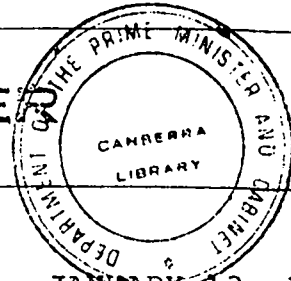




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DEATH OF GEORGE MEANY

On behalf of all Australians, I would like to express the Australian Government's regret at the death of Mr George Meany, a well known union leader.

Mr Meany was one of America's leading citizens. He was widely respected throughout America as a strong, independent and responsible leader of the union movement. He was essentially non-partisan in outlook and was successful in bringing the views of American labour to bear at the highest levels in the country.

As a dedicated and responsible trade union leader he never sought to enter the political arena to pursue political office for himself or to intrude in matters outside the ambit of what he regarded as his legitimate interests.

George Meany will be sadly missed.