

VISIT TO INDONESIA AND MALAYA

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) today gave the names of members of the party which will accompany him and Dame Pattie Menzies to Indonesia and Malaya in December.

Mr. Menzies said that a Member of Parliament, Dr. A. J. Forbes, the Member for Barker, will travel with the party.

Officials included in the party will be Miss Hazel Craig (Private Secretary), Mr. M.C. Timbs and Mr. J.H. Scholtens both of the Prime Minister's Department, and Mr. P.R. Heydon of the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Menzies said that Sir John Crawford will also be a member of the party. However, he will not be travelling in his capacity as Head of the Department of Trade, but will make the trip in connection with his future appointment as Director of the School of Pacific Studies at the Australian National University.

Mr. Menzies said that a party of press and television representatives will also travel in the chartered Qantas Super-Constellation, which will depart from Brisbane shortly after midnight on the morning of December 1st for Djakarta. The visit to Indonesia will be from 1st December to 7th December, and the visit to Malaya from 7th to 12th December. On the return journey from Malaya, the Prime Minister will pay a visit to Cocos Island. He will return to Canberra on 14th December.

With the compliments of Mr. Hugh Dash,  
Prime Minister's Press Secretary.

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