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PREFACE

This volume of the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, containing 691 entries by 488 authors, is the fifth of six for the 1891-1939 section. The two volumes of the 1788-1850 section and the four of the 1851-1890 section were published from 1966 to 1976. The late Douglas Pike was general editor for volumes 1 to 5, Bede Nairn for volume 6, and Nairn and Geoffrey Serle for volumes 7 to 10. Nairn retired as joint general editor on 31 January 1984 and John Ritchie succeeded Serle on 1 March 1988. The chronological division was designed to simplify production, for more than 7200 entries will be included in volumes 1-12. (Volumes 1-2, for 1788-1850, had 1116 entries; volumes 3-6, for 1851-1890, 2053; and volumes 7-12 will include about 4060). The placing of each individual's name in the appropriate section has been determined by when he/she did his/her most important work (*floruit*). An index will be published after the three sections are completed and volumes covering those whose *floruit* was after 1939 will follow in the 1990s.

The selection of names for inclusion required prolonged consultation. After quotas were estimated, working parties in each State and the armed services working party prepared provisional lists, which were widely circulated and carefully amended. Many of the names were obviously significant and worthy of inclusion as leaders in politics, business, the armed services, the professions, the arts, the labour movement, etc. Many others have been included as representatives of ethnic and social minorities and of a wide range of occupations, or as innovators, notoriety or eccentrics. Many had to be omitted through pressure of space or lack of material, and thereby joined the great mass whose members richly deserve a more honoured place; however, many thousands of these names, and information about them, have accumulated in the biographical register at the *Dictionary* headquarters in the Australian National University. A selection of 8100 of them was published in 1987 as *A Biographical Register 1788-1939*.

Most authors were nominated by working parties. The burden of writing has been shared almost equally by the staff of universities and other tertiary institutions and by a wide variety of other specialists.

The *Australian Dictionary of Biography* is a project based on consultation and co-operation. The Australian National University has borne the cost of the headquarters staff, of much research and of some special contingencies, while other Australian universities have supported the project in various ways. Its policies were originally determined by a national committee, composed mainly of representatives from the departments of history in each Australian university. In Canberra the editorial board has kept in touch with all these representatives, and with the working parties, librarians, archivists and other local experts, as well as overseas correspondents and research assistants in each Australian capital. With such varied support the *Australian Dictionary of Biography* can truly be called a national project.

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