

I was very pleased to hear Mr. Watson say he intends to introduce legislation to amend the company law. I do not know what the amendment entails but I trust it is something which might tighten up the very loose way in which business has been conducted in the last few years. Many institutions have gone to the wall and many millions of pounds of the people's money have apparently gone down the drain, with no chance of recovery whatever. In many instances it has been people's life savings.

The Hon. A. F. Griffith: The Government will tighten up the legislation.

The Hon. A. R. JONES: I trust that some amendments will be made so that people will be secure in the knowledge that their investments will be safe. Those engaged in secondary industry must keep the cost of their products down so that farmers and primary producers can compete in the overseas markets.

I believe that those who look after the rank and file members of the Labor Party—the Labor members in this House, and the leaders of the Labor organisations—have a very important part to play, too; because, without thorough co-operation from all those people, one with the other, this great plan which has been put to us, and all the great industries which we read are to be established, will not eventuate.

I suggest that the rank and file of union members must be encouraged to take a greater interest in union affairs. They should go more often to the meetings. Let us take, for instance, the Farmers' Union. I am told that while there may be a large number of people in the district, whenever a meeting is held about half a dozen people turn up. I think the same thing applies to other union meetings—the meetings are left to the few; and unfortunately sometimes those few comprise people who are not always seeking the best interests of their members.

We should encourage conferences and discourage unrest, particularly where disputes sometimes arise. We have seen instances of this in the development of the Ord River Dam project, and we have read in the newspapers of disruption in the Laporte industry. It seems that employers and employees have not got down to a basic understanding before starting on these things, and too much is left to chance and too much is left to be discussed later. I feel that all these things could be ironed out before a project starts so that it can go on uninterrupted.

The Hon. R. Thompson: You have not had experience of the union angle in these matters.

The Hon. A. R. JONES: A few moments ago I said that all parties must co-operate, and I still believe that is so. I think, too, the unions must continue with

the good work of getting rid of undesirables, particularly those at their head. I think we are all very pleased at one feature: that in recent times members must have been paying greater attention to their responsibilities, and undesirables have been weeded out—some of them at least. I think it is the responsibility of every unionist to go on doing that sort of thing.

I know you are anxious, Sir, to have a cup of tea with your guests, and to enable them to enjoy your hospitality. As I said before, I could go on; however, I make this final appeal, not only to members of this House but to all those people in this gathering who represent various phases of our activities. We all have a job to do and I trust that we can go through these next 12 months passing legislation and making agreements which will prosper and which will benefit the industrialisation and advancement of this great State of ours.

**THE HON. F. D. WILLMOTT** (South-West) [4.28 p.m.]: I formally second the motion.

Debate adjourned, on motion by The Hon. W. F. Willesee.

*House adjourned at 4.29 p.m.*

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## Legislative Assembly

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**FLUORIDATION OF WATER**

*Address to Government Party Members*

1. Mr. HAWKE asked the Deputy Premier:
  - (1) Is it correct as reported in the Press that those in favour of the fluoridation of domestic water supplies addressed a joint meeting of Government Party members fairly recently, following which a resolution was carried favouring a fluoridation scheme for Western Australia?
  - (2) Were the opponents of the proposal at any stage given an opportunity to put forward their point of view?

Mr. NALDER replied:

I would like to thank the Leader of the Opposition for giving me prior notice of the question. The replies are—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Government has examined the case for and against fluoridation although it has not heard a specific case against fluoridation in the same manner as the case presented by the Health Education Council; but all Government members have received more literature from a number of groups opposing fluoridation than it has from those for fluoridation. The case that was presented by the council was to balance the flood of "anti" literature. Before reaching a decision, the Government made its own exhaustive survey of literature and research work on both sides. However, if any new evidence can be submitted, then an approach can be made to the secretary of the combined Government parliamentary parties, when consideration would be given to hearing the evidence.

**MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY**

The Legislative Assembly met at 3 p.m.

The SPEAKER (Mr. Hearman) took the Chair.

**PROCLAMATION**

The Clerk of the Assembly (Mr. F. E. Islip) read the proclamation of His Excellency the Governor (Sir Charles Gairdener) summoning the second session of the Twenty-fourth Parliament.

