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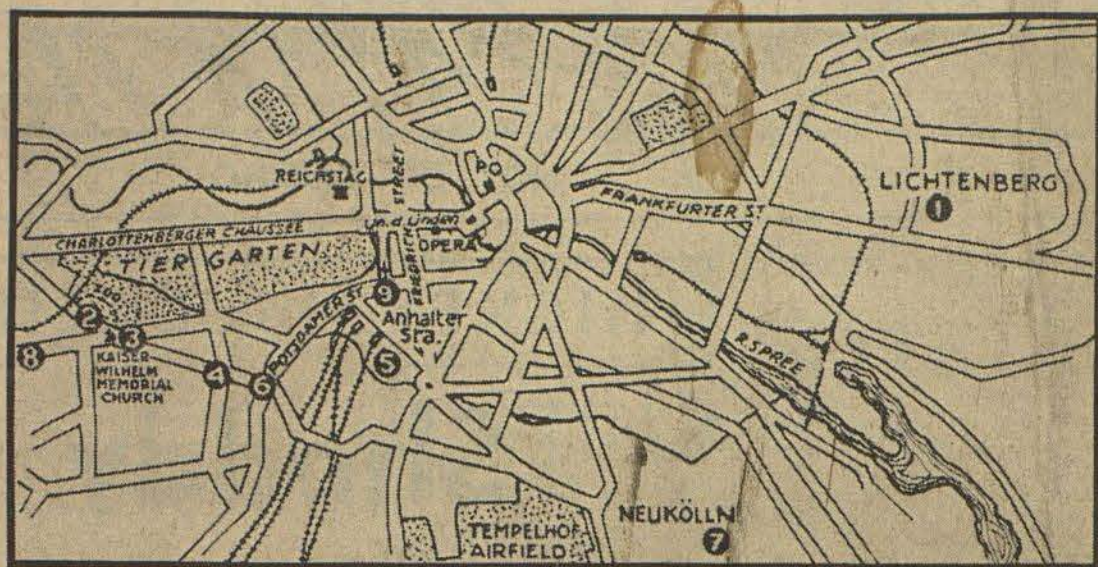
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Inside Germany strange things are happening. Here is an account of them—and what they mean

## HITLER: THE FACTS

Guns set up in Berlin to meet Potsdam coup

**GESTAPO FIGHTS ARMY HQ**  
Germany staggered by losses



Express Military Reporter MORLEY RICHARDS

THERE came into my possession last night astonishing details of Gestapo machine-gun posts erected at key points throughout Berlin and other German cities.

Their construction began after Hitler's purge of generals last month. Little attempt has been made to disguise their purpose. Some are already complete.

They are manned by Hitler's own S.S. Guards—men who were his personal bodyguard and have since been absorbed into the Gestapo, which, under Himmler, holds the whole of Germany and most of the rest of Europe in Nazi control.

The Gestapo defensive nests are precautions against a possible attempt to overthrow the Nazi Party régime. The breach between Hitler and the Army High Command is no longer a secret kept from the German people; this conclusion must be drawn from the dismissal in December of the Commander-in-Chief, Marshal Brauchitsch.

### Key to map of Hitler defences

Double towered bunkers are being erected at Lichtenberg (1) and near the zoo (2) by the West Berlin railway station. Machine-gun nests have been placed on scores of business house roofs. These—in a strategic line—include Michels silk stores near the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church (3), Singers in the Wittenbergplatz (4), the Europahaus at the Anhalter railway station (5); the German Labour Front skyscraper on the Potsdamerstrasse (6); the Karstadt warehouse at Neukölln (7); and Mayer, the wine merchants on the Olivaerplatz, which lies close to the Kurfürstendamm (8). The Wilhelmstrasse, where Hitler has his headquarters, is numbered 9.

### And the Luftwaffe is getting weaker

AND here are facts gathered by the Express Air Reporter about the Luftwaffe:— Since June, at a moderate estimate (the Russians put it much higher), the Germans have lost up to 8,000 planes. This is how the Luftwaffe's front-line planes are disposed now:— One-third on the Russian front. One-fifth on the Western front (including 500 fighters). One-seventh in the Mediterranean. The bulk of the remaining third is in Central Germany, being re-equipped after the mauling it received in Russia. It is in such a state that it needs a lot of re-equipping.

### Wastage

Reserves are being used up fast, and Germany's aircraft industry is unable to keep pace with the wastage, although producing more planes than ever before. So instead of rising as the R.A.F. is, the Luftwaffe strength is falling. It is more hampered by lack of aircraft than by lack of crews. Another indication of the condition of the Luftwaffe is the fact that no new types have apparently been produced. The newest German planes being used today are simply improvements on the first set of Heinkels and Messerschmitts and Dorniers. It has been suggested that Britain is turning out more aircraft than trained crews to fly them. Although our output of aircraft has increased enormously, we have never had more aircraft than we can use, and it would be surprising if we ever found ourselves in that position. First-line air strength of the Royal Air Force is about 2,500 planes.

