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HEATH RESIGNS

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(TEXT) LONDON, MARCH 4, REUTER -- PRIME MINISTER EDWARD HEATH
RESIGNED TONIGHT AFTER LOSING HIS MAJORITY IN THE GENERAL ELECTION
AND FAILING TO FORM A COALITION.

RNR 132 FOURTH NIGHTLEAD ELECTION;

LONDON, MAR 4, REUTER - BRITISH PRIME MINISTER EDWARD HEATH
RESIGNED TONIGHT AFTER FAILING TO PUT TOGETHER A COALITION FOLLOWING
THE REVERSE HE SUFFERED IN LAST THURSDAY'S GENERAL ELECTION.

AFTER FAILING TO LINE UP THE SMALL LIBERAL PARTY ALONGSIDE HIS
CONSERVATIVES, HEATH SET OUT FOR BUCKINGHAM PALACE TO HAND IN HIS
RESIGNATION TO QUEEN ELIZABETH. SHE IS NOW EXPECTED TO ASK LABOR
PARTY LEADER HAROLD WILSON TO FORM A MINORITY GOVERNMENT.

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