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NOT FOR SALE

NAZIS FACE ENCIRCLEMENT

RUSSIANS' SMASHING ADVANCE CONTINUES

Further successes of the Red Army in its drive north and south of Stalingrad are reported in the latest Soviet communique. More than 20 German divisions are inside the area which the Russian armies are trying to encircle.

"The Times" correspondent says that the position of the Germans is becoming increasingly precarious because they are forced to fight along lines parallel with their communications.

A special Moscow communique announces the Axis prisoners captured during the present offensive total 24,000. Booty includes 557 guns, 35 tanks and 32 planes—all in perfect working order—2826 lorries, 1200 railway trucks and 2625 machine guns.

The communique adds that the Russians destroyed 70 planes, 157 tanks, and 186 guns.

The sudden turn of the tide in Russia has been due to long and careful planning, London commentators agree.

It has been known for weeks that something was brewing in Russia, and Moscow Radio had made no secret of the fact that the High Command was planning a winter offensive.

R.A.F. RAIDS STUTTGART

Stuttgart, capital of Wurtemberg, was attacked on Sunday night by a strong force of British bombers. Stuttgart is a key city for the manufacture of engines for U-boats and aircraft.

GERMAN GENERALS RESTIVE, MOSCOW SPOKESMAN CLAIMS

Moscow Radio is again insisting that senior German officers are restive under Hitler's personal control of the army. Stockholm messages are quoted as saying that a group of generals, headed by Von List, is insisting on re-organisation of the High Command.

Their demands include complete transfer of High Command authority to the generals and the restoration of outstanding military experts like von Brauchitsch, von Leeb and others whom Hitler removed.

Opposition in military circles has grown as a result of recent develop-

ments. A statement attributed to General Halder, former Chief of the General Staff, on the eve of his dismissal, is being widely repeated. He said, "Hitler's refusal to listen to the advice of experienced generals has led to failure of the 1942 campaign and to colossal losses."

BITTER FIGHT FOR BUNA

BITTER fighting is still going on in the vicinity of Buna, where American troops are meeting with stubborn enemy resistance. The Japanese are making a last stand in heavily-defended positions, including concrete pill-boxes.

Australians near Gona and on the Sanananda Track are also encountering stiff opposition. One determined enemy counter-attack yesterday was repulsed with heavy casualties.

Well over 100 Allied aircraft took part in a sustained blitz on enemy positions during the day.

SEVENTY TONS OF BOMBS WERE DROPPED, AND MORE THAN 72,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION WERE FIRED EFFECTIVELY INTO DUMPS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT POSTS AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS.

ALLIES NOW CONTROL DAKAR

HANDS STRENGTHENED IN FRENCH WEST AFRICA

The whole of French West Africa, including the great naval base at Dakar, has placed itself under the orders of Admiral Darlan, who is co-operating with the Allies.

ANNOUNCING this over Radio Algiers, Admiral Darlan told the inhabitants of West Africa that he had great news for them. He concluded by saying: "We have taken the right road for the defence of West Africa. Follow me loyally with patriotism and discipline. Long live France."

This means that Dakar and a number of French warships are under Allied control. The warships include

the 35,000-ton battleship Richelieu, which was completed in 1940, three cruisers and a number of destroyers.

TUNIS AIR WAR

There are more signs that the struggle for Tunisia may very soon reach a climax.

An Allied Headquarters' communique reports that British and U.S. troops are concentrating in the east according to plan. The main activity is now in the air.

Allied fighters continue their offensive sweeps over Tunisia and R.A.F. bombers have attacked docks and shipping at Bizerta again.

In Lybia, fighting is in progress about 30 or 40 miles east of El Agheila, where Rommel's retreating forces are expected to make a stand.

In about two and a half weeks they have retreated about 600 miles. Rommel's rearguard has been pushed from positions south of Agedabia and has been fighting a delaying action for nearly three days supported by tanks and anti-tank guns.

Considerable quantities of enemy stores and equipment have been captured by the British during their advance.

SIAM TYPHOON KILLS 11,000

A terrific typhoon has rocked Southern Siam, causing 11,000 people to lose their lives, and destroying 700,000 homes.

The floods were the severest for years. Half the rice crop was destroyed and there is serious dislocation of Japanese economic plans.

The entire Menam delta, around Bangkok, and points upward of 200 miles from the capital were under water.

"Caught Napping!"