### F.D.R. sends new envoy to Turkey

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—President Roosevelt today appointed Mr. Laurence Steinhardt (Ambassador to Moscow) as new U.S. Ambassador to Turkey. Major-General James H. Burns, Lease-Lend Chief, who went with Lord Beaverbrook to Moscow, may take over the Russian post.—B.U.P.

### No night bombs

At midnight no after-dark raiders had been reported over Britain. A single enemy fighter was destroyed on the south-west in daylight yesterday.

### Siege survivors tell their story TROOPS FOUGHT THIRST 3 DAYS

By JACK BELDEN  
Express Special Correspondent  
CHUNGKING, Wednesday.

IN the last three days of their heroic stand against overwhelming forces the defenders of Hongkong, without a sip of water in 72 hours, faced merciless assaults from unopposed Japanese dive-bombers and harassing sniping in the streets of Kowloon by Fifth Columnists.

That was the story brought from the fallen fortress by 62 British survivors of the 18-day siege who reached Shaokwan today after a perilous journey through guerrilla areas by speedboat and then on foot. This exhausted handful of men told how the fate of Hongkong was sealed when a few Japanese soldiers armed with waterproof guns, swam into Kowloon harbour from the Kowloon mainland to the Victoria waterfront.

### LANDED AT DOCKS

The Japanese landed at Taike docks, overcame the machine-gun posts, and opened the bridgehead for other troops to cross.

After that Hongkong had no chance. It was only a matter of time. Yet the fight was carried on against overwhelming odds, with dive-bombers attacking their targets with merciless accuracy and the civilian population huddling in dug-outs. Hongkong volunteers and a few Canadians had resisted as long as possible at Kowloon until, after the fifth day of fighting, all had crossed and taken up positions on the island.

British guns in the hills of Hongkong and Japanese artillery concealed behind Kowloon waterfront then engaged in a duel, but the Japanese guns were soon put out of commission. Early in the fighting the Japanese carefully avoided any more gun duels. The Japanese left everything to their air force.

After the fighting Hongkong itself was comparatively free of spies and snipers, and all the civilians behaved admirably after the initial scare, but in Kowloon pistol shots and rifle fire came from the windows of dark buildings all through the night.

### HOSPITALS BOMBED

Emily Hahn, American authoress, was one of many who cared for the wounded in the colony's hospitals. Three of those hospitals were hit by bombs. After the landing of the Japanese swimmers, troops crossed in boats in the face of artillery fire from the hills into the harbour, and occupied the eastern part of the island.

Six days before the surrender the Japanese captured a water reservoir, and for three whole days the soldiers of Hongkong fought the pangs of thirst as well as a hopeless situation. The Japanese were fully informed of the defence works, and employed skilful tactics throughout the operation.

They had complete control of the air. There was not a single British plane in combat, but one four-engined bomber was brought down by anti-aircraft fire. The Japanese had 13 naval officers, three Army officers, one Indian policeman, one R.A.F. flier, four men in the Merchant Service, and two attaches of the Ministry of Information.

### THE MEN

Here is an unofficial and partial list of their names:— Lieut. Commander Gerard Gandy, Brockhurst, Hants; Lieut. Commander John Yorath, Byfleet, Surrey; Lieut. C. J. Collingworth, Carlisle; Lieut. Alexander Kennedy, Glasgow; Lieut. Ronald Ashby, Horley, Surrey; Lieut. Arthur Pittendrich, Newcastle. Sub-Lieutenant W. O. Morley, Scarborough, Yorkshire; Major Arthur Goring, Lancing, Sussex; Captain Reginald Guest, Cheltenham; Major MacMillan, Barnham; R.A.F. Pilot Max Oxford, Bournemouth; William Robertson, Oxford; Norman Halliday, North Shields (Merchant Service); and Mr D. M. McDougall, Perth, Scotland (Ministry of Information).

### Greek King greets R.A.F. "tough men"

King George of the Hellenes yesterday inspected defences at a fighter airfield. One of the crews was presented to him, and he said: "They look pretty tough."

## JAP TANKS IN BIG ATTACK

"75 miles from Singapore"

TOKYO claimed this morning that Japanese mechanised units had advanced 85 miles south of Kuantan (east coast Malayan port), and were now on the Johore border—75 miles from Singapore.

### Russians driving big new wedge

Advance to by-pass Mojaik

Express Staff Reporter STEPHEN CHARING  
STOCKHOLM, Thursday morning.

MOSCOW announced in a midnight communiqué that a new thrust has been driven deep into the German lines west-south-west of Kaluga and that the town of Meshchovsk is recaptured.

