

Concession speech: Arthur Calwell, Opposition Leader (ALP)

December 1, 1963

“The results of the election are now clear, and I accept the people’s verdict.

At this stage I wish only to say how deeply I regret the temporary departure from the Parliamentary life of this nation some good and very able men, who I am sure will be re-elected at the next election.

Labor will keep faith with the people.

The things we promised to do if we had become the Government we will strive to achieve from the Opposition benches.

We believe that all those things are essential for the progress of the nation.

The campaign to persuade the people to reverse their decision of yesterday will commence with renewed vigor tomorrow.”

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