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DEATH OF SIR DALLAS BROOKS

Tribute by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Sir Dallas Brooks.

He was one of the most popular and most able Governors to serve in Australia and endeared himself to the people of Victoria during what became a record period of office.

Indeed, he could be said to have established a new concept of his office, carrying his activities through all sections of the community and making all feel his friend.

The Commonwealth has special cause for appreciation of Sir Dallas' public service. He, on four occasions, served with distinction as Administrator of the Commonwealth.

In all he did he was most effectively assisted by his gracious and charming wife, Lady Brooks who firmly established her own high place in the affection of the people of Victoria.

Sir Dallas was a man of broad views and wide interests. He was stirred by his vision of Australia's future greatness and when he finally retired, he made Australia his permanent home.

Mrs. Holt and I have lost a very dear friend and we offer our profound sympathy to Lady Brooks and her family.

CANBERRA,
22nd March, 1966.