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NOT FOR SALE.

## AUSTRALIANS CONTROL ALL GONA SECTOR AFTER FIERCE ENGAGEMENTS



After 20 days of bloody fighting, Australian troops have occupied Gona and won complete control of adjacent areas.

First news of this victory came in a brief message from the Commander of the Australian force. "Gona gone" he said. The victory was announced publicly by the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) in the House of Representative, Canberra, yesterday.

The end came on Tuesday night when a large pocket of enemy troops southwest of Gona attempted to cut their way out of a steadily closing Allied ring. As announced yesterday, they were mown down, 95 being killed.

### Peak Production Soon

The Minister for Munitions (Mr. Makin) says that by next May, Australian war production will reach planned capacity.

This will synchronise with the plans of other Allied countries, which expect to reach their full production next year.

### Axis Suffers Another Blow In Argentina

Diplomatic code messages by radio have been limited to 100 words daily by the Argentine Government. This places Axis embassies at a sharp disadvantage.

The United Press explains the new regulation makes it extremely difficult to report results of espionage.

### How The Blazes?

"HOW the blazes am I to get on," exploded the Federal U.A.P. Leader (Mr. Hughes) when he heard of the new regulations drastically restricting the employment of domestic servants.

"My wife is ill in hospital and my niece has a job in an important Government department," Mr. Hughes added.

"If I were not a member of the War Council, and Leader of the U.A.P., I could stay at home and cook the meals and dust the floors, but if I can't come home and find my dinner ready, what sort of government will the people get from a man in my state of mind?"

"This latest regulation is not a policy; it is a disaster."

### FIRST GIANT BOMBER PRODUCED BY NEW FORD PLANT

The United States has taken delivery of the first of the giant new B24 E bombers, now in production at the Willow Run plant of Henry Ford.

These bombers are the biggest in the world. They have a range of 3000 miles and speed of 300 miles an hour.

The Willow Run plant, which cost £14,500,000 to build, is expected to

reach peak production during the second half of next year.

After having inspected leading automobile plants, Charles Hurd, New York Times correspondent, states that the American car industry is now producing one-fourth of all guns, vehicles and other types of ordnance for the armed forces.

DURING the 20 days since the battle for Gona started, Australians were in the village at least twice, but, on each occasion, they rejoined the main force to wait for the final thrust. By slow pressure the Japanese were squeezed into a pocket only 200 yards by 400 yards.

Both sides dug in and there was solid fighting from machine-gun positions and snipers' nests. Steadily, Japanese dead were piled around the defensive positions, but enemy troops were kept too busy to bury them.

THE JAPANESE WERE SUBJECTED TO ALMOST NON-STOP STRAFING, BOMBING AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS, AND THEY SUFFERED LOSSES EACH NIGHT WHEN DARING AUSTRALIAN PATROLS WORMED THEIR WAY ACROSS NO-MAN'S-LAND AND THREW GRENADES INTO THE WEAPON PITS.

Allied control of the coast near Gona is important, because the Japanese have been using several points to land supplies for the hard-pressed Buna garrison.

An important contributory factor in the success was the magnificent support given by American and Australian airmen. This greatly heartened the land forces as well as doing considerable damage.

### No Major Battle Yet In Tunisia

Reports from various sources say that fresh Allied air forces are arriving in North Africa daily.

On the El Agheila front in Libya, Rommel's forces are feverishly improving their strongpoints. During the comparative lull, patrols are active in no-man's-land.

At an aerodrome 40 miles behind El Agheila, six Messerschmidt planes were destroyed.

It is expected that a great—and probably decisive—battle will be fought in this sector soon.

### LODGE XMAS TELEGRAMS PROMPTLY

Owing to the likelihood of serious delays in transmission of telegrams due to overloading of the telegraph channels during the Christmas period, members of the forces in New Guinea are asked to lodge their Christmas greeting telegrams immediately, as delivery before Christmas cannot be guaranteed for messages lodged later than December 16.

### Here's Real Luck

The week's best good luck story comes from Boston (U.S.).

Falling from the ninth floor of a city building, Edward Skaletsky, 22, window cleaner, bounced off a parked motor car and landed in a barrel. He survived the experience.

# News In Brief From The Mainland

## NEW SOUTH WALES

The N.S.W. Premier (Mr. McKee) says he hopes to have the bill, giving power to the Commonwealth to deal with post-war problems, passed by both Houses of the State Parliament before Christmas.

