

## Japanese Cannibalism In New Guinea

**SAN FRANCISCO, April 23 (A.P.)**—Frank Bartholomew, Vice-President of the American United Press, said to-day that the Japanese cut off from supplies practised cannibalism in New Guinea during the actions at Buna, Gona, and Sanananda.

An Australian, Lieut.-Colonel L. T. Bane, early in 1943, showed me captured food tins containing boiled hands from which all the flesh had been picked," said Bartholomew, who has not previously been able to relate the story, due to censorship.

General Heibelberger, commanding

the combined Allied advanced forces, told me of the discovery among make-shift Japanese supplies of a large stock of flesh cut off Caucasian bodies and wrapped in banana leaves.

"There was no evidence that the Japanese killed prisoners for food. They apparently used bodies not recovered by our forces."

Lieut.-Colonel Robert Williams, who has just returned from the Pacific, said that circulars captured in the Philippines revealed that the Japanese had eaten their own dead. The circulars explained that starving soldiers could survive by eating human flesh, and gave details of which parts of the body were best for eating. Mutilated bodies suggesting cannibalism were found in the hills of Leyte.