**SUMMONS FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

The Speaker and members, in response to summons, proceeded to the Legislative Council Chamber; and, having heard His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Administrator (Sir John Dwyer) deliver the opening Speech (*vide* Council report *ante*), returned to the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

**GREETINGS FROM THE PREMIER**

MR. NALDER (Katanning—Deputy Premier) [3.45 p.m.]: With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I would like to pass on to members the good wishes of the Premier which I have received per cable today regarding the opening of this session. I would also like to say that according to his programme the Premier will return to Western Australia on the 30th August.

**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

The SPEAKER (Mr. Hearman): Are there any questions? Does the Leader of the Opposition wish to exercise his prerogative?

Mr. HAWKE: In view of your kind invitation, Sir, I propose to take priority.

**PASTORAL LEASES**

*Tabling of Committee's Report*

2. Mr. BURT asked the Minister for Lands:

Will he advise the House when he will table the report of the committee which was appointed to report on pastoral leases in this State?

Mr. BOVELL replied:

At the first available time on Tuesday, the 6th instant.

## IRON ORE

### *Agreement with Hamersley Iron Pty. Ltd.*

3. Mr. TONKIN asked the Minister for Industrial Development:

- (1) Is it not a fact that the agreement with Hamersley Iron Pty. Ltd., in which Conzinc Riotinto of Australia Ltd. has a controlling interest, substantially conforms to the proposals which were made to the Government by Mr. Duncan, world chief of Riotinto, more than a year ago and which the Premier and he denied in the House had been put to the Government?

#### *Sale to Japanese Interests*

- (2) Does the company's statement that strong and successful efforts had been made to establish close trade relations with Japanese steel mills mean that a contract has been secured for the sale of iron ore from Western Australia?

Mr. COURT replied:

I thank the honourable member for giving me notice of this question, but unfortunately it did not reach me in time for me to do any detailed research. However, I would like to answer it now rather than ask him to place it on the notice paper. The replies are as follows:—

- (1) I do not accept the implication made by the honourable member in respect of the Premier and myself in the last part of his question No. (1). Suffice to say that the agreement signed on Tuesday, is the result of very painstaking and detailed study and negotiation over a long period of months between the Government and the several interests that are involved in this particular group.

Also, I think it is fair for me to say that the agreement that has been signed is a long way removed from any tentative suggestions made by Mr. Duncan and his colleagues, which were completely unacceptable to the Government.

- (2) To the best of my knowledge, and from the quick inquiries I have been able to make, the company has not entered into any agreement with the Japanese for the sale of iron ore from Western Australia. However, it should be realized that this is a very substantial

group with international ramifications and interests, and it may be that they have signed agreements with the Japanese in respect of minerals from other countries. But, so far as I can ascertain, they have made no binding agreement, following their initial negotiations, in respect of the iron ore in Western Australia.

## METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CO-ORDINATION

### *Completion of Investigations, and Government's Intention*

Mr. DUNN asked the Minister for Railways:

Have the Railways Department and the Metropolitan Transport Trust investigations into better co-ordination of metropolitan public transport been completed; and when is any announcement of the Government's intention anticipated?

Mr. COURT replied:

The position is that the team of Railways Department and M.T.T. officers who have been doing this detailed research for the Government have, I understand, nearly reached completion with their work. It is hoped they will make a recommendation to the Commissioner of Railways and the manager of the M.T.T. within the next week or so, and they in turn will make their recommendations to the Government.

However, it may be some weeks before a final decision can be made in view of the fact that the subject they are researching—namely, the better co-ordination of services with an improved service to the public, involving what are known abroad as rapid transit systems—is a very involved subject that cannot be taken piecemeal: the whole of the metropolitan area has to be considered.

## YOUTH SERVICE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

### *Publication and Implementation of Report*

Mr. BRADY asked the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the Minister received the youth service investigation committee's report?
- (2) Has Cabinet received copies of same?
- (3) When will the contents of the report be made known to the public?

- (4) Is any action being taken to carry out recommendations made in the report?

Mr. LEWIS replied:

- (1) and (2) Yes.  
 (3) Not yet known.  
 (4) The recommendations contained in the report are at present under consideration.

### BRIGHT SPOT ESTABLISHMENT

#### *Police Supervision*

6. Mr. GRAYDEN asked the Minister for Police:

In view of the nature of the disturbances that have recently been taking place at the Bright Spot at the junction of Mill Point Road and Canning Highway, will the Minister ensure that a greater measure of police supervision will be given to this particular establishment?

