

PRIME MINISTER'S OVERSEAS VISIT

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The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies, will leave Sydney by Qantas on Tuesday evening, February 21, for the United States on his way to attend a meeting of Prime Ministers of Commonwealth countries in London early in March. He will be accompanied by Dame Pattie Menzies and will be away from Australia for about five weeks.

Mr. Menzies will arrive in Washington, D.C., on February 22 and at the invitation of President Kennedy will have discussions with him at the White House on matters of mutual interest on February 24.

The Prime Minister will fly from New York on February 26 to Geneva, where he will be for about a week. For part of the time he will preside in his capacity as Minister for External Affairs over a meeting of heads of Australian diplomatic missions in Western Europe and adjacent regions. Apart from that the Prime Minister and Dame Pattie will be on a private visit of a few days to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Henderson, and their grandchildren.

From Geneva the Prime Minister will proceed to London on Monday, March 6, for the opening of the Prime Ministers' Conference on March 8. Mr. Menzies will leave London on March 25 for Bangkok where he will represent Australia at the Meeting of the South East Asia Treaty Organisation which will take place from March 27 to 30 inclusive. He will return to Australia immediately after that meeting.

Other members of the Prime Minister's party will be the Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department, Mr. E.J. Bunting, the Prime Minister's Private Secretary, Miss Hazel Craig, and Mr. R.C. Maley who will act as Press Secretary.

The Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, Sir Arthur Tange, who will leave Australia a few days in advance of the Prime Minister, will join the delegation for the meetings which are to take place.

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