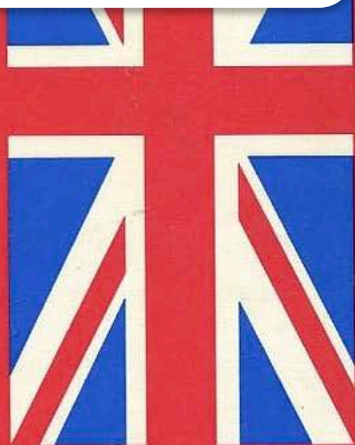


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S00031

His and the Labour Party's election slogan in the 1930s:

Onward and upward.

See ANONYMOUS A00317 and A00328, and FAIRBURN, Arthur Rex Dugard F00004.

S00032

On his Labour Government (1937):

We might make mistakes, but we would make other things too.

NZPD 5 (1937): 248; quoted in: Gustafson, Barry. *From the Cradle to the Grave*. Auckland, 1986: 183.

S00034

On Social Security (1938):

I want to know why people should not have decent wages, why they should not have decent pensions in the evening of their days or when they are invalided. What is there more valuable in our christianity than to be our brother's keepers in reality? . . . I want to see people have security . . . I want to see humanity secure against poverty, secure in illness or old age.

NZPD 251 (1938): 649; quoted in: *The Growth and Development of Social Security in New Zealand*. Wellington, 1950: 17.

S00035

On Ned Kelly and himself:

Though I was born in the same district in which Ned Kelly did his bushranging, I did not inherit his methods.

Evening Post (Wellington), 16 June 1938; quoted in: Gustafson, Barry. *From the Cradle to the Grave*. Auckland, 1986: 10.

S00036

Savage's habitual prefatory phrase or exclamation:

Now then . . .

The New Zealand Observer (13 October 1938) reported: 'Someone must have been telling Mr Savage about his 'Now then', as he has been making conscious efforts to avoid saying it. It seems a pity that just when this pregnant phrase was passing into the national vocabulary with a sort of halo clinging to it, its author should become self-conscious and try to forget it.' (also quoted in: Gustafson, Barry. *From the Cradle to the Grave*. Auckland, 1986: 224); see also ANONYMOUS A00317 and A00328, and FAIRBURN, Arthur Rex Dugard F00004.

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S00037

On Britain's declaration of war against Germany (5 September 1939):

Both with gratitude for the past, and with confidence in the future, we range ourselves without fear beside Britain. Where she goes, we go, where she stands, we stand. [We are only a small and a young nation, but we are one and all a band of brothers, and we march forward with a union of hearts and wills to a common destiny.]

See HOLLAND, Sir Sidney George H00152.

Quoted in: McIntyre, W. D. and Gardner, W. J. *Speeches and Documents on New Zealand History*. 1971: 366.

S00038

A comment made over Easter 1940, on the Lee attacks, used as part of the campaign to expel Lee from the Labour Party:

For about two years my life has been a living hell.

Sinclair, Keith. *Walter Nash*. Auckland, 1976: 194.

S00039

As Prime Minister appealing to men to volunteer for military service World War II:

But I want that service to be the service of men who bear willingly the arms that they have taken up freely. I wish it to be said that every New Zealand soldier is a volunteer on whom no compulsion was brought to bear but that of his own conscience.

Conscription was introduced in July 1940, shortly after Savage's death.

Quoted in: Keith, Hamish and Main, William (eds.) *New Zealand Yesterdays: A Look at Our Recent Past*. Sydney, 1984: 271.

S00040

When challenged to restrain Hon. P. C. Webb's amorous affairs:

Have you ever tried to lasso a kangaroo?

Quoted in: Gustafson, Barry. *From the Cradle to the Grave*. Auckland, 1986: 213.

SCANLAN, Nelle Margaret

S00041

Ending a radio talk to country folk (early 1930s):

Well, good-night, all you little Backbones.

See ANONYMOUS A00036 and HYDE, Robin H00226.

Hyde, Robin. *Journalese*. Auckland, 1934: 76.

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Orsman & Moore, 1988