

DIPLOMATIC - DISTASTE

SWEETS THROUGH WORKS

COY. AND HQ WORKS.

Medical Authorities
unable to stem spread.
Worst feared!

A new type of disease has made its appearance among Works Coy. and HQ Works personnel with devastating results. Medical officers are unable to throw any light on the origin of cure of what is probably the worst epidemic experienced since the "Great Flu" outbreak following World War I.

Popularly known as "APR" Sickness, this new scourge strikes young and old alike without discrimination; men who have been in New Caledonia only a matter of months fall before the disease as easily as the "oldest identity".

IN response to the call for co-operation with the authorities, we publish a few of the symptoms, and suggestions on the best way to handle the more violent patients.

IN the early stages of the disease it is preceded by a noticeable restlessness and accompanied by glumness. In a few days the eyes become dull and listless. A condition described by advertisers of Night Starvation nostrums. At this stage of the disease even the widest range of novelties in the Canteen makes no appeal to the sufferer.

IT is essential that no one whistle, sing, hum or yodel "Home Sweet Home" within the hearing of the afflicted. Medical officers are agreed upon this. After a few days the second symptom appears. This is a severe bout of loquacity; he will talk for hours. (See page 12)

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N.Z. DONS LONG TROUSERS. STRAWS IN THE WIND.

not take an active interest in his country, he will have to take the consequences and do as he is told. This will apply to all countries after the war, but will apply with striking force to N.Z. and Australia in view of the commitments of the Canberra Agreement.

WHAT HAS BEEN ADDED.

THE second point on which I wish to touch is that in the past N.Z. and Australia (like the USA) have lived within the shadow of the British Navy; this has been your protection. But this war has shown that neither the British Navy, nor any other, can be in all places at once. You have learnt that individually you have to be strong in the future; not only for your own benefit, but also in fairness to the Empire of which you are a part. You have now entered the years of maturity - you have donned long trousers. This is implicit in the Agreement: it is the emergence of a new factor in the Pacific.

NOT A SLIP OF PAPER.

FURTHERMORE, it is important that you should remember that the Agreement is not a slip of paper that can be forgotten. It is not just a piece of legislation on the Statute Book to point to with pride to show how progressive you are. You must accept the responsibilities involved - see that it works, that it is a living thing in the lives of the natives and in the life of the Islands - and that it strengthens the bonds of friendship in the Pacific to which it applies.

FINALLY, I would remind you that the eyes and ears of the world still turn your way. Recently, as an example, the spokesmen for the French Committee of National Liberation and the Governments of Holland and China favoured an extension of the Agreement in order to consolidate the Pacific, and they are prepared to back up any move made at the Empire Conference". The future of the South and South West Pacific is in your hands: are you equal to it?

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ship began to prepare for the open sea. As we pulled out from the Wharf the lads looked back at the City - one could tell their feelings. They wondered when they would see their families again, how the girl friends would miss them and what the new country they were going to was they like.

JIM MEREDITH ABUSES

" MRS PERKINS " WHILE
GORDON MACALE IN HOSP.

" MRS PERKINS " whose splendid effort for victory earned her a warm spot in Gordon Macale's affections, and respect in the eyes of the OC, was today roundly abused by Jim Meredith as an " Old B - that ought to be on the Dump Heap. I was promised a new machine " he continued, " and look at this old dame!"
