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Good Evening,

There has been some confusion about the timing of this session amongst the listening public because it has been advertised to start at 7.25 whereas in fact it starts at 7.5 immediately after the news. I apologise to listeners for what has happened - but in future this talk will be broadcast at 5 past 7, every Monday night.

During the week Mr. Millhouse M.P. made a plea for more youthful members of Parliament and besought young people to take a more active part in politics in this State. I communicate with him - no doubt he was surveying the barren wastes of his own party where crucial seats at the coming election are being contested for the L.C.L. by old and tired men - and in the case of one seat the L.C.L. is likely to fall¹⁹⁶⁰ by a septuagenarian who regularly sleeps through every parliamentary session.

I am happy to say that in the Labor Party the prospect is very different. Not only does our party believe that a clear retiring age should be fixed for politicians, which is something that the Liberals don't do, but in crucial seats in this election our candidates are youthful vigorous and informed young people of a calibre of which any party can be proud.

In Glenelg - against the Minister of Education a member of a Cabinet whose average age is very high as Mr. Millhouse himself bitterly pointed out during the last session - we have Hugh Hudson who in his early thirties has already had a brilliant academic career - he is the Senior lecturer in Economics at Adelaide University, has already become invaluable to the Labor Party both at State and Federal levels in preparing the specifics of policy, and on election to the State Parliament will, through his very

great talents make a considerable contribution to the welfare of the State.

In Ferrers our candidate is Mr. Chris Hurford - also a graduate in Economics, a chartered accountant, who has already in his early thirties created a very fine impression in his district. He is active, able, vigorous and eloquent.

In Harrogn Mr. Kelly Byrne, like the other candidates I have mentioned, also in her early thirties, has proved one of the most vigorous and active candidates for any district the State has every seen. She has visited every house in the suburban districts and country towns of her ^{electorate} and many of the scattered farms also. She has been assiduous in taking of the problems of local people and pressing the authorities until she gets something done. She is also able, active and eloquent.

These three candidates are merely indicative of the steadily growing active support of the Labor Party by younger people. The Young Labor Contingent will play a significant and important part in the Labor campaign in the coming election - not just by providing manpower and woman power - but in originating and executing ideas in the campaign and in bringing forward issues and carrying out the tactics. Why do they turn to the Labor Party, these young people? Well as it says in the song "The times are changing" - go anywhere among young people today and you will find a fervent and questioning of the things they see wrong with the Society around them. To a young man with a developing social conscience it is not to the party which wants to retain the status quo or put the clock back that he'll turn - it is to a party of reform - the A.L.P. How could any youngster with a social conscience support the present dictatorship which is completely devoid of any democratic government of this

State and of course in consequence the party which does not worry about the social problems of the poor, the sick, and the children. To anyone with a social conscience to labor he'll turn and that's what they are doing.

Goodnight.