

PRESS RELEASE:

GENERAL NASUTION'S VISIT.

The Acting Prime Minister today said that the Indonesian Minister for National Security and Chief of Staff of the Army, General Abdul Haris Nasution, would arrive in Sydney on Tuesday morning, 18th April, and from there would travel to Canberra by R.A.A.F. Convair for a ceremonial welcome. General Nasution would be accompanied by his wife. Mr. McEwen also announced that the Indonesian Minister and Chief of Staff of the Navy, Rear Admiral R.E. Martadinata, who had accepted a separate invitation to visit Australia, would arrive at the same time as General and Mrs. Nasution.

Their Excellencies the Administrator and Lady Brooks had invited General and Mrs. Nasution and Rear Admiral Martadinata to be their guests at Government House while in Canberra.

Official discussions are scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, 18th April, and later in the day General and Mrs. Nasution and Admiral Martadinata would attend a Reception given by the Indonesian Embassy. That night there would be a Dinner Party at Government House.

On Wednesday, 19th April, General Nasution would make a brief visit to the Royal Military College, and later meet the Chiefs of Staff Committee. He and Rear Admiral Martadinata would attend a Cabinet Luncheon and before leaving for Melbourne they would visit the Australian War Memorial and place a wreath at the Commemorative Stone.

In Melbourne His Excellency the Administrator of Victoria had invited General and Mrs. Nasution and Rear Admiral Martadinata to stay at Government House where there would be a Dinner Party on the Wednesday night.

On Thursday, 20th April, General Nasution would visit the Department of Supply's Installations at Fisherman's Bend and later, accompanied by Mrs. Nasution, would attend a Luncheon given by the Government of Victoria.

In the afternoon, General and Mrs. Nasution are scheduled to visit the Melbourne University and later to attend a Civic Reception given by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne and Mrs. Evans. During the afternoon General Nasution will visit Anzac House to meet R.S.L. Leaders.

In the late afternoon, General and Mrs. Nasution and Rear Admiral Martadinata will visit International House to meet Indonesian students. That evening they will attend a Dinner given by the Minister for Supply and Mrs. Hulme.

On Friday morning the party will leave Melbourne for Sydney and General Nasution will then visit the R.A.A.F. Base at Richmond. In the late afternoon they will attend a State Reception given by the Government of New South Wales.

During the morning of Saturday, 22nd April, General and Mrs. Nasution and Rear Admiral Martadinata will call on the Governor of New South Wales and Lady Woodward. In the afternoon, the Minister for Defence, Mr. Townley, will accompany General Nasution on a scenic tour. In the evening General Nasution and Rear Admiral Martadinata will attend a Dinner given by the Minister for Defence, Mr. Townley.

The Acting Prime Minister then went on to say that a separate programme would be arranged for Mrs. Nasution for those occasions when she would not be accompanying the General. However, Mr. McEwen said that these details were not yet available.

Mr. McEwen also said that a separate itinerary would be arranged by the Navy for Rear Admiral Martadinata and it was planned that while in Melbourne he would visit the Flinders Naval Depot. In Sydney Rear Admiral Martadinata would visit Naval Establishments at Garden Island, Watson's Bay (H.M.A.S. "Watson") and Quaker's Hill (H.M.A.S. "Nirimba"). It was proposed that Admiral Martadinata would visit also the Royal Australian Naval College at Jervis Bay and the Royal Australian Naval Air Station at Nowra. He was scheduled to leave Australia on Wednesday, 26th April.

General and Mrs. Nasution were scheduled to leave Sydney on Sunday, 23rd April, but would return on Wednesday, 26th April. That afternoon General Nasution would give a Press Conference. He would also meet R.S.L. Leaders. In the evening, he would <sup>FINALLY</sup> leave Sydney with Mrs. Nasution ~~for Manila~~.

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