Meshchovsk is 45 miles beyond Kaluga and its capture still further widens the flanking movement on Mojaik, last high-water mark of Hitler's westward advance on the capital.

The Russian communiqué also announces that a number of other unnamed localities were taken during the day.

From Finland comes news of a major Russian offensive on the Karelian front, north of Lake Onega. It is designed to free the Murmansk railway.

Finns face big attack.—Back Page.

## NORWAY NAZIS CAUGHT AGAIN

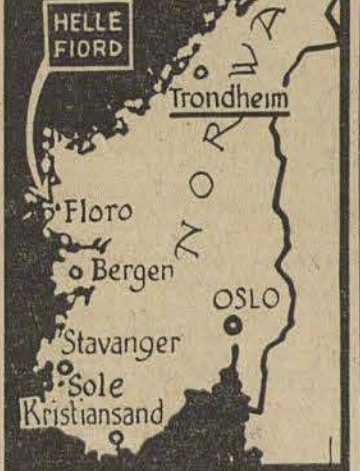
Navy raids in snowstorm

ONCE again Britain has struck in Norway. This time the Navy and the R.A.F. "commanded" to penetrate Hitler's "impenetrable" defences, hunting his ships in Helle Fjord, between Bergen and Trondheim.

The raid was on Tuesday night in squalls of snow and rain. In several hours' work close inshore a ship of medium tonnage off the town of Florø and two trawlers alongside a cannery factory were sunk.

The factory was damaged, but the weather was so bad that it was difficult to see the shore targets. Another German factory was fired on.

Relays of fighters made an umbrella for our small warships and at Sole "a very good fire" was started. Two hangars were seen to be alight, runways and administrative buildings were hit.



and, as bombs burst on the flying field, great mushrooms of snow and earth were thrown up. Only one German plane was sighted—as our ships were returning from Norway. When one of the Blenheim pilots turned to meet it, it jetted its bombs and fled.

The enemy was apparently caught unprepared and offered little opposition," says the official communiqué. We suffered neither damage nor casualties. In charge of the naval forces was Captain Percy Todd, D.S.O. Gunnery is his speciality. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1936 by President Roosevelt under a special Bill introduced into Congress. In command of the destroyer Wishart in 1934 he saved 130 of the crew of the U.S. gunboat Fulton ablaze in Blas Bay, China.

### Hudson gets two hits on ship in convoy

A sergeant pilot from Ontario, in a Hudson, dived on a medium-sized vessel in convoy off the Dutch coast on Tuesday night and scored two direct hits. An English squadron leader made at least one hit on another ship. One of our planes is missing.

### Jap naval claim denied by U.S.

"Battleship sunk" story

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—A navy official made the authorised statement tonight that "there is not an iota of truth" in the report that a Japanese battleship had attacked the U.S. battleships New Mexico and Mississippi and sunk one of them. The battleships were said to have been attacked while on their way from San Francisco to Port Darwin, Australia.—A.P.

Express War Reporter  
DICKSON BROWN  
NORTH-WEST MALAYA  
FRONT, Wednesday.

BRITISH and Indian troops, after smashing up a Japanese attempt to outflank Kuala Lumpur, capital of Selangor State, are tonight grappling with a major frontal offensive against the city.

It is being led by tanks and armoured cars, driving down the direct north-south road from Ipoh.

Supporting it are scores of level-bombers, dive-bombers, and fighters. Our lines are reported to be

### World war news

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—General MacArthur reports that in Jap raids on Philippine island of Luzon towns of Baler, Santa Rosa, Balambala, and Tarlac were completely razed. Many natives were killed.—Reuter.

NEW YORK.—Columbia Broadcasting System reports hearing Tokyo radio quoting navy section of Jap communiqué saying "Japanese Fleet is fighting U.S. Fleet in Pacific." British forces were also involved, it said.—A.P.

holding, but the situation must be regarded as extremely critical.

Among the Japanese are units of the elite Fifth Division, victors of a dozen campaigns in China. The "commanding" drive was launched at Kuala Selangor, 35 miles north-west of Kuala Lumpur.

Japanese landing parties, after receiving reinforcements by land, tried to cross the River Selangor at the mouth of which stands Kuala Selangor. Fighting went on all day along the river and in the swamps. The situation tonight is confused, but Kuala Selangor, which the Japanese claimed a few days ago, appears to be in our hands. The Japanese design was to cross the River Selangor and sweep down on Klang and Port Swettenham, which are south-west of Kuala Lumpur.

