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# EISENHOWER: "German Army Demoralisation and Disintegration goes on": British Military Delegation Reported in Oslo

## STANDING BY FOR THE END

### Norway surrender expected

### Two More German : Czech flag flies

### Armies Give In : in Freed Prague

**HIGH OFFICIALS IN LONDON ARE STANDING BY FOR THE FINAL CAPITULATION OF THE HUN. THE END MAY COME ANY HOUR WITHIN THE NEXT TWO DAYS.**

It was reported by the Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau in Stockholm yesterday that General Boehme, German commander in Norway, has decided to capitulate. An announcement was promised "later."

Unconfirmed reports circulating in Stockholm state that a British military delegation has arrived by plane in Oslo. Lieut.-Gen. Foulkes, commander of the First Canadian Corps, is going to Hilversum to-day to receive the surrender of the Germans in Western Holland.

Reports reaching well-informed Paris circles yesterday said that the "Big Three"—Britain, America, and Russia—had consulted to draw up the terms of the Allied proclamation which will announce the end of hostilities in Europe.

Almost complete silence from the Germans still in Norway, now totally isolated, may mean the Germans will give up without a fight, said an earlier Reuter message.

Four great forces—those of the whole Allied 21st Army Group of British, Canadian, and American troops and of the Soviet Marshals Rokossovsky, Malinovsky, and Zhukov—are now left without a front to fight on.

### CZECHS' SURRENDER CALL

General Patton yesterday launched a new offensive into Czechoslovakia. One of the first rewards was the surrender en masse of the crack 11th Panzer "Ghost" Division.

The Czech national flag was reported to be flying again in Prague, and late last night a call to the Nazis in Bohemia and Moravia to surrender was broadcast.

While Dr. Preissler, Deputy Gauleiter of the Sudetenland, was admitting over the radio that Czechoslovakia was in a state of revolt, the Gauleiter himself was said to be engaged in "important talks."

German Army Group G, composed of the 1st and 19th Armies, commanded by General Schultz, has surrendered to the 6th U.S. Army Group six miles from Munich, it was announced at SHAEF last night. Capitulation becomes effective at noon today.

This new surrender, adds Reuter, indicates the end of resistance in practically the entire remaining territory of Austria still separating General Devers from Marshal Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian Army west of Vienna.

### ANOTHER 200,000 FOR CAGES

Gen. Eisenhower, in a statement last night, said: "To-day saw a steady continuation of German demoralisation and disintegration on the West Front."

"So great is the confusion among the enemy that the German officer, Lieut.-Gen. Foertsch, Commander of the First German Army, present at the negotiation, could not get an accurate number of the strength of Army Group G. He believes it numbers between 200,000 and 400,000."

"He reported that the Army itself has food for several days, but the local population, from some 2,000,000 to 2,500,000, is facing starvation."

The Norwegian Government in London has made an

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### Rundstedt in Hospital



FIELD-MARSHAL VON RUNDSTEDT, photographed shortly after he and his party were captured in a recuperation hospital in Bad Tölz, Germany.

## Surprise Hitch in Polish Talks at San Francisco

### MOLOTOV ADMITS ARRESTS

THE British and U.S. Governments have refused to continue the Polish talks with Russia, it was announced yesterday by the British delegation at the United Nations' Security Conference at San Francisco.

The announcement followed the admission by M. Molotov that a Polish political mission, which had been invited to meet a Soviet military mission, had been arrested.

The mission comprised 16 Lublin leaders, and their disappearance led to a question in the House of Commons, grave doubts as to their safety being expressed.

The 16 leaders went to Pruszkow at the invitation of Col.-Gen. Ivanov, who represented Marshal Zhukov.

At first only three of the Polish leaders went to Pruszkow, but when they failed to return the rest followed. At the same time news was received in London that M. Wetos, former Polish Premier, had been removed from his home in Poland.

Mr. Eden and Mr. Stettinius have informed Mr. Molotov that they cannot discuss the Polish question further.

