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DESIGNERS FOR OSAKA EXPOSITION

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

Mr. Robin Boyd, a well-known Melbourne architect and writer, has been appointed by the Government to design and supervise the construction of the exhibits for the Australian pavilion at the World Exposition to be held in Osaka, Japan, from 15 March to 13 September, 1970.

Mr. Boyd was the designer of the exhibits for the successful Australian presentation at Expo '67 at Montreal, Canada. The interior decor of the Montreal pavilion attracted world-wide attention and won high praise for Mr. Boyd's work.

The pavilion to house the Australian exhibit at the World Exposition 1970 is being designed in the Canberra Branch of the Commonwealth Department of Works by a design team under the leadership of Mr. James MacCormick. The design for the pavilion is well advanced. Because of language and other problems, the Department will appoint a firm of Japanese architects to prepare contract documents.

The same Departmental design team was responsible for the Australian pavilion at Montreal for the 1967 World Exposition. This pavilion was regarded by the authorities as one of the best designs at the Exposition and was retained on the site for future use.

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