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Minister, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, election campaign at the local shire, to have a drink with Mr. Alec, who resigned from the House of Commons, campaigning to win a seat in the House of Commons.

Crowd s Home

DER (Scotland), Sun-
r). — Britain's Prime
Minister Douglas-Home, was
d by a hostile crowd
shopping centre here.

stood between Sir Alec and
Lady Douglas-Home.

At another by-election
meeting in nearby Crieff, TV
satirist Mr. William Rushton,
one of Sir Alec's six oppo-
nents, replied to the Prime
Minister's accusation that he
had been guilty of "a dirty
trick".

Sir Alec had charged Mr.
Rushton with spreading a
rumour that at the next
general election the Prime
Minister would not be in the
area where the present cam-
paign is being fought.

Mr. Rushton is fighting as
an independent. He said to-
day, "When a politician
accuses you of using a dirty
trick or dirty tactics, that is
the parliamentary phrase for
'I wish I had thought of it
first.'"

"He didn't deny it the
other day when I asked him,
'Are you coming back?' He
said, 'Aha, wait and see',
which again in the terms of
parliamentary phrases means
'no'."

Mr. Rushton said he was
campaigning to give Con-
servative voters a chance to
protest at the undemocratic
way in which Sir Alec had
been made Prime Minister.

Canberra 'Model' For Town Planners

The results of the
past five years of plan-
ning and concentrated
investment in Canberra
could serve as an
example to be emulated
and bettered in other
key locations, a leading
Sydney planner said
yesterday.

Mr. George Clarke, a con-
sultative planner and editor
of the Australian Planning
Institute journal, was deliver-
ing a paper at the Australian
Planning Institute Conven-
tion entitled — Canberra's
Significance for Town Plan-
ning.

Mr. Clarke advocated a
policy of concentrating public
investment and planning
skills at key growth points as
part of a national programme
of urban development and de-
centralisation.

He said that, for a start,
three new city development
projects could be considered.
These might be at Townsville,
Tamworth and Portland.

The British Government
had, in the past few months,
officially recognised and
adopted the long-recom-
mended policy of concentrat-
ing public investment at what
economists and regional plan-
ners called "growth points".

"If Australian governments
follow this lead, then we
may expect that the creation
of new and expanded cities
will play a part in some such
national urban development
and decentralisation plan and
programme," Mr. Clarke
said.

N.C.D.C. Role

"If and when the need for
such a programme is recog-
nised, we will know that we
should follow Canberra's ex-
ample and set up a body, or
bodies, with powers, duties
and personnel like those of
the National Capital Devel-
opment Commission.

"The Commission should
by now be more widely re-
cognised as being of a simi-
lar quality in its special
field, to the Snowy Mountain
Authority.

"People commonly advo-
cate, very persuasively, that
the Snowy Mountain Auth-
ority should be transferred or
enlarged to deal with North-
ern problems. The same
could well be argued for the
N.C.D.C."

Mr. Clarke said planners
in all of the Australian States
were envious of the Canberra
situation.

The legal and administra-
tive framework within which
the National Capital Devel-
opment Commission was plan-
ning and developing Can-
berra was one of the most
sane and rational in the
world.