

LOUIS SAYS "WE HAVE RULES ABOUT DRESS AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THEM"

To Louis, the South Australian Hotel's head waiter, it was business as usual—for people with ties—at the hotel today after yesterday's prank by University students.

At luncheon yesterday a group of University students, immaculately dressed, but not wearing trousers marched to the hotel and asked to be admitted. They were refused admittance by a task force of waiters who met them at the head of the entrance stairs.

The students' visit was a sequel to the hotel's refusal on Monday to serve coffee in the lounge to world fashion authority Capt. George Mitchison, who was wearing a scarf tied as a hunting stock.

Louis (Mr. Louis Cotton) said he did not know any of the students who visited the hotel yesterday and "did not want to know them."

He said, "If they think they were doing me harm, they are wrong. I'm not worried by them. Students are the same all the world over.

"I've been headwaiter here for 30 years and I'm accustomed to people coming to this hotel decently dres-

sed, with collar and tie. We have rules about dress.

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"Sometimes, in the hot weather in summer, guests ask my permission to remove their ties. If the weather is hot enough, sometimes I allow them to take off their ties. But that's not a general summer rule.

"When I go on my holidays to Sydney and Mel-

bourne, I always stay at the very best hotels—the Australia, Ushers, or the Carlton in Sydney, and Menzies or the Australia in Melbourne. Never, in those hotels, have I seen people without collars and ties."

He said the Capt. Mitchison incident on Monday took place in the hotel lounge, over which he had no control. He was in charge of the dining room.

The waiter who refused to serve Capt. Mitchison was only carrying out his instructions not to serve people without ties.

He added, "Capt. Mitchison spoke about what dress was allowed in London hotels. I don't know what they do in London, it's no

concern of mine. But here I don't allow people to be

I don't allow people to be served if they aren't properly dressed."

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