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'SANATOGEN'
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Sorry if you can't always get 'Sanatogen' and 'Genasprin', but their ingredients are now in great demand to help the country's war effort.

'Genasprin'
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STALINGRAD ARMY WIPED OUT

16 Axis Generals Among the 46,000 Captured

MARSHAL PAULUS IS A PRISONER

FIELD-MARSHAL PAULUS, Commander-in-Chief of the German Sixth Army and Fourth Tank Army at Stalingrad, was captured by the Russians yesterday a few hours after he had been promoted to the highest rank by special proclamation from Hitler's headquarters.

He was seized with his staff when Soviet troops stormed the OGPU headquarters in the heart of the city and completed the greatest disaster that has befallen Germany in this war.

It is now revealed as a disaster of unsuspected proportions. Instead of 220,000 men, the trapped army consisted of 330,000 troops, it was announced by Moscow in a special communiqué last night.

In addition to the Sixth Army, the Fourth Panzer Army has been trapped and destroyed. Thirteen German and two Rumanian generals and 46,000 troops have been captured. Booty taken between January 10 and 30 includes 744 aircraft, 1,517 tanks, and 6,523 guns.

THE FULL STORY

Here is the full story as told in the special communiqué:

"Our forces on the Don front between January 27 and 31 completed the encirclement of the German Sixth Army and the German troops surrounded west of the central part of Stalingrad. In the course of the fighting, and from the reports of German generals now prisoners in our hands, it was ascertained that by November 23 the German forces there numbered at least 330,000. If the auxiliary engineering and police units are taken into account, and not 220,000 as had been reported previously.

"As is known, the German forces encircled before Stalingrad between November 23 and January 10 had lost up to 140,000 from the action of our artillery, bombing from the air, the action of our land troops, sickness, frost, and exhaustion.

"In this way, by the time of the general offensive which our forces began on January 10, the German forces, including the reinforcing units, engineering units, police units, and army rear organisations, numbered about 190,000 officers and men.

"The calculation has been confirmed by the acting Quartermaster-General of the German Sixth Army, Colonel von Koborsky, who is a prisoner in our hands.

"He stated that on January 10 the effective of the German forces encircled before Stalingrad numbered, including non-combatant organisations, 195,000 men.

46,000 CAPTIVES

"In view of this data the victory of the Soviet forces before Stalingrad assumes even greater importance. The number of prisoners taken by the Russians on January 31 increased by 18,000 officers and men.

"In the course of the general offensive against the encircled enemy forces our troops captured 46,000 officers and men in all.

"To-day, our forces captured General Field-Marshal Paulus, commanding the group of German forces before Stalingrad, consisting of the Sixth Army and the Fourth Tank Army, his Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Schmidt, and the whole of his staff.

"The following generals were also taken prisoner.

Lt-Gen. Schlener, commanding 14th Tank Corps;

Lt-Gen. Seidlitz, 51st Army Corps;

Lt-Gen. of Artillery Vetter, 4th Army Corps;

Lt-Gen. Pappe, 4th Light Infantry Division;

Lt-Gen. Leider, 29th Motorised Division;

Lt-Gen. Portes, 295th Infantry Division;

Maj-Gen. von Bretberg, 207th Infantry Division;

Lt-Gen. von Daniel-Edder, 374th Infantry Division;

Lt-Gen. Dubois, 44th Infantry Division;

Maj-Gen. Holz, Chief of Artillery of the 4th Army Corps;

Maj-Gen. Ullrich, Chief of Artillery, 51st Army Corps;

Gen. Dimitri, Commander of the 20th Rumanian Infantry Division;

Gen. Bratescu, 1st Rumanian Cavalry Division;

