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VISIT FROM U. N. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan has accepted an invitation to visit Australia as a guest of the Commonwealth Government.

The Prince, who was elected High Commissioner for Refugees by the General Assembly in December, 1965, will be making his first visit to Australia.

He is expected to arrive in Sydney from Geneva on Saturday, 8th April. After spending the weekend privately in Sydney, he will go on to Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney, departing for New Zealand on 23rd April.

While in Australia, the High Commissioner will have discussions with Ministers and officials on refugee problems, meet representatives of the voluntary agencies which are active in refugee work, and visit resettlement projects.

As a country that has received more than 300,000 refugees in the post-war period, we welcome the visit. The High Commissioner's two predecessors in office, Dr. A. Lindt and Mr. F. Schnyder, visited Australia in 1958 and 1963 respectively.

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CANBERRA,  
17th March, 1967.