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"We shall fight on the seas and on the oceans; we shall fight on the beaches; we shall fight on the landing grounds, in the fields, in the streets and in the hills. We shall never surrender."

To date we have deliberately refrained from making any mention in our columns of the North Island-South Island controversy, but circumstances have at last forced it upon us.

Recently a conference of municipalities was held at Christchurch, and the subject of inter-island relations was cussed and discussed at considerable length. The Mayor of Christchurch said. "It is evident that the South Island is united in an attempt to further its claims." It is obvious that a serious situation is developing, and that the South Island is prepared to fight to the last ditch - presumably the Avon.

We feel impelled here to state that our attitude in this conflict is entirely impartial, (Continued on back page)



THE TRAMP GOES TO TOWN !

According to recent news from NZ tank stoppers on roads are to be removed at the public expense. There is no truth in the rumour that one has found its way onto the road just at the end of the Sigs lines. The resemblance is purely coincidental. - - - - -

Recently the NZ HERALD celebrated its 80th anniversary and paid all the staff a bonus. Our artist Bernie Southey was worrying the Editor all last week asking if we intended to do the same. - - - - -

We are informed that a Black and Tan show will be held at the Red Cross on Friday next. - No doubt Devalera Donohue is proceeding to mobilise the Irish Republican Army. - - - - -

Asprin Izod has been feeling somewhat weak in the knees the last few days. We knew that sooner or later he would come across something that Asprin would not cure. There isn't - on it won't - up though. Frank Buck Sharp was even thinking of using it to cure his snake skin. - - - - -

News Item from the KIWI. "A Christchurch manufacturing firm has packed its first shipment of perambulators

sulkies and children's chairs for export to Fiji. " -They never gave our Veterans service like that when they were there. - - - - -

Extract from Daily News.

"Chicago. A strange sight met passersby here as a young woman wearing a Salvation Army cape, but with brief shorts and bare legs tinkled a bell beside a Christmas gift kettle.

Padre Goffin. -For your attention please. See what you can rake up. NZ WARCRY please copy. - - - - -

WHO'S IN THE TEAM ?

Our Illustrious Batmen.

No 6 Jack Gray. V.F.

"Jack the Ripper"

Jack is one of the most interesting of our Illustrious batmen. He is able to hold forth at great length on any subject more capably than anyone or any institution we have encountered, except of course the TRAN-SIT TRAMP.

Not only is Jack a Veteran of Fiji but he also has a VC of which he is very proud. His VC by the way is his Virtuous Couch, and being a staunch supporter of Sam Millar and the Independents, one is always sure of finding him there.

FOLLOW THE FANS.

Basketball still continues to hold the interest of a large number of players and spectators. We have in the past devoted a great deal of space to comments on the games and players, but we feel that the "fans" deserve honourable mention.

"Fan" is a funny word. According to our dictionary it is the name for an instrument "which has as its function the setting in motion of a current of air". We can quite appreciate this, because with some of the odds the local bookies have been giving they must be continually trying to raise the wind.

Probably the best known and best loved of our fans is McConnell. There is no team which has not at some time benefited from his advice "Get it away to your mates."

Another of Mac's delightful sayings is "Beautiful try" with which he greets every shot at goal by either side. It is also very heartening when you are near the opposing goal and have the ball, with at least three other people's hands on it, to be advised to "Take a shot".

We consider, however that Mac was on his best form at the game between Provosts and Sigs on Friday night when he advised the Provosts. "If you can't put them in, run them in." We don't doubt that the Provosts could do it, but the tactics seem a bit harsh to us.

CAMP GOES NATIVE.

Wednesday last saw a regular gathering of representatives from every available tribe and nation at the Red Cross. For at least a fortnight beforehand, the peace of the Transit Camp was shattered in the early evening by Maori songs and haka practices.

Champ Lynch led his merry men - or should we say his fearsome warriors in a performance which received an excellent reception. Possibly the performers did not look particularly like Maoris but we venture to say that they certainly did not look like anything else we have ever heard of or seen (not even in Fiji.)

Special mention should be made of Champ Lynch for leading and teaching the haka, Padre Giffin for musical accompaniment, Arnold Bell for costumes, and Alan Hall for assistance in dressing the party.

DAWN DIPPERS BAR PROFESSIONAL-ISM.

MANPOWER MCGILL WITHDRAWS.

The greatest sensation since the Bell episode occurred recently with the resignation of Manpower McGill from the DAWN DIPPERS. Our seaside correspondent reports as follows.

" On Friday 19th the DAWN DIPPERS approached the beach at the usual time. It was observed that Manpower McGill who had been accompanying them for nearly a month was not present. On being interviewed the Dippers stated that it had come to their knowledge that Manpower McGill had been dipping, not from the pure love of sport, but was doing it for a bet. The committee decided the situation called for disciplinary action.

McGill's bet expired on 20 Nov, and he had privately stated that he intended to cease Dawn Dipping after that date. After giving the matter weighty consideration the Dawn Dippers decided to refrain from waking Manpower McGill at the customary hour, and proceeded to the beach without him. "

So far the only serious repercussion has been a rise in the price of McGill hair cuts, presumably to pay the expenses of losing the bet. What the Price Tribunal has to say about

this is as yet uncertain.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

All persons will please note that neither I nor the TRANSIT TRAMP will be responsible for anything stolen in our name without my written authority.

Graham Enting.
Editor Transit Tramp.

CHRISTMAS ISSUE

Our next issue will be the Christmas issue of the TRAMP, and it is hoped that it will be slightly larger. Contributions are particularly desired, but please don't send in anything which the KIWI has already turned down.

Editorial - Continued.
although we will of course keep our readers advised of developments. This paper, however, feels that it should make it clear that it still supports the Pres Stewart Island Movement.