Of a thousand small boats immobilised in N.S.W. by the military authorities in April last, 400 remain unclaimed at metropolitan depots.

Few Sydney retailers will be able to supply Xmas stockings this year. The secretary of Sweetacres Ltd. said that shortage of labor was the main trouble, but the company was not anxious to get labor as it considered Christmas stockings unessential. He added: "It's hard on the kids, but after all there's a war on."

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Rankin, of Major's Creek, New South Wales, has gained an immediate award of the Distinguished Flying Cross for exploits as a R.A.A.F. long-range fighter pilot in attacks on Tunis, North Africa.

Francis Stanislaus Larkin (29), was fined £5 and placed on a £5 bond, at Campsie Court for having behaved in an offensive manner.

Det.-Sergt. Hollingworth said that Larkin accosted a 10-years-old girl and, offering her sixpence, tried to entice her into a laneway. The child said she was already late for school. Larkin told her to meet him the next day, and the child reported it to her teacher, and later to her parents. The appointment was kept and the child's grandfather, who followed them, established Larkin's identity.

Strella Wilson thanked the ballet and chorus of "White Horse Inn" from the stage, for their help in reviving the production in the Sydney Theatre Royal. Miss Wilson is repeating her singing star role of the original show. Even the Tyrolean dances are included—but done with zest by Australians this time.

Dairyfarmers in Clarence River, district have decided to call off their strike which was started as a protest against the compulsory dipping of cattle under the State Government's tick eradication plan. Many farmers refused to send their cream to butter factories and fed their milk to the pigs. A meeting decided to accept a Government offer to set up a committee to inquire immediately into the tick eradication plan.

Henrietta M. Patterson, licensee of the Victoria Hotel, Darlinghurst, was fined £3 at Central Summons Court, for not adding methyl violet to a drip tray.

Sergeant Fleming said that a man in charge of the lounge bar said he had placed methyl violet in the tray once, but did not renew the coloring each time the tray was emptied.

## VICTORIA

Premises once used in Melbourne for the promotion of Italian trade, are now to be used for work associated with the production of shells, bombs and bullets, to help knock Italy out of the war.

Speakers from the Soviet Union, Fighting France, China, occupied countries of Europe and other Allies addressed a public rally organised by the Australia-Soviet Friendship League to celebrate the Allied offensive, and urge more support for the £100,000,000 War Loan.

### BARBERS SCARCE IN VIC.

In Melbourne it is becoming more difficult to get a haircut, particularly in the city proper. During the past year, 319 barbers' shops have closed in Victoria. Closings were caused mainly by manpower shortages. Many barbers are now refusing to give shaves late in the afternoon or on Saturday mornings.

Fines varying from £1 to £2 were imposed by Mr. A. Hill, P.M., at St. Kilda on eight men on separate charges of having been in possession of liquor at or near dance halls in St. Kilda while dances were in progress.

If equipment can be obtained, magnets may be fitted under Melbourne trams and buses to pick up bits of metal from the roadways, and help salvage waste for the war effort.

## TASMANIA

Giving evidence at the Hobart gaol inquiry, the Acting Deputy Governor (Mr. H. P. Hynes), answering Mr. David Pardoe, the warders' representative, said that prisoners had been allowed to use the telephone in his office. These were men detained for national security reasons who wished to speak to a solicitor or the authority who sent them there.

Replying to a question about prisoners lounging and smoking when interviewing him, the witness said he had not objected to smoking. One could not straighten a crooked tree all at once. The prisoners used respectful terms to him. He did nothing to undermine the warders' authority.

Adequate protection was given women employed on men's work under the Women's Employment Act, stated the Industrial Registrar (Mr. E. J. Ogilvie), referring to a complaint that the health of girls was impaired because of overtime worked and no annual leave being granted.

## QUEENSLAND

Mr. A. H. Wilson, Collector of Customs in Queensland, has been promoted to the position of Assistant Comptroller-General of Customs in place of Mr. H. F. Morris, who was appointed recently to the Tariff Board. Mr. Wilson's new salary will be £1396 a year.

The Queensland Red Cross £300,000 appeal for 1943 will be launched on January 1 by the Governor (Sir Leslie Wilson), as chairman of the Red Cross Appeal Committee.

