

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Now that it is certain that influenza has broken out on the "Victoria," the residents here protest against the landing of patients at the quarantine station as it will be necessary for Dr. Jones (the only doctor in the Northern Territory) to visit them. Doctors are not immune, 60 of them were down at once in Victoria, and several cases were fatal. We do not want Dr. Jones attending influenza patients and on his return from the station attending his patients in Darwin. The authorities should order the boat to return to where the patients will receive proper attention and at the same time keep the Northern Territory free of the plague. Re the killing season, it need not be abandoned if the men on board the "Victoria" are returned south. There are enough men in the Northern Territory (over 100 unemployed) to run the mill and the unionists here will have a chance to prove to Vesty's and the Brisbane branch of the A.M.I.E.U. that it is not necessary to bring men from south to work 12 hours a day while local men are unemployed. There are some who argue that we have not the butchers here. When you consider that these pieceworkers do their day's work in about five hours, there are butchers here who will, for a start, do the same work in eight hours and will improve with practice. I have constantly advocated that the unions here should protect the local men from the Brisbane unemployed, but the union heads are too busy (sowing dissention among the unions and trying to expel those who differ in opinion with them) to

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bother about the interests of the
Northern Territory.—Yours etc.,
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