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## PRIME MINISTER

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MRS. GOLDA MEIR

Mrs. Golda Meir was one of the outstanding women of the world.

She dedicated her life to the service of her country and to the long search for a secure future for the state of Israel.

From the time of her arrival in the British mandated territory of Palestine, the main aim of her life was the creation and later the consolidation of Israel.

As Minister for Labor, for Foreign Affairs and finally as Prime Minister, she served her country with dedication and with indomitable courage.

She gained the admiration of her countrymen, and of people everywhere for her tenacity and her devotion to Israel. In Australia we share the sorrow of Israelis at her passing.

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