The text of the British Legation statement on the matter said: "The British and U.S. Governments have been making persistent inquiries of the Soviet Government about a group of prominent Polish democratic leaders who were reported to have met the Soviet military authorities in Poland for discussion at the end of March."

"They have now been officially informed by Mr. Molotov, on behalf of his Government, that these leaders have been arrested on a charge of 'diversionary activities against the Red Army.'"

"Mr. Eden and Mr. Stettinius immediately expressed their grave concern to Mr. Molotov at receiving this most disquieting information after so long a delay, and asked him to obtain a full explanation concerning the arrest of the Polish leaders, a complete list of their names, and news of their present whereabouts."

"The Foreign Secretary reported this most serious development to His Majesty's Government, and has informed Mr. Molotov that, meanwhile, he cannot continue discussions on the Polish issue."

"The official Russian News Agency, Tass, yesterday issued a statement on the 'disappearance' of the mission."

In Moscow  
The members of the group, said the Agency, are accused of planning and carrying out in the rear of the Red Army acts of sabotage as a result of which over 100 Red Army officers and men fell victims.

This group of 16 people did not disappear, but has been arrested by the military authorities of the Soviet front, and the members are at present in Moscow.

This group is also accused of organising and maintaining illegal radio transmitters in the rear of the Soviet armies, which is against the law. All these men, or some of them, according to the results of the inquiry, will be tried.

## Monty Says Thanks To All Troops

FIELD-MARSHAL SIR BERNARD MONTGOMERY thanks all the men under his command in a message sent yesterday to the Army commanders of the 21st Army Group.

The German armed forces facing the 21st Army Group have surrendered unconditionally to us," said the message.

"At this historic moment I want to express to the Army commanders and commanders of lines of communication my grateful thanks for the way in which they and their men have carried out the immense task."

"I hope to express myself more adequately later on, but I feel I must at once tell you all how well you have done and how proud I am to command 21st Army Group."

"Please tell your commanders and troops that I thank them from the bottom of my heart."

The Army Council, in a telegram congratulating Field-Marshal Montgomery and all ranks of the 21st Army Group, said:

"To your unerring leadership and the skill and courage of your soldiers, the gratitude of the nation is due. Never has Britain had such need of her Army. Never has it served her better."

### Brilliant Airmen

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham, A.O.C. Second T.A.F., yesterday sent this message to all his commanders:

"My warmest congratulations to you and every officer, airwoman, and airman in the Second T.A.F. on the great victory news to-day."

"We have had the main air front during recent weeks, and operations have reached a quite exceptional level of brilliance."

General Eisenhower has also sent a message to the Prime Minister congratulating him on the ending of England's defences against air raids.

Mr. Churchill replied on behalf of the people of England and particularly of London.

### On Other Pages

"It is over—all but the formal declaration... Now let us see what lies ahead," writes Negley Farson on Page Two.

Other features in this week's "Sunday Empire News" include:

Things I Expect from Victory, by Fred Mair Brown; Diary of the Week, by Lady Kemsley.

Empire Calling, directed by Lady Kemsley.

Tom Webster, Film and Theatre Notes, and Boxing by Norman Hurst.

All the Sport.

### HANS FRANK CAPTURED

Dr. Hans Frank, former Governor-General of Poland under the Germans, has been captured by the U.S. Seventh Army troops in the Berchtesgaden area. He slashed his wrists in an unsuccessful attempt at suicide when taken, cooled Reuter last night from Shaf.

He admitted knowledge of German atrocities against the Poles, but said he disapproved.



THE great surrender is accepted. Field-Marshal Montgomery signs the document with General Kuntze, Chief of Staff to Field-Marshal Busch, looking on. More pictures on Back Page.

## 'We Fight Against Russia' - Doenitz

DOENITZ, ersatz Fuehrer of all that remains of Hitler's Greater Germany, has called on his soldiers of Army Groups Centre, South and South-West to continue the fight against Bolshevism.

"Armies have laid down their arms after an honourable struggle because the struggle against the Western Powers has become senseless," he said in his radio appeal.

