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The Rev. Peter Matthews, Congregational, South Aus., Youth Leader.
The Rev. A. E. Giles, Presbyterian, South Australia.

Professor G. V. Portus (Adelaide University) has associated himself with the Convention.

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**This is to invite
your interest in an**

Australian Convention ON Peace and War

- To provide a rallying-point for discussion and conference.
- To hear prominent citizens give their views on Peace.
- To strengthen support for the principles of the United Nations Charter.
- To create an informed opinion on Peace.

**A Gathering of Citizens to Discuss and
Promote International Goodwill and Peace.**

**THE WORD "PEACE" IS NOT THE PROPERTY OF ANY ONE GROUP OR SECTION OF PEOPLE
IT IS THE HOPE OF ALL MEN EVERYWHERE**

An Australian Convention on Peace and War will be held in Sydney—September, 1953. It is being convened by prominent citizens who believe that the threat of war endangers humanity's hopes for survival of civilisation as we know it. Every Australian should face to-day's challenge and aid the work for Peace.

In April this year ten clergymen in Sydney signed a Declaration on World Peace. It read:

To-day, on every mind and every heart in Australia there weighs some of the burden of war.

War is a denial of everything for which we live—of our beliefs and of every creative urge. On all sides there is a yearning for the peace which can permit the flowering of all that is best.

We representative citizens and ministers of religion view with the greatest alarm the gathering threat of world war. Yet we are not without hope.

We refuse to believe that another world war is inevitable. With all our hearts we feel that, with all men of goodwill united, peace can be saved.

There are no differences between States that should not be settled by patient negotiation. Negotiation must replace war as the method of settling differences between nations.

Let all men and women speak out for peace. There must be no isolation in this urgent task. Our lives, the lives of our children, the lives of all peoples, are at stake. Let all hands and hearts meet in this great enterprise of peacemaking.

We suggest that a broad, representative section of the people in every city, town and country centre, meet and discuss ways and means of winning the peace and saving humanity. Peace cannot wait—it must be won.

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| The Rev. R. V. AMOS | The Rev. G. R. van EERDE |
| The Rev. G. J. ANDREWS | The Rev. R. H. HAYES |
| The Rev. N. St. CLAIR ANDERSON | The Rev. C. VENTON HAYMAN |
| The Rev. ALLEN D. BRAND | The Rev. OWEN G. PARRY |
| The Rev. S. CLAGUE | The Rev. B. L. WEBB |

This appeal met with a quick response. A convening committee for a national peace discussion was called together, and an executive formed, consisting of—

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| The Rev. N. St. Clair Anderson, | Executive member of the Congrega- |
| | tional Union. |
| G. Anderson, D.F.C. | Ex-serviceman. |
| S. F. Allen, Esq., F.C.A. (Aust.) | Chartered Accountant. |
| The Rev. A. D. Brand | Methodist Mission, Glebe. |
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| | Shore Hospital. |
| G. Nicholls, Esq. | Advertising Consultant. |
| The Rev. C. N. Steele | Church of England, Newtown. |
| Dr. J. R. Vickery | Food Research Scientist. |
| S. E. Wright, M.Sc. | Senior University Lecturer. |

They issued this statement:

"The great hope that international differences can be settled by means other than war has found expression in the decision to hold a Convention on Peace and War in Sydney in September this year.

The aim of the Convention will be to make vocal and effective the deep feeling of our ordinary citizens for peace. Its theme—the appeal by ministers of religion to which many leading citizens have affixed their signature.

We believe that it is in the power of the common man to win peace in our time. We invite any group of Australians, or any organisation to—

- discuss the convention with friends,
- make proposals for it,
- elect a delegate to it,
- sell the convention emblem,
- assist us financially.