

**PRIME MINISTER**FOR PRESSJANUARY 24, 1976VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

A number of Vietnamese who had sought refuge in Australia following the collapse of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam were admitted to Australia by the previous Government only after they had signed a written undertaking not to engage in political activity or to lend their names to such activity.

It is the Government's view that such a requirement is inappropriate. I have accordingly asked the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs to arrange for the persons concerned to be officially advised in writing that the Government does not regard the undertaking they signed as binding and that the documents will be cancelled.