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NOT FOR SALE

ROYAL AIR FORCE TO SMASH FASCIST ITALY WARNING TO PEOPLE

WHAT FASCISTS CAN EXPECT

JUST what is in store for Italy should the Royal Air Force carry out Mr. Churchill's promise of "prolonged, scientific and shattering" air attacks can be gauged from figures, released in London yesterday, showing the extent of the damage Britain suffered during the German blitz.

The official Home Office account reveals that 190,000 high explosive bombs were dropped and nearly 44,000 people were killed.

Mr. Churchill said specifically that, if necessary, Italy would be made to suffer on a far more terrible scale than Britain had suffered.

As if to give forceful point to the Prime Minister's warning, home based bombers of the R.A.F. carried out another attack on Turin on Sunday night. They dropped bombs weighing nearly four tons each and also 100,000 incendiaries.

IN a world broadcast on Sunday night, Mr. Churchill said that Italy could be brought under a prolonged, scientific and shattering air attack. It was for the Italian people to say whether they wanted this terrible thing to happen to their country, he said.

The Prime Minister revealed that 100 Generals and nearly 300,000 Italian soldiers were already in British hands. "The day of Mussolini's Empire has gone", he added.

FIERCE DOGFIGHT OVER BUNA TWELVE ZEROS ATTACK SEVEN ARE SHOT DOWN

IN a fierce dogfight over the Buna-Dobudura area yesterday, Allied Kittyhawks scored a smashing victory over Japanese Zeros.

Twelve Zeros attacked and seven were shot down. It is possible that more were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire from the ground, while others which discarded their belly tanks before the combat may not have been able to return to their base.

THE battle lasted 20-minutes. It started over Buna, when the Zeros "jumped" a force of Kittyhawks which was acting as top cover for low-level fighter-bombers. The enemy planes attacked individually and within a few seconds dogfights were going on over a wide area at 10,000 feet.

Two of our own aircraft were shot down in combat but the pilots of both were reported to be safe.

Other air activity yesterday included the shooting down of a Zero by an Allied heavy bomber over the Vitiav strait.

Moresby's 91st Raid

Raid No. 91 on Port Moresby yesterday morning was ineffective. Two aircraft took part. There were no casualties and damage was slight.

Admiral To Hold Post For Duration

THE United States Chief of Naval Operations (Admiral E. King) reached the retirement age of 64 last week, but he will continue in his present post for the duration of the war.

Admiral King recently visited England for a conference with the British First Sea Lord (Admiral Sir Dudley Pound).

REFERENDUM UNNECESSARY

WHEN the Constitutional Convention in Canberra yesterday unanimously carried to a motion by the Premier of Tasmania (Mr. Cosgrove) for reference of additional powers to the Commonwealth by the States, a referendum on the question of additional powers for the Commonwealth Government to undertake post war reconstruction became unnecessary.

Mr. Cosgrove's motion provides for the transfer by the States of the necessary powers for a period of seven years from the end of the war. A referendum will then be held to secure permanent changes.

The Convention's acceptance of the motion followed a declaration by the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) that the Government was willing to accept it. Mr. Curtin added, however, that the Government's acceptance would be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The powers to be granted should be adequate for the needs of post-war reconstruction.
- (2) The period for which the powers were granted, pending the amendment of the constitution by referendum, must be sufficiently long.
- (3) It should be impossible for any State to revoke the referred powers without a State referendum.
- (4) A draft Bill should be prepared by the Convention containing the specific powers to be referred to the Commonwealth.

ONE man, and one man only, had brought the Italian people to this folly, said Mr. Churchill. There had been no reason for Italy to go to war. Nobody had intended to attack her, but Mussolini could not resist the temptation to stab what he thought was helpless Britain in the back.

Mr. Churchill referred to the recent pealing of church bells for the successes achieved in North West Africa but warned against over-optimism yet.

Highlights of his speech included his grim threat of retribution to Italians unless they cast off the yoke of Mussolini; a reference to the world's unstinted admiration for the heroic defenders of Stalingrad; and a promise of liberation to the suffering peoples of Europe.

Although Hitler and Mussolini believed that Rommel's forces would conquer Egypt, the tide had turned and the sensational and brilliant advance of 400 miles by the 8th Army had caused untold joy, the Prime Minister continued. He had the greatest confidence in Generals Alexander and Montgomery, and in the soldiers and airmen who were at last coming into their own.

