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## NATIONAL DAY OF INDIA

MESSAGE BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RT. HON. R.G. MENZIES

The Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, has sent the following message to Mr. Nehru on the occasion of India's National Day, January 26. The message states -

"On the occasion of this Tenth Anniversary of India's Republic Day, may I extend to you and to the people of India the sincere good wishes of the Australian Government and people.

"The presence of Her Majesty, the Queen and Prince Philip in India at this time adds to the significance of the occasion and as fellow members of the great Commonwealth, we in Australia share all the more cordially in your rejoicing.

"I wish you every success in the ventures you are planning and am confident that the friendly ties which exist between our two countries will in the years to come be still further strengthened."

## <u>CANBERRA</u> January 26, 1961