"The only purpose for which we still have to fight is to save as many Germans as possible from Bolshevism and enslavement."

In the true Goebbels tradition the last remnants of the Nazi propaganda radio are going out in a blaze of lies.

A Nazi broadcaster on the Bremen wave-length—one of the last Nazis who will ever broadcast—trying to excite the German defeat never once mentioned the millions of German fighting men who have surrendered unconditionally.

A cease fire had been agreed to, but no truce, no peace, no unconditional surrender.

To save Europe from Bolshevism, the broadcaster said, Germany withdrew divisions from the West to throw into battle to oppose the Russian steamroller.

Tickets are obtainable now at the Royal Albert Hall and all usual agencies. Boxes, 20s. to 5s.; stalls, 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d.; arena, 5s.; balcony, 1s. 6d.

Seats in the arena will be half price to Service men and women in uniform.

Profits will be devoted to Empire education in elementary schools in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

Further details of the festival will be given in the "Sunday Empire News" next week.

## 6,000,000 to Fight Japan

American Army authorities will discharge 2,000,000 men at the conclusion of the German war, and 6,000,000 troops will be sent against Japan, said New York Radio, quoted by Reuter, last night.

General MacArthur yesterday proclaimed the liberation of Davao City on Mindanao, in the Philippines.

The General also announced that Australians had captured an air-strip on Tarakan, Borneo, and cleared the southern and eastern parts of the island.

### Triple Raid

Flying Fortresses yesterday made three separate raids on Kyushu, Japan.

## FREED DANES KILLED

### Fighting in Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN looks like a battlefield as patriots round up collaborators and German auxiliary police, states Reuter's first cable

### LATE NEWS

#### U.S. Traitor Arrested

Erza Pound, the poet who became the American counterpart to "Lord Haw-Haw" in Rome, has been arrested by the G.I.s. R.U.P.

#### Toll of Japs

U.S. troops have killed 33,462 Japanese and taken 700 prisoners in Okinawa since the invasion on April 1. Admiral Chester Nimitz announced early to-day.—Reuter.

#### IN

from the Spanish Capital. Patriots sent last night. Houses and shops are being looted.

Barricades have been erected in streets and machine-gunners posted on roofs and in doorways.

The strongest resistance is coming from the free harbour, who refuse to obey the capitulation order.

As soon as the Danes approached the harbour, two German cruisers, Prince Eugen and Nürnberg, opened fire on them.

There has been some bloodshed, for the traitors are not hesitating to turn their weapons on peaceful civilians, and 34 people were reported killed and 30 wounded yesterday.

The Gestapo has completely occupied the police headquarters in the Dagmarhus, the town hall square and have placed machine-guns on the roof and are shooting at patriots.

The first members of an Allied military mission have arrived at Copenhagen airport.

Troops of the famous 7th Armoured Division, the "Desert Rats," who crossed the border into Denmark, were given a tumultuous reception, states Exchange Telegraph.

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## A Prayer Upon Victory

**O** Almighty God, the Sovereign Commander of all the world, we bless and magnify Thy great and glorious Name for this Victory over our enemies, the glory whereof we do ascribe to Thee, Who art the only Giver of Victory. And, we beseech Thee, give us grace to improve this great mercy to Thy glory, the advancement of Thy Gospel, the honour of our



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Sovereign, and, as much as in us lieth, to the good of all mankind. And so engage us to a true thankfulness, that we may walk before Thee in humble obedience all our days, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, as for all Thy mercies, so in particular for this Victory and deliverance be all glory and honour, world without end.



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## Germany Is Defeated

THE mighty march of events has reached its appointed end. Only the formalities of complete unconditional surrender are still to come.

A grand and monstrous evil, which has sprawled hideously across the face of Europe and threatened the civilisation of all mankind, has been purged in the fires of utter defeat. For nearly six years we have known its terrors. For all that time we have fought against it.

By the mercy of Providence we have not always known how close we were to destruction. But we fought on no matter what the condition, determined only never to give in.

