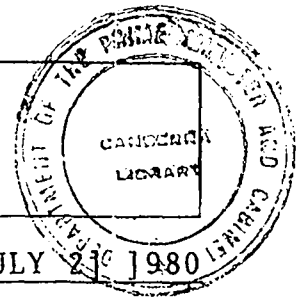




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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SIR SERETSE KHAMA,
PRESIDENT OF BOTSWANA

The Minister for Health, Mr Michael MacKellar, will represent Australia at the memorial service for the late President of Botswana, Sir Seretse Khama, in the capital, Gaborone, on 24 July.

Mr MacKellar will leave Australia on 22 July. He will be accompanied to Gaborone by the Australian High Commissioner to Botswana, Mr K. R. Douglas-Scott.

After attending the memorial service, Mr MacKellar will visit Zimbabwe for discussions with Prime Minister Mugabe and senior members of his government.

Mr MacKellar will also be visiting Kenya and Mauritius for discussions.

With the death of Sir Seretse Khama, Africa and the Commonwealth has lost a great senior statesman, who contributed significantly to the attainment of a democratic and peaceful solution to the Rhodesian conflict.

Mr MacKellar's visit will serve to strengthen Australia's important ties with fellow Commonwealth member countries Zimbabwe, Kenya, and Mauritius.