

HOW DR. VAN MOOK ARRIVED

Leaving Bandoeng, the HQ of the Dutch Government, at the command of the Governor-General, the plane carrying the party took off in the very teeth of the Japanese advance from "the last strip of runway available." The plane made 2 flights from Java to the Australian mainland, and was not fired on. After arrival the party was flown south, and members reached Adelaide yesterday. In addition to Dr. Van Mook it included Mr. O. Van der Plas, another member of the governing circle, who came to Australia with the NEI Press delegation.

Among others in the party are Gen. H. van Oyen and Messrs. H. Creutsberg and C. Giebel, Mr. and Mrs. Arens, and Messrs. S. van der Molen and P. Bouten. There is another native member of the Governing Council in Sydney. There was no despondency in the party, but a heightened resolve. A certain amount of grimness was apparent, but there was more dourness and a philosophical acceptance of present reverses, offset by confidence that the future will grant opportunities for the striking of blows as decisive as those now being received.

In an interview Dr. van Mook radiated the same dynamic spirit that he evinced on his previous visits to Australia and which so much impressed high officials in USA when he was there early this year.

"We are here to collect all the forces we can get together so that we can struggle on," he said. "There are a good many of our people here, and a fair number of our naval personnel was able to get away. It is necessary to have some one to rally those who have just come, as well as those who were sent out before. Besides the service officers there are a certain number of departmental heads in our party. They were selected not because they were heads of departments, but because they had special abilities in the task we are undertaking. There are

had special abilities in the task we are undertaking. There are also a number of technical people."

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