He praised the magnificent feat of organisation that enabled America to bring her great cargoes of men and equipment across the Atlantic to North Africa.

British and Americans in arms were displaying great comradeship and understanding and the 1st Army was serving under General Eisenhower, in whom the nation had the greatest faith.

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAINLAND

NEW SOUTH WALES

"I wanted to join the army, but my wife deserted our child, so I changed my views," said Walter Bernard Nicholas (36), laborer, Bridge Road, Glebe, at Glebe Court, when he appeared on warrant for failing to enrol. He was fined £10.

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A flat leather suit-case containing dangerous drugs, the property of Dr. Lance Hewitt, of Stanmore, was stolen from a car parked outside Wesley College. The drugs include morphine, strychnine, and atrophine. Police are endeavoring to locate the drugs.

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A fine of £10 was imposed on Jessie Stone (39), Kelsey Street, Arncliffe, at Kogarah Court, for having taken bets on the Melbourne Cup. She was also ordered to forfeit £2 13s. 6d. in betting money.

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The Metropolitan Health Officer (Dr. Graham Drew) told members of the Anglican Synod that there had been too much "hush hush" over venereal disease.

The Synod meeting, he said, was a courageous advance towards what he hoped would be a courageous crusade.

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At the Newtown Court, Dr. Keith Faulkner Potts, 42, of Arncliffe, was fined £10 for driving his car on November 21 whilst under the influence of liquor. On a further charge of having driven the car in a manner dangerous to the public, Dr. Potts was remanded to March 1, 1943.

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QUEENSLAND

Any civilian would be lucky to obtain a bottle of beer for Christmas, stated Mr. W. Cannon (Liquor Trade Union) at the Union Congress. Of the bottled beer produced in Brisbane 90 per cent. was going to the armed forces, he added.

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Mr. E. A. MacPherson, formerly managing director for Australia of Waugh and Josephson Pty. Ltd., who died in Brisbane last month, in his will left a beauty spot adjoining his home at Galloway's Hill, East Brisbane, to the City Council for use as a public park.

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Concern at the rapid decline in the number of dairy cows on the Darling Downs was expressed at a meeting of Warwick branch of the Queensland Dairyfarmers' Organisation. Mr. H. H. Dight said that in the last four months nearly 40 herds had been dispersed in this district alone.

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Vera Staines, 42, housewife, was committed for trial to the 1943 sittings of the Supreme Court by Mr. Stanley Wilson, S.M., yesterday on a charge of having murdered Elsie Joyce Houson about October 16.

VICTORIA

Wearing uniform, a soldier sold flowers at the Victoria Market, Melbourne, during part of the time he was A.W.L. This was part of the evidence given when Private Leonard Burt Lawton, former City Council employee, was charged with desertion.

Lawton denied that he intended to desert. He was worried about his wife and infant, he said, and stayed at home to do their washing and attend to them.

Lawton explained in evidence that he had had several head accidents. His counsel asked that he should be examined.

The court's decision will be announced later.

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When a 40-gallon oil drum was dislodged from the top of 70-foot grain silo at Goornong railway station it struck Frederick Kershaw Hiel (54), an employee of the Railways Construction Branch, and his three-year-old son, John David Hiel. The father received injuries from which he died, and the son is in Bendigo Base Hospital in a serious condition.

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Mr. John J. Lord, an old resident of Hawthorn, has died after a long illness, at the age of 75 years. In the early 'nineties he was captain of the Hawthorn Volunteer Fire Brigade. In local cricketing circles he played in Victorian junior representative teams.

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Mr. James B. Aitken and the Union Trustee Company of Australia Limited, as trustees of the estate of the late Sir John M. Higgins, have paid to the University of Melbourne the sum of £19,399 19s. 4d. to provide research scholarships relating to the study and development of pastoral and agricultural industries in Australia.

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WHO WERE THE GOATS?

A woman occupier of a house in North Melbourne was fined £20 in the North Melbourne Court on a charge of having caused three goats to be slaughtered at premises not registered as public abattoirs.

On a charge of having slaughtered these goats, a man was fined £10.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

George Lionel Gannon (36), late clerk of courts at Boulder, was sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment at the Eastern Goldfields Court of Sessions at Kalgoorlie on a charge of having stolen £1,975/1/9, the amount of a general deficiency, which had come into his possession by virtue of his employment. The accused, who pleaded guilty before Mr. Commissioner Stotter, had been on the permanent staff of the public service for nearly 19 years, 7 of which were at Boulder.

