

MEDIA RELEASE

PROTEST AGAINST THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Anthony

The action of demonstrators in engaging in vandalism at St. Stephen's Church in Sydney was deplorable, and will be condemned by the great majority of people.

What this hooligan element does not seem to understand is that it was not Sir John Kerr who turned a 5-seat Labor majority in Federal Parliament into a 55-seat Liberal-National Country Party majority last December, but the Australian people themselves.

The Labor Party itself stands condemned for its continued failure to make the slightest effort to disown the actions of a violent, very small minority in attacking the constitutional and democratic system which enabled the community to express its own judgement last year.

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