

# Australia is now at peace with Japan

**WE are no longer at war with Japan.**

Peace was declared at midnight, ending formally the state of war which had existed since December 7, 1941.

The peace treaty simultaneously came into force between Japan and Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Mexico, New Zealand,

Pakistan, the United Kingdom and the United States.

India, which did not sign the treaty, also yesterday announced that her state of war with Japan was ended.

Thirty-eight other nations signed the peace treaty at San Francisco. It will become effective for them as they complete the ratification procedure.

In Tokyo, Mr. Yoshida, Premier of Japan, said: "At long last we are free. We are inde-

pendent. Japan now joins the family of nations as a sovereign equal.

"In making our new start today, our people know that no nation can live unto itself, that no nation can draw dividends unless it contributes to a common world effort and invests in the common welfare of humanity."

Mr. Casey, Australian Minister for External Affairs, said:

"The Australian people will not forget the

past and its lessons. But we must now look to the future.

"If Japan demonstrates by deed as well as

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## OUR TROOPS TO STAY IN JAPAN IN PEACETIME

Canberra, Monday

**A**USTRALIAN armed forces will still be stationed in Japan after the peace.

The Peace Treaty, which comes into effect at midnight tonight, says that all occupation forces must quit Japan within 90 days.

Commonwealth countries, including Australia, are negotiating an agreement with the Japanese Government under which they will retain forces in Japan.

America has already concluded such an agreement.

Japan is expected to allow Australian forces to remain for the duration of the Korean War and for a period after that until the Koreans have established their own forces (during that time United Nations forces will be in Korea).

It is likely that Australian troops will remain in Japan after that on a Pacific security basis, similar to that permitted to the Americans, but this is not yet certain.

The new agreement will increase Australia's financial commitments in the Korean war enormously.

At present it is costing about £5 million a year for the two Australian battalions, 77 Squadron of Meteor Jets, and transport elements of the R.A.A.F. to use Japanese bases.

Japan has borne the brunt of the occupation expenses to date, but after the 90 days have expired Australia will have to pay in full for all services she receives.

Other immediate effects of the peace treaty will be:

**AIR ROUTES:** The Japanese are expected to press for reciprocal landing rights in Australia for American-backed and Japanese-manned airlines.

At present Qantas uses Japanese airfields for regular flights. It is understood that the United States will not object to the use of Guam and Canton Island by

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### This is what annoyed Brown

Everybody who is interested in cricket is wondering what Keith Miller and R. S. Whittington said about English skipper Freddie Brown to annoy him and the English critics.

They said it in their book "Straight Hit," which reached the English critics yesterday.

The critics say that the cricketer-authors accused Brown of rudeness when on tour, including an alleged incident in an Australian club.

This is what they wrote: "Even popular English captain Freddie Brown made himself unpopular at an Australian club when he impatiently took to task a well-wishing Australian completely sincere in his expressed wish to Brown that England would do well in the series."

"On the field, Brown was tops to Australians, from their cricket-loving Prime Minister to the men at the bottom of the deepest Newcastle coalmine."

"But Brown disappointed many people who came into

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### They're all happy once more

By KEN MOSES

**T**HE "Hoad incident" closed yesterday with smiles all round after the young international had apologised to the council of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia.

The council accepted his apology.

Then it wished him the best of luck on his coming trip overseas.

Hoad is a member of the Australian team which leaves next week to play at Wimbledon and on the Continent.

The special meeting was called to interview Hoad, following his conduct in the West Australian championships at Easter.

In the doubles final he was alleged to have made no attempt to play shots, and

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### P.M. to seek 1954 Tour

Canberra, Monday

**M**R. MENZIES, Prime Minister, will ask Queen Elizabeth during his London visit next month to consider a Royal Tour of Australia early in 1954.

Official circles in Canberra said tonight that the tour was considered almost certain to take place — probably in March and May.

Arrangements will have to be made between the Coronation — in June next year — and the Australian general election in June, 1954.

The projected visit offers few organisational problems for the Government. Arrangements had been completed for this year's tour, cancelled by the death of the late King.

**Same plans?**

It is expected that plans which have been pigeon-holed twice will be reviewed and carried out almost to the letter.

This would enable the Queen to visit many Victorian provincial centres in a 14-day visit.

It would call for extensive air travel and the tightest of official schedules.

Details of the tour will not be announced officially until later this year.

### LATEST

Washington: The United States Navy announced last night the abandonment of the search for 126 crew members of the destroyer minesweeper Hobson. An immediate inquiry would be held "to place the blame" for the collision, it said. (Story—page 4.)



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**MISS RUTH FARREN PRICE.** 19-year-old Melbourne pianist, had two reasons for smiling when this picture was taken.

She had just learned she was one of the State finalists in the A.B.C. concerto competition and she had just got the "two-bob bit" right in Mendelssohn's G minor Concerto, which she will play in the finals in Melbourne Town Hall tonight week.

The "two-bob bit" is a tricky passage in the concerto, and she and her teacher, Lindsay Biggins, always have a two-shilling bet on whether she'll get it right or not.

### Six missing in snow mountains

**FOUR** young men and two young women are missing in rough, heavily snow-covered country near Marysville.

The party left Marysville on Friday, and was to have returned at 3 p.m. yesterday to catch a bus back to Melbourne.

Police late yesterday searched in snow six inches deep on Lake Mountain (4,800ft.),

about eight miles from Marysville, but found no trace of the party.

Police have the full names and addresses of only two of the men.

They are: Bruce Sibley, 24, of Sherwood st., Glen Iris, and Charles Storey, 26, of McConchie ave., Kew.

The others are: Marion Nelson, 24; Joyce Williams, Nigel Joyce, and Geoffrey Charlesworth, all of Melbourne.

A police blacktracker and a party from the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs will leave Melbourne this morning to join Marysville police and residents in the search.

First-constable Tranter, of Marysville, said last night that it was freezing in the hills near the town last night.

Snow was four inches deep on some of the peaks around the town.

When the party left Marysville they intended to take a bush track to Granton, then climb Mt. Strickland (4,000ft.) and Mt. Kitchener (3,000ft.).

They intended to return via The Ridge to Paradise Plains and back to Marysville.

Constable Tranter said that bushmen he interviewed in the hills yesterday afternoon said they had not seen any sign of the party.

Police had very little information about the party, but it was supposed to be well equipped and the men were good bushmen.

Constable Tranter said there were very few shelter huts where the party was missing.

### Winter brought more snow to suburbs

**Wintry blasts** brought light snow to some outer Melbourne suburbs yesterday.

It was the second time in two weeks that snow had fallen close to the city.

### Thrown through shop window

A man was thrown through the plate-glass window of a Chinese gift shop in Richmond last night.

He is Bedrack Devorack, 28, Polic, a cafe proprietor. Devorack is in Alfred Hospital, badly cut.

Police late last night were questioning a man about the brawl.

Earlier, police were told a man argued with Devorack about payment for a meal.

The argument was continued outside the cafe, and police were told, Devorack was hurled through the window of Mr. A. P. Wong's Chinese Gift Shop.

He fell among chinaware inside the window, and stock worth £100 was damaged.

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