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SPEECH BY THE PREMIER, MR DUNSTAN, AT DUKE OF EDINBURGH
AWARDS PRESENTATION. ADELAIDE. 8.2.74

CANON RAY, MR JUSTICE HOGARTH, DR MCKAY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
BOYS AND GIRLS:

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR ASKING ME HERE TODAY TO PRESENT THESE
SILVER AWARDS.

I'M DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE I'M A VERY KEEN
SUPPORTER OF THE DUKE'S SCHEME. I BELIEVE IT PLAYS A VERY
IMPORTANT PART IN ENCOURAGING THOSE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP,
INITIATIVE AND STAMINA WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO ANY HEALTHY
SOCIETY.

AND IN THESE DAYS OF GREAT DEBATE ABOUT WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND
EQUALITY OF THE SEXES IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS WHO NEARLY HAS A
MONOPOLY OF LEADERSHIP, INITIATIVE AND STAMINA IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA -
WITH THE GIRLS TAKING 25 OF TODAY'S 26 AWARDS.

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THE AWARD SCHEME GENERALLY RECEIVED A POWERFUL STIMULUS - I'M
ALMOST TEMPTED TO SAY A FILLIP - WITH THE VISIT TO SOUTH
AUSTRALIA LAST YEAR BY THE DUKE.

THE INTEREST AROUSED IN THE SCHEME AS A RESULT IS SUCH THAT
THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE TAKING PART IN THE VARIOUS
STANDARDS HAS GONE UP FROM LAST YEAR'S 753 TO ABOUT 900
THIS YEAR.

AND I'M SURE THAT THE NUMBER TAKING PART WILL CLIMB STILL
HIGHER IN THE YEARS AHEAD AS MORE SCHOOLS, CLUBS, ORGANISATIONS
AND FIRMS TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE IT OFFERS.

FOR OUR PART, THE STATE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE IT ALL
THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT WE CAN AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF
OUR PROGRAM TO PROVIDE THE FULLEST RANGE OF YOUTH SERVICES
IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE IN RECENT YEARS MARKEDLY INCREASED THE GRANTS MADE TO YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

NOW WE'RE GOING A STAGE FURTHER IN PROVIDING ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THEIR WORK. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY WELFARE IS TO APPOINT A TEAM OF SPECIALIST YOUTH CONSULTANTS. THE FIRST THREE ARE BEING SELECTED NOW. LATER WE HOPE THERE'LL BE TWO MORE. THE CONSULTANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GO TO YOUTH ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO GIVE ADVICE ON DEVELOPING PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE YOUNG SOUTH AUSTRALIANS WITH THE WIDEST POSSIBLE RANGE OF RECREATION ACTIVITIES.

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AND I'M QUITE SURE THAT ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THE COUNSELLORS WILL DO WILL BE TO TELL ANYBODY CONCERNED WITH YOUTH WORK - WHO DOESN'T KNOW IT ALREADY - OF THE VERY GREAT MERITS OF THIS SCHEME - AND THE FUN TO BE GAINED FROM TAKING PART IN IT.

IT'S WITH MUCH PLEASURE THAT I NOW PRESENT SILVER AWARDS TO THE 26 WINNERS.

THANK YOU.