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FOUR WEEKS' LEAVE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Following is the text of a telegram despatched this morning to Mr. H. J. Souter, Secretary of the A. C. T. U. :-

"At the conclusion of the discussion on 1 December with the joint deputation of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, the Council of Commonwealth Public Service Organisations and the Australian Council of Salaried and Professional Associations, I said that I would present the claim which you had submitted for four weeks' annual leave in the Commonwealth Public Service to the Cabinet as quickly as possible. My colleagues and I have now discussed the claim. The Government has concluded that having regard to existing relevant circumstances it would be inappropriate to grant an extra week's annual leave to the Commonwealth Public Service at this time. I have sent a copy of this telegram to the President of the Council of Commonwealth Public Service Organisations and the President of the Australian Council of Salaried and Professional Associations.

J. G. GORTON
PRIME MINISTER."

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