AIR Marshal Sir William Welsh, who is in charge of R.A.F. operations in North Africa, is reported as having said:—"The Allied adventure in North Africa caught the Nazis napping. Now they are fighting defensively and with God's grace, we will give them a good hiding."

BARBARITY CHARGED

The Bishop of Vevlia (Yugoslavia) has appealed to the Pope to condemn the barbarous acts which the Italian army of occupation is committing against Yugoslavs.

HERE IS A NATURALIST'S PARADISE!

Every Serviceman Should Read This Informative Account Of The Island's Fauna

LIFE IS JUST A BOWL OF CHERRIES

A bevy of beauty is picking cherries in the Basket Range, South Australia. It comprises eight girls of the Land Army, some of whom have already been flax cutting, pea and grape picking.

But to get among the rich ripe cherries is a new and thrilling experience for Thelma Batt (a former commercial artist), Zoe Giles, Thelma Taylor, Joy Taylor (former dressmakers), Mrs. Peg Hunt (whose husband is with the A.I.F. Artillery), Monica Waters, Phyl Sims, and Rosamund Stokes.

The girls are "batching" together—but their luggage fills fourteen cases.

HE FOUGHT AND INVESTED.

Private Rees J. B. Mackay, 34 Roseville, Sydney, was killed in action in New Guinea on November 6. On the same day that the official notification of his death was received by his relatives, his trustees obtained a receipt for £340 invested on his behalf in war loan bonds.

Private Mackay had instructed that all available funds to his credit should be placed in the Austerity Loan.

SISTER KENNY GIVES FIGURES OF CURES

Sister Elizabeth Kenny, now in Minneapolis, has replied to medical criticism of her methods for the cure of infantile paralysis by declaring that, at any rate, her cures have been highly successful.

She claims that 80 per cent. of her patients have been cured whereas the orthodox methods of the profession have cured only 13 to 17 per cent.

"The public should understand," she said, "that the Minnesota University is not wasting money by its support of my work, which has assisted in obtaining a 60 per cent. improvement on all previous methods."

Ian McMaster's Bequest

Grazing problems will be tackled in a scientific way as the result of a bequest by Captain Ian McMaster, only son of Sir Frederick and Lady McMaster, of Sydney, who was fatally wounded in Egypt early this month.

McMaster left 40,300 shares in F. D. McMaster Pty. to be devoted to furthering the work of the McMaster Animal Health Laboratories at Sydney University.

Possums and Pythons, Rats, Bats and Cats

THE following article tells some of the things that every serviceman in New Guinea should know. It has been written by an expert at the request of the Commander, Allied Land Forces in the South-West Pacific Area (General Sir Thomas Blamey), and is published by "Guinea Gold" as an informative contribution of direct interest to all.

A USTRALIAN in New Guinea will recognise many furred animals and numerous

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birds that are obviously akin to those in their own land. Although there are no large kangaroos or wallaroos, there are several species of wallabies.

Perhaps the most remarkable marsupials are the handsome tree kangaroos, already known to some, as they have been for years in our zoological gardens. Most of these are more striking in appearance than the two Cape York tree kangaroos.

There are many species of ring-tailed possums and the still larger possums known as the Cuscus, sometimes kept as pets by Papuans. These are officially called possums to distinguish them from the American marsupials known as opossums.

Several kinds of bandicoots have been recorded, but these are so distinct from Australian species that they are placed in different genera. Of the carnivorous marsupials there are at least two kinds of "native cats" and several species of the smaller rat-like and mouse like forms.

PYTHONS MAY GROW TO 20 FEET

THERE are no dangerous carnivorous animals on the Island. Wild boars occasionally do damage to unalert natives, whilst their domesticated or partly-tamed relatives are much prized for food. The native dogs have been compared in size with a Welsh terrier and may be yellow, brown or black.

Many years ago deer were introduced and liberated near Port Moresby, but they do not appear to have multiplied to any noticeable extent.

Bushmen who are familiar with snakes in Australia will readily recognise similar species in Papua. Fortunately some dangerous species, although present, do not seem to be numerous or a great menace, even to the bare-footed natives. The notorious death adder is occasionally found and is practically identical with our snake.

There are several species of brown and black snakes allied to Australian

There are species of spiny ant-eaters that are far larger than our Australian native porcupines. Some of these long-tongued harmless animals have been taken alive to Europe and for years we had one in the Queensland Museum. As is well known, the spiny ant-eater lays eggs, like its still more famous relative, the platypus.