Lt-Gen. Otto Reinold, Chief of Medical Services of the 6th Army; and

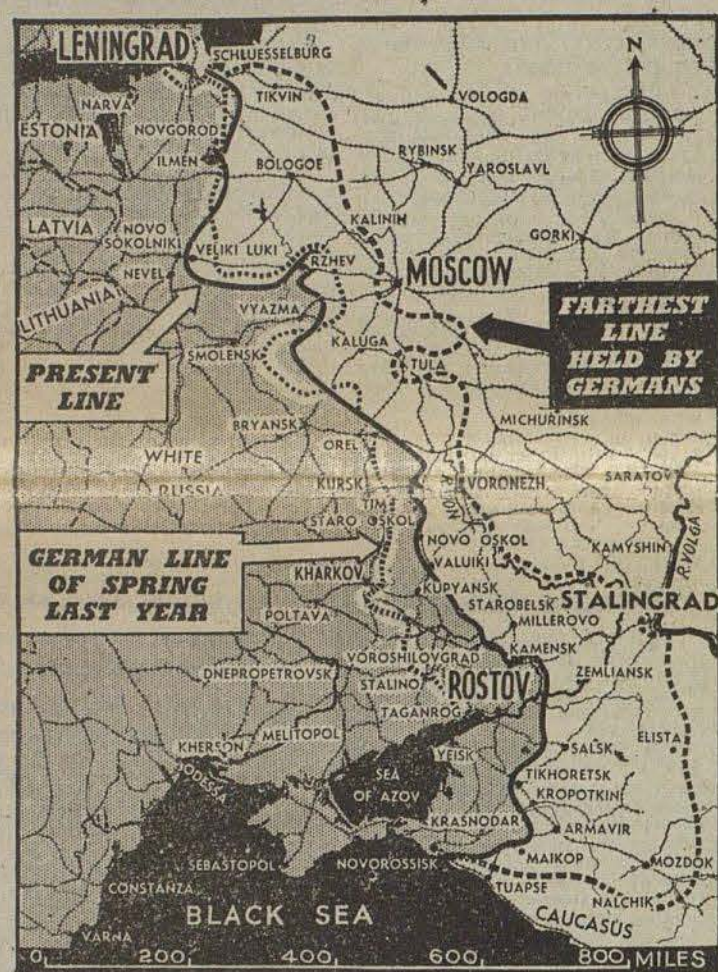
Col. von Koborsky, Deputy Quartermaster-General.

The communiqué also named seven colonels of regiments.

In addition our troops have captured the staffs of the 14th Tank Corps, 3rd Motorised Division, 29th and 374th German Divisions, 14th, 374th, 207th, 523rd, 524th, 534th, 535th, and the 536th Infantry Regi-



Russia Front, 1941-2-3



THE progress of the Russian limit of the German advance in offensives compared with the 1941 and 1942 are shown here.

Twin Soviet Attacks Near Their Climax

From Daily Mail Special Correspondent

TWO great offensives are approaching their climax in Russia to-night. West of Voronezh the defeated Germans are retreating at full speed to Kursk with the Russians pressing hard on their heels. Hitler must hold Kursk if he is to retain the link between his central and southern armies.

And in the Caucasus some 20 enemy divisions are threatened with envelopment and annihilation following the capture of Tikhoretsk and Maikop.

The German News Agency, which has been reflecting the war situation with some accuracy since the High Command decided to admit its seriousness, said to-night: "Between Voronezh and the Donetz Estuary the enemy continued his attacks with increased pressure. Between the Kuban and the Lower Don the enemy attempted to break through the German lines."

Flying Columns

From Moscow come reports of Russian troops under General Reiter driving hard towards the great German base at Kursk. The retreating Germans are under continuous attack from Stomovik dive-bombers. Leading the pursuit are flying columns of tanks carrying Tommy-guns.

Behind them, east of Kastornaya, the destruction of the remnants of seven German infantry divisions continues.

In the Caucasus the Russians are overrunning the great Kuban plain in all directions and pushing rapidly towards the Black Sea coast.

One column is moving forward with great speed down the railway from Kropotkin towards Krasnodar, 45 miles from the naval base of Novorossiisk.

Advancing 35 miles in 48 hours, Soviet troops yesterday reached Ladozhskaya, 50 miles north-east of Krasnodar. On the way they captured Tbilisskaya, about 20 miles from Kropotkin.

Soviet armies now stand in an arc around Rostov. On the Lower Donetz Front they are once more on the move towards the city. They have captured several more points, including a big town which has not yet been named.

A few Russian attack south of Rzhnev with powerful tank and artillery forces was reported by the German News Agency last night.

Casablanca: The First Pictures

FIRST pictures of the historic meeting at Casablanca between Mr. Churchill, President Roosevelt, General Giraud (extreme left), and General de Gaulle have now been released. For ten days Premier and President and their staffs planned the next blows at the Axis—and promised that they could have peace only with unconditional surrender. General Giraud and General de Gaulle had talks which it is hoped will lead to the two French forces being brought closer together. More pictures in BACK Page.



NEW PLAN 'SILENCED' HITLER

Peace Offer to Russia

By WILSON BROADBENT, Daily Mail Diplomatic Correspondent

HITLER'S failure to speak to his people on the tenth anniversary of his seizure of power must remain a mystery for the time being.

But in the opinion of the people in London best able to judge of the situation in Germany, it is a mystery which we should not forget or underestimate.

President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill will very soon tell the world what they think of this development and the conclusions of the Casablanca Conference.

They have little to hide save those technical details which might help the enemy.

Satisfactory

I am assured by those who have just returned from the Casablanca Conference that the conversations were most successful. For the first time the "planners" were in session at the same time as the President and the Premier.

All worked harmoniously and hopefully. There was no friction. All had the same aim in view.

To this extent, the results must be judged as satisfactory. President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill were in complete agreement.