"The Tight Little Island"

The song, "The Tight Little Island," is likely to become very popular in the future. Dame Enid Lyons, who wrote the words extolling her home State, has been asked if she will permit its publication. It has been set to music—a pretty, lively tune, by Mrs. E. Kallend, matron of the Kennerley Boys' Home, who, with her husband, Capt. Kallend, is well known for work in connection with the musical education of the boys.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Breadcarters will not work on either Friday, December 25, Saturday, December 26, or Monday, December 28, unless they are given a day off as compensation.

This means that unless there is a last-minute change of plans, Adelaide will not receive bread deliveries on four consecutive days at Christmas.

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The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Blesing), acting on a report of the Government Produce Department (Mr. W. D. Price) has telegraphed the Minister for Commerce (Mr. Scully) seeking concessions for the treatment of ewe mutton on Eyre Peninsula.

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Clarence Wilfred Thomas, 45, engineer, of Kent Terrace, Norwood, has been committed for trial by Mr. Muirhead, P.M., in the Adelaide Police Court on a charge of robbery with violence.

It is alleged against Thomas that on October 6, at Adelaide, he robbed Eric John Webb of about £7, and at the time used personal violence towards Webb.

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TASMANIA

COL. H. B. BENNETT, chairman of the Area Board of Management, said yesterday that there was to be a considerable expansion of activities at a munitions annexe in Southern Tasmania. He expected that a munition factory would be ready to begin full production early in 1943. It would absorb a considerable number of additional employees.

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By mastering the problem of storing pumpkins a south-west grower has recently been getting from 20s. to 30s. a bag for produce that in season possibly would bring no more than from 5s. to 8s.

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Allan Burns (16), son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burns, of Macquarie Plains, was drowned while bathing in the Styx River at Bushby Park.

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Police are investigating a savage attack made on a Hobart woman during the week-end. She was found in a dazed condition at her home in Davey street. It is alleged that she was brutally assaulted by a man in uniform.

American News

Tubeless Tyres

Nation-wide tests of tubeless tyres have proved successful, according to Mr. Boyd, chairman of the Petroleum Industry War Council.

The invention, which entails sealing the tyre casing to the wheel rim and installing a leakproof valve, has been tested on 1,000 motor-cars for a week, but the experiment will continue until the end of the year.

Marriage Can Wait

Richard Ney, who played as Greer Garson's son in "Mrs. Miniver," told reporters that his marriage to Greer Garson had been postponed until after the war. Miss Garson was "Mrs. Miniver" in the picture.

King Of The Hobos

Dr. Ben Reitman, an anarchist, and founder of the Hobo College, has died in Chicago at the age of 63. His will stipulated that 250 dollars should be spent on the hire of a big hall for his funeral service at which his hobo friends should eat and drink and have a happy time.

DEC. 7, "DAY OF INFAMY"

President Roosevelt says that December 7, anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, should be observed as "a day of silence and remembrance of a great infamy."

Aided Saboteurs

Anthony Cramer was recently found guilty of treason by aiding the 8 Nazi saboteurs who landed at Long Island and Florida from German submarines in June, and of whom six were subsequently executed.

He is a naturalised American citizen and was active in the German-American Bund.

Alien Round-Up

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has seized nearly 12,000 enemy aliens and huge quantities of contraband since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, thus forestalling much sabotage and espionage, according to Mr. F. R. Foxworth, New York Director of the F.B.I.

Generals' Sons In It

STARS and Stripes, the penny tabloid published for the American Forces in the European theatre of war, contains photographs of four West Point cadets, sons of Generals Eisenhower (Commander of the American Forces in North Africa), Doolittle (Chief of the American Air Forces there), M. W. Clark (Commanding the ground forces in that zone), and G. C. Patton (Commanding U.S. forces in French Morocco). West Point (founded in 1802), is the United States Military Academy. It trains 1,960 cadets, whose ages range from 17 to 22.

RED ARMY RECAPTURES RJEV

OFFENSIVE CONTINUES AS WINTER CLOSES IN

LATEST success in the victorious march of the Russian Army is the capture of Rjev, key town 130 miles north-west of Moscow.

The fall of Rjev was announced yesterday by Moscow radio, which also reported further success for the Russian forces in the Stalingrad area.

THE reoccupation of Rjev was made only after fierce street fighting in which the Russians, supported by tanks, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

Red Star, official organ of the Red Army, says: "Our offensive is inflicting fresh enormous losses on the Germans, bleeding them white, and preparing the ground for their final defeat."

