



PRIME MINISTER

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RETIREMENT OF THE HONOURABLE C.E. BARNES, M.P.

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. William McMahon

I announce the retirement from the Ministry of the Honourable C. E. Barnes, M.P., Minister for External Territories.

I propose, in consequence, to recommend to His Excellency the Governor-General the following appointments:-

The Hon. Andrew Peacock, M.P., to be Minister for
External Territories;

Mr. R. C. Katter, M.P., to be Minister for the
Army.

I am proposing to His Excellency that the swearing take place in Canberra next week. Mr. Barnes' retirement will take effect from that time.

I place on record my appreciation of Mr. Barnes' very great public service directed to the interests of the Australian nation and also, in a particular sense, to the interests of the Australian external territories.

CANBERRA,
25 January, 1972.