As one of those present said to me last night: "I never thought that we could get so close. In my opinion, the conference was a great success."

These words must spell action, and soon.

I gather that the Casablanca Conference examined every aspect of strategy, much of which had been laid down months before, and therefore, the talks were only confirmatory.

But the conference also decided on some big things to happen in the near future.

The Reason

The main strategy cannot be fulfilled at once. Mr. Churchill has told us that time is the most important thing in military strategy.

The Libyan campaign has proved this, but following the Casablanca Conference we are assured that events will speed up.

Hitler has declared in the past that he prefers action to talking. It serves as a good excuse when you cannot justify your past boasts. This may be the reason why he did not speak on Saturday.

Instead, he allowed Göring to say that it was the Führer's intuition that led the German Army into the disastrous Russian campaign, and Göringals to demand greater sacrifices from the German people.

Both these points are significant. Hitler is planning some move and we must be ready for it.

BACK PAGE—Col. EIGHT

KNOX TELLS TOKIO 'GET READY FOR RAIDS'

New York, Sunday.

TOKIO was warned by Col. Knox, U.S. Secretary of the Navy, to-day that "they had better get ready" for air attack.

The warning was conveyed in a message received from Pearl Harbor which revealed that during a 24,000-mile Pacific air tour in the past fortnight Col. Knox has twice been under Japanese air attack.

The first attack was a short one at Espiritu Santo, in the New Hebrides. The second, at Guadalcanal, was much heavier and lasted for seven hours. No casualties were reported from either attack.

Discussing the attack on Espiritu

Gen. Giraud Talks Frankly to 'Daily Mail'

Differences with Gen. de Gaulle Their Armies

The frankest statement yet made on the position between General de Gaulle and General Giraud was given to G. Ward Price, Daily Mail Special Correspondent in North Africa, yesterday by General Giraud himself.

His comments on the political situation follow; the rest of the interview appears in Page TWO.

I ASKED General Giraud (cables Ward Price) how far arrangements had gone for collaboration between himself and General de Gaulle.

He answered: "We agreed on our aims. Our only differences are about the means to attain them."

"My own view is that it is only natural that the much smaller forces controlled by General de Gaulle, amounting to some 15,000-20,000 men, should be amalgamated with the larger army under my command."

As regards the political administration of the various parts of the French Empire respectively under his authority and mine, I am content that each of us should continue in charge of the territories he now controls.

"The problems of governing Syria, for instance, are quite different from those that confront me in North Africa."

PERSONALITIES

"There are also questions of personalities on which General de Gaulle and myself do not see eye to eye. He objects to the presence of certain people in my administration. I maintain that these are quite secondary matters, which time will solve."

"One thing is sure: It will be neither General de Gaulle nor myself who will determine the future government of a liberated France. This is to be settled by 40,000,000 French people—now so brutally oppressed that hundreds of innocent men have been shot in revenge for attacks on members of the German Army committed far from the places where the victims lived."

"I feel confident that General de Gaulle and I will gradually reach a basis of co-operation. He was delayed in arriving at Casablanca, but we were there together from Friday till Sunday. We shall doubtless meet again, though no time has been fixed."

I asked: "Will you go to London for that or any other purpose?"

General Giraud replied: "I am much too busy with the operations my troops are carrying on in Tunisia. I shall shortly be paying them a visit at the front."

DARLAN ARRESTS

This brought me to the question of the arrests carried out by the French Administration in North Africa of some people here who are said to have worked for the Allied cause and to have helped to prepare our landing.

I mentioned to the General that in Britain and America these arrests had aroused much comment and had been interpreted as a sign that the spirit of the Vichy Government was still strongly represented in his Administration.

He replied with energy and emphasis: "This matter is one which concerns me alone as head of this Government. When there is reason to suspect that any persons have been guilty of an act of treason, it is my duty to bring them to justice. I shall be brought under the proper process of common law."

"It matters nothing to me whether such persons are partisans of General de Gaulle or my own supporters. As a matter of fact, some of both are in custody for the examination of their cases."

"Some will shortly be liberated, and you can take it from me that I should be the last of all Frenchmen to try—or to wish—to impose a Vichy-minded Administration on either North Africa or France."

"My own record is sufficient evidence for that."

LAW AND ORDER

"The young man who shot Admiral Darlan acted probably on his own impulse. But he had been mixed up with some excitable elements among the population here, and it transpires that any of these instigated, even indirectly, the murder of my predecessor, it is a matter of ordinary justice for such criminal conduct to be brought home to them."

"My action in setting these inquiries on foot was inspired by no political consideration whatever."

"I regret that it has been so widely misinterpreted abroad by people ignorant of conditions existing here, but my sense of duty and justice left me no choice. Murder is not a crime that can go unpunished for fear of arousing political criticism."