By Christmas 100 women will be working full time as tram conductors in Brisbane. Announcing this, the tramways general manager (Mr. S. L. Quinn) said 68 women were already working full time, 30 more were in training, and 12 more were ready to begin training.

Employment of women conductors had materially reduced overtime work by male conductors.

Age of entry to the Queensland Police Force has been reduced and fixed at 20 years. Previous minimum was 21.

Mr. John Mander Jones, formerly a grazier, of Boonara, Goomeri, who died on war service with the A.I.F. on February 8, left £1500 to the Old Southportonians' Association fund, which was established for endowment of the Southport School, Queensland.

As a means of overcoming the shortage of nurses in the State Mental Hygiene Service, age limits of both male and female applicants for admission as trainees have been fixed at between 17 and 35 years, instead of between 18 and 21 years.

Two people were killed in traffic accidents in Brisbane last week and one died from injuries received in an earlier accident. Traffic accidents totalled 75 last week (61 in the week before); serious injuries were received by 17 people (10), and minor injuries by 19 (11).

### Warning On Girls Travelling Alone

WARNING against girls being allowed to travel by train unaccompanied has been issued by the Queensland Railways Commissioner (Mr. Wills).

He said that, although he could not give specific instances, he had been informed that cases had occurred of girls having been enticed away while travelling alone some distance by train.

When going to and from school, girls usually travelled in numbers. It was the girl travelling alone who was in danger.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

An Italian internee at a South Australian camp has been committed for trial on a charge of having murdered a fellow internee.

The man committed was Giovanni Casotti and the victim was a 41-year-old internee. It was alleged at the inquest that the internee and Casotti had had political differences. An argument occurred and in the events that followed the internee fell. It was not shown definitely whether he had hit his head on a stone or tap or had been kicked or hit.

When a heap of almond shells caught fire at Payneham (S.A.) on Wednesday, the blaze spread to a nearby shed and £500 damage was done. The principal loss was a nut-cracking plant owned by Mr. John Harold Johnson. The daughter of the proprietor was awakened by an unusual popping noise and gave the alarm.

South Australian prisoners named from Tokio as being in Japanese hands include:—

R. Burgess, F. J. Burke, J. E. Cattermole, H. R. W. P. Davis, G. T. Gauld, E. B. Heyne, Lieutenant R. V. Howell, R. P. Hunt, A. McDonald, C. R. Speake, J. W. Thompson, R. E. Toombs, G. W. Vinal, J. L. Wood.

Although subscriptions are still coming in from Returned Soldiers' League sub-branches, more than £2,228 has so far been raised for the Poppy Day Appeal. This amount is £100 above the figures at this time last year.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Stating that although he had sincere conscientious beliefs he was now prepared to make an affirmation for non-combatant military service, Harry Rhodes Harris (28), of Canning Road, East Fremantle, who unsuccessfully applied for exemption in the Conscientious Objectors' Court, was fined £3, with 3s. costs, by Mr. W. J. Wallwork, S.M., in the Perth Police Court for having failed to attend the place appointed for his enlistment. The Magistrate added that had Harris not offered to enlist he would have been sent to gaol again.

It was stated that Harris had already served a month's imprisonment for refusing to take the oath for military service.

After considerable discussion on the motion for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the circumstances in which Mr. J. D. Cowie was dismissed from the W.A. Police Force, the Legislative Assembly has accepted an amendment that the matter be referred to a board to be appointed under the Police Act. Mr. Cowie was the police inspector at Broome during the Japanese air raid on that town early this year.

Read "Guinea Gold"—Then Pass It On

# Sport, American and General News

## 'PLIGHT OF JAPS. ON GUADALCANAL BECOMING SERIOUS'

**T**HE plight of the 20,000 Japanese on Guadalcanal Island is becoming increasingly serious, according to a "New York Times" war correspondent. He says they can be relieved only by the arrival of substantial reinforcements and supplies, but America firmly controls local waters, and has routed every attempt by Japanese planes to approach.

Japanese losses in last Thursday's Solomons engagement were heavier than reported at first.

A Washington communique reports that one enemy cruiser was hit by a 1000-lbs. bomb; a destroyer or cruiser was hit by two torpedoes, and another cruiser or destroyer was possibly hit by two torpedoes. Other ships also were hit and damaged.

On the following day, three enemy vessels were sighted in flames near the scene of the action.

American losses during the engagement were one dive-bomber, one torpedo plane, and one fighter.

