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PRIME MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt, will leave Australia next week to attend the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London.

The conference begins on the 6th September and will continue until the 15th.

Mr. Holt will travel to Britain via New York and is due in London on Friday, 2nd September. He expects to be away from Australia for not more than three weeks, during which the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. John McEwen, will be acting Prime Minister.

Accompanying the Prime Minister at the London Conference will be the Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Hasluck and a small number of officials, including the Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department, Sir John Bunting, the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, Sir James Plimsoll, and Mr. G.J. Yeend, an Assistant Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department.

Personal staff accompanying the Prime Minister will be his Private Secretary, Miss P.A. De Lacy, and his Press Secretary, Mr. T. Eggleton.

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