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TALKS WITH PREMIERS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

The Prime Minister said this morning that he would discuss with Sir Henry Bolte and Mr. Askin the timing of a meeting with them and the other State Premiers.

Mr. Holt said he had no wish to retreat from any earlier undertaking to hold talks with the Premiers of New South Wales and Victoria. However, as requests had now been received from all the State Premiers, it seemed preferable to meet together rather than hold a series of separate conferences.

Mr. Holt pointed out that at his press conference yesterday he had said he would propose February as a meeting date but that if Sir Henry or Mr. Askin saw problems in this he would have no wish to breach any undertaking with them.

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