It has been grim and bitter this fight against a ruthless enemy who had prepared in secret and whose strength had never previously been equalled. All the devilish ingenuity that the mind of man could conceive he turned against us.

Yet the end was inevitable, for his strength was founded on deceit and his sinulus was hate.

It has come with startling swiftness. Disintegration and chaos, the loss and destruction of his cities, murder and suicide and discord among his leaders, apathy and indiscipline in his ranks, thousands upon thousands of prisoners in the hands of the Allies.

We are fully entitled to rejoice. We have very much for which to be thankful.

It was this country that stood firm when all else crumbled before the might of Germany. This country, alone, unarmed, with nothing save grit and determination and an inspired leadership, challenged the conqueror of the Continent.

To-day we can recall with pride beyond expression the epic of Dunkirk and the glory of the Battle of Britain. We can look back upon the Home Guard and the fighting up in a night to the last day of the war.

and a few privately owned shotguns and pistols, and whose most formidable weapon was a better bottle filled with a mixture of paraffin or petrol with resin and tar.

It is very meet and right that we should remind ourselves—and the world at large—of these things to-day, in this great hour of victory. For had not Britain stood firm, had not her people flung aside all prejudice, political and otherwise, and united in effort and self-sacrifice to wage war to the bitter end, to-day's victory would almost assuredly have been an Axis victory.

Hitler's "New Order" would have ruled Western civilisation; Japan's "Co-Prosperity" would have overrun the East.

We do not forget this war in the East.

We do not forget the thousands of men who are fighting and enduring in remote corners of the world against a pitiless enemy.

They, too, have their triumphs. Their day is yet to come. The victory in Europe will ease their burden and bring a quicker end to their treacherous enemy.

## Astonishing Days of Climax. Hitler and Mussolini Die. Berlin Falls. War Ends in Italy and Western Austria. No More Sirens.

### Diary of the Week's News

WAR'S climax came on Tuesday, May 1, when Hamburg Radio announced that Hitler was dead.

He "fell for Germany," in the Berlin Chancellery, said the announcer.

Himmler's version was that he died, unhonorably, in his bed suffering from brain hemorrhage. Goebbels' deputy, Dr. Fritzsche, captured in Berlin, said that Hitler and Goebbels committed suicide.

On Monday it became known that Mussolini, too, had died ignominiously. He and other Fascist leaders were executed by Italian partisans. Mobs in Milan reviled the corpses when they were publicly exhibited.

Grand Admiral Doenitz, C-in-C of the German navy, proclaimed that Hitler had named him as the new Fuehrer and declared that his task was to "save the German people from destruction by the Bolsheviks."

He sacked the arrogant and stupid Ribbentrop and appointed as Foreign Minister an obscure Oxford-educated Junker Count Schwerin von Krosigk.

News came quickly to dishearten him. The army of 1,000,000 men in Italy and Western Austria surrendered unconditionally to Field-Marshal Sir Harold Alexander. Hostilities ceased at noon on Wednesday.

Alexander told his magnificent troops: "You may well be proud of this great victorious campaign, which will live in history as one of the greatest and most successful ever waged."

Berlin, "the heart of German aggression," fell to the Russian Army on Wednesday afternoon.

Hamburg, second largest city in Germany, surrendered without a fight on Thursday.

On that day remnants of the beaten German army, trying to stage a "Dunkirk" to Norway, were sent to the bottom of the Baltic by Allied air fleets.

On Friday, the Germans in North-West Germany, in Holland, and in Denmark surrendered unconditionally to Field-Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery.

As the Axis disintegrated, the leaders died. We captured Laval flew to Spain, refused to leave, was arrested and held "at the disposition of the Allies."

Rundstedt was caught near Munich, sitting by the fire in a cottage.

Other Field-Marshal captured were Von Sperle, of the Luftwaffe, director of the London blitz; Von Kleist, who planned the invasion of Poland; and Wilhelm List, who led the attack; Ritter Von Leeb, commander of Leningrad front until summer of 1942, and Max Von Weichs, who preceded Von Paulus on the Stalingrad front. Also taken was Horthy, former Regent of Hungary.