### U-Boat Kills 1400 Italian Prisoners

When a United Nations' prison ship was torpedoed by a Nazi submarine in the Atlantic, 1400 Italian prisoners lost their lives.

The five surviving members of the crew, who have reached New York, told the Canadian Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) at the New York Canadian canteen that the ship sank within an hour. There were 1800 Italians on board.

The five were picked up and taken to Casablanca, where they were interned. They were freed later by the American occupation forces.

## GIRL WANTED TO KILL MAN WHO 'GOT KID SISTER INTO TROUBLE'

**"I want to kill a soldier; he got my kid sister into trouble, and I want to make him marry her," said Phyllis Edwards, 20, housewife, when intercepted in Adelaide Street, Brisbane, by police officers while carrying two knives.**

This was stated in the Police Court by Detective Sergeant C. E. Risch when Edwards was fined £10, in default two months imprisonment, by Mr. A. E. Aitkin, S.M., on a charge that on December 3, with intent to commit an indictable offence—to unlawfully kill Howard Strauss—she had in her possession two knives.

Edwards, between sobs, told Mr. Aitkin that her father had been lost in the "Sydney," that her mother died when her "kid sister" was born, and that she had no people.

Detective Sergeant Risch said that from a conversation he had had with Edwards that morning he under-

### DO YOU BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS?

Police did not believe this Father Christmas story.

When they visited a Ballarat hotel shortly after midnight on a recent Sunday morning, they found 14 persons on the premises, and three bottles of beer in the lounge. The licensee said: "The bottles don't belong to me. Father Christmas must have dropped them through the roof." Nobody in the party claimed them either.

In the Ballarat Court a few days later, the licensee was fined for having permitted persons to be on the premises. Thirteen men who were found on the premises were also fined.

### R.A.A.F. Sports Organiser

Sergeant Frank Harvey, Gordon first grade Rugby Union five-eighth, has been appointed sports organiser at Sydney R.A.A.F. Headquarters. He captained the unbeaten Air Force team, which won the Melbourne 1941 first grade premiership.

### SHIRT WITH A SILVER LINING

**A**N American airman, who is recuperating after being shot down, left £95 in the pocket of a shirt he sent to a Brisbane laundry yesterday. It was recovered an hour after he reported his loss to the police.

The airman told detectives that he thought the money had been stolen, but Detective Sergeant E. C. Beetham learned from him that he had taken some clothing to a laundry receiving depot in the city. Sergeant Beetham decided to inspect the clothing, and, in one of the pockets of a shirt, which had been placed on a shelf ready for despatch to the laundry, found the £95.

### Good Time Ahead For Husbands

Wives will be more understanding after the war, a survey conducted by Temple University (Philadelphia) reveals.

Because of the experience women are gaining while working alongside men in war factories, husbands after the war can expect the greeting:—

"Let's stay home to-night, darling. You must be worn out!"

Wives will not insist on dragging tired husbands to parties, films, and night clubs.

They won't nag when the pay rise does not materialise on the date expected.

They will be more likely to believe that husband, sometimes, must work late at night.

## "ORLEIGH" PICKS GREAT BRITAIN FOR ASCOT CUP

(By Gwyn Jones, "Orleigh" of the Melbourne Herald).

Indications are that Pandect and the Victoria Derby winner, Great Britain, will be the two best backed runners for the Ascot Cup of £2,000 at Mentone to-morrow.

Pandect, to my way of thinking, was short of a race at the Melbourne Cup Meeting and this brought about his defeat by a few inches by Phocion in the Williamstown Cup. Badger's suspension of a month has expired and he has been riding in training gallops at Caulfield. Mr. John Wren's horse looks better than he did three weeks ago and evidently is in his best form now since he won the A.J.C. Derby. Great Britain has freshened considerably since he was knocked out for a few days after his run through the mud and slush in the

Melbourne Cup, with the handy weight of 7.12, this brilliant colt will be a danger to Pandect who has 8.13.

In fact if Great Britain gets a good run early and is in front at the turn, I do not think anything will beat him home.

Freedman, who trains him, is satisfied he is back to the form which enabled him to win the Victoria Derby and one must respect his opinion in big races, as he has won so many of them in recent years.

### BREVITIES

In an attempt to keep racing alive in the Riverina during the war, the committee of the Murrumbidgee Turf Club, with headquarters at Wagga, has decided to resume racing after a recess of about 12 months. The club expects to hold its first meeting early in January.

