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City Forecast
8 a.m. To 10.45 p.m.
Cold, Cloudy Periods.
Estimated Max., 62.
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Yesterday's Temperatures:
Min., 51; Max., 64.
April 20 Last Year:
Min., 55; Max., 69.9.

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MENZIES STRESSES "CLOSE" VIEWS VIETNAM STAND

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FROM S. W. STEPHENS

CANBERRA, April 20.

The Prime Minister (Sir Robert Menzies) said tonight that talks between Australian Ministers and the US Presidential envoy (Mr. Cabot Lodge) had contributed to an "already very great degree of agreement" between Australia and America on checking aggression in Vietnam.

Mr. Lodge spent 2½ hours with members of the Cabinet's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. He said later that the meeting had been interesting and valuable and that he had been given "some sagacious advice."

The discussions are interpreted in Canberra as having given clear-cut confirmation of Australian support for continued bombing raids on North Vietnam and for President Johnson's offer of "unconditional discussions" to seek a settlement.

The talks ranged over the current situation in Vietnam to the implications involved if there is no settlement. They embodied confirmation of the understanding that a retreat in South Vietnam could throw open the whole of South-East Asia to a progressive Communist Chinese influence. Mr. Lodge told the Australian Ministers that the US was determined to stay in South Vietnam until a settlement safeguarding South Vietnam's independence was reached. He made no requests for additional Australian military aid, but implicit in the discussions was tacit acceptance that Australia could be further committed militarily if the situation in Vietnam failed to improve.

before 3 p.m. in a special Boeing 707 aircraft. His arrival was without incident in contrast with the demonstrations staged by students in Wellington yesterday when he flew in from Hawaii. Security and plainclothes police were on duty as a precaution against possible demonstrations. Mr. Lodge was met by Mr. Hasluck, the South Vietnamese Ambassador (Mr. Nguyen Van Hieu), the US Charge d'Affaires (Mr. J. W. Lydman), and senior members of the American Embassy staff.

admitted the contribution Australia was making to world freedom. President Johnson, he said, considered that when the US had a splendid friend like Australia, it should nourish that friendship. As a result, he had come to Canberra, on the President's behalf, for an exchange of views on Vietnam. "I and the US can derive great benefit from the advice that the Australian Government can give," Mr. Lodge said. Journalists had been told before his arrival that he would not be prepared to answer questions.

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In a brief statement to the Press he said that he

