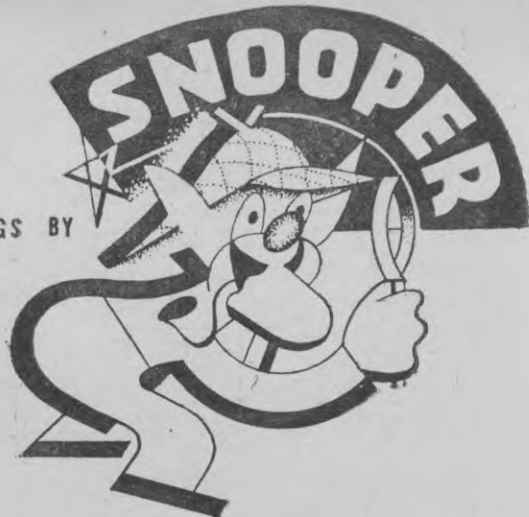


SNOOPINGS BY



HEARD Lieut. Brooker sayin' to the Editor that he'd have to take a trip up to see the boys at the Base. 'Cos, said Lieut. Brooker, "we do some work up there too". Guess that must have surprised the Editor, 'Cos he said he'd get up as soon as he got "these damn race meetings" off his hands. Then I heard him tryin' to kid Major West to stay for the races on Monday night; but the Major said he was too busy. I reckon the racing club should have sent a special invitation up to Lieut. Scott to come down for the Scotch Hurdles. Nearly doin' so meself. Reckon Lieut. Scott would smell a rat if I did - he's been places in his time - pretty hard to fool these chaps that's been round the world in ships as engineers. You can't fool 'em. :::: TALKING of foolin', I reckon Will Woolf was fooled the other mornin' up at the..... His temperature rose some. Guess he'd be no good at a strip tease act. :::: HAD A great time at Noumea the other day when the parade was on. When the Pipe band played all the kana-ka kids went wild. The Javanese kids must thought hell was let loose - they howled and made for the bush. Even some of the Yanks asked what the "hell them things was". :::: THE CHAPLAIN from the 353rd was up the other day and he said his boys reckon another two months with the N.Z'ers and the language difficulties will be over. Funny that, I heard a Yank say he couldn't speak the N.Z. lingo too well. :::: YOU KNOW that wire gravel sieve "RED" Brownlee and Jim O'Duffy was makin' ? I overheard a Yank ask if it was a mattress for a bed. I guess a woman - a man, I mean, would need up a pin up girl to make a thing like that comfortable. :::: I NOTICE that the NEWS Hut is becomin' the centre of some very intellectual evenings of late - pity "Ike" Smoth wasn't here. Keep it clean.

REPORTING impartially, as all international news agencies must - most of the time anyway - Gonophone News brings the dinkum oil straight from the General - not a Batman - this week. Calling a truce with the Japs - they were glad of the spell - the General lined the boys up, told them to keep their smokes going, and said that he had it from "high ups" that the lads could expect to be home in June; that the Div. could expect to move out of the Pacific at midyear. British troops would replace the Kiwis, as Works would have the Con Depot and the Kiwi Club ready for the Churchill "Terriers". :::: WORKS was in a state of excitement this week after the OC had occasion to interview several of Works personnel. Gonophone picked up the signal that the Manpower Committee had dictated the interview and that from now on the Army was to have its behind jabbed. Great was the rejoicing among farmers, salesmen and other essential key workers. Towards the end of the week the OC was making his way to the Gonophone - he had no comments to make. :::: CONSTERNATION reigned on Friday when it was learnt that the General had made another statement to personnel of Field Bakery in the forward area - that they need not expect reinforcements before June 44 and could expect to remain in present location until Xmas. (Reports of this type tend to bring Gonophone News into disrepute. Only a rigid policy of Truth before New News enables us to publish such statements as the above.)

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IF a policy of State Planning is necessary, and it is the only proposal that meets all the requirements of the time, it has to be supported; the co-operation that makes our army a killer has to be put behind the plan.