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RESIGNATION OF CHIEF JUSTICE

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Menzies

The Prime Minister announced today that he had conveyed to the Governor-General the resignation of Sir Owen Dixon from the Chief Justiceship of the High Court of Australia.

"The resignation will be effective as from midnight on April 13th, 1964," said the Prime Minister. "The Full High Court will sit in Melbourne on the morning of that day, so that Sir Owen may be farewelled in the presence of his own Bar, of which he has been so distinguished a member for so many years."

"Sir Owen Dixon has brought special honour to the law, not only in Australia but throughout the English-speaking world. He is one of the very greatest judicial lawyers of the century, and has had, in various fields, an unsurpassed record of public service. He will take into his retirement the greatest of assets, the admiration, respect and affection of all his contemporaries."

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