It is just possible that a Papuan platypus may some day be found, but such a discovery would be almost sensational.

The five species of flying-foxes in Australia have many relatives in Papua and giant bats at times may be a pest. But, incidentally, these winged mammals are quite good to eat in dire emergencies.

Friends of mine who have eaten them declare that the unpleasant smell is practically confined to the skin.

The many New Guinea rodents include giant long-haired rats which are among the largest known species.

species. About twenty venomous species have been recorded, but most of these are relatively small and not considered deadly.

Brown and green tree snakes and fresh water snakes are allied to those in Australia.

The rough skinned elephant's trunk snake may be found near the mouth of rivers.

There are several large pythons, non-venomous and constricting, and the giants may reach 20 feet in length. A small green python—also found in Cape York—is perhaps the commonest.

More than a dozen species of harmless subterranean blind snakes have been recorded.

In all about 70 species of snakes have been described from New Guinea, but doubtless there are many new reptiles to be discovered.

MAINLAND NEWS ITEMS

NEW SOUTH WALES

The Governor, Lord Wakefield presented a number of King's Police Medals and Imperial Service Medals in Sydney last week. Among the recipients was Superintendent (First Class) E. G. Allen, who was cited for several instances of bravery in the arrest of armed men.

Mr. J. W. Courtney has been appointed State Controller for the War Damage Commission at a salary of £1,000 a year. He is an accountant and a member of the Australian Insurance Institute.

Mr. W. H. MacKay has resumed his position as Commissioner of Police after being on loan to the Commonwealth as Director of National Security.

The State Minister for National Emergency Services (Mr. Heffron) has expressed the hope that lighting restrictions west of the Dividing Range or 100 miles inland will soon be lifted.

Two soldiers were killed and five were injured in a collision between a bus and a truck in N.S.W. on Friday, Ptes. S. F. McDonald and J. R. Cummings were the two who met their death.

VICTORIA

Lila Clara Banfield and Ernest Lionel Johnson of Ferntree Gully were acquitted by Judge Magennis in the General Sessions on charges of storebreaking and stealing, and of having received stolen property.

Portland and Bendigo are to have additional industries following a decision by the Australian Meat Industry Commission to establish mutton dehydration plants in these towns.

A baby, prematurely born, was found in Rathdown Gardens, Carlton, with its throat cut. Det.-Sgt. S. H. McGuffie is making inquiries.

A young married man, living at Albert Park, was caught after a long chase and charged with indecent assault on the four-year-old daughter of a soldier who is now in Northern Australia. The girl was unharmed.

New regulations issued at Canberra makes it obligatory for persons making interstate journeys to produce identity cards on demand.

Essendon Council will ask the Minister for Health and Social Services (Mr. Holloway) to veto the construction of temporary homes by the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust. These have been described as "dog boxes" by the council.

Home News and Sports Highlights

MAINLAND ITEMS

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QUEENSLAND

The State will not receive a 40 per cent. increase in beer supplies for Christmas because of the shortage of malt.

About 4,400 volunteer farm workers, including school boys, have enrolled for work in Queensland at week ends, and during the annual holidays and the Christmas vacation. Last week-end they harvested 4,882 bags of potatoes, 318 bags of onions, and 40 bags of turnips.

Two American soldiers who were knocked off a railway truck on the bridge spanning the Burnett river, fell into the water 50 feet below. One was drowned, but the other held on to a pylon until rescued.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Perth Stock Exchange report, released yesterday, states that members are facing the extinction of the greater part of their incomes as day by day the number of stocks being dealt with grows less, and volume, already at unprofitably low levels, further shrinks.

Ernestine Olive Myra Kerbey, 40, licensee, and William Gaynor, owner, of Ye Olde Narragin Inn, Armadale, have been arrested on a receiving charge. They will appear at the next sitting of the Criminal Court. They were admitted to bail.

Barley growers in W.A. want 3/6 a bushel before delivery to the Australian Barley Board. This was decided upon by a representative meeting of growers at Moora. Mr. J. J. Sheridan urged growers to go ahead and harvest their crops.

The first interment in the new Karrakatta war cemetery was performed when the military funeral of Pte. Stanley Neil Wilson took place. The Graves Registration Dept. of the Army has laid out the cemetery in the form of a Maltese cross and all graves in it will be grassed.