They hoped by this infiltration— tactics they have so often carried

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### NAZI INCITES THE JAPS

To take Russian oil

Express Radio Station

Rear-Admiral Luetzow, German naval spokesman, told Japan in a broadcast yesterday that she could get assured oil supplies from the north part of the island of Ostrov Sakhalin, off Siberia. The south part is owned by the Japanese, the north by Russia. The richest output which she could assure for herself is in the northern part of Ostrov Sakhalin, which has been barely exploited by the Russians.

## CORREGIDOR FACES PARATROOP ATTACK

Express Staff Reporter WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

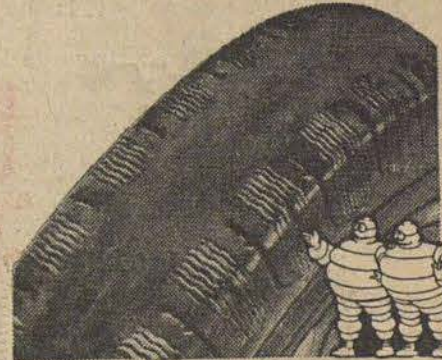
JAPAN, it is believed in Washington tonight, is about to launch a great attack including the mass use of paratroops on Corregidor, the island fortress in Manila Bay, and on General MacArthur's last positions around the bay.

The Philippine war communiqué today gave a grim picture of the situation facing the American and Filipino troops.

It said: "Heavy fighting has been resumed along the entire front with the enemy increasing pressure at all points. The front lines of the American and Philippine troops are being continuously bombed and machine-gunned. Our resistance is steady and valiant."

"Extent of damage and casualties has not yet been determined. It is estimated that at least 45 bombers participated in this attack. Several hostile planes were hit by our anti-aircraft fire."

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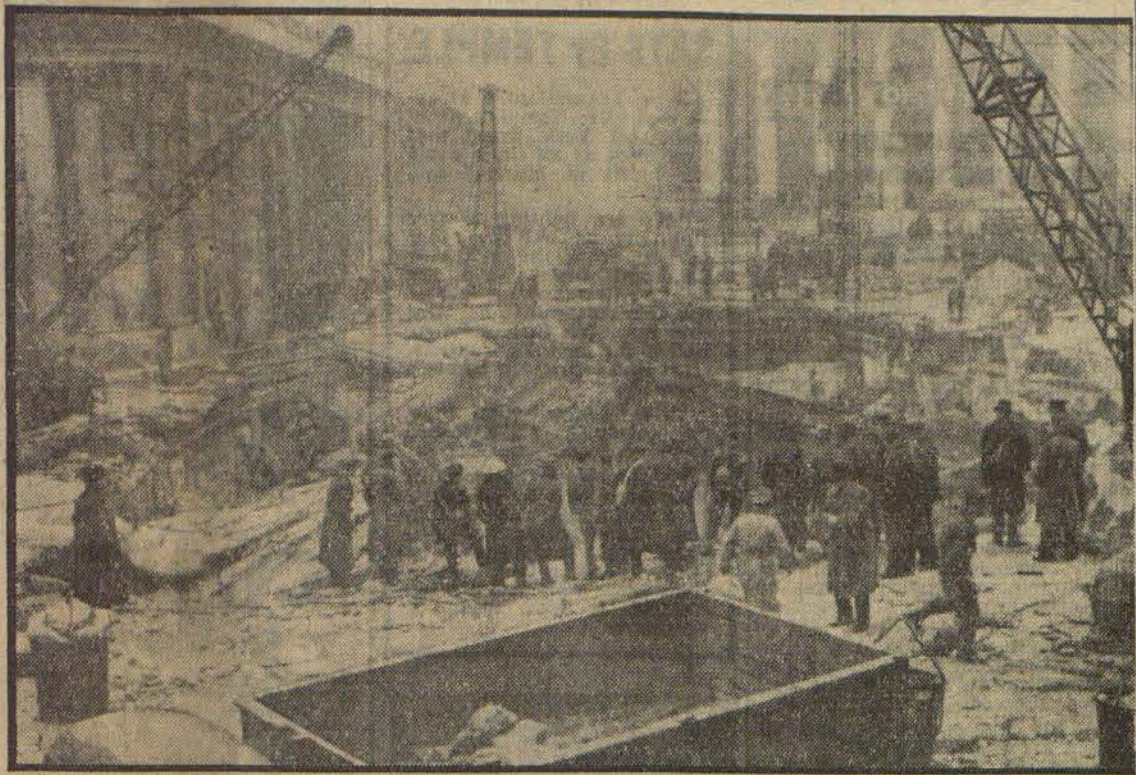
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THE GREAT  
CLEAN-UP—4BANK CORNER... JUST  
ABOUT A YEAR AGO—EVACUEES  
RETURNED  
BY CAR

AFTER the case had been referred back by the High Court for hearing by Pwllheli (Caernarvonshire) magistrates, Frank C. Minoprio, of Haulfryn, Abersoch and Ascot, a former High Sheriff of Caernarvonshire, was fined £10 with five guineas costs yesterday for failing to provide billets for two evacuee children from Liverpool on April 16.

