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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ACT

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies

The Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, said today that the Governor-General now approved the 30th September as the date on which Part II of the Australian National University Act should come into operation.

The Prime Minister recalled that the legislation, which was passed in the last session of Parliament, provided for the association of the Australian National University and the Canberra University College, but left open the date from which this association would formally operate. The effect of the Governor-General's proclamation is that the Canberra University College and the Australian National University would become one institution from the 30th September.

The Prime Minister added that the University authorities expected that the new Council of the Australian National University would meet for the first time on the 30th September. It is necessary for the Council to meet on the first day of association to maintain continuity and to make certain formal arrangements necessary for the administration of the new institution.

CANBERRA,

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