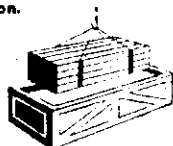


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young. It might be well to prohibit the use of sugar to any whose bodies are still growing, and perhaps to expectant mothers. I am very much inclined to think that for the same reason it might be very helpful to those who are getting up in the forties and afterwards. For myself, I find that I tire very quickly without sugar and revive just as quickly when I take it.

If any research work has been done on this subject I have not heard of it. We all hope to have a long, healthy and comfortable old age, and the sooner we set out to find the way to attain this the sooner there will be fewer poor old wrecks dumped into those places in mockery called "Homes."

JOHN ADAM NASON (Dunedin).

### "MAN OF THE YEAR"

Sir,—Both Mr. Bertram and Mr. Corwin will be sorry to know that newsprint is being used to debate who of them is the more sincere exponent of a way to a better world. They would probably much rather see that space devoted to their good cause. Because Norman Corwin, as a professional broadcaster, delivered his speech more fluently and with greater showmanship, "A Mere Listener" concludes that his humanitarianism is less sincere. He even asserts that the difference between the two speeches lay only in the personality of the speakers. Surely "A Mere Listener" cannot have understood Mr. Corwin or Mr. Bertram or he would know that they approached the subject of world peace from different angles.

James Bertram spoke with great conviction and warmth of the need to repair the damage as a prelude to a better world. Corwin, however, spoke aggressively, and to my mind not at all religiously, but very convincingly, of the necessity to prevent a recurrence of the disaster and of the means of achieving permanent peace. Corwin has many critics: those interested in maintaining the status quo, people with racial or religious prejudices, and people who don't care whether it is war in some corner of the globe or not. They all see their bad conscience in this man, who was given the "one world award" for his contributions to world-wide tolerance.

W.A. (Pukekopia).

### NAMES, PLEASE

Sir,—Why the anonymity of the players in the NZBS dramatic productions?

B.B. (G'sborne).

### BANDS AND BALLADS

Sir,—An old bandsman, I have been listening in to 1YX for years to their *Bands and Ballads* programme on Wednesday evenings (8.0 to 9.0 p.m.). As usual on January 29 I tuned in. The announcer said, "Now we have a *Bands and Ballads* programme," and here's what we got: Wireless Military Band, two songs by R. Newell, then two Band Marches (we were not told what band), and two tenor solos sung in French. I then waited to hear the next band, and nearly fell out of the chair, for it was a piano solo by Eileen Joyce; the next ballad was the Cossack Choir, and the last "band" was a violin solo.

Surely the announcer or the programme arranger knows the difference between a brass band and a piano, and a violin.

A. G. BARNES (Auckland).

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