Mr. CRAIG replied:

Appropriate action has already been taken by the police in regard to this particular locality. Attention will continue to be given to this spot, as it will be to any other point that is subjected to the attentions of the type of hooligan that the honourable member is referring to.

The SPEAKER (Mr. Hearman): The next question will have to be the last one this afternoon.

### EQUAL PAY FOR THE SEXES

#### *Government's Intention*

7. Mr. DAVIES asked the Minister for Labour:

When does the Government propose to introduce the principle of equal pay for females performing work of equal value to males as has been adopted in some of the more enlightened States?

Mr. WILD replied:

The matter as yet has not been considered by the Government.

### STAMP ACT AMENDMENT BILL

#### *Leave to Introduce*

MR. NALDER (Katanning—Deputy Premier) [3.58 p.m.]: In order to assert and maintain the undoubted rights and privileges of this House to initiate legislation, I move, without notice—

That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the Stamp Act, 1921-1962.

Question put and passed; leave granted.

#### *Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by Mr. Nalder (Deputy Premier), and read a first time.

## LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

#### *Distribution of Copies*

THE SPEAKER (Mr. Hearman) [3.59 p.m.]: Accompanied by members of this Chamber, I attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber to hear the Speech which His Excellency was pleased to deliver to members of both Houses of Parliament. For the sake of greater accuracy, I have caused printed copies of the Speech to be distributed amongst members of this Chamber.

### ADDRESS-IN-REPLY: FIRST DAY

#### *Motion*

MR. MITCHELL (Stirling) [4 p.m.]: I move—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Administrator in reply to the Speech he has been pleased to deliver to Parliament:—

May it please Your Excellency: We, the members of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Western Australia in Parliament assembled, beg to express loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

In moving this motion I would like to refer to one or two events that have occurred since we last met in this Chamber. Firstly I would mention the great pleasure we had when Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh visited this State earlier in the year. As I expressed last session, we all hoped that she would be able to meet and see as many of the people of Western Australia as she possibly could so that they might be given the opportunity to reaffirm their loyalty to the Throne. That duly took place and gave pleasure to the people of Western Australia.

The second event which I wish to mention, and which has been referred to by His Excellency in his Speech, is the departure from this State of Sir Charles Gairdner following the conclusion of his term as Governor of Western Australia. This has been commented upon on many occasions; but from the floor of this House, and as one of the ordinary people of the State, I take this opportunity of paying a tribute to the work that Sir Charles Gairdner performed during his term of office. I think that he, more than any other person, has made it easier for the people of the State to get together on one level, and I think he did a great service to this State whilst he served it as Governor.

We now look forward to the arrival of our newly-appointed Governor, Sir Douglas Kendrew, and Lady Kendrew. I am sure they will receive a warm welcome from the people when they arrive in Western Australia.

During the time we were in recess the Commonwealth Games were magnificently staged by the City of Perth and this must have drawn attention to Western Australia from people in all parts of the world. I take this opportunity, therefore, to pay tribute to all the people who organised the Games. All these events draw our attention to the great links that exist between this State, Australia as a whole, and the British Commonwealth.

It has been said that the Mother Country is anticipating joining the European Common Market, or making some such similar arrangement for the protection of her trade and, I believe, her prosperity. If that does take place and we later find that the Mother Country becomes less important to us as one of our principal markets for the sale of primary produce, I think we should never lose sight of the fact that we owe a great debt to the Mother Country for the inspiration, assistance, and guidance she has given us over the years. Regardless of whether it is our principal market or otherwise, I believe that we, as a people, should never forget that debt.

The Address-in-Reply seems to be the medium through which members express some grouch about something which has been overlooked in their electorates or in regard to what has not been done. Fortunately, I come from a part of the State where the people have received sympathetic treatment from all Governments that have been in office, and I do not intend to weary the House with any small matters that need tidying up in my district.

Mr. H. May: Aren't you lucky!

Mr. MITCHELL: At this stage I pay a tribute to the heads of the various Government departments in Western Australia. I consider we are indeed fortunate in having in this State civil servants who are making such a magnificent contribution to the development that is taking place in Western Australia. The reference to progress in His Excellency's Speech draws attention to the great development that is taking place in the agricultural field of this State, and I am pleased to see that the Government is giving serious consideration to conducting necessary further research in agricultural spheres.