When the case was before the Bench on May 28 Mr J. H. Layton (defending) questioned whether the proceedings were valid on the grounds that Minoprio had been placed in peril by being accused, but not tried, for the same offence on a previous summons.

## DECISION REVERSED

The objection was upheld, but an appeal in the High Court reversed the decision.

Mr Caradoc Davies prosecuted for the Llyn Rural Council, stated yesterday that Minoprio was asked to billet two boys, aged six and seven, at his residence, one of the largest houses in Abersoch.

When the boys were taken there Minoprio was very reluctant to take them in because of his wife's illness.

On April 19 Minoprio took the law in his own hands, and his chauffeur brought back the boys to the council office, saying that he was instructed to return them.

## Now almost "back to normal"

EARLY in January 1941—a year ago this coming weekend—a high-explosive bomb crashed in the street near the Bank of England, plunging through to the subway.

The explosion lifted the roadway. It fell back, trapping people behind masses of concrete. Rescue parties and Pioneer Corps men, who had been clearing debris close by, were at work in a few minutes—lifting in a jumble of concrete, twisted iron girders, lamp-posts, and the remains of a traffic island. The picture above—released for publication yesterday—was taken when the clearing-up was in its first stages.

2. Later men of the Royal Engineers and Pioneer Corps built a temporary bridge across the great crater, and gradually the road surface was reconstructed. The Bank of England is on the left. The Royal Exchange is at the far end of the bridge, which had, when completed, a 10ft-wide roadway, with a white kerb-line, on either side of which were 2ft footways. The surface was of wood, but the whole structure was of massive steel girders in two unequal spans—supported by a pier of steel girders rising from the crater.

3. This picture—on the far side of the page—was taken at the same spot yesterday afternoon by an Express cameraman. The important Bank traffic junction is now well on the "back to normal" way. There is still a barricaded island of work in the centre.

The picture is No. 4 in the new Express series showing how blitzed British cities are being cleaned up.

## 1 in 35

Malta on Tuesday had its first rainless night for five weeks. There were two alerts yesterday.

EIRE NOW HAS GUNS  
AS WELL AS BUTTER

## NEWS IN LINES

Moonlight  
queue

NORWICH women began queuing outside a store in bright moonlight at six o'clock yesterday morning to get first pick of sale-price clothes.

Eventually police had to point-duty the crowds, allowing batches of customers in by relays.

## GOOD NEWS

FOR CHANCELLOR. State-owned pubs in Carlisle, Gretna, and Cromarty Firth earned 1940-41 net profits of £168,017, up £50,172 on previous year.

FOR BAKERS. Wage increase subject to Ministry of Labour approval announced yesterday for bakers, packers, and dispatchers—1d an hour for men and 1d an hour for women.

FOR CLIPPERS. Slacks (dark blue) can be worn by Sheffield women conductresses, the city council decided yesterday.

FOR FATHER. Two-year-old Michael Burke, found by the police wandering alone in the black-out in a street suit on Monday night, was back at home with his father in Botha-street, Higher Openshaw, Manchester, last night.

## BAD NEWS

FOR JAPS. Slogan printed on American business letters: "Remember Pearl Harbour: Americans will not forget it."

FOR TROOPS. East Suffolk Education Committee, meeting next Tuesday, propose to stop Sunday night dances for the Services run by vicar of Needham Market. Says vicar, Rev W. G. H. Thomas: "I shall fight."

FOR EARL OF MANSFIELD. Whose century-old house, Painnes, near Perth, now used for evacuated Edinburgh girls' school, was slightly damaged by fire.

## NO NEWS

Some Press dispatches, are arriving too late for use. Excuse not previously thought of by reporter—a sunspot cycle which, says Empire Press Union, is causing periodic fading of the radio beam.

## WANTED NEWS

OF A BOTTLE of ether bought by a woman in mistake for cough medicine at the open air market in Leigh (Lancashire) yesterday. A police radio car toured the district last night appealing for the woman.

## C.W.S. fined

The Co-operative Wholesale Society was fined 20s, with £2 2s costs, at Manchester yesterday for selling 277lb of rabbits to the Oldham Industrial Co-operative Society at a penny a pound more than the maximum price.

The legendary magistrate (Mr J. Wellesley Orr) said he was satisfied that a genuine mistake had been made.

## CITY NEWS

Cotton drive  
puts shares up

By BERNARD HARRIS

GOVERNMENT decision that the cotton business has now become as vital as munitions work, and that closed mills must be restarted, sent speculators hurrying to buy textile shares yesterday.

Between 10 and 15 per cent. was added to the value of several of the low-priced shares, while Lancashire Cotton Ordinary moved up to 24s, which is about the highest price this share has ever touched.

