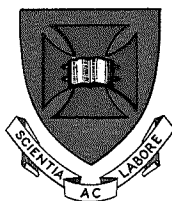


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Chancellor doffs to the Prime Minister and resumes his seat.

The Marshal then proceeds to the right-hand side of the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor stands. The Marshal doffs to the Chancellor and says -

"MR. CHANCELLOR,

MAY I PRESENT TO YOU PROFESSOR SCHONELL, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND."

Marshal then escorts the Prime Minister to the left-hand side of the Vice-Chancellor and returns to his seat.

Professor Schonell doffs to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor and says -

"MR. CHANCELLOR,

IT HAS PLEASED THE SENATE TO AUTHORISE THE ADMISSION OF ROBERT GORDON MENZIES, PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS 'HONORIS CAUSA'.

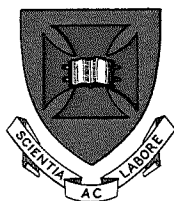
IT IS WITH UNDERSTANDABLE PRIDE THAT WE ARE MET TODAY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO A VERY DISTINGUISHED AUSTRALIAN, A MAN WHOM CITIES AND UNIVERSITIES IN MOST ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES HAVE HONOURED FOR HIS EMINENCE IN PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC LIFE.

TODAY THIS UNIVERSITY HONOURS HIM NOT ONLY FOR HIS HIGH OFFICE BUT ALSO FOR THOSE QUALITIES OF MIND AND CHARACTER THAT HAVE SUSTAINED HIM AS PRIME MINISTER FOR NEARLY TWELVE YEARS, AND ESTABLISHED HIM AS A STATESMAN OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTE.

ROBERT GORDON MENZIES HAD AN OUTSTANDING CAREER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE FROM WHICH HE GRADUATED WITH THE DOUBLE DISTINCTION OF FIRST CLASS HONOURS IN LAW AND THE SUPREME COURT JUDGES' PRIZE. HIS INTELLECTUAL BRILLIANCE WAS SOON EVIDENCED IN HIS APPEARANCE AS A BARRISTER BEFORE THE VICTORIAN SUPREME COURT, THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

HE BECAME A KING'S COUNSEL AT THE AGE OF 34 - THE YOUNGEST KING'S COUNSEL IN AUSTRALIAN HISTORY.

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IN 1928 HE TURNED FROM THIS MOST PROMISING LEGAL CAREER TO THE STORMY FIELD OF POLITICS.

QUITE EARLY HIS PENETRATING MIND AND QUICK GRASP OF ESSENTIALS STOOD OUT IN HIS FIVE YEARS' SERVICE AS A MINISTER OF THE CROWN IN VICTORIA. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY FIVE YEARS AS ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT IN WHICH HE REVEALED BRILLIANCE IN HIS ANALYSIS OF POLITICO-LEGAL PROBLEMS.

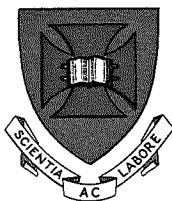
MR. MENZIES HAS HAD HIS STRUGGLES AND REVERSES, AS I AM SURE HE WOULD BE THE FIRST TO ADMIT, AND HIS SCINTILLATING INTELLECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN OF LITTLE USE IF HE HAD NOT BACKED IT UP WITH TREMENDOUSLY HARD WORK, WITH TOUGHNESS OF CHARACTER, AND WITH REFUSAL TO ADMIT DEFEAT.

IT HAS BEEN SAID OF HIM THAT HE IS A MAN GIFTED BEYOND HIS FELLOWS, WHO HAS A STRONG DISLIKE FOR LAZY MINDS AND CLOSED MINDS. IF THIS OBSERVATION IS TRUE, AS I BELIEVE IT IS, THE UNIVERSITIES IN AUSTRALIA, INCLUDING THIS UNIVERSITY, CAN EXPECT HIM TO BE A SEVERE CRITIC OF WHAT IS BAD IN THEM AND A DOUGHTY ADVOCATE OF WHAT IS GOOD. BY SETTING UP THE MURRAY COMMITTEE AND AFTERWARDS IMPLEMENTING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, BY HIS ENCOURAGEMENT OF LEARNED SOCIETIES, AND INDEED IN NUMEROUS OTHER WAYS, HE HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE A GREAT CHAMPION OF OUR UNIVERSITIES.

TO THE OTHER INSCRIPTIONS ON THE WALLS OF OUR OWN UNIVERSITY WE MIGHT WELL ADD 'ROBERT GORDON MENZIES, BORN 1894. IF YOU WOULD SEE HIS MONUMENT LOOK AROUND'. IT IS NOW UP TO US TO JUSTIFY THE CONFIDENCE HE HAS PLACED IN US BY PRODUCING OTHER MEN LIKE HIM TO GUIDE THE FUTURE DESTINY OF AUSTRALIA.

AS HE STANDS IN OUR MIDST, IT IS EASY TO IMAGINE HIM RESPLENDENTLY DRESSED IN THE MENZIES HUNTING TARTAN OF RED AND GREEN, BRANDISHING HIS CLAYMORE, AND STRIKING TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF LESSER MEN. WE ARE PROUD TO OFFER HIM A PEACEFUL DOCTOR'S GOWN, WHICH IS PERHAPS EVEN MORE COLOURFUL THAN THE MENZIES TARTAN, FOR IT IS A GOWN OF RED SILK LINED WITH VIOLET.

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MR. CHANCELLOR, I PRESENT TO YOU FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS 'HONORIS CAUSA', ROBERT GORDON MENZIES, A MEMBER OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST HONOURABLE PRIVY COUNCIL, COMPANION OF HONOUR, ONE OF HER MAJESTY'S COUNSEL, MASTER OF LAWS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, AND PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA."

Professor Schonell doffs to the Chancellor and the Prime Minister and then resumes his seat. Chancellor rises, doffs to the Prime Minister and says -

"ROBERT GORDON MENZIES, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SENATE AND THE ASSURANCE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, I ADMIT YOU TO THE RANK AND PRIVILEGES OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS, 'HONORIS CAUSA', IN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND."

Chancellor hands degree certificate to the Prime Minister, shakes his hand, doffs and resumes his seat.

The Prime Minister remains standing then addresses the assembly.

At the conclusion of his address, the Prime Minister resumes his seat.

The Marshal proceeds to the microphone, doffs to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor and says -

"MR. CHANCELLOR,

NO FURTHER BUSINESS REMAINS TO BE TRANSACTED - THE CEREMONY IS NOW CONCLUDED."

The Marshal doffs to the Chancellor and to the Prime Minister and then takes up his position to lead out the procession in the reverse order to that in which it entered.