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DEATH OF MR. HUGH GAITSKELL

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt.Hon. R.G. Menzies

Hugh Gaitskell's death is a great blow to his party which he was leading with remarkable authority and skill. It is even more than that - a great loss to Great Britain which had come to regard him as one of her ablest sons. Personally, I knew him well and admired his capabilities. He added to a fine and well-furnished mind a sense of dedication to his own ideals, a true patriotism, high character and a singular personal charm.

I am indeed sad to learn of his most untimely death.

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CANBERRA,

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