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Your own high place among leaders of your country is firmly fixed, and it has never been easy for me to disagree with what I knew to be your real convictions. But it will always be a great privilege to bear evidence to the fact that whenever decision was made, regardless of your personal opinion, your loyalty and efficiency in execution were to be counted upon with certainty.

I hope you realise how deeply appreciative I am of your letter and the spirit that prompted you to write it, as well as of the tremendous help and assistance that you have been to me and to this whole Allied Force since it was first formed. In whatever years are left to both of us, possibly we may occasionally meet, not only to reminisce, but to exemplify the spirit of comradeship that I trust will exist between our two countries for all time.

With warm personal regards,

As ever,

Ike.

That makes nonsense of Commander Harry Butcher's story and sensational rubbish of Ralph Ingersoll's.

WHO HANDSOME DOES

DEMOCRACY WITH A TOMMYGUN. By Willfred G. Burchett. F. W. Cheshire Pty. Ltd. (Melbourne).

THIS is an Australian war correspondent's iconoclastic account of different phases of the Pacific war and of his personal experiences. He was in China, Burma, India, met Wingate (on whom he has already written a book), Chiang Kai Shek, travelled with United States fleets assaulting Formosa, landed on

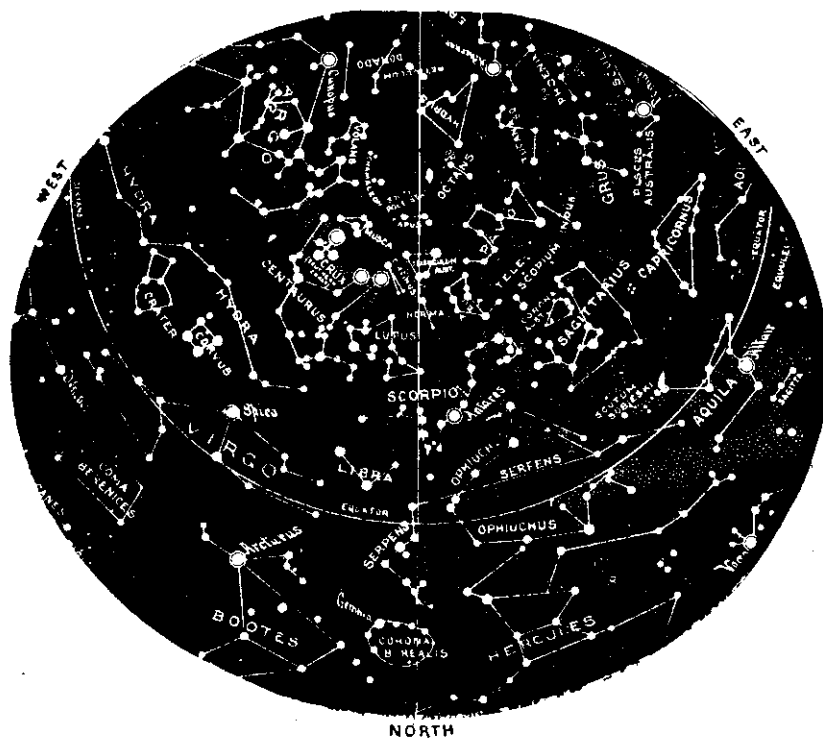
Guam, in the Philippines, in Japan, "scooped" Hiroshima; and he looks back on it all now with a sharply democratic philosophy moulding his observations and deductions into a pattern of sympathy with the underdog (to-day called "the little man"), disgust with Imperialism, and with capitalism (not that he is more than a liberal), which he tends to identify.

Much of what he says is known from other sources, and he states the problem of India and of China with a firm grasp of essentials. The staunch spirit of the Filipino guerillas is perhaps not so familiar, a devotion to the Allied cause curiously rewarded by the United States official post-war support of persons who had collaborated with the Japanese, one of whom is to-day President of the Philippines.

Democracy with a Tommygun is an honest and balanced if not a brilliant book. Burchett writes with restraint in spite of his definite point of view. He appears to have formed his opinions from his experience and information rather than chosen those facts which suit his opinions. He is fair-minded enough to describe the "White Australia" policy as suicidal, and remarks that most Australians travelling in the East are "esteemed for just those qualities for which their country is condemned," viz. "their personal lack of racial discrimination."

—David Hall.

The Night Sky in July



LISTENERS who have been following the talks on astronomy arranged by the NZBS Talks Department, are now half-way through the series, which started in April, and by now they will have become familiar with our sky-maps and the aid they give in studying the heavens. Allan Bryce, of Hamilton, will be the next speaker and his talk will be on "The Night Sky in July" (2YA, 9.15 p.m., Friday, July 4; 3YA, 7.15 p.m., Tuesday, July 1). Mr. Bryce has, for several years, been in charge of the telescope-making section of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand. He is also founder and president of the Hamilton Astronomical Society, and has done much to develop interest in astronomy, both in his own area and in New Zealand generally. He will speak about interesting features in the sky as at 9.0 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1—and the map above shows the various constellations in the positions in which they will be seen at that very hour (if visibility is reasonably good, of course).

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