Captain H. S. (Herbie) Geldard, a returned soldier of the last war, has been listed as a prisoner of war.

For a number of years he was an official umpire for the N.S.W. Tennis Association. He was a low marker at golf and one of his treasured possessions is the A.I.F. golf cup.

The marriage took place in Melbourne on Monday, of the well known jockey, Reginald Heather, and Miss Mary Manning, a sister of Frank Manning, trainer of the Melbourne Cup winner, Colonus.

Marrickville Cricket Club have temporarily lost the services of Alec Smith, first grade all-rounder. In a motor accident last week, Smith suffered injuries to a knee and hand, which will keep him out of action for some time.

### Prefers Boxing Ring To Shell Hole

"All my 400 fights in the ring couldn't compare with 14 hours of hell in a shell hole."

This view was expressed by Barney Ross, former world welter-weight boxing champion, who has been recommended for distinguished service honors for gallantry in fighting at Guadalcanal, where he suffered shellshock and wounds.

### Murderer Sent To Gaol For 50 Years

A New York Court sentenced Neil Simonelli, 16, and Joseph Annunziata, 19, convicted of the murder of Irwin Goodman, mathematics teacher, to 50 years' gaol for life. Judge Brancato said that the normal sentence for second degree murder was 20 years to life, but he imposed the longer sentence as he did not wish to have the responsibility of permitting the youthful killers to be eligible for parole in 13 years.

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST.—Between Rouna and 17-mile—Silver waterproof wristlet watch, inscribed A. P. Towse. Finder please return to "Guinea Gold." Reward.

LOST.—Brown leather wallet containing pay book, money and letters. Finder please return to "Guinea Gold."

# 8,000-POUND BOMBS ON TURIN

## CALL-UP APPLIES TO AUSTRALIANS IN AMERICA

Australians living in America, and Americans living in Australia, are equally liable for military service.

The Minister for the Army, Mr. Forde, explained yesterday that Australians called up for service in America would go into the American army, but would be transferred to the Australian army where possible.

Similarly, Americans called up in Australia would be allowed to transfer to U.S. forces.

## R.A.F.'S. HEAVIEST ATTACK ON ITALY

IN the heaviest attack yet made on any Italian city, Allied planes on Tuesday night dropped a number of 8000-lbs. bombs, many 4000-lbs. bombs, and tens of thousands of incendiaries on Turin.

ALLIED planes also battered Italian industrial cities on Wednesday night, but no official news of the damage done has yet reached London. Swiss reports, however, say that great fires can be seen in North Italy.

The attack on Tuesday night was made in fair weather by Stirlings, Lancasters, Halifaxes and Wellingtons.

A few days ago, Mussolini ordered that watchmen at the big factories in Turin be placed under police supervision, because of panic during previous R.A.F. raids.

## Cave In Granite Cliff

An aboriginal cave, which has been found in the Grampian Mountains (Vic.), has been cut from granite. It is 30 feet by 10 feet. On the walls are crude drawings of aborigines, kangaroos and fish, and short and long strokes representing aboriginal calendars.

## RABBIT AND MICE PESTS IN S.A.

Rabbit and mice plagues have worried residents of Cook (S.A.), but heavy rain has wiped out thousands of the pests.

The mice have left behind them widespread damage at Rawlinna, where they ate clothing at camps and soap, mats, pot plants, and many other articles in sheds. Most people, forwarned, had been able to keep the pests out of their homes.

## "Liar!" --- M's.P. In Heated Scene

HEATED debate took place in the Victorian Legislative Assembly on the report of Judge Clyne, who sat as a Royal Commission to inquire into the administration of liquor laws in Victoria.

The Chief Secretary (Mr. Bailey) introduced a motion to authorise an increase in the costs of inquiry from £1600 to £2000. His speech was interrupted by heated outbursts from Mr. Hollins, M.L.A., who made the charges which led to the appointment of the Royal Commission.

Mr. Hollins accused Mr. Bailey of lying, and Mr. Bailey retorted that Mr. Hollins had prostituted his privilege in the House by making "lying" and "untrue" statements.

The debate fizzled out when the motion for increased expenditure was passed.

## Tasmanian ALP Supports Curtin

THE Tasmanian Executive of the Australian Labor Party has decided in favor of the Prime Minister's proposal to extend the area of service for Australian militiamen.

