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## SENATOR GORTON TO BE ACTING MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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

The Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, announced today that, during the absence overseas of the Minister for External Affairs, the Minister for Works, Senator Gorton, would act as Minister for External Affairs.

Mr. Hasluck will leave Australia tomorrow on a visit to countries in South East Asia, returning on 21st June. He will again go overseas on 29th June, to be in London at the time of the Prime Ministers' Conference, and return on 19th July.

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