

Antarctic Dress Rehearsal

FOR some weeks past the mountain stillness of the Upper Tasman Glacier has been shattered by such varying noises as the yapping of dogs, the shouting of men, and the roar of tractors and aircraft. For the dress-rehearsal for the Antarctic is under way.

At the Malte Brun Hut, nine miles up the Tasman Glacier from Ball Hut, twenty odd miles from the Hermitage, this activity found its centre. Dog teams have been working hard, sledging up and down the glaciers, averaging ten and eleven miles a day. The men with the sledges have been spending nights out in the tents, establishing camp, cooking and bedding down in conditions not unlike those that they will meet in the South.

On the radio side, tests have been constantly under way, and contact has been maintained with Wellington (Gracefield), with the Hermitage, and with the Auster and Beaver aircraft that are now, says Sir Edmund Hillary, "operating as regularly as a train between Malte and the Hermitage."

A documentary summing up the progress of training of the New Zealand Antarctic team in the Alps—*Antarctic Dress Rehearsal*—will be heard this Sunday, September 23, at 9.30 a.m., from the YAs and Station 4YZ.



SQUADRON LEADER J. R. CLAYDON with a dog-team on the Upper Tasman Glacier. Directly above him is the high peak of Cook



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