

D. GENERAL

The Wellington Film Society (Inc.) was approved by the Hon. Minister for the purpose of enabling the Censor of Cinematograph Films to approve any film for screening by or on behalf of the Film Society. This approval was granted after the Minister had been satisfied that one of the principal objects of the society was to exhibit or arrange for the exhibition of films of special interest from the educational, artistic, or technical aspects of film-production.

Two appointments were made to the Cinematograph Film Operators' Licensing Board, to replace two members who had resigned.

An amendment to the standard form of film-hiring contract was approved by the Hon. Minister pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Cinematograph Films Amendment Act, 1934.

This amendment extended the provisions of the standard form to cover film of 16 mm. width, in addition to that of 35 mm. width.

VIII. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Among many distinguished people who came to New Zealand in the past year was the Right Hon. J. B. Chifley, Prime Minister of Australia. Earlier in the year the Right Hon. Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Chief of the General Staff, and his party undertook a comprehensive tour.

Other distinguished visitors were Lord Addison, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, and his party; Lord and Lady Killearn and party; Mrs. Hector McNeil, wife of the British Minister of State; the Right Hon. Lord Nathan, British Minister of Civil Aviation, and party; the Hon. Brooke Claxton, K.C., Minister of International Defence for Canada, and party; Queen Salote of Tonga; Viscount Hinchinbrooke, M.P.; Lord Vestey; Lieutenant-General Sir Oliver Leese, Bt., K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., who succeeded Viscount Montgomery as Commander-in-Chief of the Eighth Army, and Lady Leese; Lieutenant-General Sturdee, Chief of the General Staff, Australia; Lieutenant-General H. C. H. Robertson, C.B.E., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief, British Commonwealth Occupation Force, Japan, and party; General Sir Andrew Thorne; Lady Dill; Miss Sonia Furlong; Miss B. Hennell; Lady Baden-Powell, G.B.E.; Admiral Sir Louis Hamilton, Chief of the Naval Staff, Australia; Air Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd, Air Commander-in-Chief, Far East, and party; Sir Brian Freeston, Governor-Designate of Fiji, and party; Mr. J. A. Lawson, M.L.A., New South Wales, and Mrs. Lawson; Hon. S. E. Parry, M.L.C. of New South Wales, and Mrs. Parry; Sir George Aylwen, Prospective Lord Mayor of London in 1948, and party; Sir William Williams, Past Lord Mayor of Cardiff, and Lady Williams; Sir Percy Silletoe and Mr. Roger Hollis; Sir Ben Lockspeiser, Chief Scientist, Ministry of Supply, and Mr. H. C. Ashworth; Lieutenant-Colonel C. Gordon Larking, Chairman of the British Legion; Colonel John K. Howard, United States of America.

Some notable people who came at the invitation of the City of Dunedin for the Centennial celebrations and later became guests of Government were Sir John Falconer, M.A., LL.B., formerly Lord Provost of Edinburgh; the Very Rev. Dr. John Baillie, ex Moderator of the Church of Scotland, and Mrs. Baillie; the Very Rev. W. Purves Boyes, Immediate Past Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of England; the Right Rev. A. Campbell Grieve, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia; Mr. E. B. Jarvis, representing the Presbyterian Church of South Africa; the Right Rev. Bishop S. E. Wood, Bishop of Litchfield; Mr. and Mrs. Clough-Williams Ellis; Mr. H. W. Millington, late Minister of Works and the late Deputy Premier of Western Australia.