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INDUSTRY CONSULTATIONS

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

The Prime Minister and senior Cabinet Ministers today met leading representatives of Australian manufacturing, commercial, banking and primary producers' organisations to obtain a first-hand account of current and prospective developments in the different sectors of the economy.

The industry representatives present were :-

Mr. T.M. Ramsay, President	Associated Chambers of Manufactures of Australia
Mr. C.C. Verco, President	Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia
Mr. W.T. Kelly, President	Australian Council of Retailers
Mr. C.R. Darvall, Chairman	Australian Bankers' Association
Mr. A.F. Haverd, President	National Farmers' Union of Australia
Mr. T.L. Bull, President	Australian Woolgrowers' and Graziers' Council
Mr. L.H. Heaslip, President	Australian Wool and Meat Producers' Federation
Mr. J.P. Heffernan, Federal President	Australian Primary Producers' Union
Mr. A.V. Jennings, President	Master Builders' Federation of Australia
Mr. Bruce Burton, President	Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries

The Australian Council of Trade Unions had also been invited to send a representative but today's date was unacceptable. Representatives of the A.C.T.U. will meet Ministers in Canberra next week.

After the Meeting, the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, said that the atmosphere had been most friendly and co-operative and the discussion had been most valuable. The opportunity had been taken for a full exchange of views on present and possible future trends in activity. What the visiting representatives had to say would be carefully considered by himself and his Cabinet colleagues.

CANBERRA,

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