#### THIS WEEK'S GUIDING THOUGHT

"Bless the Lord... who redeemeth thy life from destruction."

Psalm CIII, 1, 4.

## THEIR SMILING HOUR



Field-Marshal Sir Harold Alexander.



Admiral of the Fleet Sir Andrew Cunningham.



Field-Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery.



Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder.



Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris.

In the Full Tide of Victory Britain's Supreme Fighting Leaders Symbolize the Nation's Feelings

# Now Let Us See What Lies Ahead

By NEGLEY FARSON

It is over—all but the formal declaration. The long pull has ended. And no people have more right to be joyous, and to celebrate—in whatsoever fashion each individual feels disposed—than the long-suffering, hardworking, hard-fighting British.

This little island—the "aircraft carrier" anchored off the coast of Europe is probably now the modern way to speak of it—has had the closest shave since the Armada.

#### Danger Brought Us Together

FURTHERMORE—and if this doesn't play a large part in making post-war British life more co-operative and companionable I'll eat my hat—more British civilians have had more close shaves and far more dangerous years than this population has ever known in all its long, varied and truly magnificent history.

I can't eat my hat because, as long since taken off to you. That was in August, 1914, when I first came to work (as an alleged engineer) in Manchester. There, with the lathes humming around me, with the never-forgotten smell of the cutting-oil, I watched one executive after another (in that big company which built the best products of their kind that man, money, or machines could turn out) say good-bye to a son—many (indeed most) of whom never came back.

#### We Ran True To Form

IT is a sad memory, and yet it is a very comforting and inspiring one. For, I must tell you, when I think of the way Britain has fought and won this war, it is not the R.A.F. boys in the sky, winning the decisive Battle of Britain (which also saved Soviet Russia from the Nazis). It is not the P.B.I.—that indomitable and steady British infantryman. It is not even the men of the Merchant Marine, blitzed by Junkers 88s, torpedoed, sunk—fished out of the

sea, to grin—and immediately man another ship.

These things—all that wonderful steadiness and courage—are expected from your national character. And Britain incontestably won this war largely because she ran true to form.

But when I think of how this country snapped into it, and finally beat the highly efficient Nazis, I (no doubt I am prejudiced) remember Manchester—and I think of Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Birmingham, poor Coventry, the Rhonda Valley, Glasgow, and all the men and women along Tyneside and the River Clyde. I think of how they turned out the stuff that beat the Nazis.

It is the MIRACLE of those big industrial centres, after so many years of slump, and the still-eager British engineers bent over their drawing-boards—that is what saved England in this war, in my opinion. And I want to say right here that if the British (I could almost particularise and say "English," in speaking of this South-Britain snobishness), don't quickly change their obsolete set of social values—i.e., rate the engineer socially in the high place that other countries rate him (such as Soviet Russia, Germany, the United States), instead of ranking him, in the

#### Things I Would Never Forget

IF I were a Briton I would never forget two things. I would remember with pride the dark and desperate days when the commanders of battle-schools were insisting that their men should be made to bayonet slabs of raw meat and have paint (or blood) splattered over them.

This was when, with self-confidence at its lowest point, we really did begin to think that the democracies were all "cissies"—as some newspaper correspondents were so fond of telling us, as well as some fiery British typewriter generals. The patient, steady, British soldier just had to be—made—

bloodthirsty. God save us, what a thought!

Well, the answer to that dim and doubtful period was the Commandos—there is no need to say any more. We talk about the "re-education of the Germans"; well, the worst and best lesson that could ever be given to those human brutes (for they nearly all cheered the Nazis), was that the free-living free-speaking Parliamentary Britisher showed in the final showdown that his way of life produced fighters just as efficiently—though any S.S. man ever invented. And that, moreover, the Briton did it without surrendering (except temporarily) one iota of his British individualism.

A lot of people here in Britain can take that lesson to heart also. The other thing that I would never forget if I were an Englishman—is 1938. There is no use trying to deny that in 1938 the hard core of British sense and sensibility was surrounded by a disgustingly wide penumbra

of selfishness, complacency—and sloppy thinking.

