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VISIT OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS MARINA, DUCHESS OF KENT

Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, the Rt.Hon. John McEwen, M.P.

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The Acting Prime Minister today announced the dates and itinerary which Her Royal Highness Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, has accepted for her visit to Australia later this year. The visit will be for almost two weeks and its main purpose is for Her Royal Highness to have the opportunity of visiting the British Exhibition which will be held in Sydney from Friday, 25th September to Saturday 10th October.

Mr. McEwen added that Her Royal Highness would not be undertaking visits to all States and said that this was in accord with the Government's aim to have Royal Visits rather than Royal Tours. By associating these visits with a specific occasion, it was possible to eliminate many aspects of a formal tour.

<u>SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER</u>	Morning - Arrive at Canberra
<u>MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER</u>	} Engagements in Canberra
<u>TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER</u>	
<u>WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER</u>	Afternoon - Leave by air for Sydney
	Engagements in Sydney
<u>THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER</u>	Depart from Sydney by air for London

Mr. McEwen also released the programme of engagements which Her Royal Highness will undertake in Canberra:-

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Morning - Arrive at R.A.A.F. Base, Fairbairn  
Stay at Government House

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Morning - Attend Divine Service at St. John's Church  
Evening - Dinner at Prime Minister's Lodge

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MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

- Morning - Visit Australian War Memorial  
Lay wreath, view Roll of Honour, Hall of Memory  
and visit Galleries  
Proceed to Canberra City for drive through  
Commercial Centre.  
(BACKGROUND NOTE - There will be assemblies  
of school-children along the route)
- Afternoon - At Government House - Receive Heads of Diplomatic  
Missions  
Attend Garden Party
- Evening - Dinner at Government House

TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

- Morning - Visit W.R.A.N.S. at H.M.A.S. HARMAN  
Luncheon with Commonwealth High Commissioners  
at Canberra House
- Evening - Attend Reception at Parliament House

WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

- Afternoon - Leave R.A.A.F. Base, Fairbairn, by air for Sydney.

Mr. McEwen concluded by saying that Her Royal Highness would feel very much at home in Australia and would be received warmly and sincerely by the Australian people. It would be Princess Marina's first visit to this country and many would remember the sorrowful circumstances which prevented her from being in Australia with her late husband The Duke of Kent, who, before his tragic death on Active Service had accepted a term of appointment as Australia's Governor-General.

BACKGROUND NOTE

The Premier of New South Wales will announce separately the programme of engagements for Princess Marina's visit to Sydney.

CANBERRA  
16th July, 1964.