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PRIME MINISTER HAS MINOR OPERATION

The Prime Minister has had to cancel his planned meeting in the Chisholm By-Election in Melbourne tomorrow (Monday) night.

Mr. Gorton returned to Canberra today after undergoing a minor operation at the Mercy Hospital in Melbourne last week. Arrangements had been made for him to enter the hospital during the week's Parliamentary recess and the operation - for a fistula - was performed successfully last Wednesday.

As it was only a minor operation, he had intended going ahead with his speaking engagement for tomorrow night. However, his doctor has advised that it would be preferable for Mr. Gorton to take it quietly for a few more days.

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