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FLOREY MEMORIAL FUND

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

The Commonwealth Government is to make a contribution of \$10,000 to the fund which is being established to perpetuate the memory of Lord Florey.

The Florey Memorial Fund is being sponsored jointly by the Councils of the Royal Society and the Australian National University, with appeals in Australia and Britain.

It is proposed that the memorial should take the form of post-doctoral visiting fellowships between Australia and the United Kingdom, to be known as Florey Fellowships. The awards will be made for investigation in the biomedical sciences in fields related to Florey's own work.

Lord Florey, who was born in Adelaide in 1898, will be best remembered for his pioneering research in the production and use of Penicillin, for which he shared the Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine in 1945. Lord Florey was President of the Royal Society from 1960-65 and Chancellor of the Australian National University from 1965 until his death in 1968. Although Lord Florey spent most of his working life in England he took a great interest in science in Australia, in particular in the establishment of the Australian National University. It is fitting, therefore, that the memorial to Lord Florey should be in the form of scholarships to enable an interchange of young scholars between Australia and the United Kingdom.

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