

"THIS IS WAR!"

HERE is the schedule of next week's sessions of "This Is War!"

Monday, February 1, 7.30 p.m.:

From Main National Stations: "Concerning Axis Propaganda," featuring Donald Crisp.

Sunday, February 7, 8.5 p.m.:

Station 12B, "The Next Three Months," featuring John Carradine and John Garfield; 22B and 22A, "The Enemy," featuring Clifford Fadimann; 32B, "The United Nations," featuring Thomas Mitchell; 42B, "Your Navy," featuring Douglas Fairbanks and Fredric March.

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HERE are some serials to watch for from the Commercial stations. *First Light Fraser*, which is running at 22B, will begin from 12B next week, playing Monday to Thursday at 8.45 p.m. This is a serial story of a modern Pimpernel in occupied Europe. *Highway Night Express*, stories told by the driver of a night express truck about his experiences and the people he encounters on his long travels, begins at 42B, and will be heard on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m.

Listeners to 22A should look for *Adventure on the High Seas*, the narrative of the adventures of Dr. Petersen in China and round the Pacific. This may be heard on Friday at 7.15 p.m., and on Saturdays at 8.15 p.m.

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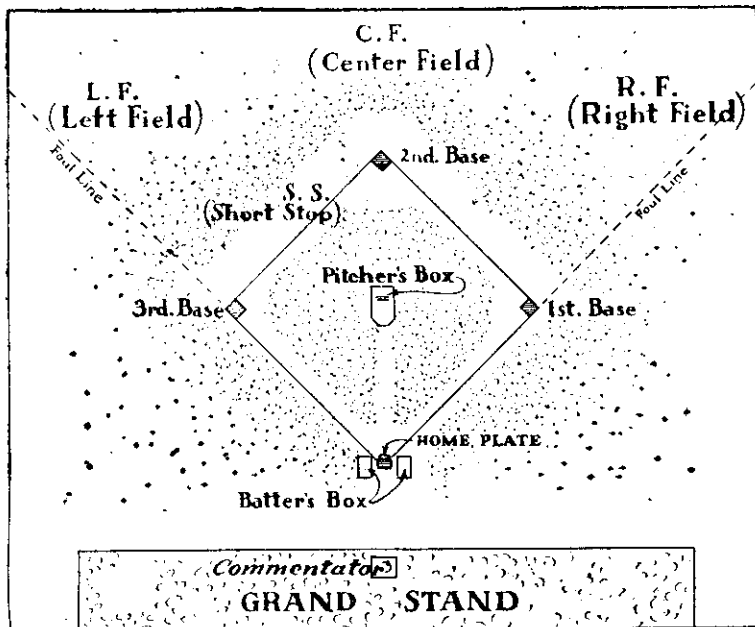
The shortage of knitting wool we were told, was due to several fairly obvious factors. The bulk of the wool produced in New Zealand is khaki and grey and air force blue, and the bulk of it is used through the Patriotic Fund for the making of "comforts" for the Forces. So much is absorbed in this way that there has been very little surplus for the general public. But the finer types of wool that we use for children, and especially baby wool, have been in the past imported from England, and much of this importation has stopped entirely. "There aren't the ships, and there isn't the shipping space, and, of course, England is using more, too, just as we are. Then there is the point that we sometimes forget that factories in England have been bombed or put out of gear."

Even without Japan's entry into the war there would still have been a shortage of silk stockings, we were told, because all available silk is being used for parachutes. Boot polish is in short supply, partly, it is true, because soldiers on parade are expected to have nicely polished shoes, but mainly because the waxes with which it is mixed in the process of manufacture cannot be obtained.

And pyjamas and cotton goods?

"Cotton yarn has risen 130 per cent. in price. That will give you some idea of the world shortage," we were told. "The best cotton cloth is manufactured in Lancashire and transported here. Again we have not the ships to carry what we would normally need. We have not the machinery to manufacture these types of cloth here, and anyway, it is more than just a question of machinery. There's also the problem of labour, and with cotton, such factors as atmosphere and dampness are important."

Is this the full story of shortages? We don't know. But we came away determined to keep our grumbling for another day, and to make do, as women all over the world are making do, for the present.



This Sunday afternoon (January 31), beginning at 2.15 p.m., 22B listeners will hear a real American baseball game, and this plan of the ground will help them to follow it more closely. Teams from the U.S. Marine Corps will match each other at Athletic Park, Wellington, the game being described by a Marine commentator. The players will include members of important teams back in the States. The audience will also be introduced to "roosters," the U.S. counterpart of our "barrackers."

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