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GOVERNOR-GENERAL TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

With the approval of Her Majesty and concurrence of the Commonwealth Government the Governor-General and Lady Hasluck will pay an official visit to New Zealand next February at the invitation of the Governor-General of New Zealand, His Excellency Sir Arthur Porritt.

The Governor-General and Lady Hasluck will fly to Wellington in the Governor-General's R.A.A.F. aircraft on Thursday, 11th February, and will return to Australia on Thursday, 18th February.

In addition to Wellington Sir Paul and Lady Hasluck will visit Auckland, Christchurch, Taupo and other centres.

The Government of the Commonwealth will be administered by His Excellency Major-General Sir Rohan Delacombe, Governor of Victoria, during the Governor-General's absence. Sir Rohan holds a Dormant Commission from The Queen and is the senior State Governor in terms of years of service in his office.

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