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BUST OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

Statement by the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies

A bust of the late Right Honourable Sir Winston Churchill is to be displayed at Parliament House in Canberra as a tribute to the great British statesman.

The Australian Government commissioned the work from Oscar Nemon, the noted sculptor.

The bust, which is in bronze and slightly larger than life size, has been completed and it is hoped that it will soon stand in King's Hall at Parliament House.

Her Majesty The Queen also commissioned a bust of Sir Winston Churchill from Mr. Nemon and this is now at Windsor Castle. However, the sculpture to be displayed in Canberra would not be a replica of an existing work but has been specially commissioned for Australia.

Many eminent people have sat for the 59-year-old Yugoslavian-born sculptor. Among them were Her Majesty The Queen, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Lord Beaverbrook, Sigmund Freud, Sir Max Beerbohm, Lord Montgomery and President Eisenhower.

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BACKGROUND NOTE

Oscar Nemon was born in 1906 in Yugoslavia. He was educated in Oisjek, Brussels and Paris. He married Patricia Villiers-Stuart in 1939 and has one son and two daughters.

Mr. Nemon has held exhibitions in the principal capitals of Europe.