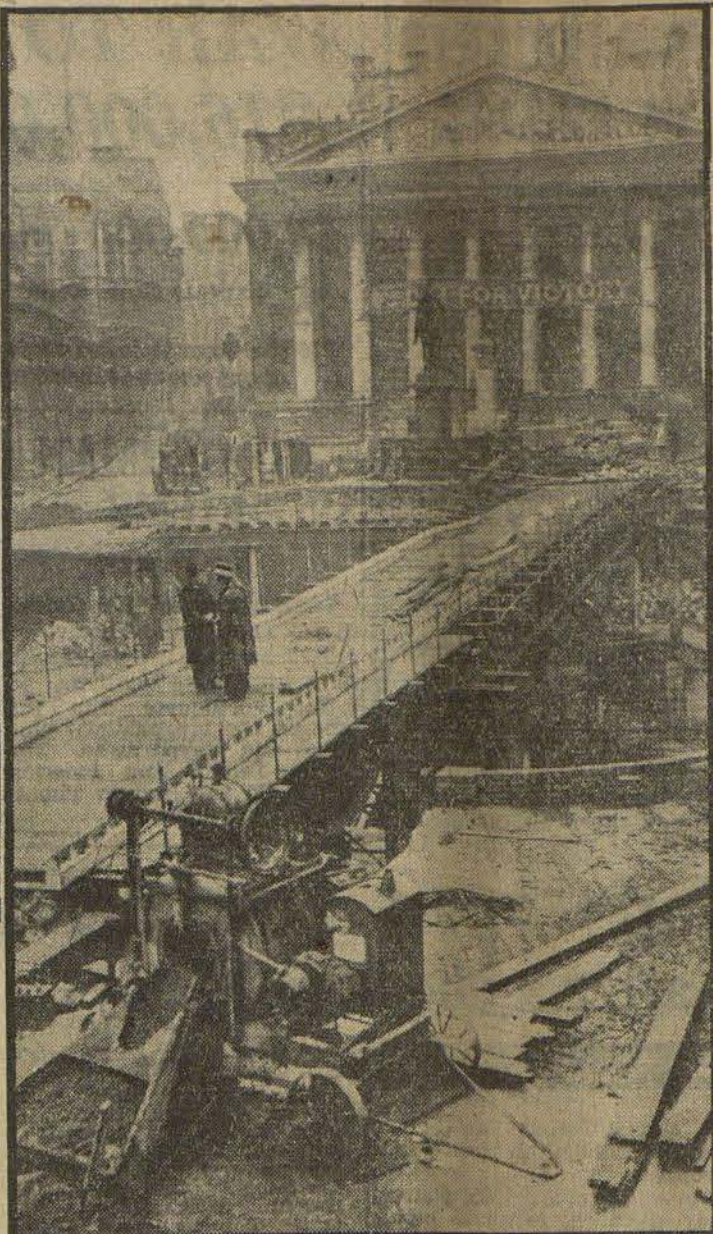
Mysterious buying of Mexican Eagles pushed the price up to 12½, and San Francisco Mines added another 1½.

Selling of Malayan tin shares largely dried up, and rubber shares, too, were steadier, in spite of the new Japanese attacks in Malaya.

Barclays Bank reports a drop of 217,200 in net profits at £1,383,022, but after allowing for heavier taxation it appears that "rose earnings" were little changed on the year.

Dividend on the "B" and "C" shares is again brought up to 14 per cent., a rate which has now been maintained without a break for 20 years.

Aired Bakeries—Interim, 5 per cent. (same).

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## Defence arms from Britain

Express Staff Reporter MONTAGUE LACEY

DUBLIN, Wednesday.

EIRE, still neutral, and opinion unchanged by America's entry into the war, is now becoming a country of guns as well as butter, and her airmen are being trained to fly some of the world's best fighting planes.

Until recently the democracies have needed every scrap of armament for themselves. Now they are able to spare arms for people fighting for their freedom, and to these have been added those who may want to defend their freedom in the future.

## U.S. support

It is known that Britain is supplying Eire with arms and that America is supporting this new move.

New rifles and equipment for the smart, fast-expanding army and anti-aircraft guns for defence are reaching Eire.

There have been other moves by the British Government in the last few weeks.

Shipments of special drugs for Eire from America held by the Admiralty are now being released.

England is releasing gradually raw materials for Eire's industries and buying back the non-war manufactures Eire can supply.

Eire now has more than 86,000 unemployed men and women—probably, apart from Spain, the only country that has any surplus labour. Some of this labour is being recruited for work in England.

New rifle has  
6-inch bayonet

Taking a leaf out of the Commando book—"We use only the first two inches of the dagger blade"—the Army High Command has evolved a new rifle which carries a bayonet six inches long, against the old 18 inches.

