



THREE DUTCH SHIPS which quietly slipped moorings and left Brisbane yesterday without knowledge of the Trades Hall. Plan to beat the blockade which has kept the ships in Brisbane for 10 months, was one of the best kept waterside secrets since war's end. All ships sailed without coal, the boilers being fired with wood. They will be re-fueled with coal by another Dutch ship which they will meet at sea. Pictures show (bottom right): Van Outhoorn steaming down the Brisbane River. (Left): Stores being loaded on to the Bontkoe, and (top right), the steamer Bath leaving the wharf.



Dutch Load Own Ship

WATERSIDE WORKERS refused to load a cargo of clothing for the Netherlands East Indies aboard the Dutch evacuee ship Tasman, at Port Melbourne yesterday. The work was done by 35 Dutch evacuee lads, who have been in Melbourne for some months. Pictures (above and below), show them loading the cargo, which weighed 170 tons. The Tasman is due to sail today. She is returning 500 evacuees from Australia to Java and Sumatra.



DUTCH EVACUEE SCHOOLBOY Frank Zindler helps to load the Dutch evacuee ship Tasman in Port Melbourne. He and 34 other Dutch boys volunteered to load 170 tons of cargo when Melbourne waterside workers refused to load it. The Tasman sailed on Friday with 500 evacuees returning to Java and Sumatra.

