.10.74.

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GOOD EVENING.

THE ELECTION JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY IS VITAL TO YOU -- AND IT'S VITAL TO US IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

IT STARTS A NEW ERA IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY'S CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT -- THE FIRST TIME THERE'LL BE A FULLY ELECTED ASSEMBLY.

RIGHT FROM THE TIME OF THE 1866 EXPEDITION, WHAT HAPPENS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY HAS BEEN IMPORTANT TO US IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

TODAY IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.

WE'VE MUCH IN COMMON AND WE'VE MUCH AT STAKE.

THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY TEAM FOR THESE ELECTIONS BELIEVES IN DOING THE SAME KIND OF THINGS WE'VE BEEN DOING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

IT HAS PUT FORWARD A PROGRAMME TO GET THEM DONE.

WE SHARE THE SAME PRIORITIES.

THE LABOR TEAM IS UNITED AND PURPOSEFUL. IT WILL WORK - AND WORK HARD - TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF URBAN LIFE, THROUGH EFFECTIVE PLANNING MEASURES, REDUCED POLLUTION, UPGRADED PUBLIC TRANSPORT, MORE HELP FOR SPORT, THE ARTS AND RECREATION, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY CENTRES.

IT WILL WORK - AS WE HAVE DONE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA - FOR LAND REFORM TO MAKE HOME BUILDING EASIER, TO GET HIGHER LIMITS ON HOUSING LOANS AND TO IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY AND DESIGN OF HOMES.

IT WILL WORK FOR INCREASED CONSUMER PROTECTION AND REAL PRICE CONTROL, FOR BETTER SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SERVICES. ■■

IT BELIEVES IN GENUINE EQUALITY FOR WOMEN, PROTECTION OF WORKERS AND THE FAMILY BUDGET. IT BELIEVES IN SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SERVANTS.

IT WILL WORK FOR THESE THINGS AND IT HAS THE PROGRAMME TO PUT THEM INTO EFFECT.

NOW THE COUNTRY LIBERALS, OR THE LIBERAL AND COUNTRY PARTIES, WHATEVER THEY'RE CALLING THEMSELVES AT THE MOMENT, SAYS ^{THAT} ~~IT~~ TOO BELIEVE ^{THEY'RE} IN THESE THINGS. AND ~~IT~~ ^{THEY} SPENDING A FORTUNE TO TRY AND PERSUADE PEOPLE THAT ~~IT~~ ^{THAT} ~~IS~~ DONE.

QUITE FRANKLY, I'M AMAZED AND DISMAYED BY THE DOWNRIGHT DISHONESTY OF THEIR ELECTIONEERING CLAIMS.

THEY SAY THEY'RE IN FAVOUR OF CONSUMER PROTECTION. AND YET IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA THEY'VE FOUGHT OUR NEW CONSUMER PROTECTION~~X~~ LAWS - LAWS WHICH ARE NOW THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE IN THE WORLD - EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

THEY'RE BITTER AND CONSTANT OPPONENTS OF PRICE CONTROL ON STAPLES AND ON CLAMPS OF LAND SPECULATION TO KEEP HOME BLOCK PRICES WITHIN REACH OF THE AVERAGE FAMILY.

WITH QUITE BLATANT CYNICISM THEY'RE CLAIMING IN THIS ELECTION THAT THEY WANT TO INCREASE SPENDING ON EDUCATION, ON HEALTH AND ON HOUSING.

AND YET THE VERY SAME PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING THESE CLAIMS ARE, IN CANBERRA, DEMANDING CUTS IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING. AND LIBERAL AND COUNTRY PARTY GOVERNMENTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES, IN VICTORIA AND IN QUEENSLAND PUT PUBLIC HOUSING AT THE BOTTOM OF THEIR PRIORITIES.

THEY'RE GOOD AT SPENDING IN ONE AREA THOUGH -- ON ELECTIONEERING.

THE LABOR PARTY DOESN'T REPRESENT VESTED INTERESTS AND IT DOESN'T HAVE THEIR KIND OF CASH. IT BELIEVES THAT ELECTIONS SHOULD BE FOUGHT ON THE BASIS OF WHO HAS THE BEST POLICIES AND WHO CAN BEST DO THE JOB-----

NOT ON WHO CAN COMMAND THE BIGGEST PURSES.

THE A.L.P. IS FIGHTING THIS ELECTION ON ITS POLICIES AND ON ITS PROVEN RECORD.

DESPITE WHAT THE OPPONENTS CLAIM, IT'S AN A.L.P. GOVERNMENT THAT HAS BROUGHT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM TO THE TERRITORY, THAT HAS PROVIDED HUGE INCREASES IN PUBLIC SPENDING ON SCHOOLS, HEALTH SERVICES, CIVIC AND PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMMES, THAT HAS ACTIVATED LONG IGNORED PRICE CONTROL LAWS AND STRENGTHENED RENT CONTROL, THAT HAS WORKED TOGETHER AS LABOR TEAMS IN ADELAIDE AND CANBERRA TO PLAN MAJOR, MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ROAD AND RAIL IMPROVMENTS.

THOSE ARE THE PLAIN FACTS AND NO AMOUNT OF COUNTRY-LIBERAL PUFFERY WILL DENY THEM.

AND THOSE ARE THE REASONS WHY I WANT TO SEE A CLEAR LABOR MAJORITY IN THE NEW ASSEMBLY -- SO THAT, TOGETHER, IN CANBERRA, ADELAIDE AND DARWIN WE CAN GET ON WITH THE JOB: THE JOB OF GETTING PROPERLY PLANNED AND CONTROLLED DEVELOPMENT THAT BENEFITS US ALL.

WE'RE PROUD OF THE PART WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PLAY IN THE TERRITORY'S DEVELOPMENT AND WE'RE PROUD OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIANS WHO'VE COME HERE TO ~~HELP~~ HELP AND WHO'VE STAYED ON TO BECOME TERRITORIANS.

THE LINKS BETWEEN US ARE STRONG AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ENERGY AND OTHER RESOURCES WILL ENSURE THEY GROW STRONGER.

I BELIEVE THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE THIS IS TO GIVE LABOR A MAJORITY AT THE ELECTIONS. THE CHANCE IS THERE TO MAKE IT WORK. LABOR CAN ~~MAKE~~ MAKE IT WORK AND - WITH YOUR SUPPORT - IT WILL.

GOODNIGHT.

~~INTRO DUNSTAN~~ --- ~~FOR~~ ~~CECEP~~ ~~LOVEDAY~~.

IN DARWIN TONIGHT, IS THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PREMIER, DON
DUNSTAN. HE'S HERE ON A MATTER WHICH AFFECTS US ALL -- THE
TERRITORY'S ELECTION ON OCTOBER THE 19TH. / TO TALK ABOUT THE
ELECTION, AND WHY HE'S MAKING THE 4000 -MILE ROUND TRIP FROM
ADELAIDE, IS MR. DUNSTAN.

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