EIGHTH ARMY ATTACK-AXIS

Tanks Follow Big Barrage

GENERAL MONTGOMERY has launched a large-scale attack on Rommel's rearguard near Zuara, between Tripoli and the Mareth Line, according to an announcement by the German Official News Agency last night.

The attack, the Germans say, was launched on Saturday. General Montgomery prepared the way with an intense artillery barrage, and then began the assault with what the Axis describe as "far superior tank formations."

According to the Germans the Axis line held all along the front, and it is claimed that guns and planes accounted for 18 British tanks.

Beyond the phrase "near Zuara" the Germans give no indication of the scene of the attack, but Morocco radio reports that a second column of British troops yesterday crossed the Tunisian border by the coast road after bypassing Zuara.

This column is said to be advancing parallel with the column which crossed the frontier farther inland on Saturday.

Late last night an American correspondent, broadcast from Algiers radio, quoted unconfirmed reports that some Eighth Army men had reached the Mareth Line.

Bad weather prevented air operations over the battlefield on Saturday, but R.A.F. and United States bombers attacked targets in Sicily.

TUNISIA ATTACK

MEANWHILE, in Tunisia, a German force of all arms—tanks, infantry, and artillery—has broken through the French lines 60 miles west of Sfax, occupied Faid Pass, and advanced six miles towards the important road junction of Sidi Bouzid.

This blow at the Allies' centre began at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday, when the Germans smashed through the light French infantry defences at Faid Pass. The German advance was halted at Sidi Bouzid.

MAP shows where the Germans have broken through the French lines in Tunisia.

Envoy Eludes Nazis, Lands in Britain

ONE of France's leading diplomats, M. René Massigli, has escaped to London and has joined General de Gaulle.

He was French Ambassador to Turkey until July 1940, when he was dismissed by the Vichy Government on orders from Berlin.

On the Germans' entry into Unoccupied France last November a warrant was issued within 24 hours for his arrest. He eluded the police and had been in hiding until his escape from the south of France.

M. Massigli, who is 63, holds the British K.B.E. He was French delegate to the Franco-Soviet Conference in 1924, the London Naval Conference in 1930, and the Disarmament Conference in 1932.

ITALIAN CHIEF OF STAFF IS 'SACKED'

MUSSOLINI has sacked his Chief of the General Staff and Under-Secretary for War, Marshal Ugo Cavallero—the man who lost the Italian Empire.

Rome radio, putting it the official way, stated last night that he had been "relieved of his post at his own request."

Gen. Vittorio Ambrosio, Chief of Staff of the Italian Army, takes his place, and Gen. Ezio Rossi, commanding the 6th Army Corps, replaces Ambrosio.

A reshuffle was fully expected following the Italian débâcle in Libya and the heavy defeats suffered by Italian divisions on the Don and Donetz.

Chief Praises the Mosquito Men

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, Commander-in-Chief, Bomber Command, has sent a message to the Mosquito crews who bombed Berlin on Saturday, congratulating them on their "magnificent" attack.

"Their bombs," says the Air Marshal, coincided with an attempt by Göring to broadcast to the German people on the tenth anniversary of Hitler's usurpation of power and cannot have failed to cause consternation in Germany and encouragement to the oppressed people of Europe."

Story of Raid—Page THREE.

British Submarine is Lost

The Admiralty announce that H.M. Submarine P 222 (Lieut. Comdr. A. J. Mackenzie, R.N.) is overdue, and must be presumed lost.

Next of kin have been informed. As no reference to the P222 is to be found in "Jane's Fighting Ships," it is assumed that she is of recent construction.

Three submarines bearing the same letter have previously been announced as overdue and presumed lost—the P38 on March 22, 1941, the P32 and the P34 on dates in September 1941.

Honoured by Franco

Lieut-General Moscardo, defender of the Alcazar during the Spanish War, has been made a Chancellor of the Imperial Order of the Yoke and Arrow by General Franco, according to the Italian news agency, quoted by Reuters.

Changes in Command 'On Way'

Africa Wars Merge

From G. WARD PRICE, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, Sunday.

THE entry of the Eighth Army into Tunisia, announced last night, marks the concentration into one single operation of the two North African campaigns hitherto waged independently from east and west.

Readjustments in the High Command to meet these new conditions may be expected in due course.

In the same way the commands of Rommel and Arnim must obviously be amalgamated now that they are established on the same territory.

The next few weeks will therefore see the stage being set for the last great battle of the war in Africa, which has lasted since June 1940, and whose operations have extended over the width of the continent from Abyssinia in the east to Morocco in the west.

Two major choices are left to the Germans.