TASMANIA

During future appeals for charity or patriotic purposes in Tasmania overlapping will be avoided. During the week in which one body is conducting an appeal, no other body will raise funds by the sale of raffles and other means in the streets.

Found guilty of having stolen a military overcoat and torch, the property of Edward Horobin, Carl Gordon Scott was fined £2 and costs in the Hobart Police Court.

IRVING BERLIN HELPS WAR LOAN

IRVING Berlin's song "Any Bonds To-day" is to be used to assist the Australian savings drive and austerity loan campaign. It is now one of the biggest hits in America.

Berlin composed several songs which won great popularity in the last war.

AMERICAN THANKS-GIVING TOMORROW

When American servicemen in Australia sit down for their Thanksgiving dinner to-morrow, they will dine on American and Australian birds.

American turkeys have been despatched across the Pacific to augment the Australian supply.

Men in the tropics will have preserved ham owing to the impracticability of shipping turkeys there.

Special services will be held at all camps.

Local Observance

American troops in New Guinea will observe the day with prayers as well as celebration. In compliance with Army orders, chaplains will read the 23rd Psalm (quoted in President Roosevelt's proclamation).

Prayers will be offered at the noon messes of some Units and the evening meal of others.

SPORTING ITEMS OF INTEREST

GOOD WORK BY VIC. BOWLERS

Convalescent diggers at the Heidelberg military hospital (Vic.) are to play bowls on a first-class private green.

The Victorian Bowling Association has raised £1,070 for the construction of the green. Army medical officers in Melbourne are said to approve of bowls as splendid exercise and relaxation for diggers who are no longer fit to figure in strenuous cricket or football games.

Victorian bowlers have also contributed £19,731 to the Red Cross and A.C.F. and will support five Australian prisoners of war at a cost of £260 per annum.

Athletic Triumph

For the first time in 19 years' conduct of the N.S. Wales' Amateur Athletic Association Interclub contests all 10 events were won by Western Suburbs against South Sydney. Western Suburbs scored 71 points to 34. This was on Saturday.

"PLUM" WARNER WRITES A BOOK ON CRICKET

"Cricket Between Two Wars" is the title of the new book that Sir Pelham Warner—known to the cricketing world as "Plum" Warner—has written. The "Evening Standard" (London) says it is like a breath of country air after reading continuously of war.

WARNER managed the English team that toured Australia in the 1932-33 season and retained the "Ashes." This was Jardine's team and it was then that Larwood, Voce and Allen—the English attack—turned on the much-discussed fast leg-theory of "bodyline bowling," as it was termed.

Warner at that stage was not drawn into the controversy, although in Adelaide he was particularly agitated when Woodfull, the Australian captain, burst into the English dressing room and said, "How about it, Warner—we are playing cricket but your bowlers out there are not." This outburst followed an incident in which Oldfield had been struck in the face by a rising ball.

Warner, in his book, states that he believes bodyline is wrong, technically as well as tactically. He says that Jardine occasionally was difficult but was an able captain.

Warner was captain of the famous English side that toured Australia during the 1911-12 season. In his first match against South Australia he made a century but became sick, and that was the end of the tour for him as a player.

The captaincy was taken over by J. W. H. T. ("Johnny Won't Hit Today") Douglas, who later lost his life in the North Sea.

Douglas handled what is regarded as the greatest bowling combination the world has seen—Barnes and Foster.

It's An Odd World

Speed!

In MARIANNA, Florida, Mamie Ruth Odum, en route by bus to marry an air corps lieutenant in Tampa, met a private who told her: "Give me until to-morrow noon and I'll talk you into marrying me instead." He did.

Forgetfulness

In SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., farewells to soldiers reminded veteran Benjamin Keller's friends that they had never given him the farewell dinner they planned in 1917. They mended matters by banqueting him.

Coincidence

In MEMPHIS, Andrew Jackson Poulton—en route from Farwell, Texas, to visit his brother after a 32-year separation—sat on a park bench and "bummed" a match for a stranger who turned out to be Thomas Jefferson Poulton, en route from May-dee, Tenn., to visit brother, Andrew, in Farwell.

Screwy

In PHILADELPHIA, Chester Zygmund—arrested for firing 35 revolver shots at the walls and ceiling of his bedroom—explained he was rehearsing for a suicide.

