

MR. MENZIES TO ATTEND U.N. GENERAL
ASSEMBLY

Statement by the Prime Minister and Minister for External
Affairs

The Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Menzies, made the following announcement by leave in the House of Representatives today :

Mr. Speaker, in view of my reply to a question yesterday, honorable members may enjoy a little well-earned hilarity today when I tell them that contrary to my first desire I propose now to make a quick journey to the United Nations General Assembly where, of course, I will look forward to seeing my friend the honorable member for Banks.

As the meeting of the Assembly has developed, it has been attended by an increasing number of heads of government, including heads of Commonwealth Governments, the latest announced yesterday being the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Having regard to that fact, I should think that honorable members would not wish Australia, speaking in terms of heads of government, to be conspicuous by its absence. Matters of great importance are under discussion, and if one may make even a small contribution to the solution of the world's problems, the trip will be worthwhile.

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