



PRIME MINISTER

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THE LATE MR A.E. MONK, C.M.G.

I was deeply distressed to learn of the death of Mr Albert Monk. The length, quality and devotion of his service to the trade union movement were without parallel in Australia. He served the A.C.T.U as its president or secretary for 35 years.

His great achievement was to preserve the solidarity and integrity of the industrial movement in Australia at a time when ideological conflicts were dividing it in other countries and threatening to divide it in Australia. No one understood better the proper relationship between the industrial and political wings of the Labor movement and worked harder or more successfully to maintain harmony and co-operation between them. Millions of Australian employees are indebted to him. On behalf of the Government I express my profound sympathy to his widow and family.

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