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COMMENDATION OF WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL TRUST BY

THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, MR. JOHN McEWEN.

(Mr McEwen is Deputy President of the Australian Committee of the)
Winston Churchill Trust.

" As you know the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, has announced that the people of Australia are to join with the people of Britain and other countries in the establishment of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. The Trust will provide travelling scholarships.

" Australians selected from all walks of life will be given opportunities to travel overseas to improve their knowledge and experience. Those chosen for travel as Churchill Fellows will not only be people in the academic world. People engaged at all levels in industry, trade, commerce, agriculture, and the arts, will be eligible.

" Sir Robert Menzies has spoken of the committees which have been established in Australia to launch a nation-wide appeal to raise £1 million. It is an accepted principle that the funds raised in Australia will be controlled and administered by the Australian organisation established for the purpose. We have been fortunate in securing the services of a number of distinguished Australians as members of the national committee and of the state committees which will conduct the drive for funds in co-operation with the Returned Soldiers League. These people along with the many thousands of voluntary workers who will take part, are giving their wholehearted support to this grand concept.

" I am sure that we will have the enthusiastic support of the general public.

" The Government has decided that donations made to the Fund will be deductible for taxation purposes.

" This Winston Churchill Memorial Trust will perpetuate the memory of the greatest man of our lifetime. Sir Winston made his mark in history, both in peace and war. He dedicated his life to the preservation of freedom and democratic institutions,.

" By providing a continuing benefit to all sections of our community, the Trust will be a memorial which Sir Winston Churchill would himself have approved."

CANBERRA,
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