

LISTENINGS

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HITLER is wound up for his Spring Offensive. Meanwhile, Stalin is unwinding the spring.

Hitler is making nasty noises at Sweden. He wants control of Sweden because he fears an invasion of Norway. A fellow must have somewhere to retreat to!

The Finns missed their chance to quit hostilities with Russia. But it's not so easy to go walking with the bear when you're locked in the cage with the tiger.

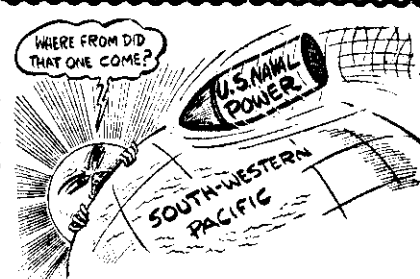
It is said that German reinforcements on the Soviet front are a mixed lot. At auctions, mixed lots go for a song. Hitler's mixed lots are being knocked down for a mere quack.

Hasn't Hitler got on! Once he painted houses in Austria. Now he is doing a frieze in Russia.

The Japs fear air attack on their land. They are afraid "Bushido" will be answered with "Bashido."

Mr. Tojo! Do you know that the sun rises in the East—and sets in the West?

Speaking of war-names for children! Recently we saw a picture in *Punch*



post-dated 1950. A mother calls "Winston!" Instantly a boy's head bobs up over every back fence in sight. The future will see Spitfire Bugginses, Libya Simpsons, Tomahawk Joneses and Lease-Lend Browns. There won't be many Dunkirk Smythes, Singapore Sproggies, or Rangoon Robinsons. Germany will see a spate of Adolf-Hitler Schmidts—all born before the Russian drive, of course. Likewise many Blitz Himmels but few Moscow Mullers. In modern warfare, it's safer to stick to "Basil" and "Hans" respectively.

MORE CURIOUS SOUNDS FROM THE ZB STATIONS

THE 1942 CBS Apple Query has got off to a flying start, nearly 2000 entries being received for the opening contest. The National Patriotic Fund is likely to receive a worthwhile cheque week by week from the proceeds, especially as many competitors send considerably more than the required sixpence per entry. The first prize of £25 was shared by nine people, who got nine answers correct: Mrs. L. Hay (Auckland), Mrs. T. Parsons (Wellington), Mrs. R. Wales (Whenuapai), Mrs. L. Leaman (Wgtn.), Mrs. D. N. Waghorn (Canterbury), R. J. Lane (Auck.), Jennie C. Pratley (Wgtn.), J. Walton (Auck.), Miss J. Scott (Balclutha).

All entries must bear a Monday's postmark, and the wide interest in the Query is shown by the fact that on Thursday and Friday letters are still received in Wellington from backblocks districts. Competitors have apparently found no difficulty in understanding and adhering to the conditions, though one, a small boy, rifled his stamp collection and sent a used British five-shilling stamp instead of a New Zealand sixpenny. But it was not worth even sixpence, and the entry was disqualified.

For the second "Apple Query," questions were, if anything, trickier than for the first. Here are some of them. A sound effect of a slow burst of machine-gun fire was played, and listeners had to estimate how many rounds were exploded.

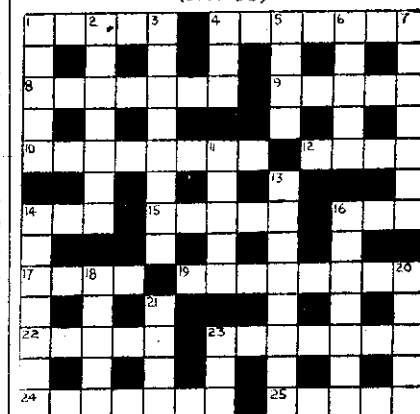
Recordings of a violin, a viola, and 'cello were played; which was the violin? Three people, aged 20, 30 and 40 years of age spoke into the microphone; which was aged 40? Three different types of dog barked; which was the Alsatian? Recordings of three

popular baritones were played; which was Bing Crosby? A lion roared, a mechanical imitation of a lion's roar was given, and a man imitated a lion; which was the human imitation?

LISTENER CROSSWORD

(Constructed by R.W.C.)

(No. 93)



Clues Across

1. A German woman is found at the beginning of this deception.
4. I'm great! (anag.)
8. Personal inspection—a spy out, in fact.
9. Out after a sailor?
10. A less common variety of Eskimo.
12. Animal found in 19 across.
14. Traditionally a busy creature.
15. Confused stare.
16. If good, farewell.
17. Deprived of sensation.
19. Bare city (anag.).
22. Te Ari is angry.
23. Even rag may be used to carve.
24. Save Len only to take him into captivity.
25. Finished.

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