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VISIT BY THE EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA

As announced earlier by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton, His Imperial Majesty Haile Sellassie I of Ethiopia will visit Australia from 13 to 17 May.

His Imperial Majesty, who is scheduled to arrive in Canberra direct from Djakarta at 4.30 p.m. on 13 May will be accompanied by an official suite of 16. He will also visit Melbourne and Perth.

CANBERRA PROGRAMME

Monday, 13 May

Details of the programme for Canberra are as follows:-

4. 30 p.m. Arrival at R. A. A. F. Fairbairn

Artillery salute - 21 guns

Met by: -

The Governor-General

The Prime Minister

Inspects Guard of Honour

- 4. 40 p.m. His Imperial Majesty and the Governor-General will leave for Government House
- 5. 45 p. m. The Prime Minister will make a formal call on His Imperial Majesty
- 7. 45 p. m. Dinner at Government House

Tuesday, 14 May

- 9.30 a.m. His Imperial Majesty visits the Australian War Memorial and lays a wreath on the Stone of Remembrance. Visits the Hall of Memory and signs the Visitors' Book.
- 9.55 a.m. Leaves for Parliament House
- 10.00 a.m. Discussions with Ministers of the Cabinet
- 11.30 a.m. The Governor-General presents to His Imperial Majesty the Heads of Diplomatic Missions
- 1.00 p.m. Attends lunch given by the Australian Government. His Imperial Majesty will reply to speeches of welcome by Government and Opposition Leaders
- 4. 30 p.m. Holds a Press Conference at Hotel Canberra
- 8.00 p.m. Dinner given by His Imperial Majesty at Canberra-Rex Hotel

Wednesday, 15 May

- 9.20 a.m. His Imperial Majesty and the Governor-General leave Government House for R. A. A. F. Fairbairn
- 9.50 a.m. After inspecting the Guard of Honour and being farewelled by the Governor-General and the Prime Minister, His Imperial Majesty leaves for Melbourne

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Please note: The Premiers of Victoria and Western Australia will each announce details of the programme for Melbourne and Perth.

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