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PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT NEW GUINEA

The Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton, will visit Papua-New Guinea from 5th to 11th July.

His itinerary is still being finalised, but he will travel extensively, visit a number of key centres, have discussions with elected Members of the House of Assembly, and with the Administration, and meet with representative groups and organisations throughout the Territory.

Mr. Gorton said today that he wanted to get a first-hand impression of developments in Papua-New Guinea, and to meet and talk with a wide cross-section of the community.

Mrs. Gorton will be travelling with the Prime Minister, and he will also be accompanied by the Minister for Territories, Mr. Barnes and the retiring Administrator, Mr. David Hay, who will become Secretary of the Department of External Territories at the end of July.

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