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QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE

The Premier of Queensland, Mr Bjelke-Petersen, has sent a telegram to the Prime Minister appealing to Mr Gorton to "exert his urgent endeavours" to resolve an industrial dispute involving the AMPOL and AMOCO Refineries.

The Prime Minister has replied as follows :-

"I REFER TO YOUR TELEGRAM DATED 11 MARCH ABOUT THE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE AT THE AMPOL AND AMOCO REFINERIES IN BRISBANE. I AM INFORMED THE DISPUTE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION COMMISSION WHICH IS MAKING STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO RESOLVE IT AND HENCE PUT AN END TO THE DISRUPTION CAUSED IN YOUR STATE BY IT. THE COMMISSION HAS ORDERED A RESUMPTION OF WORK AND HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL DEAL WITH THE MERITS OF THE DISPUTE AT AN EARLY DATE. I AM INFORMED A MEETING OF STRIKERS IS TAKING PLACE THIS AFTERNOON. I AM HOPEFUL THAT AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE COMMISSION THEY WILL DECIDE TO RETURN TO WORK AND HAVE THEIR CLAIMS RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION. "

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CANBERRA,  
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