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BRITISH GIFT TO CANBERRA

Three Australian and three British firms of architects have accepted an invitation to participate in an architectural competition for the design of the bell-tower to be built on Aspen Island in the central basin of Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra.

The bell-tower, which will house a carillon, to be made by a British firm of bellfounders, is the British Government's gift to the Australian Government to mark the Golden Jubilee of the founding of Canberra on 12th March, 1913.

The Australian firms are :-

Messrs Cameron, Chisholm & Nicol of Perth, W. A.
Messrs McKay, Cox of Sydney
Messrs Ancher, Mortlock, Murray & Woolley of Sydney.

The British firms are :-

Messrs Ahrens, Burton & Koralek of London
Messrs Eldred Evans & Denis Gailey of London
Messrs Robert Maguire & Keith Murray of Richmond,
Surrey.

The competition assessors will be :-

Lord Holford, a past President of the Royal Institute
of British Architects.

Mr John W. Overall, Chairman of the National Capital
Planning Committee in Canberra; and

Mr Eric Bedford, Chief Architect of the British Ministry
of Public Building and Works.

The announcement of the winning design is expected to be made in April, 1968. As the Prime Minister stated in February this year, the winning design will be put before the British and Australian Governments for consideration before being adopted.

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