Will they stand on the naturally strong positions around Tunis and Bizerta, with the Allied forces enclosing on them from the land, while the Navy and Air Force harass their seaborne line of supplies, or will they try to evacuate to Sicily, relying on the air strength they possess in that island to fulfil what is now the sole enemy purpose in this part of the world—keeping the Sicilian channel closed to our shipping?

ROOSEVELT IS HOME

Washington, Sunday.—President Roosevelt has returned to Washington, the White House announced to-night—B.U.P.

KLEIST MADE A FIELD MARSHAL

Hitler has promoted Generals Kleist, Baron von Weichs, and Busch to rank of Field Marshal, —German radio.



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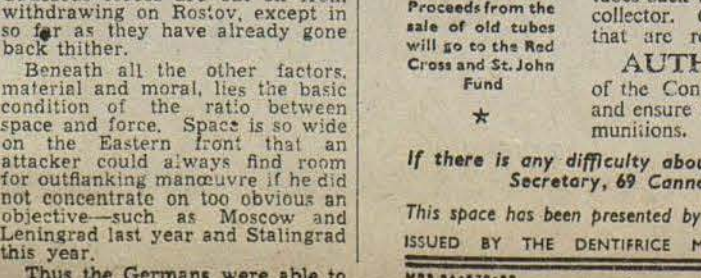
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Withdrawing on Moscow, except in so far as they have already gone back thither.

Beneath all the other factors, material and moral, lies the basic condition of the ratio between space and force. Space is so wide on the Eastern front that an attacker could not find room for outflanking manoeuvre if he did not concentrate on too obvious an objective—such as Moscow and Leningrad last year and Stalingrad this year.

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'BLESS MY SOUL! -IT WAS BERLIN'

By Daily Mail Reporter

THE Men Who Bombed Berlin—for the first time in daylight—told me last night their stories of the two raids on Saturday, the raids that upset Nazi celebrations on the tenth anniversary of Hitler's seizure of power. And these are the main points about it, as summed up by the pilots and navigators of five of our Mosquito bombers who carried out the job.

We were prompt. It was exactly 11 a.m. when the first raiders dropped the bombs that set back Göring's radio harangue for one hour.

It was exactly 4 p.m.—when Goebbels took over the microphone—that the second raid broke.

Opposition was poor. Only three enemy fighters were seen, two F.W. 190's and a Heinkel, and "flak" was not heavy.

Berlin visibility was good. Over the city cloud patches had cleared. I am not allowed to say how many tons of bombs were dropped on Berlin. Normally the Mosquito, fastest bomber in the world, carries a 2,000lb. bomb load.

Youngest First

It is not pretended that the raids were on a heavy scale. But their psychological value is enormous.

One of the Mosquitoes did not return from the afternoon raid. Distinction of being the first to drop bombs on the German capital in daylight fell to the youngest man, 21-year-old Pilot Officer E. B. Sismore, of Kettering.

He was the navigator in the Mosquito piloted by Squadron Leader R. W. Reynolds, D.F.C., of Cheltenham leader of the formation.

Reynolds told me: "As we approached the capital the clouds faded away just at the right moment and we could see one-third of the whole Berlin area."

"We dropped our bombs and took gentle avoiding action in case anything came up, but we saw nothing. And after we had done our job it was all plain sailing."

Of the journey out, he said cloud conditions did not afford any protection from the German defences. But the Mosquitoes kept in moderately close formation.

'Bumpiest Trip'

Sergeant R. C. Fletcher, of Enfield, was observer in the first Mosquito over Berlin in the afternoon. He said: "It was the bumpiest trip I have ever had. Our Mosquito was bouncing about like a bucking broncho. But apart from a squirt of flak at a point where we were warned to expect it we had an uneventful outward run."

As we got close to our destination the cloud suddenly gave out and—bless my soul!—there was Berlin.

I saw no flak there, though the pilot of a plane behind me said he saw some knocking about."

Flying Officer Wickham, who was on the morning raid, told me the R.A.F. caught the German defences "on the hop."

"Perhaps our tactics beat them," he said, "or perhaps they were too late to open up their full barrage for fear of upsetting the Nazi celebrations."

Squadron Leader Reynolds, making his sixth operation in Mosquitoes, got back from his 1,200-mile trip two minutes before schedule time.

3 Weeks' Hospital for Ellen, M.P.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, who broke her ankle when, with other M.P.s, she was involved in a glider mishap last Thursday, is more seriously injured than was at first thought, she has a double fracture.

Already she has had two operations, and a third may be necessary. Miss Wilkinson has now been transferred to University College Hospital, and will not remain there for at least three weeks.

Shares in the 'Low-priced' List

By L. D. WILLIAMS, City Editor, 7, Angel-court, E.C.2.

IN response to further requests from readers I mention to-day a few more "low-priced" shares.

