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CORAL SEA WEEK

Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood, Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet U.S.N. guest of the Commonwealth Government and the Australian/American Association will visit Canberra during the Coral Sea Week Celebrations and will arrive at Royal Australian Air Force Base Canberra at 4.35 p.m. on Monday 9th May. He will be met at the Base by Senator J.G. Gorton, Minister for the Navy, representing the Commonwealth Government, His Excellency Mr. William J. Sebald American Ambassador to Australia, Vice-Admiral Burrell, Chief of the Naval Staff and Wing Commander Smythe Acting Officer Commanding Royal Australian Air Force Base, Canberra.

Accompanying Admiral Hopwood on his visit will be Mrs Hopwood and members of his personal staff.

On his arrival at Canberra the Admiral will inspect a Guard of Honour after which he will attend a reception given in his honour by the American Ambassador at His Excellency's residence.

Later the Admiral and Mrs. Hopwood will attend a dinner given by the Minister for the Navy, Senator Gorton, and Mrs. Gorton.

On the second day of the visit the Admiral will lay a wreath at the Australian War Memorial at 10.45 a.m. and attend a luncheon tendered in his honour by the Acting Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. John McEwen and Commonwealth Ministers of State.

After attending Question time in the early afternoon in the House of Representatives the Admiral will leave Canberra from Royal Australian Air Force Base at 3.15 p.m. for Melbourne to continue his tour of Australia.

CANBERRA,

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