Reuter's Moscow correspondent says the Germans everywhere are fleeing in disorder.

A commentator of the National Broadcasting Company of America says that three Russian armies are sweeping from north to south over a front of 40 to 80 miles behind the Germans in the Stalingrad area. The first is driving through Sunovkhnio, 90 miles west of Stalingrad; the second is thrusting south west from Kletsk, which is 75 miles north west of Stalingrad; and the third is racing along the west bank of the Don and has reached within 25 miles of Kalach, which is 40 miles west of Stalingrad.

STROKE WELL TIMED

Captain Liddell Hart, in an article in the Daily Mail, considers that the Russian stroke was admirably timed. It was not only launched in the interval between strong frost which hardens the ground, permitting rapid movement, and heavy snows which clog any manoeuvre, but also when some of the already weakened Luftwaffe has been drawn away.

Captain Liddell Hart adds: "The Russian stroke also caught the Germans at their most overstrained pitch when they were feeling very acutely the reaction after the failure of their summer offensive to achieve victory."

"In addition the direction of the Russian blow was well chosen, exploiting the possibility of indirect approach, and making the enemy's communications open to flanking cuts."

BOXING

Next Saturday at Konedobu stadium 2000 hrs.

Main event, 10 rounds. Other bouts of 6 rounds; also preliminaries for which entries will be received by LAC J. Smith, Operation Room, RAAF.

Airman Loses Sight At Cinema

THE last thing Flight-Lieutenant Charles Grant, of the R.A.F., saw before he went blind was the face of Constance Moore in the film, "I Wanted Wings."

Grant's sight had been affected when he was shot down over the English Channel, and his eyes failed when he was at the cinema.

UNDERWEAR STRONGER

Durability, appeal and simplicity are the features of samples of Australia's victory knitted underwear, which are stored away in the offices of the Controller of Knitted Goods.

Leading manufacturers appointed by the Department of Supply and Shipping have been examining samples to ensure that they comply with control of clothing orders, and it is said that manufacturers have shown great skill and ingenuity in producing within restrictions, garments that will meet all needs.

Now that pure silk is unavailable, it is necessary to make stronger and heavier service weight hosiery.

SPOTLIGHT ON MAJOR SPORTS

Rosehill T.C. Annoys N.S.W. Trainers

New South Wales racing owners and trainers have been pressing for reduced nomination fees, but the Rosehill club increased the fees from 10/- to £1 for its next meeting on December 12.

The N.S.W. Racing Owners' and Trainers' Association has protested strongly against the increase. They claim that instead of decreasing, racing attendances have increased enormously, and clubs should not expect any more from those who own and train horses and often race them for very moderate stakes.

Several trainers contend that nomination fees should be free until after acceptance, and that all trainers should have the chance to peruse the handicaps first.

Read "Guinea Gold"—Then Pass It On.

Victorian Women For National Call

A letter and questionnaire requiring full particulars of their present employment will be posted by the Manpower Directorate to every girl and woman in Victoria, between 16 and 30, who according to information given in application for National Identity cards, does not appear to be gainfully employed.

The letter reminds recipients of Australia's obligation to provide not less than 50,000 women for essential industries and auxiliary services in the next few months.

A special conference of N.S.W. official A.L.P. delegates in Sydney condemned any Government proposal to conscript women for munition factories or for the services. The conference also adopted a list of standards for women workers which, it was claimed, should be accepted and enforced in Australian war industries.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) has announced that it is the intention of the Government at present to call up married women for war work.

8000 TONS SHIPS SUNK BY BOMBERS

When American medium bombers accompanied by fighters and dive bombers raided the Canton area in China, they wrecked an 8,000 tons Japanese freighter.

This was the fourth ship successfully bombed in three days. Two 500lb. bombs hit the deck and one went into the engine room. After a violent explosion, black smoke burst from the vessel and ten minutes later she was on her side.

American Sport FOOTBALL RESULTS

Fordham d. North Carolina Cadets 6-0, Holycross d. Boston College 55-12, Navy d. Army 14-0, Villanova d. Temple 20-7, Georgia d. Georgia Tech. 34-0, Auburn d. Clemson 41-13, Tennessee d. Vanderbilt 19-7, Michigan d. Iowa 28-14, Ohio State d. Iowa Cadets 41-12, Oklahoma A. and M. d. Detroit 33-6, Michigan State v. Oregon State 7-7.

