



A photograph of T. D. WILLIAMS, a well-known Christchurch singer, who died recently. He came to New Zealand in 1920 and joined an engineering firm. He sang bass in oratorio on many occasions, and once sang in Wagner's "Tannhäuser" in Wellington. He was 49 at the time of his death.

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FIVE days after "D-day"—or "D-day plus 5" as invasion planners have probably recorded it—a famous pianist will be playing to troops on the new beachhead, which may even be opened before this appears in print. That was the intention towards the end of March anyway, when arrangements were being made for the pianist Solomon to cancel his home engagements suddenly and leave for —?

Solomon is 42, and is one of the most notable pianists in England to-day (New Zealand listeners have heard his recordings of the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto in B flat minor, and smaller pieces). His real name is Solomon Cutner, but ever since he made his debut in London at the age of 8 (in the Tchaikovsky concerto) he has used only the one name in his professional capacity.

Last year he made a 25-day ENSA tour of the Middle East—Egypt, Palestine, Malta, and North Africa—and came back deeply impressed by the fact that he was not once asked to play the "Warsaw Concerto," which he has never heard right through. He dislikes as much of it as he has heard.

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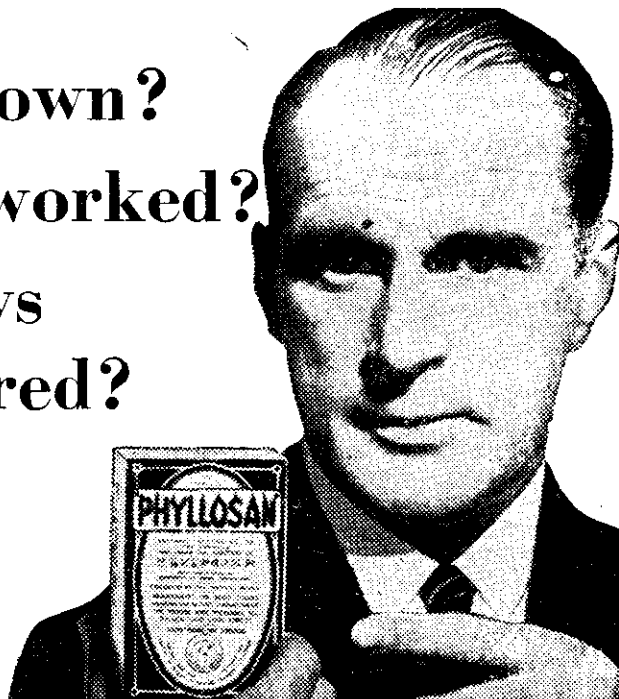
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