Yes, I would never forget that—for Britain is in fine condition now. Physically—and especially mentally—the average British and woman are more fit and alert than they have ever been.

This war has trimmed Britain down just as noticeably as his training camp sends any boxer into the ring. The 1938 fat has gone—even from the minds of the politicians (or to be accurate from most of them).

The "Dismal Johnnies" are already carping that now is the time when Drake's drum will sound at Plymouth. The most dangerous years for Britain now lie dead ahead.

They say we ought not to celebrate in the face of so much world-wide human suffering. That life is going to be a very grim affair from now on. That only our grand-children (and perhaps not even they) will see the return of peaceful and contented years.

#### Must Stay a "Happy Ship"

WELL, if Britain can keep that 1938-fat away I think those "Dismal Johnnies" (the intellectuals, of course) are talking pure boloney, as we say cross the Atlantic.

Britain was a "happy ship" during this war. And from the fattest and richest cigar-smoking industrialist to the man who had to sing songs as he walked along London's kerbs with his hat in his hand—so that he could eat—I think there is a growing common consciousness in this country that Britain must be kept a "happy ship."

If so, it would be a marvelous example to get the world—a happy co-operative Britain. And although I am far from thinking it will come all in one jump, I think this country is a long way along the road to it. It is a pity that so much of our daily life must be left to the play of politics. Life ought to be more than politics. But there you are—another General Election is coming along... let's see how it goes.

#### And Talking Of Miracles...

MEANTIME I belong to that realistic school so ably championed by a well-known philosopher of the "Brains Trust," who declared that he was going to get down on his knees and thank God for bringing him and Britain through (I think he put them in that order).

Then he was going to go out and get beautifully drunk. Why not? You don't get a victory like this in every man's life. Nor now that we are speaking of miracles—do you get a Winston Churchill.

Negley Farson writes in the "Sunday Empire News" every week.

## READERS WRITE TO THE EDITOR

I AM a Londoner. I and my children have had our share of war. With the exception of those from London and other bombed areas children do not realise the horrors of it all.

They should be taught what that will have to face if they allow another war when they have grown up. I say show the atrocity pictures to everyone. Particularly those in safe areas who thought we were exaggerating about bombing. Dagenham MRS. A. WADE.

#### Show Them All

I AND a great many other children have had our share of war. Instead of having things "doctored" for us by people who think they are doing us good. Belsen and other Axis atrocities should be shown to every child uncondemned, for we are the world of tomorrow.

How can we believe that the Germans and the Japs did this and that, merely by having adults tell us what may be lies? Parents of the children of today will be responsible if we do not prevent a war in 25 years' time. We are being brought up on their ideals. DISTINGUISHED (Aged 14). Aberdeen.

#### These Children Know

WHY spare our children the sight of the horror camp pictures? The children who suffered such horrors were spared nothing. Let our children see what happened so they will remember such things and try their utmost not to have a repetition. R. WOOD. Tenby, South Wales.

#### Don't Teach Hate

LET us not teach our children to hate—see the catastrophe brought about by Hitler's teaching of hate to German children. Punish the perpetrators of the crimes, but let us not damn all Germany and her children. Let us try to give them a chance to live in peace. A. MILLER. Woodchurch-road, Birkenhead.

#### Reminder

BY all means take films of the horror camps and exhibit them to all. Far from corrupting children's minds, they will be a constant reminder to future generations of the depths to which German culture can sink to gain its aim.

With this constant reminder of what would have happened had these beasts landed here, it should be possible to make sure another opportunity does not occur even if the present generation, as seems likely, is willing to forget and forgive. A. MILLER. Daley-avenue, Litherland, Liverpool.

#### Housing Absurdities

A CASE has been recorded of a qualified bricklayer being directed to work at an unskilled labour job. Yet brick and mortar houses are urgently required. The Government, obsessed with pre-fabricated house schemes, sees the brick-making industry reduced to stagnation for lack of orders.

