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extreme of climate. They require a temperate climate very similar to that which we British need. And every country in the world with a temperate climate or else closed to them by immigration laws.

Is it to be wondered at, that with her great and growing overcrowdedness the sparsely populated British Dominions in the South Pacific should be coveted by her?

Let us next consider whether the actual conquest of these units of the British Empire is a real possibility or merely the nightmare of elderly pessimists.

Recent affairs in the Mediterranean brought to general notice the fact that practically the whole of the British Navy was required to deal with a menacing situation in Europe. The navy is not, and probably never again will be, strong enough to conduct a war simultaneously both in Europe and in the Pacific.

Should, therefore, the Navy at some future date be occupied in Europe, and should Japan elect that moment to attain what she wanted, her navy would have undisputed command of the sea in the western Pacific.

Given this one, but indispensable, condition—command of the sea—there is in the present state of our defences nothing whatever to make the conquest of these islands a very hazardous or even a very difficult operation. Cut off, as we should be by enemy command of the sea, from all reinforcements, munitions and petrol, we would at present offer no effective resistance to an

enemy of even 50,000 men—one-tenth the size of the army that Italy recently sent to Abyssinia.

There are, of course, other and more cheerful sides to the picture. The population of Japan, for example, will presumably not continue to expand indefinitely at the present rate. She would scarcely dare to venture on large-scale military operations in the south if Russian armies unoccupied by a war in Europe were in full strength in Mongolia.

The United States might be able and willing to render assistance in spite of the enormous distances away of her bases. But it is unwise to count too much on such eventualities.

By means primarily of aircraft and mobile military units it should be possible, even with our small population, to render invasion an extremely dangerous if not impossible operation. So defended we could during a temporary loss of command of the sea, at least hold out as a beleaguered fortress for a considerable period.

What then of the future?

I submit that if our children and grandchildren are to remain in occupation of this land, we must aim firstly at a rapid increase of population and secondly at a strengthening and adjustment of our defences, so that while this is being effected any attempt at conquest by invasion would not be worth the risk involved.

The first object can probably be attained only by a bold policy of immigration, the second by personal sacrifice and inconvenience. Our statesmen can only do what public opinion urges them to do.

4ZO, Dunedin

Features for the Week

Friday, September 4: 12-1: Lunch session. 2-3: Selected recordings. 5-6: Early evening programme includes Hal Kemp, Jimmie Rogers, Bing Crosby, Nat Gonnella. 7-0: Selected recordings. 7-15: Sports session, Rugby (Mr. T. Vallis); cycling; a wrestler will speak if in town, and the sports announcer reviewing other sports. 7-45: Along Film Row (weekly feature). 8-0: Requests left over from previous Monday evening. 8-30: Special half-hour theme programme. 9-0: Special feature by Rogan Stuart, "Pages from my Scrap-Book" (continued). 9-30: Selected recordings. 10-0: Hot pie, "Everybody Loves my Baby" (Ramblers); "I Heard"; "Hilton's Stomp"; "Anything"; "St. Louis Blues." 10-15: Fascinating rhythm. New and not-so-new hits by Ray Noble and his English Orchestra; vocals by J. Teagarden. 11-0: Close down.

Saturday, September 5: 12 noon: Bright luncheon programme. 12-40: Sporting fixture. Postponements for the day. 1-0: Close down.

Monday, September 7: 12-1: Luncheon programme. 2-3: Selected recordings. 5-6: Early evening programme, including Connie Boswell, Betty Boop, Ellnor Powell, Bob Crosby. 8-0: Requests. Listeners choose your music. Don't forget to-night. 11-0: Close down.

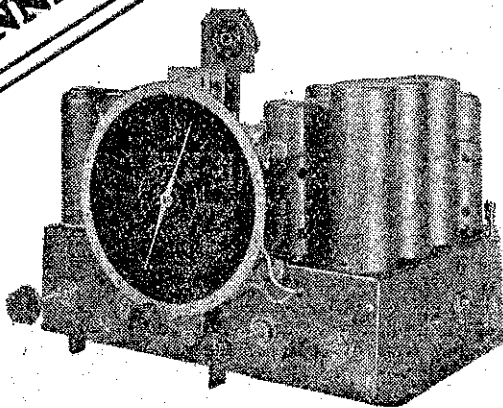
Tuesday, September 8: 12-1: Luncheon programme. 2-3: Selected recordings. 5-6: Tea-hour session includes Ginger Rogers, Francis Langford and Mills Bros. 6-0: Close down.

Wednesday, September 9: 12-1: Luncheon programme. 2-3: Selected recordings. 5-6: Tea-hour session includes Lew Stone's Band, Roy Fox and Andy Iona and Dick Powell.

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