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AUSTRALIA IN SINGAPORE AIR DISPLAY.

(Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. McEwen.)

The Acting Prime Minister (Mr. J. McEwen) announced today that Australia was to participate in an International Air Show in Singapore.

It has been organised by the Singapore Government at the Paya Lebar International Airport from April 8th to April 16th.

Mr. McEwen said that Singapore played an important part in Australia's air links with the rest of the world. The participation reflected the importance which the Australian Government attached to closer contacts between Singapore and Australia and the development of this major communications centre.

The International Air Show had been planned by the Government of Singapore as a highlight of its "Visit the Orient Year" project. It was the first large-scale aviation display ever held in South East Asia.

Among visitors would be representatives of airlines operating in South-East Asia and of Civil Aviation Departments of neighbouring countries.

Mr. McEwen said the Australian display would demonstrate our advances in the Commercial aviation and electronics industries and in the production of aero-components and equipment.

Features of the Australian pavilion would be :
Two revolutionary cameras, designed and made in Australia for installation in target aircraft and missiles and which have been exported to the United Kingdom, United States, France and Sweden; rockets and other instruments used in upper atmosphere research at the Woomera Rocket Range, a model of the TEE

visual glide path - an important Australian contribution to world aviation safety - which is now being tested at aerodromes in Australia and the United States; a model of the Australian pilotless jet target aircraft Jindivik which is also being exported and a comprehensive display of aero-components and equipment by leading Australian aircraft manufacturers.

Mr. McEwen said the Australian display was being organised by the Department of Trade with the Co-operation of the Department of Supply and aircraft manufacturers.

These will also be a three day flying display in which RAN and RAAF aircraft will participate.

Other countries taking part in the Singapore Air Show were United Kingdom, United States, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Malaya, New Zealand, India, the Netherlands and Ceylon.

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