

STATEMENT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

The Prime Minister is leaving Singapore tomorrow for Colombo. Dr. Goh Keng Swee, Minister of Defence, will act as Prime Minister during his absence.

After Ceylon, Mr. Lee will be away visiting India, and Tanzania. He will attend the meeting of non-aligned countries in Lusaka. He will then visit the U.A.R., France, Germany and Britain.

From early October, he will spend three weeks in Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Pennsylvania Universities. In mid-October, he will attend the U.N. General Assembly. Then he will visit Washington, Chicago and San Francisco.

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He will spend a few days in Japan. He will be back in Singapore in mid-November.

Mr. Ong Pang Boon, Minister for Education and Acting Minister for Home Affairs, will be leaving for America on the 6th of September. Mr. Lim Kim San will then assume his duties as Minister for Education, and Dr. Wong Lin Ken will become Minister for Home Affairs. Mr. L.P. Rodrigo will be Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Home Affairs as from 6th September.

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