

LISTENINGS

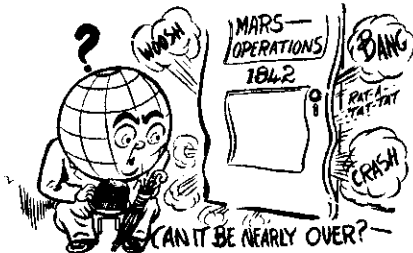
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GERMANS claim to have another secret weapon. Perhaps they also have a secret excuse for its secret non-appearance.

The resurrection of the "secret weapon" shows how secretly desperate the Nazis are becoming. Can't they think up something so dangerous that it doesn't have to be kept secret?

The Germans like to play boggy-boggy. Every German has his boggy to frighten him into doing things he's afraid to do. He thinks every one else must be afraid of bogies. So he produces "secret weapons." But the Russians have shown that the quickest way to prove bogies bogus is to discount reaction by action.

Post-war prognosticators are fond of telling us what we are fighting for. But it's what we're fighting with that matters more for the present. Russia declares that the war will be decided in 1942. Cordell Hull seems to be of the same opinion. The world is willing to believe that the biggest bang is often the last. But one is never certain which way the pieces will fly.



The American High Command is becoming convinced that the war may be settled in the next six months. Hitler is afraid of this, too. The Japanese have advanced over a hundred miles into China by the Burma Road. But the Japs have been advancing into China for five years.

The Japs seem to be finding that New Guinea is giving them a run for their money. The rate of exchange is against them at the moment.

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New definition of smoking: Making light of taxation!

Instead of "R.S.V.P." at the foot of invitations put "B.Y.O.S."—"bring your own sugar."

OLD BOOKS FOR THE CAUSE

Go Over Your Shelves, Listeners

GENTLE listener—for the purpose of this appeal you must be "gentle"—have you any old books on your shelves that are worth something? If you have, what about giving some of them to be auctioned for the Patriotic Funds? You have been set the best possible example, for Winston Churchill has sent to our Prime Minister a very valuable volume by an ancestor of his, bearing the Winston signature, and Mr. Fraser has added his autograph, and the book is to be put up for auction for the great cause. There will be some spirited bidding for this book. But it is not going to the auction room alone. The whole of New Zealand is being combed for valuable books to keep it company. There is a central committee in Wellington, and committees in the various centres, and they are roping in book collectors and owners to

give to the movement. Already the flow of gifts has begun.

An old book is not necessarily a valuable book, though many people think it is. The value of an old book depends on its rarity or its associations. A Prayer-Book printed a hundred years ago isn't worth much in the auction room, but such a Prayer-Book owned and inscribed by Selwyn would be. There are numbers of old books relating to New Zealand that command good prices at sales. Collectors are always looking out for them. This is one kind of book that the organisers of this auction ask for. So go through your shelves and see what you have and what you can spare. You may have valuable books without knowing it. If you are in doubt ring up or write to the nearest librarian and ask his advice. But a book need not be old to be valuable. There are numbers of limited first editions of comparatively recent books that are valuable. Or a book may be of little value by itself, but be given a considerable value by its associations. Someone might even bid for a Marie Corelli if it had been autographed by a Prime Minister. A copy of *The Unspeakable Scot* owned and annotated by J. M. Barrie might be worth quite a lot.

Then there are letters. You may have letters somewhere in the family from famous or notorious persons. Perhaps you have wondered what to do with them. Well, the organisers will be glad to have a look at them. And old pictures and prints of exceptional historical or artistic interest; they are also wanted, and perhaps your grandfather saw a good deal of the Maoris in the old days and acquired some really first-class weapons or other articles. These will also be welcome.

The libraries will receive your gifts, and, as we have said, help you with advice. Or you can communicate direct with the honorary organising secretary, P. A. Lawlor, P.O. Box 965, Wellington.

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only once before on a record. This was one song of which he did require a copy in front of him. "Let's have a look at it," he said, putting on his glasses. "Under the shade of a koolibah tree. What's a 'koolibah tree'?" You've got to have a 'koolibah tree' in an Australian song, but I'm an Australian and I've never seen one."

Neither our readers nor Mr. Dawson himself will expect us to discuss his singing from the serious artistic angle; his strength lies in the command he has over his voice and the audience. Whatever he is using it for, Peter Dawson controls his voice perfectly, and he uses an entertaining personality to make the audience react exactly as he may want it to. He has only to announce his next song with a little humble diffidence as if it were nothing much really, and the whole theatre is in an uproar of enthusiastic expectation.

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**GERMS KILLED
COLDS SMASHED**

Pulmonas

1/1, 1/7, 2/7

The Meaning of MODERATION

According to the Dictionary of Synonyms,
"Moderation" means—

*"Limited, restrained, temperate, cool,
calm, dispassionate."*

No wonder that Moderation in words and actions is always considered a virtue!

As we go about our daily affairs we all have a wartime duty—to be efficient and to behave as good citizens. Those of us who enjoy a friendly gathering at a hotel should exercise moderation. In entertaining our friends—and especially men in uniform—we should remember the regulations relating to the use and sale of alcoholic beverages. To trespass against the law or to drink to excess is a blow at good citizenship, and is likely to arouse criticism and dispute.

The freedom to drink alcoholic beverages is a privilege that exists by virtue of the majority opinion of our people. Good things deserve respect and should be used with moderation.

*An announcement inserted in the Nation's
interests by the National Council of the
Licensed Trade of New Zealand.*