

QUEEN'S VISIT TO GHANA

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

I have, during the past three weeks, kept closely in touch with matters affecting the projected visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Ghana. I have received reports from the Australian High Commissioner in Accra and have exchanged messages with Mr. Macmillan.

We all agree that visits by Her Majesty to the countries of the Commonwealth are of the greatest possible significance and value. There is a natural and lively concern in all parts of the Commonwealth, not least in Australia, that visits should be made and that each visit should be the greatest possible success.

In accordance with custom, the principal responsibility for arrangements in connection with The Queen's visit to Ghana rests with the Governments of Ghana and of Great Britain.

Clearly, the safety of The Queen is of the very first importance for all of us. It is quite clear that the Governments most directly concerned with the organization of the visit share this view completely, and that their judgment will be most carefully formed.

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