

MONTREAL WORLD EXHIBITION : AUSTRALIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Statement by the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies

The Government has appointed an Advisory Committee to help develop plans for Australia's part in the World Exhibition to be held in Montreal in 1967.

The twelve-man committee comprises prominent Australians, representing a wide cross-section of our community, ranging from industry and commerce to science and the arts. This committee, under the chairmanship of Sir Frederick White, Chairman of the C.S.I.R.O., will act as an advisory panel to Sir Hastings Harrington, whose appointment as Australian Commissioner-General for the Exhibition was announced last month (September).

Serving on the Committee with Sir Frederick White will be:-

Mr. R.R. Campbell, O.B.E., National Gallery, Adelaide.

Judge Adrian H. Curlewis, C.B.E., District Court, Sydney.

Mr. Warwick D. Fairfax, Chairman, John Fairfax Limited, (Sydney Morning Herald) Sydney.

Sir William Hudson, K.B.E., Commissioner, Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority, Cooma.

Professor J.A. La Nauze, Professor of History, University of Melbourne.

Sir Maurice Mawby, C.B.E., Conzinc Riotinto of Australia Limited, Melbourne.

Mr. J.W. Overall, C.B.E., M.C., Commissioner, National Capital Development Commission, Canberra.

Mr. I.H. Seppelt, O.B.E., B. Seppelt & sons, Adelaide.

Mr. A.M. Simpson, Simpson Pope Holdings Ltd., Adelaide.

Mr. K. Slessor, O.B.E., Daily Telegraph, Sydney.

Mr. H.J. Souter, A.C.T.U., Carlton, Victoria.

Planning is now under way for Australia's contribution to the Exhibition. I am confident that Australia will acquit herself well at Montreal, particularly in view of the calibre of the men who have agreed to serve on the Advisory Committee.

The Montreal Exhibition will be the centrepiece of celebrations to mark the centenary of Canadian Confederation. It is fitting that Australia should join with Canada in the marking of this occasion.

The Exhibition will be educational, scientific and cultural in character, taking as its central theme, "Man and His World". This is the first such exhibition held in North America and will be one of the largest of its kind staged anywhere in the world. Some sixty nations will be participating as well as the Government of Canada, the Canadian Provinces, major Canadian instrumentalities and industries and certain international bodies.

The Exhibition is expected to attract 30M to 50M visitors during the six months from April to October, 1967.

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