

CONFERENCE WITH INDUSTRY

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

This afternoon, the Prime Minister and several of his senior Cabinet colleagues met leading representatives of Australian business and industry to hear their views on trends in the domestic economy and on prospects for the coming months.

The industry representatives present today were :-

Mr. J.N. Walker, President, Associated Chambers of Manufactures of Australia

Mr. J.C. Williams, Acting President, Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia

Mr. A.F. Havard, President, National Farmers' Union

Mr. T.L. Bull, President, Australian Woolgrowers' & Graziers' Council

Mr. T.A. Pettigrew, President, Australian Council of Retailers

Mr. C.R. Darvall, Chairman, Australian Bankers' Association

Mr. L.H. Heaslip, Immediate Past President, Australian Wool and Meat Producers' Federation

Mr. W.J. Bryant, President, Master Builders' Federation of Australia

Mr. I.T. Serjeant, Vice-President, Australian Primary Producers' Union

Mr. B.L. Burton, President, Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, said that the first-hand accounts of the progress made since the introduction last February of measures aimed at stimulating the economy and the views expressed by the visiting representatives on the possible future trends in activity were very helpful indeed, and would be carefully considered by himself and his Cabinet colleagues.

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