

ASK AND YE SHALL BE TOLD.What We Think Today.

TIME, U.S. top magazine, featured leading opinion on duration of War recently for guidance and enlightenment of U.S. citizens. DOZERDUST takes same line and presents some opinions of WORKS personnel.

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" KANAKE Dobson gives war another twelve months; he considers Allies will open second front this winter through Brenner Pass and join forces with Russia.

ALEX Coldstream considers Japan will never be beaten by fighting in Pacific; only an European invasion will do the job.

PLUMBER Charlie Storey sees the end within twelve months. Germany already on way down and Japan will last no time after.

NOEL Ewart back his judgement that German will be licked by Christmas or early January. Japan mopped soon after.

JACK Telford see N.Z. Forces in Burma and war going on for some years. Says German has too firm a grip of Europe to be defeated soon. Says that when he lands in Burma he will marry Burmese beauty and settle down to Asiatic life. He thinks only way to settle peace on permanent basis is for preoccupied troops to intermarry with occupied peoples.

JACK GIBBS says he is no longer farm conscious, recons war will last so long that he will be afraid of cows when he goes home.

DICK Laurie see Russian winter offensive as most important landmark in near future. Russian activity will determine length of war. Says we should ask Stalin.

GEORGE Morceton looking forward to being in Invercargill in March 1944. Says German already bug...r..d.

SCOTTY Hampton says war will last long enough for him to qualify for old age pension on his return to N. Z. Now 38. (Baldness makes him look younger, says Jim Cranston)

BUNNY Spencer greatly impressed by Allied bombing. Axis now done.

DOZERDUST Says @ War likely to go on until 1950. There was the 100 years war, the 30 years, this will be only 10 years. (Cheer up, boys, you'll get used to it.)

" THIS is a great change from our old camp and is a great credit to everyone " was how Tom Armon summed up his impression on his arrival from our one-time camp up in the Naiouli land. Tom arrived on Thursday and his party of concrete specialists followed on Friday. Some idea of the work they did is suggested by the amount of concrete work they did since Sept. 9th. At least 3816 feet of concrete drain, as well as 123 junctions, 92 gully traps, 53 pipes 15x3 and other concrete products such as grease traps, latrine lids, etc. And the party seldom numbered double figures. As soon as they settle in they will be on the job again.

BILL Britton says we overestimate advantages of foothold in Italy. We have hills against us. He thinks Germans will hang on for a few years yet.

GEORGE Lindsay says... " I have five dollars to say Germany will be done by Christmas....January at most ". He thinks the pace too hot to last. " The guy that says this war will last three more years should be in that building marked ' mental patients ' " (Looks like a costly war ... and too bad for this paper)

CHESS Club holds first meeting Thursday night when Alfie Black, Willie Hart, Bobbie Robinson, " Ape " Macale and Georgie Broadway met five American players and had honours of the night. A moving night.

CED Reid says duration of war not so important as duration of peace parleys and what agreed upon.

CHARLIE Hardwick and Alan Matthews of H.M.S. Neverfail have worked out duration and say all will be home for turkey dinner 1944.

A thriving industry on hairy chests is that of stencilling map of N.Z. on cigarette packs with name of home town in block letters. The hasty job looks good. NOEL Graham thinks Allies have got to strike hard; so far only sparring. Home inside of twelve months.

JIM Cranston thinks war will last another three years. Axis will fight to last old man...a lot of them.