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VISIT TO ISRAEL

It is announced that the Prime Minister's departure for overseas, arranged for next Sunday, 14th June, is being postponed. Postponement is on medical advice.

As a result, the Prime Minister's proposed official visit next week to Israel is cancelled.

The Government of Israel has been informed and the Prime Minister has conveyed personally to the Acting Prime Minister of Israel (Mr. Abba Eban), and through him to the President, his great disappointment at not being able to visit Israel at this time.

The report of the Prime Minister's medical advisers is as follows :-

"Sir Robert Menzies is confined to bed with a recurrence of an abdominal disorder and is unfit at present to undertake overseas travel. He will be required to remain in bed for observation and treatment for some days."

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CANBERRA,

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