The new rifle, the Mark 4, has a longer barrel than the normal service rifle, although the mechanism is the same, and experts claim that it is more efficient than most other types.

## Home Guards shot

Harold Townsley, 41-year-old Bradford Town Guard, shot in the leg while practising rifle shooting in a Bradford gymnasium on Tuesday night, died yesterday.

Another Home Guard, Charles Pearson (21), who was also shot, is in hospital.

## QUID PRO QUO

"Isay, Donald, I wonder if you'd mind swapping your weekend leave with me. I want to run up to Town."

"Utterly, finally and categorically—no."

"Now don't be so difficult, Donald, old man. It's most important. My girl's got a spot of leave, too, and I haven't seen her for centuries."

"Well, supposing I do a deal with you, what do I get out of it?"

"How about a copy of Mein Kampf—or a nice pair of trousers?"

"Nothing doing. But there is

just one thing..."

"Well?"

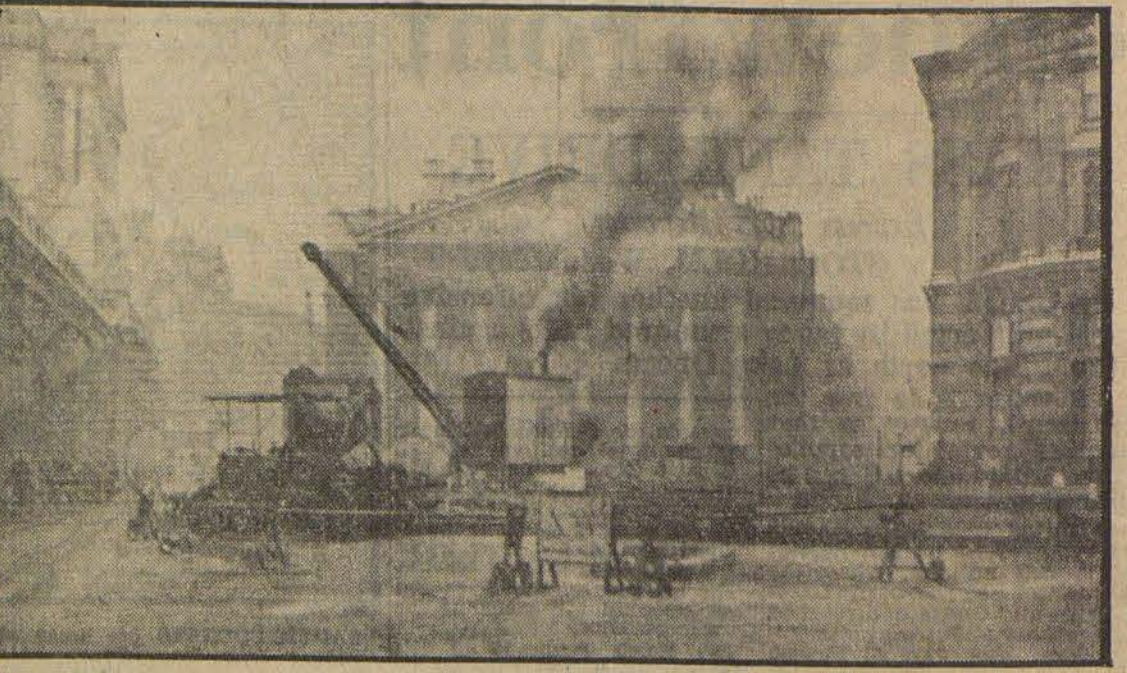
"My Gestapo tells me that you have hoarded away in your hold-all, a bottle of the true, genuine Rose's Lime Juice."

"But this is blackmail."

"So what? Rose's nowadays is scarcer than hot water bottles in the Western Desert. And a desperate man will stick at nothing."

"You're a hard man, Donald, but it can't be helped. Take my bottle of Rose's Lime Juice. But remember, I expect you to repay me with at least a crate of Rose's after the war."

ROSE'S—The Wise Man's Nightcap

—A WHOLE ROADWAY CAVED IN AS  
BOMB CRASHED THROUGH SUBWAY'Commando' corps to  
guard airfields here

Express Political Correspondent GUY EDEN

BUILDING up of the airfield defence corps so that it can not only defend airfields but retake them if they are lost, is planned by the Government. The corps will also deal with air-borne troops and troops, and will be trained in Commando methods.

Development of the organisation is regarded as a matter of urgency, and high priority will be given for the allocation of men and equipment.

The original intention to put only older and less agile men into the force will not be adhered to, as the latest information has convinced Service chiefs that the defence of airfields is perhaps the most important of anti-invasion preparations.

