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Death of the Duke of Windsor

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. William McMahon,
C.H., M.P.

My colleagues and I have learned with a sense of deep sadness of the death of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Windsor.

Many will recall the brilliant success of his visit to Australia more than fifty years ago. He captivated this country with his youth and charm.

His decision to abdicate so shortly after succeeding his father, King George V, was the result of events which greatly moved all members of the British Commonwealth.

Since that time he has, by the dignity of his bearing and his personal qualities, retained and attracted widespread respect and affection.

On behalf of the Government, I have expressed to Her Majesty The Queen, to his widow the Duchess of Windsor and to all members of the Royal Family, our sincere sympathy.

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