

# News of the Day

**THE** sorry fate of the Swanston Street arch, which lingered unloved and

stripped bare of its glitter for weeks after the Queen had gone, is not to be shared by Richmond's Hoddle Street Royal tour confection.

Hoddle Street, it appears, is to be spanned for at least three more years by this lone civic memento of the fortnight when Melbourne fluttered with bunting and heraldic beasts prowled along the tram wires.

But the effervescent loyalty that gave this arch and its fellows being and set the proud legends "God Save Our Queen" and "City of Richmond" marching across its span has congealed in the winds of business enterprise.

Richmond city council has leased the arch to an advertising company to carry—in luminous paint—the name of a brand of petrol and, possibly, a cheerful motto praising its virtues.

That is progress indeed.

## Surgeon

IN Melbourne last year, Mr. B. K. Rank, one of Australia's leading plastic surgeons, successfully treated the severe facial disfigurements of Aris bin Kolop, a young Malayan boy sent here by public subscription.

The case was given great publicity in Singapore and elsewhere from other sufferers for help.

Recently, Mr. Rank and an assistant, Dr. R. H. Stanistreet, visited Malaya to carry out demonstrations and treatment as part of Australia's contribution to Colombo Plan aid to that country.

A letter to the Minister for External Affairs (Mr. Casey) from the Commissioner-General for South-East Asia (Mr. Malcolm MacDonald) described the month's visit by the two men as "a great success" and the idea behind their tour "a splendid inspiration."

## All Trades

IT seems that a photographer must be something of a scientist too—a physicist, chemist, electrician and artist all rolled into one.

At the 10th annual meeting of the Institute of Photographic Technology last night, the president (Mr. W. Robertson) said that the emphasis now was not on the "arty-crafty" approach.

Outlining the wide application of scientific principles in photographic progress these days, Mr. Robertson declared:

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## Boys' March

A NEW ZEALAND contingent of 115 members of the Boys' Brigade will arrive in Melbourne next Monday on the way to England to attend the centenary international camp of the movement, on the playing fields of Eton.

In their smart black and white uniforms and Glen-garry caps the boys will march through the city from Spring Street down Collins Street to the Town Hall, where they will be given a reception by the Lord Mayor (Gr. Bolly).

They will be led by the drum and bugle band of the First Melbourne Company.

In the afternoon the boys will tour the city by coach and in the evening will be guests of the Melbourne companies at a rally at Armadale Baptist Church hall.

## Pirates

MENTONE Grammar School, they tell us, has been invaded by pirates—the soft-hearted Penzance variety of orphaned noble cut-throats created by Gilbert and Sullivan.

For weeks, the boys of Mentone have been whistling, singing and humming the well-loved choruses of the opera which they will present at Mentone city hall on Tuesday and Wednesday next.

The task of bringing to life Frederic, the slave to duty, and his masters, "not members of a common throng, but noblemen who have all gone wrong," has been something of an educational experiment in social activity.

Nearly all the senior boys of the school—and many members of the mothers' association—have taken part, preparing scenery and stage props, learning make-up and taking lessons in diction, voice production and singing.

## Nauru

AUSTRALIA'S claim before the United Nations' Trusteeship Council this week that our administration of Nauru had lifted the natives from primitive conditions in 35 years set us hunting in the reference books.

Nauru, eight-square-mile dot in the Pacific, only 32 miles south of the Equator, was discovered by Captain Fearn, R.N., in 1798.

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Ninety years later Germany annexed the island, administering it as part of the Marshall Islands protectorate until Australian troops landed from H.M.A.S. Melbourne seized it for the Allies in November, 1914.

The phosphate deposits that make up four-fifths of the island were worked by the Pacific Phosphate Co. from 1906 until 1919, when the British Phosphate Commission bought out the interest for £3,500,000.

Except for three years of Japanese occupation, Australia has been responsible for the administration of Nauru and its 3500 inhabitants since June, 1921, under a joint mandate granted her, Britain and New Zealand by the League of Nations and confirmed by the United Nations.

## Bow Bells

MELBOURNE yesterday heard the famous Bow Bells chimes played on the carillon of Independent Church, Collins Street.

The Whittington chimes—the same that called on Dick to "turn again Whittington"—are those which were played on the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, London, on Sundays and Lord Mayor's day and when Royalty passed along Cheapside.

Bow bells crashed when the church was bombed.

The chimes were played yesterday before a lunch-hour service at the church when the first of a series of psychology lectures was given by Rev. Lyall Dixon.



Three members of the 1st Melbourne Company of the Boys' Brigade, who will march through the city on Monday—(from left) L./Cpl. D. Peypat, Pte. V. Beames and Squad Commander N. Abbott.