

# THE MOST VITAL ISSUE THAT EVER FACED NEW ZEALANDERS

Have no doubt about this. The future safety and security of our people, our country and the Commonwealth may well depend upon your vote in this referendum. Here are the facts. Weigh them carefully . . . .

## ***This is the situation***

In a tense world United Nations has not yet been successful in finding a basis for lasting peace. We are not justified in taking risks. We must not be taken unawares. We must be prepared.

There are nations with military strength far in excess of their purely defensive needs. Forms of dictatorships threaten.

If the welfare, freedom and progress of the great mass of the people is to be preserved . . . preparedness for defence is essential.

The right to life, liberty and security means that we must be prepared to defend them.

## ***Why a compulsory system?***

Because the compulsory system is the **only** way in which we can **effectively** meet the needs.

Because the compulsory system is the

Because the voluntary system has always failed.

Because sound training in modern defence gives protection to our men. Unpreparedness in the face of efficient aggressors causes **needless sacrifice.**

Twice we paid dearly for unpreparedness.

We must not take the risk of it happening to our sons.

## ***Why this scheme is a vote for peace***

To be prepared is to guard the peace. Obligations under the United Nations' Charter demand readiness.

Strength discourages would-be aggressors—to vote for the scheme is to vote against war.

The compulsory military training scheme provides an effective means of training our young men. They will emerge from it as trained, fit men well able to look after themselves and their country.

## ***This is how you must vote***

Strike out the bottom line.

To vote FOR this scheme is to completely confound those whose propaganda aims to keep us weak and vulnerable.

***Vote for***  
**COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING**  
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