



# PRIME MINISTER

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## APPOINTMENTS

The Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, today announced the following appointments, which were approved by the Executive Council:-

- Mr. T.K. Critchley has been appointed High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea from 29 March. Mr. Critchley has been Australian Ambassador to Thailand since 1969. He was High Commissioner to Malaysia in 1957/65, and Senior External Affairs representative in London in 1966/69. Mr. Critchley, 58, will replace Mr. L.W. Johnson, who will be recommended to the Executive Council for appointment as head of the Australian Development Assistance Agency.
- Mr. V.E. Jennings has been appointed a part-time member of the C.S.I.R.O. Executive. Mr. Jennings, who is Managing Director of A.V. Jennings Industries (Australia) Pty. Ltd., will take up his appointment from 26 March. The appointment is for three years. He replaces Sir Henry Somerset, who is retiring.
- Mr. C.H. Webb has been appointed Administrator of Christmas Island. Mr. Webb, a former M.H.R., will take up his appointment, which is for one year, on 15 March. He replaces Mr. F.S. Evatt.
- Two appointments have also been made to the Commonwealth Banking Corporation Board. Both appointments are for five years. Professor L. F. Crisp and Mr. J.J. Kennedy. Professor Crisp has been Professor of Political Science at the Australian National University since 1950. He was Director-General of Post-War Reconstruction in 1949/50. Mr. Kennedy, a Brisbane Accountant is proprietor of a chain of electrical retail stores. He was been appointed as a member of the Post Office Commission of Inquiry in February 1973.

Professor Crisp and Mr. Kennedy will replace Sir Reginald Groom and Mr. R.J. Baxter, whose terms of office have expired.