OFFICIAL RACE PRICES

Staring Prices at the Melbourne Cup meeting were:—

Batman Stakes:—Gay Roi (12/1) 1, Illyrian (6/1) 2, Cloudless (4/1) 3. Lone Wind (3/1) was favourite.

Mimosa Stakes:—Scottish Maid (8/1) 1, Ola Rose (33/1) 2, Hesitate (15/1) 3. Maemanto (evens) was favourite.

Melbourne Cup:—Colonus (33/1) 1, Phocian (50/1) 2, Heart's Desire (33/1) 3.

Byron Moore Stakes:—Pharisee (5/2 favourite) 1, Simmering (3/1) 2, Tony Masin (33/1) 3.

Oaks:—East End (7/4 favourite) 1, Phillander (3/1) 2, Reply Paid (7/1) 3.

Final Handicap:—Portfolio (4/1 favourite) 1, Royal Decree (5/1) 2, Sun Rocks (12/1) 3.

TOP DOG WINS

Top Dog, skippered by S. Pearce, scored a win in the 18-Footers' League Race in Sydney Harbour during the week-end. Top Weight (E. Parsons) was second and Swansea third.

BALL STARS RETIRE

Dolph Camilli, famous American baseballer, will scintillate on the diamond no more. The Dodgers' star first baseman has announced his retirement.

Said Dolph:—"I have been in baseball for 17 years, and it is time I settled down on my Californian ranch with my family."

Camilli is the father of 5 children. Johnny Beazley, pitching hero of the Cardinals in the recent World series, is forsaking baseball for the Army.

SIRE 50 RACE WINNERS

Frilford, a former Port Adelaide Cup winner, is dead. An imported horse, he was second to Sea Money in the Australian Cup of 1928.

Brought to South Australia by Mr. J. Flanagan, Frilford sired Frill Prince, winner of the Moonce Valley cup of 1937. Fifty of his progeny won races.

Italian Peace Move Hint

ANKARA REPORT OF ACTIVITY IN ROME

From Turkish sources there are reports of a peace move in Italy headed by Marshal Badoglio, formerly chief of the Italian General Staff.

Badoglio is said to have approached the Vatican with the full knowledge of King Victor Emanuel. The Crown Prince and Count Ciano are suggested as mediators—much to the annoyance of Mussolini.

This may be one reason for attacks against the Vatican by the Fascist newspaper, "Regina Fascista."

While these reports are interesting, experience has shown that news from such neutral cities as Ankara and Stockholm should be treated with reserve.

Nevertheless, it has become increasingly obvious in recent months that large sections of the Italian people are tired of war and hostile to the Fascist party.

Recent R.A.F. raids have brought war right to the doorstep of Italy's people—and they don't like it.

Senior Cadets May Be Trained Again

COMPULSORY training of senior cadets is again being considered in Australia. The Minister for Army (Mr. Forde) is awaiting a report from military authorities before taking the matter to Cabinet.

The report will deal with the suggestion that the voluntary training now in force in many schools for lads between 16 and 18 years of age should be extended to all lads between those ages. Approximate costs, including the expenditure for provision of uniforms, equipment and training staff, will be disclosed in the report which, at a later stage, will be placed before Cabinet by the Minister.

SPORTS MATERIAL MUST BE PRESERVED

Because sports material is not being manufactured in Australia, and no stocks are being received from overseas, a shortage will be faced unless maximum care is taken with equipment already in hand.

Service units have been warned to exercise every care with their material. Footballs are exceedingly difficult to obtain, and bladders are almost unobtainable because of the rubber shortage.

Cricket bats require periodical oiling. Balls which in normal times are thrown away are now sewn and patched up for further play.

Materials for many games suitable for indoor gatherings are in short supply. It is advisable, therefore, to take the greatest care of all sporting gear.

REST OF THE NEWS

Freddie Cochrane, U.S. welterweight boxing champion, is now in the Navy. Arriving at Honolulu recently, one of the first men he encountered when doing the sights was Ken Overlin, former middleweight champion of the world.

Miss Fanny Swan, 86, of Uniontown, Penn., who was thought by neighbours to be penniless, left property valued at 250,000 dollars (£83,300), and 4,000 dollars (£1,333) in cash.

Half a million American boys have enrolled in the U.S. Air Training Corps, which, patterned on the R.A.F. and R.A.A.F. scheme, has been formed to prepare boys for air crews while they are under enlistment age.