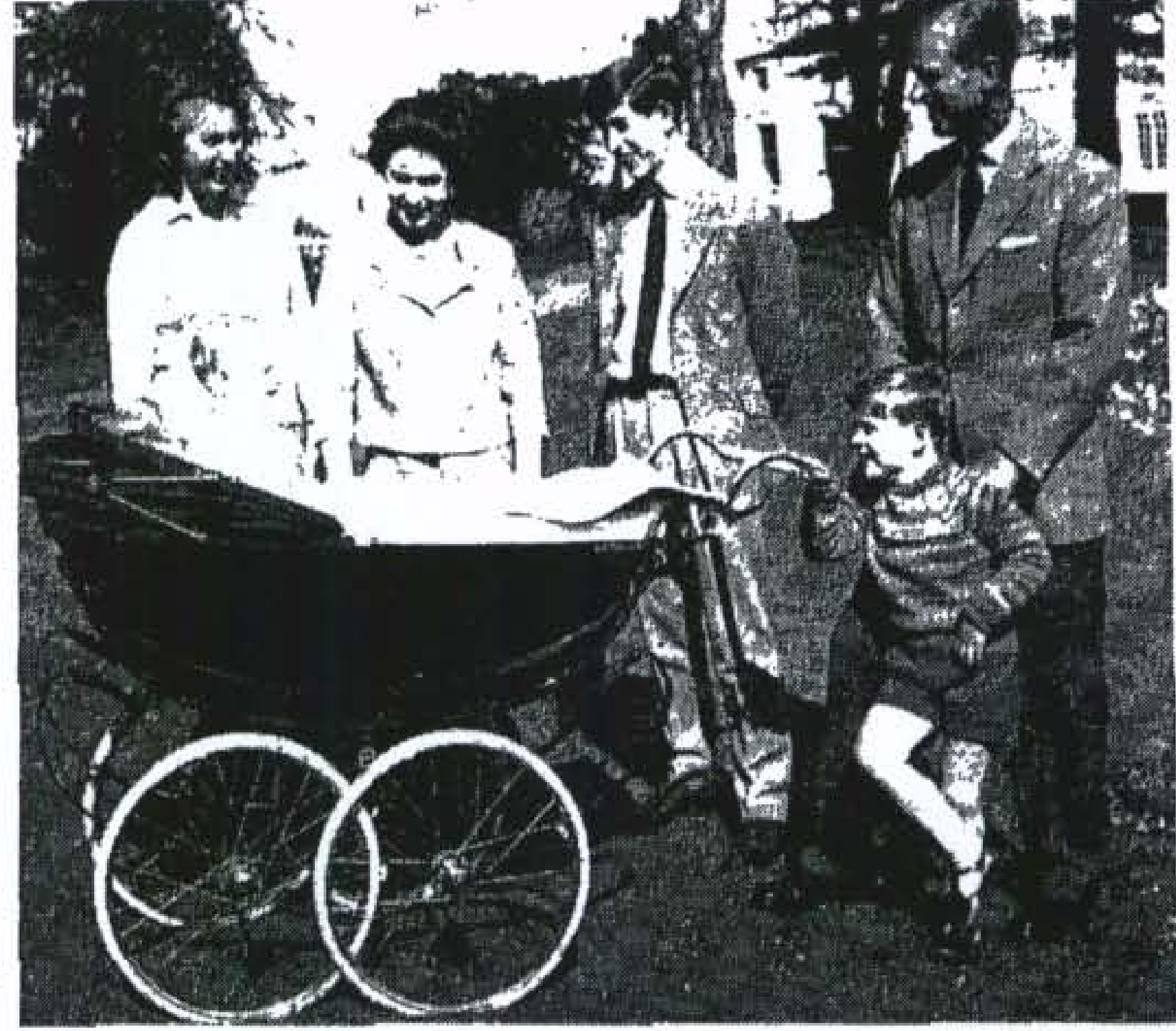
Meeting With Envoy



President Johnson's special envoy (Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge) with the Australian Minister for External Affairs (Mr. Hasluck) at left, and the Prime Minister (Sir Robert Menzies) in Canberra yesterday.

Top U.S. Conference On War In Vietnam

"FRANK" Mr. Lodge briefly answered journalists' questions at the end of the meeting, saying that the



STATES IN VITAL TAX TALKS

By Our Political Roundman

The Premier (Mr. Walsh) and State Treasury officers will fly to Canberra today for talks which will have important effects on the level of State taxation over the next few years.

Mr. Walsh said yesterday that he would support moves by the State Premiers to obtain greater Commonwealth income tax reimbursements. The NSW Premier (Mr. Renshaw) would lead a

"united" all-States approach for a greater return to the States of income tax collected by the Commonwealth. "If the States are to be in a position to continue industrial expansion at the present rate, a greater share of the tax pool is essential," Mr. Walsh said.

"As the State expands, lines of communication and supply get longer all the time and costs rise accordingly."

Revised

The Commonwealth-States tax reimbursement plan is revised every six years. In the past six years SA with 9 p.c. of the population, has been granted 11 p.c. of the allocation to the States. The present arrangements for allocation by the Commonwealth of tax reimbursements, officially called financial assistance grants, were worked out in 1959 and expire at the end of this financial year.

For the current financial year SA received grants totalling £39m. from an all-States allocation of £41m.

If the tax reimbursement formula remains unchanged, SA could expect to obtain about £42m. for the next financial year out of a total allocation of £39m.

But the Premiers will be pressing the Commonwealth hard to meet the £46m. mark.

Expenditure

CANBERRA, April 20 - The Commonwealth is expected to curtail the States' need more money

Port Star Suspended

Port Adelaide ruckman Dave Gill was last night suspended for two matches by the League Commissioners for having struck a Glenelg player during last Saturday's match at Glenelg Oval.

A charge against West Adelaide follower Leon O'Driscoll of having attempted to strike Lindsay Head (West Torrens) in the match at Richmond Oval was dismissed.

Seconds ruckmen Darryl Krause (West Torrens) and Denis Heath (Norwood) were suspended for three and two matches respectively for having struck opponents during Saturday's matches.

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Record Road Toll In U.K.

Australian Associated Press LONDON, April 20 - A total of 109 people died in Britain's blackest Easter holiday on the roads. The record (194) is 22 more than in 1963 and 41 more than last year.

Ninety-one people have died and more than 1,000 have been injured in Easter road accidents throughout France. Spring turned to win-

Queen 39 Today

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A move to expand Montefiore Hill and for use of the Governor order by the Lord meeting of the Adelaide

Councillor J. J. Roche had said he believed it would cost about £100,000 to acquire land at Montefiore Hill for the Festival Centre Hall.

Added to this would be the £1m. construction cost of the hall. "This figure, based on a high valuation of £1,000 a square, would build a very good Government House," he said.

The council should therefore try to develop the 13-acre Government House site for the concert hall and associated parking arrangements while taking the opportunity to widen both North terrace and Kintore avenue.

The plan could also embrace a commemorative fountain to replace the Victoria square proposal.

An underground parking station could be considered with moving footpaths in North terrace to serve the Festival Hall, Parliament House, the railway station and University of Adelaide. It is said.

The Queen will be 39 today.

She poses here with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh and their family in light-hearted mood at Frogmore, Windsor.

The photo shows Prince Edward in a pram, and Prince Andrew in foreground. Behind them are, from left, Princess Anne, the Queen, the Prince of Wales and the Duke.

The Governor-General (Lord De L'Isle) yesterday sent the following message from Canberra to the Queen to mark her birthday.

"On the occasion of your Majesty's birthday, I am privileged to send to your Majesty the loyal and affectionate greetings of the people and Government of the Commonwealth of Australia."

Pictured below is Prince Andrew, wearing Wellington boots and with his hands in his pockets, strolling at Frogmore.



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France soon might with the South-East Asian, the eight-nation pact in the Far East, re in Paris today.

As a first step the French Foreign Minister (M. Couve de Murville) will not attend the annual Seato Ministerial conference in London, which will begin a three-day session on May 3.

France had told the Seato secretariat in Bangkok that she intended to down-grade her delegation to the London conference to observer status, reliable sources said.

Observers regard the French decision as reflecting President de Gaulle's desire to dissociate France step by step from any commitment in a possible war in Vietnam.

Nearly two years ago he expressed fears that the US might get into a real war in Vietnam.

Since then France has backed a policy of neutralisation for South Vietnam.

Diplomats in Paris believe President Johnson may seek Seato approval at the London conference for his offer of unconditional talks on a Vietnam peace settlement, valued at \$1,000m (A\$446,429,000) economic aid plan for South-East Asia.

The French Government's view is that this aid plan is an integral part of America's Vietnam policy, and to support it would be to endorse the very strategy in Vietnam with which the French Government disagreed.