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-----EDITORIAL-----

In N.Z. no matter where one liked to look, in the trams, on the trains and on the buildings, one saw those posters "Walls have Ears", "Don't Talk" and a thousand others - as warnings to the would-be careless talker. But here in New Caledonia we see no posters and we are inclined to forget.

When we first arrived we were amazed at the numerous breaches of Security, but, as time has gradually passed, so have we slipped in our outlook towards this all important matter. Because others don't observe the rules of commonsense it is no reason for us to follow their example - two wrongs can never make a right.

Japan has, on this island, a potentially strong Fifth Column and Sgt Ring mainly in the mixed Javanese and Tonkinese population and it is for our own safety that we guard our speech when away from camp. Unfortunately the man who is careful in his letter-writing is not always so careful when he is in town on leave. There is the man who, to satisfy his own vanity, must talk, must say where he has been and what he's doing; and the man who will jeopardise his future safety for the sake of being polite and answering the apparently innocent question of the girl in the milk bar, or the man behind the counter. Always keep in mind that anything you say may have no importance as an isolated scrap of information but when pieced together with something else may be of vital importance. Remember, too, that the spy or fifth columnist is not always immaculately dressed - the monocled individual depicted by such actors as Conrad Veidt, on the contrary he will be as inconspicuous as possible - a shrewd, clever man in a highly paid and dangerous job. Although, by keeping quiet, we can seldom make his job more dangerous we can make it infinitely more difficult.

WEEKLY WHO'S ZOO:

GEE, Reginald Percival.
Born: 17th October, 1919
Origin: Slip foal out of "Old Gray Mare" sired by "Gee Up"
Hare lipped and bottle fed - both retained.
Clubs: Blenheim Beardrinkers & Frothblowers Soc (Treas, Sec & leading member)
Civil Occupation: Retailer of over ripe eggs & cherry poaching.
Sports & Hobbies: Collector of photons (female), Siestaing, cake sampling (devours all), agitator of Waiemata. Admires the Body Beautiful - very keen on slumming.
Great enthusiast on Hula dancing - requires a little priming.
Author of following books:
"Fruit Cakes I Have Eaten",
"Tales of the Broken Beds",
"Hints on Avoiding Alarms",
"Marjorie May's 21st Birthday - Her Education Completed".

MILITARY DEFINITIONS SIMPLY EXPLAINED FOR BEGINNERS.

1. Inclination Officer:-Any Officer who has the inclination but no possibility of satisfying it. In NECAL it is, therefore, a fair description of all officers.
2. Battery Plotting Officer:- a junior officer who is ambitious and is always plotting to dispose of those senior officers whose shoes he aspires to fill - a dangerous person.
3. Gun Position Officer:- the officer who is usually sleeping at the gun position. He sometimes varies his programme by sleeping at his quarters.
4. Responsible Officer:- like the equator - purely imaginary - there is no such thing.
5. Local Recognition Signal:- Wave your hand cheerily and say "How are yer" to the G.O. This will always get a quick response.

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