Indiana d. Fort Knox 51-0, Illinois d. Camp Grant 20-0, Notre Dame d. Southern California 13-0, Colgate d. Brown 13-9, Pennsylvania d. Cornell 34-7, Louisiana State d. Tulane 18-6, Texas University d. Texas A.M. 12-6, Missouri d. Kansas 42-13, Tulsa d. Arkansas 40-7, Utah d. Idaho 13-7.

HOCKEY REVERSES

New York Rangers d. Black Hawks 2-1. It was Black Hawks first defeat in five games. Detroit Redwings d. Toronto Maple Leafs 2-1. Redwings have entered first place in the national hockey league race.

Jimmy Bivins (175lb.) outpointed Lec Savod (195lb.) in 10 rounds at the Madison Square Gardens.

Million Orphans For N.Z. Suggested

Mr. A. Leigh Hunt, chairman of the Dominions Settlement Association, suggested in Wellington (N.Z.) on Saturday an immigration scheme under which New Zealand would receive from Britain a million war orphans at the rate of 100,000 a year.

Mr. Hunt said his idea was to make New Zealand a haven for orphans from Europe.

Army Cricketer's 1000 Runs

Roly Vaughton has an aggregate of more than 1,000 runs in Adelaide grade cricket this year. He is playing with the Army team.

Vaughton was in the forefront of club wicketkeepers before the war. He reached his top form with the bat in the 1938-39 season when he scored 577 runs for an average of 48.08. He has an aggregate of 1,301 runs in club cricket.

Jeff Noblett, who leads the Army side, was a very promising all-rounder in grade cricket.

Giants' Pitcher Joins Navy

From New York comes advice that the Giants famous pitcher, Hal Schumacher is to be commissioned in the U.S. Navy.

Hobart Regatta On Saturday

The main sporting and social event of the Tasmanian Tercentenary celebrations—the Hobart Regatta—will be held on the Derwent next Saturday.

A feature will be the unveiling of a memorial tablet at 3.30 p.m. to commemorate the discovery of Tasmania. The unveiling will be done by a representative of the Dutch Government.

FOUND—Identification discs issued to W. H. Anderson; Serial number 6912411. Apply to office of Capt. Milner, U.S. Base Headquarters.

Found—Army driving licence, Pte. D. L. Barr. Owner apply "Guinea Gold."

LOST—From motor cycle,—pay book and black wallet. Property of Gunner A. J. Jarvie. Finder please communicate with Editor, "Guinea Gold."

ONLY 12 MILES TO TUNIS!

Brave American Preferred Death

RESIDENTS of Edward Road, Walthamstow, England, have sent a cable to the parents of an American airman who died in a blazing aeroplane rather than allow it to crash into their homes.

He was 23-year-old Lieutenant Harvey Dalton Johnson, of Philadelphia, who deliberately nose-dived his machine into a football ground, although he could easily have baled out.

The residents' cable said: "He died a hero, saving our lives. We will always treasure his brave act."

Johnson joined the Canadian Air Force early in the war, and transferred to the Americans in October.

Honorable Grammar Was Too Good

The familiar Japanese trick of confusing sentries by speaking English no longer works, says Lieutenant-Colonel Phipps, who has just returned to the United States from the Solomons.

He related that a marine machine-gunner heard footsteps in the dark, and fired a few bursts. A voice called: "Hold your fire. We are American troops. I am bringing in my platoon."

The gunner opened fire, wiping out the enemy patrol. He later explained that "it was too damned grammatical for a marine."

BRITISH CUT RAIL LINK TO BIZERTA

THE Capture of Djedeita, about 12 miles west of Tunis, is announced by Allied Headquarters in North Africa.

The only railway communication between Tunis and Bizerta has thus been cut, and the heavy guns of the British First Army can now be played on Bizerta. The great naval base was again bombed by Allied aircraft yesterday.

FEVERISH ITALIAN REBUILDING FOLLOWS R.A.F. RAIDS

ITALIANS are rushing hundreds of workmen to Genoa, Turin and Milan in an effort to repair some of the damage caused by the R.A.F. raids.

According to Rome Radio, the city of Rome is sending 400 workmen, and these will be joined by other workers from neighbouring provinces.

This follows Mussolini's talk with the Prefects of the three bombed cities.

The Prefect of Genoa reported to Mussolini that the port had been knocked out as an effective unit for some time to come. Terrific damage had been caused in the dock areas and shipyards.

