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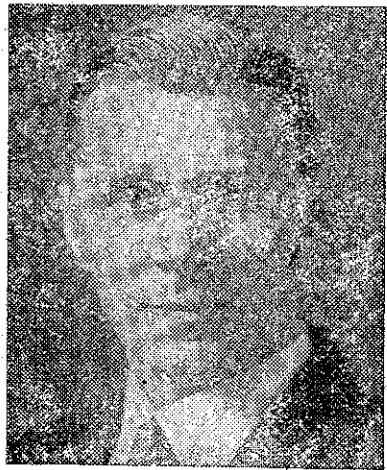
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What The Dominions Are Doing To Hold British Empire Intact

• Because the sun never sets on the Empire's 13,500,000 square miles, and because the old catchword, "If dear old England is threatened the Empire will be there," is so popular, beer-mug politicians, in truly illogical British style, assume that all is well with the Old Country.

• No one has seriously considered whether, in the event of swift and sudden



NEW ZEALAND'S JONES
Translated our Air Force from paper to reality.

war, the Dominions would find it possible to go to the rescue of the land that every one sentimentally calls Home.

• Fast bombing planes have made a thousand miles look like a hundred yards dash. Before troops from Australia and New Zealand could be dispatched, the big cities of Britain could be razed.

• Retaliation by Dominions' troops—no matter how eager they might be for the fray—must be futile once the initial damage has been done.

WHAT has New Zealand done toward the realisation of a properly defended Empire? And Australia? And South Africa? And Canada?

The figures, many of them supplied by the British news-magazine, "Cavalade," are surprising, and this little Dominion of ours emerges very creditably from the survey.

NEW ZEALAND WAS QUICK TO REALISE THE VALUE OF SINGAPORE, BULWARK AGAINST POSSIBLE JAPANESE TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS. TWENTY MILLIONS HAVE BEEN LAVISHED ON THIS LITTLE ISLAND, WITH ITS MASKED 18-IN. GUNS, HUGE GRAVING DOCKS AND LAND- AND SEA-DROMES. SINGAPORE REPRESENTS AN INSURANCE AGAINST THE TYPE OF ATTACK THAT MENACED AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND-BOUND SHIPPING IN THE GREAT WAR.



AUSTRALIA'S LYONS
His defence schemes mean solid taxes.

But Singapore and Malta and Aden and Gibraltar and Suez are not in themselves a perfect Empire defence system. To forge the ideal chain which would girdle the world and convince any enemy that trying to buck Great Britain would never be worth while, all the resources of the 500,000,000 subjects of our Empire must be fully utilised.

300 Fighting Planes

LET'S look at each Dominion in detail.

When New Zealand's Labour Government came into power defences were almost non-existent. But placid, mild-mannered Fred Jones, Minister of Defence, has changed all that.

In 1936 the New Zealand Air Force was little more than just an idea on paper. From 130 men in that year the force has grown to 1100 to-day and rapid expansion will continue.

Five twin-engined Airspeed-Oxfords have been ordered and several of them have already arrived.

Three-quarters of a million have been spent on the purchase of thirty Vickers Wellingtons, and these are to be flown to the Dominion in the near future.

Two hundred and fifty planes of less power and various makes have been ordered for delivery within a few months.

So, with the planes already in use, New Zealand should have an air power of approximately three hundred fighting planes by 1940.

Bought From U.S.A.

EVEN Australia, with its defence policy being directed by air-minded, fuzzy-haired Joe Lyons, isn't doing better than that. The Commonwealth Government has recently ordered



AFRICA'S PIROW
Rapid defence to discourage Nazi ambitions.

from the United States 50 long-distance Lockheed-Hudson planes, and arrangements have been made for the manufacture of another hundred American-designed planes in the Commonwealth.

AUSTRALIA CHOSE AMERICAN PLANES ONLY AFTER NEGOTIATIONS HAD FAILED WITH BRITISH MANUFACTURERS. TO REMEDY THIS POSITION A BRITISH AIR MISSION IS DUE IN AUSTRALIA ANY DAY.

Canada's air force is comparatively small at the moment, but Premier Mackenzie King has ordered eighty new fighting planes with a hundred more to be added in the nebulous future.

South Africa's globe-trotting Minister of Defence, Oswald Pirow, said recently: "We're after all the planes England can supply us with." His remark is cryptic—does Pirow mean Africa will pay for the planes, or England?

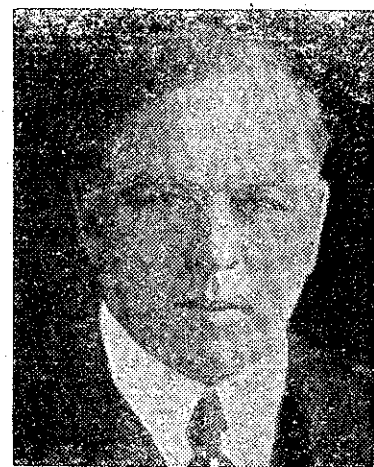
Present South African Air Force consists of four squadrons of thirteen planes and a reserve of twenty-four machines. Newest plan is to convert civil aircraft into multi-engined bombers.

Pitiful is the size of the air force that might be called upon to defend Mr. de Valera and the other people of Eire. Lately it consisted of two fighting planes, now believed to have been increased to three.

So much for the fighting forces of the air.

"Join The Army"

NONE of the Dominions has followed Britain's lead in instituting attractive—almost glamorous—publicity stunts to stimulate recruiting. But New Zealand again shows signs of



CANADA'S KING
"Relying on U.S.A. is simply sponging."

leading her sister Dominions. Most recent scheme is the formation of Highland regiments which should give an impetus to recruiting and successfully augment New Zealand's dangerously small army.

DEFENCE MINISTER JONES HOPES TO BRING THE ARMY NEAR THE 10,000 MARK.

THIRTY-FIVE BREN GUNS HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND COASTAL DEFENCES ARE BEING MODERNISED AND EXTENDED. CHIEF DIFFICULTY IS THAT, WITH HER OWN HUGE ARAMAMENT SCHEME, BRITAIN CAN'T KEEP PACE WITH THE DEFENCE ORDERS WE ARE PLACING WITH HER.

Australia is divided on the question of a standing army, many of the politicians, including Prime Minister Lyons, preferring men and planes in the sky to men and guns on the ground.

Canada has no proper standing army but can call on a militia of

HOTSHOTS

Hot Shots to-day appear on Page Two.

about 46,000 troops. But the past has shown that such a force, no matter how willing, cannot be properly trained and put into the field under six months. And a willing spirit is not going to count for much in the next war—if any.

Eire is more army-minded than air-minded. It has an army of 80,000 troops, of which 12,000 are regulars.

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IN the matter of a navy New Zealand's progress is less spectacular, although the present four ships, two cruisers and two sloops sent out by the British Admiralty, are more up to date and powerful than any of the ships that have previously defended our rugged coastline.

Said Mr. Jones to the "Record": New Zealand's total defence budget has increased from a million pounds in 1935 to three million to-day. A great deal has been done

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EIRE'S DE VALERA
Two planes to defend him and his people.