

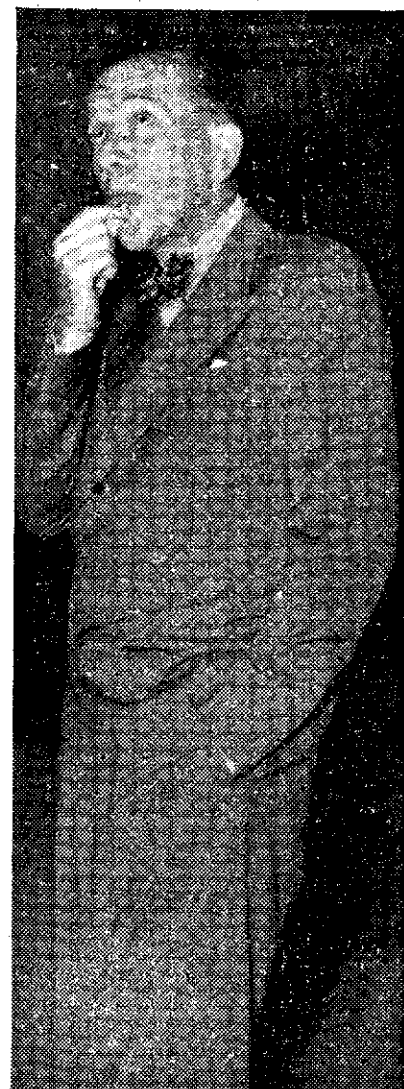
PREVIEW OF MR. COWARD



"MAD DOGS AND ENGLISHMEN Go Out in the Midday Sun." Noel Coward (above) singing his famous song at a concert given in Sydney. New Zealanders will also be given a straight-from-the-author rendering of the song



"DON'T PUT YOUR DAUGHTER on the Stage, Mrs. Worthington," was one of Noel Coward's most popular items at his Australian concerts. A candid view of Coward singing it to a Sydney audience



EVEN NOEL COWARD has his moments of nervousness before the curtain rises. Here he is preparing to amuse 1500 Australian troops, as critical an audience as any entertainer could face. He will be giving several concerts for New Zealand soldiers, too, during his visit here

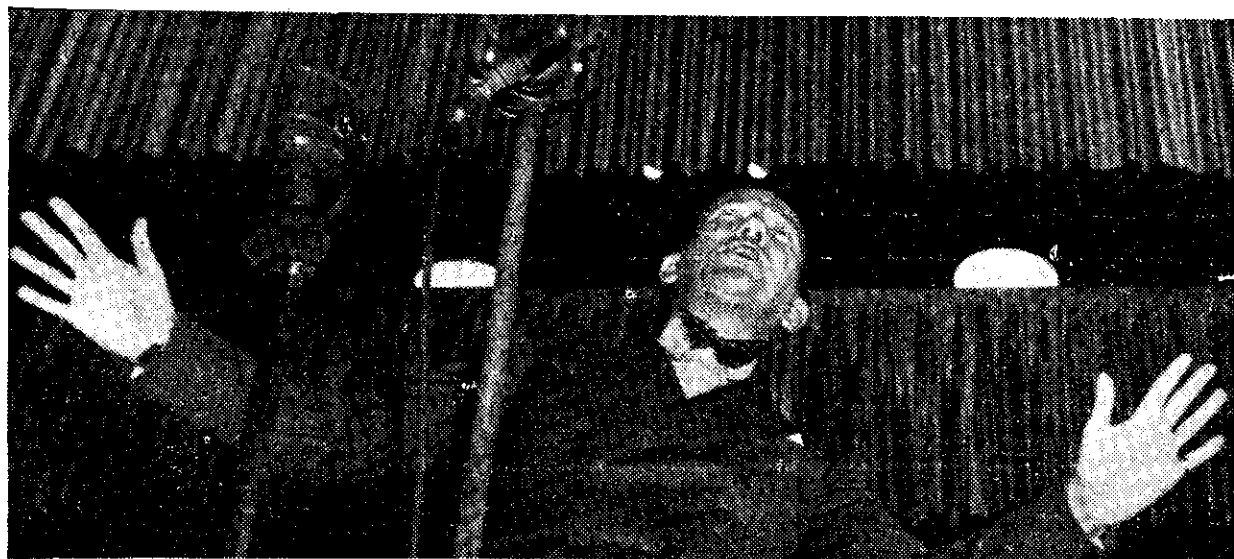


"HAS ANYBODY SEEN MY SHIP?" Another candid camera shot of Noel Coward entertaining Australian troops

Noel Coward, who is scheduled to arrive in New Zealand on January 3 for a fortnight's visit, confesses that he doesn't know much about New Zealand. He told B. T. Sheil, deputy-controller of the Commercial Broadcasting Service, who met him in Melbourne, that his first real contact with New Zealand was when two soldiers phoned him at his London flat some months ago.

His sister had told him that the first thing he must do when he arrived in London was phone Noel Coward and say "Hello" from New Zealand, explained one of the soldiers. He had done it, and that was that. "Well, now it's over," Coward replied, "why not come round and have a drink." And so on their first day in London two New Zealanders spent an entertaining hour at Noel Coward's flat.

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BOTH THE SENTIMENT AND THE TUNE have made "Some Day I'll Find You" from "Private Lives," one of the most popular numbers Noel Coward has written. Here he is singing it to an audience of Australian troops in the Sydney Town Hall