

GOD Defend NEW ZEALAND



DO WE NEED THE GAS DECONTAMINATOR MEN?

WE in New Zealand have been so far removed from the theatres of war in the past that it comes as a distinct shock when one learns, as I did last week, of the plans the ordinary citizens are making against attacks from the air in cities like London, Paris and Berlin.

Not Pleasant

It was not pleasant to learn of the fact that a Londoner, one among thousands of others in these days, had turned the passage hall of his flat, after four days' intensive work, into a completely equipped gas-proof shelter.

He was proud of the work. It was a convenient job and a neat job. And it had cost him altogether £3 12/-.

MOREOVER he had furnished his shelter very completely. He had fixed up emergency lighting, and had stored food in tins.

He had made sanitary arrangements, including a bucket in case of nervous sickness. He had not neglected to have an airtight container for water, and something to drink out of.

What else?

Well, he had

DO we sing "God Defend New Zealand" and leave it at that, hoping for the best? Do we expect too much insurance from our anthem and our premium of isolation? Dr. H. Wansey Bayly, visitor from Harley Street, and keen student of modern problems of defence, makes sane and reasonable suggestions in this interview for "Record" readers.

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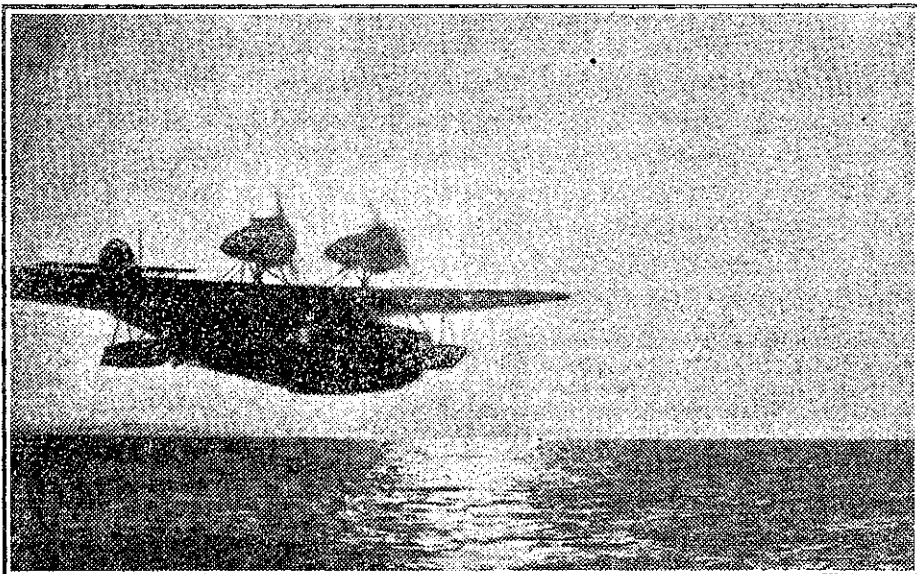
One would have thought an air raid would have been sufficient to alleviate any boredom.

Raising the Doubt

BUT it is this careful planning—these arrangements for simple domestic things like food in tins and the bucket for nervous sickness—that make one just a little doubtful, every now and then, whether New Zealand is not placing too much reliance on its premium of isolation.

Does it give us sufficient insurance? There is one man who thinks it does not.

He is Dr. H. Wansey Bayly, M.C., Harley Street specialist, who was acting as ship's surgeon to the Rangitane, which sailed from New Zealand for England last week.



SHADOWS OVER THE SEA

... From one hundred miles off the New Zealand coast they can bring the missile to the target.

EVER since the war days, he has been a keen student of defence. Before he left New Zealand he made two recorded talks for the NBS on the subject, to be heard later by listeners to National stations.

He sees little need for bomb-proof shelters in New Zealand. The countryside