

# The Flying Dutchman

## DR. VAN MOOK'S DASH TO U.S.A.

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**SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday.**—Lieutenant Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies (Dr. van Mook) who has arrived at San Francisco after a whirlwind visit to Australia, crossed the Pacific from Sydney, in a Dutch Catalina flying boat in five days.

**H**E is on his way to Washington to confer with United States authorities on the war in the Pacific.

Dr. van Mook on his arrival declined to comment on reports that Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, had requested him to hurry to London for consultation with the Dutch Government there.

Dr. van Mook, left Sydney last Thursday evening under a veil of secrecy. No one but a few officials knew his destination.

When he arrived at the flying-boat base at Rose Bay and boarded the Catalina, it was presumed that he was returning to the East Indies.

### Ace In Crew

Crew of the flying-boat included as navigator the well-known Australian flier, Captain P. G. Taylor, who has figured prominently in the ferrying of Catalina flying-boats from America to Australia, and who is probably more familiar with trans-South Pacific flying than any other aviator.

The route taken by the flying-boat across the Pacific is being kept a close secret.

In little more than a week, Dr. van Mook has travelled in the vicinity of 15,000 miles by air.

During his visit to Australia, he amazed officials by his lightning movements. He arrived in Sydney by plane last Tuesday week, and next day flew to Canberra, and then on to Melbourne, making the latter flight by special K.N.I.L.M. airliner, which was placed at his disposal.

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After conferring with the Prime Minister and other members of the War Cabinet, Dr. van Mook returned to Sydney last Thursday morning, and about eight hours later was awing over the Pacific on his way to San Francisco.

