conscription for overseas service, it is necessary for
me to repeat that, in the plebiscite, conscription was
not the issue. The Government did not ask the people to
say whether or not conscription for overseas service should
be adopted. That was not the issue before the people.
With respect to the issue of conscription, the result can only
rightly be construed as leaving to the Government and to
Parliament entire freedom to deal with that question on its
merits.