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# THE SOCIALIST'S DUTY

## PRESERVE YOUR NATION!!

### What Great Socialist Leaders think of the Principle of Universal Military Service.

Those Australians who avow principles of Unionism and Socialism are called upon to do their duty in the coming Referendum.

They must vote "Yes" for the sake of the democratic principles they profess.

Read what Jaures, the great Socialist leader of France, wrote in his book, "The New Army," which was **printed before the war** but with the knowledge that War might come.

"DEMOCRACY AND NATIONALITY ARE ONE, AND THE ORGANISATION OF NATIONAL DEFENCE AND THE ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE ARE ONE AND THE SAME CAUSE. **Socialists wish to be in the Army.**"

**"The Working Classes, if they refused to defend the independence of the nation, which means the freedom for their own self-development, would never have the strength to overcome Capitalism."**

Emile Vandervelde, the Socialist leader of Belgium, wrote recently in reply to the German Socialist, Scheidemann:—

"You are surprised that I, Socialist, Pacifist, Internationalist, should be for War to the end. You ask me, 'Why preach War to the end, why reject the advances of your German comrades?'"

"Why? **Because it is not with German Social Democracy that we have to do but with the Kaiser and his Armies.**"

M. Charles Dumas, French Socialist Leader, writes, in Gustave Herve's paper, "La Victoire" ("The Victory"), which was previously called "L'Humanite," one of the noblest Socialist papers in the world:—

**"The cause of the Allies in this war is the cause of Socialism itself."**

**"The masses would not be their own masters if their natural independence had been lost as the result of defeat in battle."**

"OUR Victory will be **the defeat of militarism**, and will be the triumph of Democracy and of the Republic."

M. Emile Royer, Socialist Deputy in the Belgian Parliament, says:—

"Unless Kaiserdom were crushed, **Socialism or even mild Social Reforms would have to be set aside**, and everything sacrificed to the one object of future Military preparations. **All Socialists must be equally resolved** to fight till the German menace was destroyed."

Democracy is on its trial, for only by complete victory can democracy be maintained.

Australia, as the most free democracy in the world, must fight for its preservation. There will be no future for the Australian Nation unless Germany is beaten.

The socialist, the democrat beyond all other men, should vote "**YES**" to the Referendum.

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## **Vote YES.**

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