

MR. MENZIES SUMS UP AT PRESS FAREWELL

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Pressmen gathered at the Ministry of Information to confer with the Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies, who since these pictures were taken has crossed the Atlantic to urge America to greater efforts.

MENZIES SPEAKS:

"I don't need to offer any words of praise to the people of Great Britain because they have shown themselves under the most terrible circumstances great people. But we all need to say to ourselves and this is my ultimate feeling, we all need to say to ourselves that we can't afford to put forward anything less than a hundred per cent of our efforts to equip ourselves as the enemy is equipped.

"That means that both here and in the British Dominions and the United States we must give up any idea that we can approach this war in an amateur fashion. We have to make this war our business. Everybody must become, so to speak, a professional on this job.

"For the rest of my life I shall remember vividly and gratefully the attitude, the demeanour and spirit of the people of Great Britain and not only those who rule Great Britain, not only those who speak for Great Britain but those who are silent in their little streets and their little homes. They are the people who are coming very much into our hearts because they are the people from whom that magnificent spirit proceeds which in the last resort is our greatest weapon. I just like to say this to ~~you~~ <sup>all of you</sup> that I'm more than grateful to the press for the way they have treated me here. I wish I could by some wave of the wand produce as friendly a press in my own country."