

CONFERENCE WITH A.C.T.U.

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies

Mr. Menzies and other Commonwealth Ministers met representatives of the Australian Council of Trade Unions in Canberra this morning to receive their views on the present employment situation. During the course of the discussions the representatives of the Unions submitted certain proposals.

The Australian Council of Trade Unions was represented by Mr. Albert Monk, President, Mr. H.J. Souter, Secretary, Mr. J.D. Kenny, Senior Vice President and Mr. J.P. Evans, Junior Vice President.

After the meeting the Prime Minister said that he understood the Union representatives proposed to issue a summary of their proposals to the press. There had been considerable discussion at the meeting of some aspects of these proposals which included some valuable information. The views expressed by the Union representatives would be considered closely by the Government. It had also been decided that certain of the proposals would be discussed further with the Minister and senior officers of the Department of Labour and National Service.

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