TWO STORIES

CONFlict

Murder Inquiry
Evidence

Two witnesses told conflicting stores at the Royal Commission yesterday into the conviction of Frederick Lincoln McDermott for the murder of William Henry Lavers.

They were Lavers’s widow, Mrs. Mervyn Lavers, and his brother-in-law, William Whittick.

"NEVER ANY STATEMENT"

Mrs. Whittick said she felt the decision to apply for a new trial was not the best, and that she had not been informed of the process until after the decision had been made.

Mrs. Whittick said she was not surprised by the decision, as she had never received a statement from the police about the case.

"A LAST REQUEST"

In a final request, Mr. Whittick said he believed the case needed to be re-examined, and that the police had not done enough to properly investigate the matter.

"REMEMBER THE PEOPLE"

In a statement to the media, Mr. Whittick said he remembered the people involved in the case, and that he believed the family deserved to be properly investigated.

Plan Suggested
To Restore
Bond Confidence

CANBERRA, Wednesday.—Mr. reported this morning that to overcome public reluctance to invest in Commonwealth bonds the Government should offer the option of converting at par into share issues bearing higher interest.

Mr. was himself an official shareholder, he said, and saw no reason why the Government could not adopt such a plan.

"INVESTORS WELCOME"

The comment was made at the annual general meeting of the Commonwealth Bank yesterday.

"NEW INVESTOR'S FORWARD"

In another development, Mr. was reported to have written to a number of Commonwealth shareholders expressing concern about the low level of investment in Commonwealth bonds.

"LET'S INVEST"

In a letter to shareholders, Mr. encouraged them to invest in Commonwealth bonds, saying that the Government was committed to ensuring a strong economy and a healthy financial system.

"DIVIDENDS""