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LONDON'S NEW LORD MAYOR

Lord Mayor's Day and from the LawCourts come two Lord Mayors: the outgoing Sir Denys Lawson; and the new, Sir Leslie Boyce, who had just taken his oath of office. At 56 Australian-born Sir Leslie becomes First Citizen of London - and are they tickled 'down under!' In keeping with the times there's no show, but there's the thrill of 10 bands and the tramp of marching men.

At Australia House, Sir Leslie Boyce is to receive the congratulations of his own people, as well as from the High Commissioners of other Commonwealth countries. The text of Australia's illuminated address of welcome is read by her High Commissioner on behalf of Australia's Prime Minister:

For the first time in the long history of London, a citizen born in a British Dominion overseas has become its Lord Mayor. We salute the great city of which you are now the First Citizen.

First they take the Ashes, then the City of London! We'll have to watch those Aussies! Meantime, Good Luck, Sir Leslie, Lord Mayor of London.