

MANILA CONFERENCE

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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. HAROLD HOLT  
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE

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The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt, said tonight that he was delighted with the outcome of the Manila Conference.

He said he would not have thought it practicable to reach such general agreement on a host of matters in the time available. It had been a highly successful conference and the results were to be found registered in three important and significant documents.

Mr. Holt said he doubted if he had ever attended a conference with more ready agreement on matters of substance. One could not have wished for a more cordial or co-operative spirit and atmosphere and one left the conference greatly heartened by the outcome.

He said he was certain from the sincerity, the earnestness and goodwill manifest at all stages throughout the conference that there would be a genuine attempt to implement all the goals the nations had set themselves and all the particular matters in the communique to which they had subscribed. For Australia it had been a heartening experience. The renewed unity displayed in the conclusions from the conference would contribute to the allied cause in Vietnam.

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