Mr. Sanders now talks of our making Germany supply pre-fabricated houses and building materials as "reparations." Reparations in kind caused economic confusion after the last war. Germany's housing needs will be infinitely greater than our own after the present one. E. J. JOHN H. LEWIS.

#### Nurses' Sacrifice

MAJOR D. W. ATKINSON'S article on meparine made me wonder how many home fully appreciate the hardship and self-sacrifice borne by the magnificent women in the overseas nursing services. What a different picture those "guinea-pig" nurses present to the world compared with that of the German women fighting overseas and the suffering civilians in the horror camps. Seaham, Co. Durham. J. G.

## THINGS I EXPECT FROM VICTORY

By Fred Moir Brown

meet a man who was being released from Armley, the gaol there.

"Gosh," said he, drawing a deep breath and reaching for the cigarette case which I held out to him: "It's good to be out."

"Well, now that you are out," said I, "what are you going to do with yourself?" "That'll want a bit of thought," he replied good naturedly: "But I've made up my mind"—gesturing backwards—"that I'm not going in there again."

#### Full Freedom, Please!

WE, too, have got to do a bit of thinking to-day now that victory is here. What are we going to do with ourselves? What do we hope to get out of victory?

I can speak only for myself, of course; but, as a fairly representative member of the public, what I have to say about what I hope for may not be entirely without interest.

In the first place—and I hope it is understood that I write with due thought for all who have suffered irremediable hurt in this war and for the men who still have got to fight it out in the Far East—I want my newly-restored liberty to be as complete as possible.

I want to be freed from the multiplicity of controls and masters that I have had to endure in the past five and a half years. I want to be allowed to be myself again.

Certain masters and certain restrictions I must suffer within the complex structure of our society: that is understood. But I rebel against their permanent extension over what their number was in 1939.

I realise that I can't go back to 1939, but I want to go back to what was good up to that time. And in order to do that I must have a decent job and a decent house.

#### A Home Is Vital

I WAS more fortunate than many before the war in the sense that I was at least continuously employed and usually had a bob or two to spare for a cricket match or a

football match if I wanted to go to one.

I didn't have a house because I wasn't married but I am married now and I realise the importance of the house.

Job and house, then, are the bases from which most of us begin what might be called the operation of living. So I'd say that the first things that the average man, among whom I count myself, will think of to-day are these two.

Give him work, or assure him of the continuance of his work, and decent lodging, and he will feel that not only has he won victory but that he is beginning to enjoy it.

He will fit the fallals to victory according to his personality. One man will want a garden: another will want a motor-car: another will not be sure that Germany is defeated till he can go to a dog-track and lose a pound without a feeling of guilt.

For myself, gardening is a toil, motor-cars mysteries that involve me in avoidable expense at wayside garages, and dog-tracks places where I wonder if the dog is really as intelligent an animal as people say he is. But I do like a round of golf.

So I want, when all the mess is cleared up, to be free to go to a golf course without filling in a form or wondering if I shall find an ejectment order from the landlord waiting for me when I get home.

#### Strive for These

THERE are, of course, a thousand and one other things which we may hope—and, indeed, have a right to expect—from victory, such as a decent education for our children, a real chance for them all in their later-lives; a larger tolerance among peoples, not excluding our own, for the wayward and the unfortunate—I do not list these benefits in any order of importance, but merely as they occur to me—and a world freed from the threat of further war.

But the accomplishment of most of these things is outside individual compass, and so they may be said to be outside individual ambition; though they should be part of every nation's striving and hope.

For myself, again, I pronounce for the speediest possible return of all Britons from abroad, that house and my job—and that occasional game of golf!

## IT TAKES INDUSTRIES TO WIN THE WAR—THAT'S WHY SUNBEAM BICYCLES ARE SCARCE!

New Sunbeam Bicycles are few and far between, these days, because the fine steel from which they are made now goes into British weapons of war. But when peace-time again gives free rein to craftsmanship, Sunbeam Bicycles, still the finest machines skilled hands can build, will be readily available once

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