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## VISIT BY THE H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

It was announced in London last night that the Duke of Edinburgh, who is to visit Australia in May to attend the Third Commonweath Study Conference, will also visit New Zealand.

## Background Note on Visit to Australia

The Duke of Edinburgh will open H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh's Third Commonwealth Study Conference in Sydney on Monday, 13th May.

His Royal Highness will also attend the Closing Session of the Conference in Melbourne on Monday, 3rd June and will leave Australia on the following day (Tuesday 4th June).

It is within this period that the visit to New Zealand is to take place.

A programme of engagements in draft form is being prepared for The Duke of Edinburgh's Australian visit, and an announcement of these details will be made after the proposals have been submitted to and accepted by His  $\mathbb{R}$  oyal Highness.

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