

"Thank YOU, GENERAL SMUTS"



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MR. HOFMEYER'S MESSAGE

Capetown.....Tuesday....

The acting P.M. (Mr. Haffie) today issued a U.P. victory message in which he announces that the central executive committee of the party has decided to urge the party organisation in the four provinces to arrange "Thank you Gen. Smuts" gatherings.

".....We have all rejoiced in the news of victory, and our first thoughts have been thoughts of gratitude to Almighty God, whom we recognise as the source of our victory and deliverance...."

He then thanked all the men and women in the forces, M.P.'s, M.P.C'S, party leaders, etc.

"Their enthusiastic support and unstinting labours, on which the splendid election victories of 1943 set the seal, have been a great source of strength to the Govt. in its war effort."

Thanks also to Labour and Dominion parties for their war effort

"During the war it has been revealed how much can be achieved through unity of purpose and endeavour.....It is only ~~through~~ by united efforts that S.A. can become the great nation that it should be. - - - - -"

"We reaffirm our determination to place our ex-volunteers , men and women, with the least possible delay back in civilian life on a just and fair basis....."

DEBT TO LEADER

"I am sure we are all very conscious of the great debt we owe to our leader Gen Smuts. that gave It was he ~~xxxxx~~ the lead as a result of which on that historic Sept. day in 1939 S.A. chose the path of honour and not of ignominy. It was he that guided and inspired us in the dark days that followed, those difficult years 1940,1941, when all seemd hopeless.

"It was he that built up our armed forces and created our African arsenal. It was he that the architect of SA's present greatness in the eyes of the nations of the world.

"In recognition of these things the central exec. committee wishes to urge the party organisation of the four provinces to arrange "Thank You, Gen Smuts" functions, all the purpose of which will be to enable our party members, together with men and women of good will towards our leader , to say, in all simplicity and in all sincerity, "Thank you Gen Smuts- for what you have done for us, for what you have done for SA, for what you have done for humnaity....."

"Let us go forward with the slogan: The U.P. for a United Nation.