

PRIME MINISTER'S OVERSEAS VISIT

The Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) will leave Sydney by air on Sunday, 17th April, 1960, for London to attend the Meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers which begins on 3rd May. He will be accompanied by Miss L.H. Craig (Private Secretary), and Mr W.J. Bunting (Permanent Head of the Prime Minister's Department).

In London the Prime Minister will be joined by the Minister for Territories (Mr. Hasluck). Senior officials who will also join the Prime Minister in London are Sir Arthur Tange (Secretary, Department of External Affairs) and Mr. E.W. Hicks (Secretary, Department of Defence.)

Sir Eric Harrison, Australian High Commissioner in the United Kingdom, and Sir Allen Brown, Deputy High Commissioner, will also be members of the Australian delegation at the Prime Ministers' Meeting.

Sir John Crawford (Secretary, Department of Trade), and Mr. R.J. Randall (Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury) will also be in London for trade and finance meetings before the Prime Minister's arrival, and will be available to him for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Meeting.

The Prime Minister will return to Australia via the United States and Canada. In Washington, he will attend as Minister for External Affairs a meeting of the Council of the South-East Asia Treaty Organization beginning on 31st May.

The Prime Minister is expected to return to Australia about the middle of June.

Canberra,

7th April 1960.