

PLANNING OF CANBERRA'S JUBILEE

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

Planning arrangements for the celebration on March 12th, 1963 in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh of the Jubilee of Canberra as the national capital were announced today by the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies.

The Prime Minister said that the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Mr. W.A. McLaren, would be responsible for organising the Canberra Day celebrations with the assistance of a representative local committee.

The Jubilee would be the central feature of the Canberra section of the Royal Visit and the presence of the Queen was expected to give the occasion great national significance.

Organisation of the celebrations would be integrated with the overall planning of the Canberra visit for which, as already announced, the Chief Ceremonial Officer of the Prime Minister's Department, Mr. J.H. Scholtens, would be responsible.

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CANBERRA,

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