An oil refinery had been almost completely destroyed. Most of the public buildings were now open sites. These included the Ducal palace, the Town Hall and a theatre.

In the report, emphasis is laid on the chaos caused to the railway system. The goods station has almost been wiped out.

Kite Awards For Jap. Dead

A Tokio official radio message states that Emperor Hirohito has conferred the order of the Golden Kite, Japan's highest military honour, on 2,760 officers and men killed in action since Pearl Harbour.

JUDGE'S RULES SHOW HOW TO BE HAPPY THOUGH MARRIED

Chicago Divorce Court Judge Sabath has drawn up ten commandments for successful marriage. They have already stopped one couple, Mr. and Mrs. Thorildsen, from breaking up a 29 years' partnership.

Appearing before Judge Sabath to tear up their divorce papers, they announced that a months' trial of observing the commandments had made "love bloom again in our hearts."

First five commandments are that husband and wife must go out to dinner and dancing every Wednesday, and

to pictures on Saturdays; the wife may bet up to 15/- on horses; the couple must separate one night a week, and spend their evening with friends of the same sex; the husband must come home to dinner in a good humor.

Second five commandments are that the husband must buy his wife a complete outfit each season; he must not go out or exchange gifts with other women; he must not strike his wife; he may drink moderately on Saturday nights only.

Mrs. Thorildsen told the judge: "Nearly 30 years of marriage made us forget the niceties, but now we are sweethearts again."

New Society To Teach What Every Young Man Should Know

Victoria has a new organisation—the Alliance of Honor—which wants a moral clean-up in Australia. Its president, grey-haired S. John Bacon, says at 54 that he saw the error of his ways at 40. He is a former commercial traveller.

Mr. Bacon has listed eight points of advice to young men. They are:—

Avoid statues of naked and half-naked women.

Avoid novels and newspaper of the spicy brand.

Don't get into the company of people who tell risqué yarns and details of their immoral practices.

Fill your mind with pure thoughts and your bath with cold water.

Have a cold shower every morning and a brisk rub down.

Avoid late suppers and intoxicants. Sleep on a hard bed.

Get up as soon as you wake in the morning.

"Unfortunately, when Mars went to war, Venus welcomed him with open arms," said Mr. Bacon.

"Vile practices are rife in the community in high circles and low. I have walked in the streets and seen what is going on.

"I have been told that all kinds of horrible things go in the air-raided trenches."

Reunion Island Occupied

A Vichy report says that South African troops have occupied Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean,—the last remaining island under Vichy control.

Reunion island is situated 400 miles east of Madagascar and has an area of 1,000 square miles and a population of 200,000.

R.A.A.F. NURSES IN LONDON

The first two members of the R.A.A.F. nursing service to reach London, wearing the royal blue R.A.A.F. uniforms, were the objects of many curious glances from Londoners.

They were Senior Sisters Marjorie Hughes, of Sydney, and Irene Constance Doward, of Melbourne.

Although Londoners are accustomed to Allied uniforms embracing practically every color of the spectrum, they were intrigued by the Australian royal blue.

Nazis Prefer Adolf

So many Dutch babies recently have been christened "Winston" or "Franklin" that officials fear Nazi reprisals, say reports reaching Dutch Government headquarters in London.

Parents have been warned that if they insist on using these Christian names, officials in Holland will merely register the children by surnames.

KAKARIKI AGAIN

The Kakariki, which has figured in the news for several years and which has defied the efforts of various contractors to raise it from the seabed near Gellibrand, Port Phillip Bay, may be tackled again. Three tenders recently received for the work however have not been accepted.

The Public Works Department is calling for fresh offers.

Suggested Army Merger

FEDERAL Parliament should be called together immediately to make necessary amendments to enable full and proper use to be made of Australia's forces, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator McLeay) declared in Adelaide.

He suggested this, he said, in view of the Prime Minister's statement made on the highest military advice, that the war plans of the Allied Command were being hampered because of restriction on the use of the Militia.

Any delay in merging the A.I.F. and the Militia must seriously hamper the work of the High Command, said Senator McLeay.

PLEASE EXPLAIN

Federal secretary of the Australian Workers' Union (Mr. C. G. Fallon) is to be asked to appear before the unions to explain why he was present at the Arbitration Court proceedings regarding a Commonwealth code for the Civil Construction Corps when the unions had decided to boycott the court.