

Protest Against War Jargon

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we must expect an announcement in a few hours.

But you can go on like this almost indefinitely, because, as I said, everywhere you find this craze for the high-sounding inaccurate word and if that is not available, the invention of one ending in "ation."

Pre, Re, and De

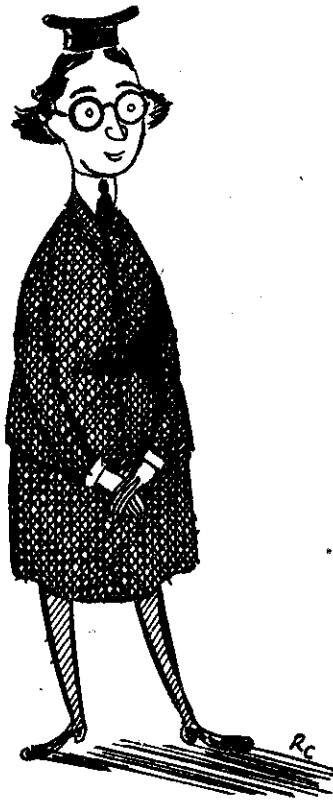
And with it goes the mad scramble with "pre," "re" and "de"—as pretty a trio of prefixes as ever brought joy to a jargoneer's heart.

Because of it, plain rat-catching is abolished—and the rat-catcher with it. And we may not even talk about deratting the sewers. No, they must be subjected to rat de-infestation (not rat-extermination or destruction but de-infestation) or what is far worse, deratisation—conducted, of course, by a rodent officer.

There it is, along with "civilianisation," "Articisation"—which, oddly enough, does not mean that you make something like the Arctic, but the very opposite; "hospitalisation"—where, presumably, the patient is doctorised as a prelude to his churchyardisation; and, believe it or believe it not, "cannibalisation"—a gem, I think you will agree, of purest ray serene.

I have seen the Wrens referred to as "adult female components"—which is even worse, I think, than "adult female personnel."

All this you cannot have failed to notice—and much more, unfortunately. How policies are no longer agreed upon at the beginning, but concurred in at the commencement—after which it is not surprising that our rulers should discuss the conditions of unconditional surrender (as I heard they were doing the other day) and not think it funny.



"Adult female component"

combat personnel when he means fighting men—well, in the interests of posterity, throw something at him—something hard, that hurts.

New 2YD Features

THREE new features differing completely in character will soon be presented to listeners by Station 2YD. *The Flying Squad* (Edgar Wallace) will begin on October 30 at 8 p.m. and continue every following Tuesday; *Richelieu, Cardinal or King?*, now being completed at the NBS production studios, starts on November 11 at 7.33 p.m.; and on November 18, at 9.2 p.m., listeners will hear *Songs by Men*, an informal musical show introducing an excellent male chorus in well-known tunes.

Every Thursday, at 7.45 p.m., 2YD presents favourite dance bands, with a biography of the leader in each case, followed by hit tunes. To date 135 bands have been heard. The station is probably one of the few in the world to "air" dance bands consecutively. The biographies are on the lines of short word pictures about leaders' personalities. For instance, it is explained that Woody Herman did not get his first name through a lifetime devotion to the clarinet, but because his real name is Woodrow Wilson Herman. Ted Lewis' true name is Theodore Leopold Friedman. So proud of him were the people in his home town of Circleville, Ohio, that they built a park in his honour and gave it his name.

These bands range in style of playing from that of Guy Lombardo to Count Basie on the American side, Ambrose to Victor Sylvester on the English. New Zealand has been represented by Abe Romaine, a former Wellington saxophone player.



"Combat the good combat"

How, too, the most careful of people who would never dream of saying they casted their bread upon the waters, will nevertheless see nothing odd in saying that they heard the changes in the food rations broadcasted.

But you may ask, what is to be done?

Just this. Let each one of us who still thinks that Shakespeare and the translators of the Bible can write better English than he can—let him return all the Government forms that reach him with a polite request that they should be translated into English, and at the same time ruthlessly cut out the re-s and the de-s and all the isations that creep into his own vocabulary and speak as he would over a glass of milk.

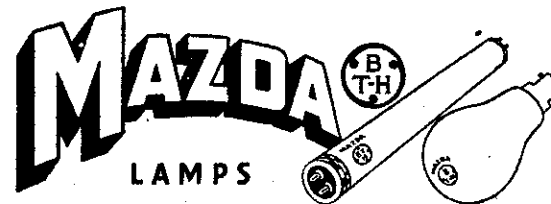
The rest, too, would be easy. If you should meet an offender, one, that is, who starts talking about things like



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Fig. 2

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