





politics are kept apart from the Olympic Games: for only while this is so will the Olympic year continue to be one in which international goodwill and friendship is strengthened and one in which the world's best athletes may meet on any equal footing to test their skill and their strength to the utmost.

Australia's hopes are high and we pray that John Landy will be fit, one of our best athletes and certainly one of our greatest ambassadors wherever he goes. Australia's eyes will be on him in his two hard races and I think we wish him in particular every success and every bit of luck.

In other events too, and in the swimming with such people as Lorraine Crapp, Faith Leech, John Marshall and Murray Rose, we have great chances of success.

Visitors will be coming to Melbourne, not only from all over Australia, but we hope from all over the world. I believe that they will be impressed by our city and by our country. We have something to offer in this country which cannot be found in any other part of the world and the Olympic Games could be the beginning of a growing tourist trade to Australia.

Our aim should be not to try and offer an imitation of what a tourist can find in Europe but we should rather develop our own natural resources in this respect. We have natural geographic beauties and wonders in Australia which are unlike those seen anywhere else and which are unexcelled in any other part of the world. The Olympic Games can and should mean a great deal to Australia. It is up to us as the Host Nation to see that they are successful and the forerunner of continuous overseas visitors to Australia.

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