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EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN ART
TO VISIT SOUTH-EAST ASIA

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr John Gorton

A collection of contemporary Australian art is about to go on exhibition in South-East Asia.

Opening in Singapore on Friday, the exhibition will subsequently be seen in Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia. It will return to Australia in mid-June.

The exhibition comprises 46 paintings, prints and sculptures. It has been selected by the Commonwealth Art Advisory Board from the National Collection and private collections.

This is the second opportunity for Australian art to be seen by Australia's neighbours in Asia. The first exhibition, which toured the area in 1962, showed something of the development of Australian art. The present exhibition is by way of a postscript to the sixties and a prelude to the seventies and represents the youngest generation of Australian artists to have won critical acclaim.

Mr James Mollison, the Exhibitions Officer of the Prime Minister's Department and formerly Director of the Ballarat Art Gallery, will travel with the exhibition and will lecture on Australian art in the countries visited.

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Background Note

The names and works of the artists represented in the exhibition are on the Press Gallery Notice Board.