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**PRIME MINISTER**

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**VISIT OF SOVIET TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY  
DELEGATION**

The Prime Minister and Acting Foreign Minister, Mr E.G. Whitlam, and the Minister for Science, Mr Bill Morrison, announced today that a party of five Soviet textile technologists will arrive in Melbourne tomorrow. The group is visiting Australia for two weeks under the auspices of the Australian/Soviet Science Agreement, but will also undertake some activities arranged by the International Wool Secretariat.

Whilst in Australia the Soviet textile technologists will have discussions with Australian scientists on possible areas in textile technology where Australian/Soviet collaboration can be developed. Textile technology is one of the five fields being given particular emphasis for co-operation under the Australian/Soviet Science Agreement.

The Soviet textile technologists will visit the CSIRO Division of Textile Industry and the Gordon Institute of Technology in Geelong, and the CSIRO Division of Protein Chemistry and the Australian Wool Corporation in Melbourne. They will inspect textile mills at Albury, Orange, Lithgow and Melbourne. In Sydney tours to be undertaken by the Soviet delegation will include visits to the University of New South Wales, the CSIRO Division of Textile Physics, and the Australian Wool Testing Authority.

Mr Whitlam and Mr Morrison said that it was likely that a group of Australian textile technologists, led by Dr M. Lipson, Chief of the CSIRO Division of Textile Industry, would pay a return visit to the Soviet Union in April to finalise the program of co-operation in textile technology that would be recommended to the Australian and Soviet Governments.

The members of the visiting Soviet textile technology group are:

Mr R.A. Tshaianov;  
Head of the Department of Light Industries

Mr B.E. Golovastikov;  
Director of the Central Research Institute  
of the Soviet Wool Textile Industry

Mr B.G. Eliseev;  
Deputy to the Technical Director of the Soviet  
Wool Textile Industry in the Ministry of Light  
Industries

Mrs R.S. Kusminskaia;  
Foreign Department of the State Committee for  
Science and Technology

Mr A.I. Kniazev;  
Chief of Laboratory of the Central Wool Textile  
Research Institute

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