Members will recall that last year I commented on the need for a research station to be established on the south coast. Therefore, when it is noted from His Excellency's Speech that the Government is considering making more research, I am indeed hopeful that that matter will receive some consideration in the future.

His Excellency also referred to the fact that nearly 1,000,000 acres of land are being released for settlement each year. Many of us feel that some of the land which is at present being retained by the Forests Department and which is of very little use for forest production might be considered in those releases.

I am pleased to note that His Excellency has mentioned the dairy farm improvement scheme, which I believe is one of the most important steps the Government could take in the smaller areas of the State in order to place those farms on an economic basis. Mention was also made of the fact that the war service land settlement scheme is nearing completion. There are still a few matters and a few problems associated with that great scheme which remain to be solved. One of these is the difficulties faced by some of the settlers on the smaller holdings which have not reached economic production. Therefore, I am hopeful that this matter will be investigated. At the same time I would like to pay a tribute to the Minister and his officers for the way they have tackled these problems.

As I have mentioned, over-all development in the primary production field has been very great indeed, but I believe there is still need for some consideration by the leaders of all sections of primary industry to do something about establishing stability and achieving regularity in the marketing of their various products. They should conduct serious investigation into this matter with a view to making recommendations to the Government.

Mr. Hawke: Do you think Sir William Gunn could help?

Mr. MITCHELL: Such investigation should be made not perhaps with the idea of increasing the price of the product, but with the object of ensuring that the producers obtain a fair return and the consumers get a good product at a reasonable price.

Mr. H. May: What about the man in the middle?

Mr. MITCHELL: Last year, following the appointment of a committee that inquired into the marketing of fruit, regulations were introduced to bring about an improvement in the fruit industry. It will be interesting to me later on to find that this attempt has been satisfactory in the organisation of fruit marketing.

Another matter mentioned in His Excellency's Speech was the development and distribution of electric power. Although the State Electricity Commission has done a magnificent job in the distribution of electricity throughout this State, I still believe there is a large and ever-widening field for the further distribution of electricity in the country, and I am

hopeful that efforts will be made to ensure that this important amenity is enjoyed by more people in country areas.

Mr. Hall: And a bit of security with it, too.

Mr. MITCHELL: There is a reference in His Excellency's Speech to native affairs. I am hopeful that this matter will receive serious consideration from the House this session. Last year I stated that the problem of native affairs could never be solved by ministerial direction or by the efforts of those people working under the control of the Native Welfare Department, but by the wholehearted co-operation of everyone in the State. I reiterate that remark and say that we have to do all we can in a wholehearted manner to solve a problem that is yet far from being solved.

Time does not permit me to comment on many other matters on which I would like to comment. But I want to say it has been a privilege to me to move this motion, and I thank the Acting Premier and his Cabinet for giving me the opportunity.

Along with the great development that has taken place in agriculture over the past few years we have fortunately had the same expansion in the industrial field. As one who has been interested in the agricultural side of the State all my life, I have always maintained that we cannot possibly have a successful and prosperous country unless we have the two types of development marching side by side. It is useless to think of this State, or of any country, being prosperous and successful unless all sections of the community are successful and happy in what they are doing. I pay a tribute to the Government for what it is doing towards industrial expansion, as well as agricultural expansion, in this State. I have much pleasure in moving the motion.

DR. HENN (Wembley) [4.12 p.m.]: I formally second the motion.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Mr. Lawke (Leader of the Opposition.)

### ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE; SPECIAL

MR. NALDER (Katanning—Deputy Premier) [4.11 p.m.]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 6th August.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 4.12 p.m.*

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The PRESIDENT (The Hon. L. C. Diver) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

### UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

*Fiftieth Anniversary: Address of Loyalty*

THE PRESIDENT (The Hon. L. C. Diver) [4.34 p.m.]: I desire to inform the House that on Tuesday, the 6th July, 1963, the Chancellor of the University of Western Australia, Sir Alex Reid, C.M.G., I.S.O., accompanied by the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor C. J. Birkett Clews; the Chairman of the Professorial Board, Professor M. N. Austin; the Registrar, Mr. A. J. Williams; and the Administrative Officer, Mr. H. F. Willcock, visited the House; and, in the presence of the Minister for Mines, The Hon. A. F. Griffith; The Hon. F. J. S. Wise, and several other