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OPENING OF NEW OFFICE PREMISES FOR THE AGED & INVALID
PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION, S.A. INC.

29/10/70.

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE INVITED TO OPEN THESE NEW OFFICES, PARTICULARLY AS THEY ARE THE FIRST OFFICES TO BE BUILT BY ANY PENSIONER ORGANISATION IN AUSTRALIA. THE ASSOCIATION IS JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT.

THE AGED AND INVALID PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION IS CONSTANTLY FIGHTING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF PENSIONERS, AND HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

THE ASSOCIATION NOT ONLY WORKS TO IMPROVE THE MATERIAL POSITION OF PENSIONERS, BUT ALSO PROVIDES SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, OUTINGS, ETC.

THERE ARE 60 BRANCHES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, THROUGHOUT THE STATE. PENSIONERS IN AUSTRALIA HAVE NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY PROVIDED FOR BY THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT - LAST BUDGET INCREASE WAS ONLY 50 CENTS.

MY GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THAT IT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AGED AND THE INVALID, IN FACT THE NEEDY IN GENERAL. FOR INSTANCE, SPECIAL COTTAGE FLATS FOR THE AGED PLAY A PROMINENT PART IN THE HOUSING TRUST'S LATEST PLANS, WHICH I ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY. AGED AND INVALID MUST NOT BE RELEGATED TO THE POSITION OF SECOND CLASS CITIZENS, WHICH HAS SOMETIMES HAPPENED IN THE PAST. ASSOCIATIONS LIKE THIS ONE PLAY A SIGNIFICANT PART IN ENSURING
1. THAT THEIR POTENTIAL WORTH TO THE COMMUNITY IS WIDELY
RECOGNIZED.

2.

2. A REASONABLE STANDARD OF LIVING FOR PENSIONERS.

BUT STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

CONGRATULATE ASSOCIATION.

OPEN NEW PREMISES AND UNVEIL PLAQUE.