As I wrote before, "low-priced" does not always mean "cheap," and even shares which stand at a few shillings may have already had a substantial rise proportionately to their price. However, the companies mentioned have all traded satisfactorily for some years.

Quicktho

QUICKTHO (1928), Ltd., 25, Ordinary shares are standing at about 1s. 6d., so the yield is about 5s. p.c. on the dividend of 4s. 6d. p.c. paid in 1932, with only one break in 1933, since 1933 in 1939 nothing was paid.

The company makes patent regulators for motor-coach windows, ventilators, and

few doors from MARBLE ARCH TUBE STATION. ALSO THE CLIMBER HOTEL.

PRESENTING THE EVER POPULAR FLORAL

Combining style with value, the well made dress is a perfect house wear and absolutely ideal if there is that "important event" to be considered.

It is fully cut with a semi-flared line, the collar is a rich style, short or long sleeves, and an all-around belt—at contrast to the main body of the dress.

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FLEW FIRST SEAFIRE

WHEN the Admiralty first gave permission for a Spitfire to be modified for deck landing most of the experts said it could not be done, because of the high landing speed of the plane and the confined space of a flight deck.

But Commander Hugh Peter Bramwell, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N., thought otherwise.

He took over a Seafire—the name of the converted fighter—and for two weeks practised landings on the tarmac on an airfield. Then he had a dummy deck placed on the airfield. At his first attempt he made a perfect touch down.

Weeks of experiment were still ahead, and in that period he evolved a new technique which, of course, is a secret. But Commander Bramwell could say this:

"There's nothing alarming about it. The aircraft is quite stable and provided you obey the rules, there's no trouble."

"It is a slightly new technique for landing, and pilots have to be given previous instruction."

Taking off presented another problem, but that was solved with a few small wooden blocks.

The first trials took place in H.M.S. Illustrious just a year ago.

Commander Bramwell made 12 landings, all of them successful, and took off seven times. On the other occasions he was launched by catapult.

He comes from Dorset, and won both the D.S.O. and the D.S.C. in June 1940, when in the Ark Royal, for "daring and resource, especially on the Norwegian coast."

SEAMEN: GIVE FAST SHIPS OWN CONVOYS

THE grouping of fast ships in special convoys and the immediate construction of high-speed merchant vessels for war purposes were among the suggestions for beating the U-boat made at the International Seamen's Conference in London yesterday.

The conference passed a resolution saying that the building of high-speed ships had been prevented by "considerations relating to post-war speculation and interests."

Hamburg Gets a 'Thunderbolt'

Hamburg was given one of the R.A.F.'s "thunderbolt" raids on Saturday night. It was concentrated into half an hour, and most of the heavy weight of bombs were dropped in the first 15 minutes.

The defences must have been thoroughly "saturated" for crews reported that the "bombs" were moderate. Many 8,000lb. and 4,000lb. bombs were dropped, and tens of thousands of incendiaries started many fires.

Our heavy bombers had to fight their way through gales, electric storms, and clouds which threatened to clog the planes with ice.

It was the 94th raid on Hamburg, in whose shipbuilding yards more U-boats are built than anywhere else in Europe. Five of our bombers are missing.

Plenty of Vegetables

Supplier of green vegetables, mainly sprouts, cauliflowers, and cabbages, are exceptionally good, and are likely to continue plentiful for five or six weeks, says the Food Ministry.

LAW DEBENTURE CORPORATION.

AN IMPROVED RESULT.

The Fifty-Third Ordinary General Meeting of The Law Debenture Corporation, Limited, was held on Friday last in London.

Sir Miles Mattinson, K.C. (the Chairman), said that the excess profits tax had no terror for finance and investment trusts, as so far from securing increased profits it was almost impossible for them to avoid a decrease in their earnings under war conditions. Their corporation might be described as a combined finance and investment company, and during the first two years of the war it had had to conform to the common experience and each year to accept some reduction in its profits, though, happily, there had been no reduction in its Ordinary dividend, which had been raised to 14 per cent. nine years ago.

In the third year of the war the decrease in their earnings had come to an end, as, after meeting all expenses, debenture interest and a debit in respect of loss upon realisation of securities, the net profits of the year at £26,558, compared with £26,216, showed an improvement of £342.

It was a simple calculation to add up the balance-sheet figures, and the result was, he thought, imposing. The book costs of the main investments, including cash and debtors, and of the general reserve and the Ordinary shareholders' dividend fund came to £1,372,790, while their market value was still higher at £1,556,300. That latter figure had to take care of a called-up capital which did not exceed £992,000. That was a large margin and disclosed a very strong financial position.

The report was adopted.

