

AAP RTV930

YY RTS RTV

ETHNIC (CANBERRA)

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED NOT TO ISSUE ITS SPECIAL ADVISOR ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS...AL GRASSBY...WITH THE LICENCE TO OPERATE TWO ETHNIC RADIO STATIONS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

A STATEMENT BY POSTMASTER GENERAL...REG BISHOP...AND MEDIA MINISTER...DOUG MCCLELLAND...SAID TODAY THE LICENCES WOULD GO TO THE CHAIRMAN OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE SET UP TO OVERSEE THE STATIONS...MR G.A. BAYUTTI...PRESIDENT OF THE APIA CLUB IN SYDNEY. MR GRASSBY'S OFFICE WILL PROVIDE PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION AND SECRETARIAL BACKUP.

THE TWO STATIONS...EXPECTED TO BEGIN TRANSMISSION NEXT MONTH...WILL OPERATE ON LOW POWERED TRANSMITTERS AND HAVE AN EXPERIMENTAL BROADCASTING LICENCE OF THIRTEEN WEEKS.

= MORE AAP DA/ADC

NNNN 271952