The Tasmanian executive is the third State executive to support the proposal. So far Victoria only has rejected it. It requires the support of only one more State to become official Labor policy.

## BAND CONCERTS FOR TROOPS

An American military band will give a concert at Red Shield House at 7.30 this evening. Mr. D. B. Woodland invites personnel of all services.

Bob Lyons, Australian orchestra leader, and his six-piece string orchestra, will be in this area on December 12, 13, 14 and 15. His appearances will be under the direction of the American Red Cross. Concerts will begin at 7.30 p.m.

## Church Services

Australian and U.S. Chaplains supply the following information for Services personnel.

### Go To Church

Chaplains of both Armies hold religious services in this area for men of all faiths. See your unit's bulletin boards for times and places.

### Go To Church

#### Church of England

Holy Communion, St. John's Church (on the hill), Port Moresby, 0800 and 0930. MURRAY BARRACKS (Y.M.C.A.), 0830.

#### Roman Catholic

Holy Mass will be celebrated each Sunday at the following centres:—

MORESBY: Holy Rosary Church (near Y.M.C.A.), 0700 and 0830 hours; H.Q., N.G.F. (A.Q. Area), 0830; MURRAY BARRACKS (Y.M.C.A.), 0930; PITT St. (at M.D.S.), 0700; A.G.H., 0830 (Chaplain's Tent); 1000 hours (Men's Mess); BASE WORK SHOPS, 0700; C.C.S., 0815; BASE HOSPITAL (King's Hollow), 1045; At Y.M.C.A. (Eddy Av.), 0830; R.A.A.F. H.Q., 0700.

#### Other Protestant

##### Denominations

Church Services: MURRAY BARRACKS, 0900; ROUNA CONV. HOSP., 1115; Reception Camp, BASE DEPOT, 0900.

## Call-Up Of Empire Men In Britain

A Bill seeking to abolish the provision that men from the dominions and other parts of the Empire must have resided in Britain for two years before they can be called up, will be introduced in the House of Commons soon, says the political correspondent of the "Evening Standard."

## Firebug at Soldiers' Hostel in Adelaide

Two attempts were made to burn down Adelaide's hostel for servicemen early on Wednesday.

Bedding was found alight in a dormitory on the first floor, and after this had been extinguished, charred pieces of paper and a burnt match were found to have scorched blankets of another bed downstairs.

Detectives are convinced that the fires were lit in a deliberate attempt to destroy the hostel which cost £22,000.

## GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACKS THROWN BACK IN RUSSIA

FIERCE counter-attacks are being made by the enemy on the Central Russian front, but all have failed to drive the Soviet troops from the vital communication lines captured.

The over-night Moscow communique refers to continued progress both at Stalingrad and on the Central front.

The Moscow message says that losses of German transport planes have been so high that the Germans have been forced to utilise civilian planes in an effort to reinforce and feed their troops in the Stalingrad area.

These planes have fallen easy victims to the Soviet Air Force.

## Bishop Condemns Sex Teaching In Schools

THE Roman Catholic Bishop of Bathurst (N.S.W.) has condemned a proposal of the N.S.W. Director of Education to hold a conference on the advisability of introducing 'sex education' in schools.

Catholics would have none of it, Dr. Norton declared. The Catholic Church knew that the problem of sex education was beset with difficulties.

The Church's attitude on sex education differed radically from that of some modern educators, he added.

So for Catholics the matter to come before the proposed conference was no longer open for discussion.

## FEDERAL LABOR REJECTS BANK CREDIT PROPOSAL

BY an overwhelming majority, Federal Labor Caucus, on Wednesday night, rejected a motion that the war should be financed by national credit. Caucus reaffirmed the principle of finance by methods already adopted by the Federal Government.

THE debate was precipitated by Senator Darcy, of Tasmania, who moved that the Board of Management of the Commonwealth Bank should be abolished to bring the bank under more direct Government control, and that the bank should be used to finance the war by the use of national credit, instead of by interest-bearing loans.

The majority against the proposal was more than two to one.

## UNIVERSITY FIRE

Damage amounting to many thousand of pounds, was caused by a fire which completely destroyed the chemical laboratories at the Sydney University on Sunday night. Valuable work was done in the early stages of the fire by soldiers, airmen and members of N.E.S. organisations.