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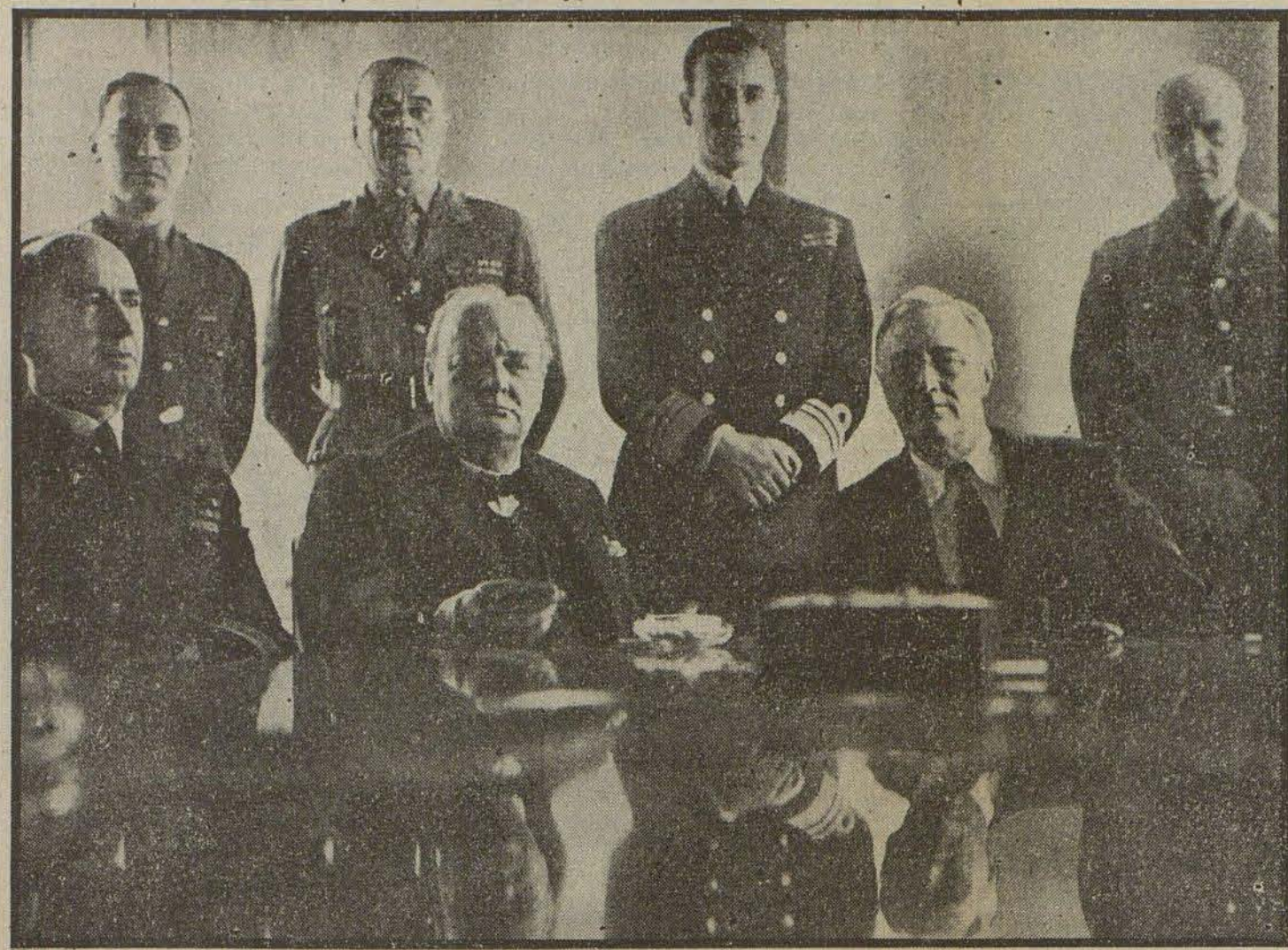
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BELGIANS FACE STARVATION

'Time Off' at Casablanca

PREMIER and President take time off from planning the next blows at the enemy to pose with some of their service chiefs. Left, right: Admiral King, C-in-C, United States Navy; Mr.

Churchill; President Roosevelt. Standing: Major-General Sir Hastings Ismay (second from left); Lord Louis Mountbatten (third from left); and, next to him, Field-Marshal Sir John Dill.



The 8th Army Attack, Say Germans

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mans then swung south, making towards Sidi Bouzid.

American Boston bombers were rushed to the aid of the French and blasted the German columns. Lorries, men, and tanks came under this aerial blitz, which, with Allied tank support, apparently halted the attack short of Sidi Bouzid. Fighting, however, is still in progress.

At least 13 German tanks were set on fire during the day and severe casualties were inflicted on the Axis trucks.

The German attack is apparently part of Von Arnim's policy of seizing the initiative, from which the roads between the Mareh Line and Tunis might be menaced. Field Marshal Rommel, however, has been held by the French for two months.

