

VISIT OF TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RT. HON.
R.G. MENZIES

The Prime Minister today released details of the programme for the visit to Australia of the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya, Tunku Abdul Rahman.

Mr. Menzies said he greatly looked forward to meeting Tunku Abdul Rahman especially since he would be visiting Malaya for the first time with Dame Pattie Menzies in December, when he would again meet the Malayan Prime Minister.

Tunku Abdul Rahman will travel by Qantas from Kuala Lumpur to Sydney via Singapore, Djakarta, Perth and Melbourne. The Minister for the Interior and for Works, Mr. Gordon Freeth, will meet Tunku Abdul Rahman at Perth Airport on behalf of the Commonwealth Government. The High Commissioner for Malaya, Dato' Gunn Lay Teik, Australia's High Commissioner at Kuala Lumpur, Mr. T.K. Critchley and a representative of the Western Australian Government, will also be present at the Airport.

Tunku Abdul Rahman will stay informally in Sydney at Kirribilli House on Saturday, 31st October, and will arrive in Canberra at 4.15 p.m. on Sunday, 1st November where he will be met by the Prime Minister, Mr. R.G. Menzies, and will inspect a Guard of Honour provided by the Royal Australian Air Force. He will dine that evening at the Prime Minister's Lodge.

On Monday morning the 2nd November, Tunku Abdul Rahman will attend the official Opening of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference by His Excellency the Governor-General, and in the afternoon will travel to Melbourne in the Commonwealth Government's V.I.P. aircraft (R.A.A.F. Metropolitan Convair). In Melbourne he will attend the State Governor's late afternoon Reception and in the evening will attend "My Fair Lady" at Her Majesty's Theatre.

On Tuesday, 3rd November, Tunku Abdul Rahman will attend the Melbourne Cup and will be a guest at the Governor-General's Buffet Luncheon at the Racecourse.

On Wednesday, the 4th November, he will travel to Portsea and visit the Officer Cadet School where he will inspect a Guard of Honour and remain to lunch. In the evening he will attend a Dinner Party in his honour at Government House and afterwards attend the Naval Ball in the Governor of Victoria's party.

Thursday, 5th November, will be spent informally in Melbourne taking in a sightseeing tour during the day. In the evening Tunku Abdul Rahman will give a Buffet Dinner to Malayan students.

Tunku Abdul Rahman will visit the Snowy Mountains Scheme from Friday, the 6th, until Sunday, the 8th November.

Tunku Abdul Rahman will return to Canberra in the late afternoon of Sunday 8th November and for the following three days will stay at Government House as the guest of Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Slim.

On Monday, 9th November, he will have official discussions in Canberra and attend a Luncheon in his honour given by His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House. In the afternoon Tunku Abdul Rahman will officially open the Chancery of the High Commissioner for Malaya and later attend a Reception in

his honour given by His Excellency Dato' Gunn Lay Teik.

On Tuesday, 10th November, Tunku Abdul Rahman will give a National Press Conference and later lay a wreath on the commemorative stone at the Australian War Memorial. He will attend a Parliamentary Luncheon at Parliament House given by the Commonwealth Government. After the Parliamentary Luncheon Tunku Abdul Rahman will attend question time in the House of Representatives and in the Senate. He will be invited to take a seat on the floor of each House. In the evening he will attend a Dinner in his honour given by the High Commissioner for Malaya, Dato' Gunn Lay Teik. Guests will include the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, Leader of the Opposition, Dr. Evatt and some senior Ministers.

On Wednesday, 11th November, Tunku Abdul Rahman will leave Canberra for Sydney where he will attend a State Luncheon given by the Government of New South Wales. In the late afternoon Tunku Abdul Rahman will attend the Sydney University and will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws, after which he will attend the University's Annual Reception. That evening Tunku Abdul Rahman will tender a Buffet Dinner to Malayan students.

He will spend the next three days (12th to 14th November) informally in Sydney.

Tunku Abdul Rahman will leave Sydney for Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, the 15th November.

Tunku Abdul Rahman will be accompanied by his Minister of the Interior, Dato' Suleiman, and four officials.

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