Are Racegoers Honest?

Although Mr. Arthur Raymond, totalisator-manager in Victoria, quoted figures recently showing three of the largest amounts overpaid by tote clerks had been returned, Perth officials do not subscribe to the view that all racegoers are honest.

The last big totalisator overpayment of £63 has not been returned to the unlucky (or careless) clerk, but fellow staff members and friends have clubbed together to make up most of it.

£100 THANKSGIVING

Harold Lett, of Cessnock, has presented £100 to the Cessnock Oatary Club to provide extra Christmas cheer for Australian troops in battle areas.

He has suggested that other people impressed by Australian successes in New Guinea and Egypt should supplement his donation.

News Vendor Fined £100 For Two Income Tax Breaches

A STREET news-vendor whose net weekly income was estimated at £30, was fined £100 at Central Summons Court for not furnishing income tax returns for 1940 and 1941.

The vendor, David Nava, lives in Bellevue Road, Bellevue Hill. He has a news stand at the corner of George and Park Streets.

The £100 included the fines of £50 on each of two informations.

Mr. William M. Brady (for the Taxation Department) alleged that the news stand was worth about £2000 and that Nava recently had refused a

HOLD ON GUADALCANAL SECURE, SAYS KNOX

"OUR hold on Guadalcanal is now most secure," said the United States' Secretary for the Navy (Col. Knox), in a statement in Washington this week.

Enemy losses in the recent big sea battle, he added, had been confirmed as being 28 ships sunk and 10 damaged. American forces outnumbered the Japanese, but Col. Knox could not say to what extent. The engagement was the first in which United States' warships had engaged the enemy "in full battle array."

"It was an efficient well-handled manoeuvre which caught the Japanese by surprise," Col. Knox said.

10,000 KILLED

Interviewed on his return home from the Solomons, a United States' naval officer estimated that U.S. marines and soldiers had killed at least 10,000 Japanese on Guadalcanal since August 7. It was not unusual for 1,000 Japanese to be killed in a night, he said. More than half the Japanese reinforcements landed early this month had been killed.

CONSTITUTION REFERENDUM MAY NOT NOW BE NECESSARY

Twenty-four State and Federal representatives met in Canberra yesterday to discuss the Government's proposal that the Australian Constitution should be altered to give the Federal Parliament wider powers in carrying out post-war reconstruction.

Before the conference began, the Premiers of the four State Labour Governments met informally, and agreed to refer to the Commonwealth specific powers relating to unemployment, marketing and production control, price-fixing and industrial affairs.

THESE matters could be referred to the Commonwealth under Section 51 of the Constitution. Adoption by all six States of the procedure suggested by the Labour Premiers would avoid the necessity for a referendum.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin), addressing the conference, emphasised that amendment of the Constitution was a question for the citizens of Australia to decide and not one for only lawyers and politicians. After the war, Australia was pledged to pursue the

Parcels for All

A message from Melbourne states that the Australian Comforts Fund will distribute Christmas hampers to Australian soldiers wherever they may be stationed.

Thousands of parcels are on their way to the various theatres of war where Australians are engaged.

"ROUGH, TOUGH" ADM. HALSEY

Vice-Admiral Halsey, of the South Pacific U.S. Naval Command is known as a "rough, tough, fighting man—the sort of leader men will follow to hell," states the New York Times.

Admiral Halsey displayed remarkable audacity during the attacks on the Japanese forces at the Gilbert and Marshall Islands.

Now 60 years of age, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy when 22 and advanced through all grades to the rank of Rear-Admiral to which he was appointed in 1938.

He accompanied the U.S. fleet on its tour of the world in 1903. He is holder of the Navy Cross for his services in the last war.

objectives stated in clause 5 of the Atlantic Charter. That included labour standards and economic advancement.

The Constitution as it now stood, Mr. Curtin said, would not permit the post-war reconstruction contemplated in the Atlantic Charter to be implemented as the Commonwealth planned.

The Government could not escape the responsibility of planning a peace effort as effective as the war effort.

"Fan Mail" For Evatt

Letters—sensible and cranky—are pouring in on the Federal Attorney-General (Dr. Evatt) following the announcement of the Commonwealth's plan for constitutional reform.

Dr. Evatt has read them all, although some are long and others discuss utterly impossible theories. He intends to answer each letter personally,—and that will be a job and a half if the present volume of deliveries is maintained.