While the Germans were engaged on the battlefield, Flying Fortresses, escorted by P 38's, bombed the Aquinet railway yards north of Gabès.

The Germans engaged with about 15 P.W. 190's and Me. 109's, of which the American planes shot down eight.

An American commentator, broadcasting from North Africa last night, said that the 10th Panzer Division, one of Germany's crack armoured divisions, is now in Tunisia.

This division has fought in Poland, France, and Russia, and was at Amiens when the Allies entered North Africa.

THE NATIONAL BUILDING SOCIETY.

STRONG AND LIQUID POSITION.

The 93rd Annual General Meeting of The National Building Society was held on Friday last at National House, Moorgate, under the chairmanship of Mr. Stanley C. Ramsey, F.R.I.B.A. His speech referred to the policy of the Society as one of prudent retrenchment, and reserves, at over £24 millions, stood at the highest level ever recorded.

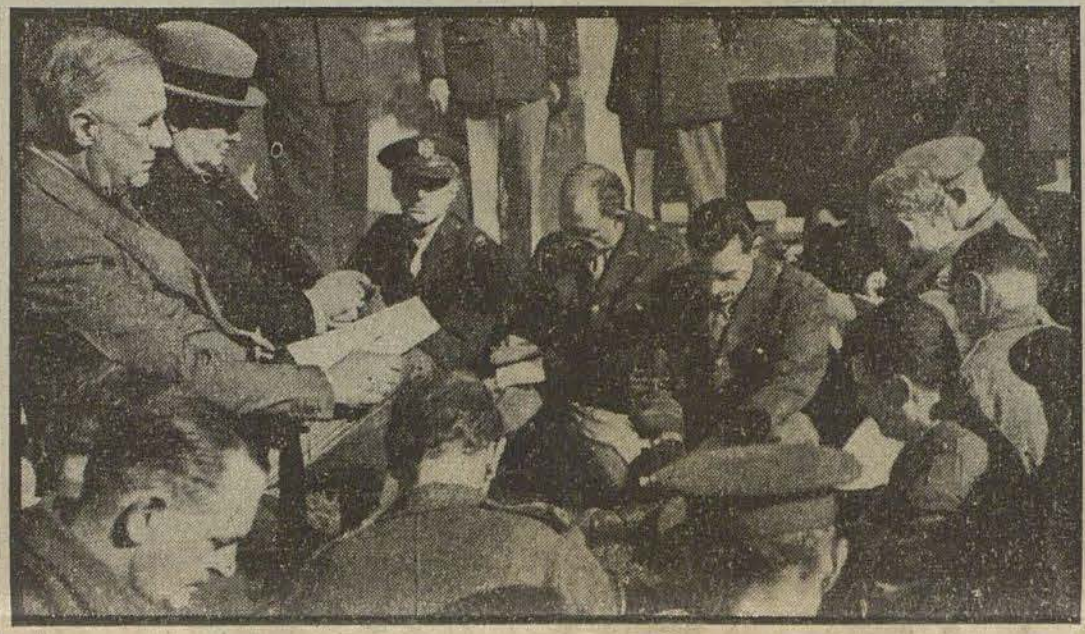
Over £1 million was received in fresh share investment during the year, the aggregate of shares and deposits being £284 millions. Fresh business had not been sought, and only mortgages conforming to the highest standards had been accepted. Meanwhile, mortgage repayments and interest had risen, amounting to nearly £23 million.

A large inward flow of funds had thus helped to conserve the strong and liquid position of the Society. The total of investments outside the Society had risen to exceed £2,100,000, while cash at bankers was more than £600,000. The rate allowed on share investments remained at 2½ per cent. free of tax, which was equivalent to the favourable return of 5 per cent. where the full standard rate of tax had to be borne.

During the past year most of the war-damaged houses had been repaired, but the shortage of living accommodation nearly reflected in an enhanced value of property in most districts, with a corresponding strengthening of the assets of the Society.

The need for fresh building and rebuilding would be pressing when peace was restored, and the great stirring of ideas now apparent would clearly lead to practical and constructive reforms.

The report was adopted.



TELLING the newspapers, correspondents squat at the feet of Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt to hear their statements.

Outside the ring stood the photographers.

Stalingrad Army Wiped Out

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ments, 30th and 40th Artillery Regiments, 649th Army Signals Regiment, and the staff of any Army Sapper Battalion.

"During the general offensive from January 10 to January 31 Soviet troops, according to incomplete data, wiped out more than 100,000 German officers and men."

"During the same period our troops captured the following booty: 744 aircraft, 1,517 tanks, 6,523 guns, 4,421 mortars, 7,489 machine-guns, 78,887 rifles, 60,454 lorries, 7,341 motor-cycles, 47 tractors and pullies."

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