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Good Evening,

As could have been anticipated, the Flayford policy speech last Thursday night served up the mixture as before.

The Advertiser on Friday morning headlined an announcement in the policy speech of the development of a 66m slag treatment works at Port Pirie. It sounded very impressive. What the Advertiser did not say was that the Premier announced the imminent development of this project 2 years ago. Subsequently, to persistent questioning by the Labor member for Port Pirie, Mr. McKee, he was forced to admit that no firm arrangements for the project existed. What faith can we have in this promise? What grounds are there for believing that this is ⁱⁿ any different category from the Harmac pulp mill in the U.S., the atomic power plant at Lake Leake, the deep-sea port, the country meat works - or a herd of other projects announced with great bally hoo and fanfare - but remaining lost in the fantasy world in which the Premier so happily dwells.

The News on Friday had a lovely ^{map} ~~map~~ of all the ~~places~~ ^{places} to which natural gas would be piped from Gidgealpa, and a list of the industries which would benefit from natural gas supplies. If of course there is a sufficiency of natural gas at Gidgealpa a Government would be negligent indeed if it did not take advantage of it. But the Gidgealpa field is not yet proven. On the results shown, attempts to interest overseas investors in the field have not succeeded. Let us hope for favourable results. But the Premier and his newspaper publicity seek to create the impression that natural gas supplies seem certain and that we are in con-

sequence on the threshold of new and exciting developments.

Again - this is no new gambit. Before a previous election front page photographs appeared in the newspapers of the Premier driving ~~in~~ a spike into the ground at Innamincka. Exciting oil field developments were in the offering - all that was needed apparently was the Premier's magic touch and presto! oil would gush in rewarding quantities. Alas - we never hear of these hopes today. but the Premier is not downcast some other fantasy is always to hand with which to beguile the electors.

Much of the *REST* of the Premier's speech was a dull recital of routine administrative decisions which would be the same whatever Government was in power, or a series of carefully ambiguous proposals for ~~social~~ ^{social} assistance which upon close examination amounted to very little indeed. Remember the Premier's previous policy speeches about low cost housing loans or about State-bank personal loan assistance. How many people ever found themselves within the limited categories given the right to these?

Any analysis of the Premier's policy must show it for the empty sham it is - it is indicative of a dictatorial government, tired in office, bereft of new ideas and inept at carrying out old ones. The tired must be retired. Vote Labor on March 6th.

Goodnight.