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Mr. Menzies'

Most Famous Speech



THE Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, informed Parliament on April 20th, 1939, that when he was faced with the position of making up his mind as to whether or not he would go to the Great War between 1914 and 1918, he arrived at the decision that it was the business of no one but himself whether he went overseas and fought in the war or whether he stayed at home.

Further, he declared, he found himself in exactly the same position as any other person who had to answer the extremely important question: "Is it my duty to go to the war, or is it my duty not to go?"

Then he added:

"The answers to those questions cannot be made on a public platform. Those questions relate to a man's intimate, personal and family affairs, and in consequence, I, facing those problems—problems of intense difficulty—found myself, for reasons which were and are compelling, unable to join the infantry of the Australian Military Forces."

NO CONSCRIPTION WITHOUT A REFERENDUM!

**DOWN WITH THE WARMONGERS AND STOCK EXCHANGE
SOLDIERS!**

FOR PEACE — NOT WAR — SEND COMMUNISTS TO CANBERRA!

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