



BLAMEY'S CALL TO ALL SERVICEMEN

STILL HAVE DUTY TO AUSTRALIA

Spirit Of A I F In National Life

AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE GREATNESS WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE EXTENT TO WHICH EX-SERVICEMEN OF THE TWO WORLD WARS PARTICIPATED IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE NATION'S AFFAIRS.

This statement was made on Anzac eve by General Sir Thomas Blamey, former Commander-in-Chief A M F, who will lead the Anzac march to the Shrine of Remembrance today.

There was, he said, a solemn obligation on every former serviceman to take some part in the moulding of national policy. It was their duty to infuse the nation's life with the spirit that had made the AIF of 1914-18 and had been again the spirit of the Army in 1939-46.

Anzac Day would be an empty commemoration if the million and more men and women who had served the nation in the time of its greatest danger did not demonstrate their readiness to help the other fellow through the years of peace.

"I do not mean," General Blamey said, "that former service men and women should band themselves together into an exclusive political organisation. That would tend to cut them off from the rest of the community. It would be a denial of our wartime ideal of selfless service to the nation. What I consider the obligation of all those whose service makes Anzac Day a day of special significance to them is this:

"They should take an active

part in all national, political, industrial, and civic affairs. They should energetically participate in the organisation, discussions, and administration of political parties, the trade unions, commercial associations, and the like, and in city, borough, and shire councils."

None, General Blamey added, had a greater right or a more pressing duty in this field of service than those who had, by their devotion in the field, saved Australia from disaster.

UNITY OF ACTION

Addressing himself directly to ex-service personnel, General Blamey said: "You have been told that our country, as well as a great part of the world, is in an irretrievable mess. It is not. Your gallant service averted that disaster. It is merely suffering the aftermath of a great convulsion. Now it is your task to go forward in the aftermath, with the work of building Australia into a great country.

"Only the energies of the combined forces—the men and women who served in the Navy, Army, and Air Force—can infuse the nation with the spirit that will achieve that purpose. You can bring about its realisation only by single-mindedness of purpose and unity of action. In the same spirit and in the same manner in which you carried out your various war tasks.

"Wherever the future takes you, have always in mind that you owe still to this country a duty commensurate with that which you discharged grandly in two wars. If service men and

women work unitedly within their own spheres of industrial, political, social, and other activities you will achieve in peace the freedom for which you fought and which you retained the right to develop in your own homeland through your efforts and your sacrifices in war."

TURKS WILL NOT YIELD TERRITORY

Ankara (AAP)

"Turkey will not yield an inch of territory to friend or foe," Mr Sarajoglu, Turkish Prime Minister, told a Columbia Broadcasting Service correspondent.

"Turkey is willing to abide by the Montreux convention, providing for the free use of the Dardanelles under Turkish administration.

"I do not expect severe pressure from Russia about eastern territory or any other matter. That is the sort of practical joke we do not enjoy."

NO SUPER CABINET FOR EMPIRE

London (AAP)

Reports in some London newspapers, notably *Daily Mail* and *Daily Express*, that the Prime Ministers are considering a proposal for a super Empire Cabinet of possibly 20 representatives are discounted.

These reports say something better and closer than an Imperial conference is envisaged to recommend common action. It is hoped such a body would

gain such prestige and authority that the Dominion Parliaments would be willing to take its advice.

The newspapers concerned pointedly base the suggestion on questions which some reporters put to Mr Nash, NZ Deputy Prime Minister, at a Press conference. Mr Nash dismissed the proposal as "not practical politics." It was authoritatively stated



"They live on far away, without visible symbol, woven into the stuff of other men's lives." — PERICLES.

Blessings of Peace And Prosperity

—King And Queen

His Royal Highness the Governor-General (the Duke of Gloucester) has received the following Anzac Day message from His Majesty the King:

"The Queen and I join today with all those who in Australia are commemorating Anzac Day. The past year has witnessed the final victory of our arms over our common enemies, and my thoughts go out to all those in the Australian and New Zealand Forces who helped so magnificently in this triumphant result, and to all those who fell in the struggle. I pray the same success which crowned the achievements of those whom we remember today may attend the efforts of all the men and women who in diverse ways are now seeking to restore to a sore troubled world blessings of peace and prosperity. I know in the tasks which have still to be fulfilled, no less than in the trials and hazards of war, my people of Australia and New Zealand will play a full and worthy part.—GEORGE R.I."

SUNSPOTS GIVE TROUBLE AGAIN

New York (AAP)

Sunspots almost blotted out radio communication between USA and the rest of the world on Tuesday, and disrupted internal telegraphic services.

Press Wireless reported at 11.30pm on Tuesday that it had had no real contact with Europe for more than 24 hours.

ANZAC LANDING STILL EPIC OF WAR ANNALS

London

The British Service Chiefs, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Cunningham, Field-Marshal Lord Alanbrooke, and Air Chief Marshal Lord Tedder, have addressed the following Anzac Day message to the Australian forces:

"The armed forces of Australia and New Zealand have added many glorious pages to their history since the first Anzac Day. Nevertheless, that epic landing will ever be remembered as one of the most glorious feats of arms in all the annals of war."

40,000 DANES ON STRIKE

London (AAP)

Forty thousand Danish workers went on strike on Tuesday, says *The Times* correspondent at Copenhagen.

They include slaughter-house employees, whose absence from work will immediately affect exports to Britain.

SEATS FOR 16,000 AT DAVIS CUP

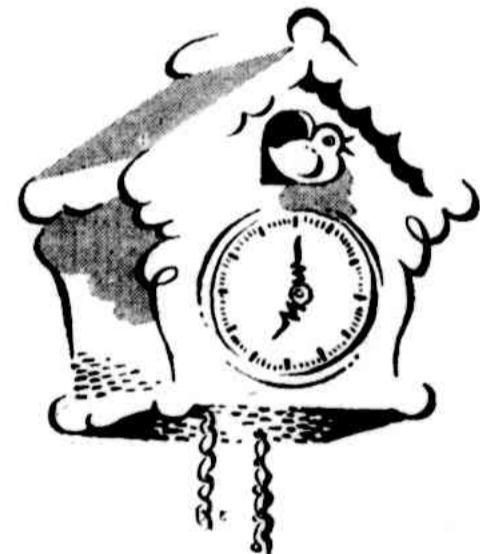
New Stand At Kooyong

Materials will be made available to provide temporary seating accommodation for 10,000 people for the Davis Cup challenge round to be played at Kooyong on December 26, 27, and 28.

In announcing that Cabinet had decided to grant the necessary permits, Mr Cain said last night that the matches were of international importance and that accommodation for people to see the play was a vital factor in staging the big event successfully.

Permanent stand accommodation at Kooyong is about 6,000. With the new temporary stands this accommodation will be increased to 16,000 for the Davis Cup and for the Victorian and Australian champion tennis which will be played respectively just before and just after the challenge round. Even though it is anticipated many will be turned away, as booking enquiries have been heavy.

Mr Cain said that the materials could be used in building construction immediately after the event. Timber would be mostly of local origin for which there was little demand in housing. Fittings required would not affect the current housing programme.



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