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The amenities offered by the A.N.A. Club, Wellington, are now being utilized to the utmost by the men of the three forces, and the executive and helpers have been kept very busy during the week days and at the week-ends. The dance last Friday was crowded, and even on Saturday, when the successful "Ball for All" was in progress at the Town Hall, there was again an excellent attendance. Misses Alison Armour and V. Laurensen were in charge of the dancing on Friday evening, and on Saturday Mrs. John Fredray conducted the dancing.

"Two minutes after Hitler began his speech the audience became electrified," runs a report in a newspaper. Well, that's better than being gassed.

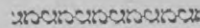
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**EVERYONE WANTED  
IN SILENT COLUMN**



Every man, woman and child in New Zealand is wanted in a Silent Column—a column pledged to kill rumour, stop indiscreet talk and to mobilise itself against depressing and defeatist conversation.

Everyone should endeavour to push a Silent Column Campaign by the use of every weapon of modern publicity.

The advertisement columns of the newspapers and periodicals, posters of every sort, National Broadcasting talks and dramatised programme, and broadcasts to the schools, should be used to the maximum.

"Chatterboxes" should be put up in clubs, hotels, homes, and, in fact, all places where people gather. People who offend against the no-chatter rule should be invited to put into the boxes contributions to the War Effort.

The three enemies the Silent Column must fight are:—

**Rumour.**—Information which may be completely false or only partly true, which tends to cause confusion in the minds of the civilian population. Such rumours may be—and often are—started by the enemy, and in the event of an invasion could add greatly to the difficulties of the military.

**Gossip**—which is usually innocent, but at the same time passes into circulation military information which may reach the enemy.

**Depressing and defeatist talk**, some of which is probably inspired.

These three are the deadliest propaganda weapons in the enemy's hands. They can be made useless only by the full co-operation of the public.

It is hoped that everyone will make a fresh resolution—although a difficult resolution—to become silent soldiers.

**IF SOMEBODY TELLS**

... where he is stationed

... where he was before that

... where he's going to now

... what job he's been doing

... what weapons he's been using

**TELL HIM TO KEEP IT TO HIMSELF**

**ORDERS TO THE SILENT COLUMN.**

Obey them as a soldier.

1. Remember British news is true and is always released as soon as there is no danger of it being useful to the enemy.
2. If there is an invasion don't listen to rumour, take orders only from those in authority. For example: don't move until you are told to do so by somebody you know.
3. Never talk about troop movements or ship sailings. Never give the position of factories, dumps, aerodromes, defence posts and camps.
4. Never allow a member of H.M. Forces to tell you where he is stationed or what he is doing, or where he's going.
5. Never pass on any knowledge you may possess about the place or extent of air raid damage.
6. Don't trust enemy broadcasts and don't discuss them with others.
7. Whenever you hear others saying the things you have been asked not to say, stop them.

**HOW TO STOP OTHERS TALKING.**

1. Most people talk dangerously without realising they are doing so. Tactfully point out that what they're saying should be left unsaid.
2. If somebody starts talking rumour take an old envelope and start writing down what they're saying.
3. The cross-question method: "Did you actually see it?" "No." "Then who did?" "I don't know, someone told me." "Who told you?" "I can't remember now."
4. If you know somebody who makes a habit of causing worry and anxiety by passing on rumour and who says things persistently that might help the enemy—tell the police, but only do this as a last resort.
5. Point out that if there is an invasion the Nazis drops disguised agents by parachute to start rumours; if people pass on these rumours they're playing Hitler's game.

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**ENTERTAINMENT OF MEN OF FORCES IN MANAWATU**

The Manawatu Repertory Society of Palmerston North has formed a special committee to attend to programmes for the entertainment of members of the fighting services in camp. The programmes will incorporate sketches, musical numbers and ballets. They have also decided that these programmes will be available for any approved patriotic purpose.