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The Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, made the final bid of his campaign at Geelong today when he addressed two lunch-hour meetings of employees of the Ford works at Geelong.

These two meetings have been a feature of every election since 1949 when the Minister for Shipping and Transport won the Corio seat from Labour. He has held it ever since.

Sir Robert Menzies' campaign has taken him into every State, including two trips each to Queensland and New South Wales and four separate visits to Victoria. Accompanied by Dame Pattie Menzies, he has travelled some 10,250 miles in nearly 50 hours' flying time spread over three weeks.

In that time he has addressed 17 public meetings: He has written and recorded six 5-minute national broadcasts and one 15-minute broadcast. He has written and tele-recorded his 40-minute policy speech, which was itself a compressed version of the 7,000 word speech released to the newspapers.

The Prime Minister also prepared personally and tele-recorded four 15-minute T.V. programmes and five 5-minute programmes. Two of his public meetings were telecast live - Oakleigh Hall (Victoria) for 30 minutes and Hornsby (New South Wales) for 45 minutes.

Apart from his policy speech which was telecast and broadcast throughout Australia simultaneously in all States, local broadcasts have been made of a number of his addresses at public meetings.

During the campaign the Prime Minister has also attended, in his official capacity, five functions of a non-political character, and has continued to attend daily to the urgent business of the Commonwealth Government, dealing with overseas Embassy reports and a large volume of correspondence.

The Prime Minister will visit polling booths in his electorate of Kooyong throughout tomorrow. Tomorrow night he will preside over the St. Andrew's Day dinner of the Melbourne Scots.

He will probably return to Canberra on Monday.

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