



## PRIME MINISTER

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Speech by the Prime Minister, Mr. William McMahon, C.H., M.P.

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Good Evening;

Nineteen hundred and seventy-two is another Olympic Games Year and the Australian Olympic Federation, of which I happen to be the President, wants to send about 200 of our top athletes to Munich, Germany, to compete in the Games.

Now you know as well as I do that the Australian is a great sportsman, and that he can compete and win in world company. So we plan to be able to announce the team in May of this year and to get them to Munich as soon as we can so that they can compete in the Games in late August and early September.

In order to do that we have to raise something like \$400,000 to permit the mission to take place. My Government, the Australian Government, has provided \$80,000 to permit this to happen and we have to collect the balance from people like you, from companies and corporations, from associations and from the trade unions as well.

We have to do this if the mission is to be successful. So I ask you tonight to contribute to the maximum of your capacity, and to make this trip a success.

Please do so, and give our athletes the opportunity to compete and to beat the best from other parts of the world.

Good night and thank you.

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