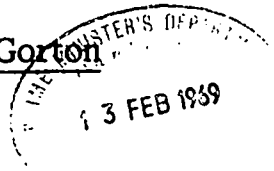


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NEW MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton



Following the resignation of the Rt. Hon. Paul Hasluck, His Excellency the Governor-General has authorised me to announce that the Hon. Gordon Freeth, M. P., Minister for Air and Minister Assisting the Treasurer, will be appointed Minister for External Affairs. He will be sworn in on Tuesday, 11 February.

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