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CELEBRATION OF ROYAL BIRTH

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. R.G. Menzies

The Prime Minister asked today that Churches and other authorities ring their bells when the Royal birth is announced. He asked them to make this a most memorable occasion.

The Prime Minister said that the Commonwealth would fly flags from Commonwealth buildings immediately the news was received and that flags would continue to fly on the two days following the announcement.

Gun salutes of 21 guns will be fired from all Saluting Stations throughout Australia and the Royal Australian Air Force will fly in formation over the capital cities to coincide with the twenty-one gun salutes. The Royal Australian Navy will dress ships.

The Prime Minister said he understood that the State Governments would similarly be flying flags from State buildings and he asked every private citizen and organisation with a flag to fly it on this great occasion.

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