The joint-command system will be continued. Both the R.A.F. and the Army will have a say in the corps' activities. But rearrangement of the supreme command will ensure, it is hoped, elimination of conflicting orders and defence gaps.

The corps will be increased to many times its present strength, and experts in modern warfare will be posted to it as instructors and advisers.

Service chiefs have full reports on the methods used by the Germans and the Japanese to capture airfields in Europe and in Malaya. Improvements in enemy technique have already been worked out.

They won it because they knew what they were going to do. The enemy did not.

The Commandos took house after house defended by the Germans. Once they had successfully reached a house and made an opening—either through doors or windows, or by blowing down the walls—their grenades soon silenced those inside.

Plan your tricks

The lesson here is PREPARE NOW FOR AN INVASION. Every village and every town must have empty houses prepared against every trick the Commandos used.

The Germans had men with tommy-guns lurking in the shadows of every hall. They failed to prevent grenades from being slung in.

Home Guard units everywhere should prepare empty houses so that grenades can be kept out. They should earmark houses now as their strong points—and link them up so that each is a part of the whole defence scheme, not a separate unit.

The defenders must cover attacks on each other, draw the enemy's fire, make him attack where they want him to attack spring surprises on him.

During the remainder of this week I will develop this theme in greater detail.

MINERS GIVE THEIR  
PLAN TO GET MORE COAL

Express Industrial Reporter TREVOR EVANS

MINERS' leaders have proposed a bold plan to Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, and Mr David Grenfell, Secretary for Mines, to secure our target in coal production without bringing another man back to the pits.

They urge the creation of a single national control over every miner in the land. It will be a sort of National Miners' Corporation, which will direct men to any pit in the country while guaranteeing them full wages and allowances.

We are now 300,000 tons short of our target each week. Our manpower in the pits has fallen by 10 per cent compared with March 1939.

The men's leaders say we can make up this deficiency without transferring a single man either from industry or the armed forces if the industry's manpower is planned nationally by a board on which owners and miners will be represented.

Production would be concentrated on the most efficient mines and districts. No good pit would be left without full man-power.

## FIVE ADVANTAGES

This arrangement, the men's leaders have told Mr Ministers, would have five advantages.

Mineworkers would be freed from unnecessary anxiety, good coal-getters could be transferred from uneconomic mines, national wage machinery could be established to provide the necessary guarantees to transferred men and economies could be effected in production and distribution by cutting out the insistence of some coalowners for sticking to their traditional markets.

Obviously any scheme will have to make provision for dealing drastically with absenteeism. South Yorkshire coalowners were considering last night whether to prosecute miners for absenteeism on New Year's Day. This cost the nation 57,000 tons of coal.

PLUGGING  
THE  
PLUGGER

## A B.B.C. repeat

By JONAH BARRINGTON

WHILE it is laid down in the B.B.C. Charter that there shall be no commercial advertising on the air, there is confusion of thought at the B.B.C. over the application of the "no-plugging" rule.

Mr John Watt, director of variety, states: "We do not give commercial credits." Yet it is in order for Miss Rebecca West to give Brains Trust publicity to the paper of which she is a director.

## "Arose naturally"

The B.B.C. argued yesterday: "Miss West's remarks, which included the name of the magazine with which she is associated, arose naturally out of the question. The remarks will not be removed from the recording, and will be re-broadcast next Sunday."

Another headache for conscientious officials is song "plugging," prevalent throughout the B.B.C. A publisher admitted last night: "We pay three guineas a time to some band leaders for one performance of one tune. The system is frowned upon but allowed. A band-of-the-week can thus make an extra £300 on top of the £200 paid by the B.B.C. If the B.B.C. paid their bands more the practice would stop."

## EXPERT TEACHERS

A statement on the general principles of the Cabinet's decision is to be made immediately.

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# Russians hit on new front

## MASS TANK DRIVE

Express Staff Reporter

STOCKHOLM, Wednesday.

**R**USSIA has mounted another big offensive supported by many armoured units against the Finns north of Lake Onega.

Its object is to free the Murmansk railway so that another route for supplies from Britain and U.S. can be opened up from the Arctic.

Fighting in Eastern Karelia is reported to be the fiercest since last autumn, when the Finns pushed between Lakes Ladoga and Onega and reached the railway at Petrozavodsk.

Wave after wave of Russian units is being thrown against the Finns, and it is thought the armoured forces have been released for this offensive because of successes elsewhere.

### REINFORCEMENTS

Large Russian reinforcements are reported to have reached Leningrad, and Berlin tonight admits heavy attacks with penetration of German positions round the city.

Over hundreds of miles of snow-bound earth and ice-locked rivers, with snow drifts 10ft deep, the Russians are still advancing against tens of thousands of fresh German troops which Hitler is desperately throwing into the battle.

The enemy, having regrouped his forces and stopped what looked like becoming a general rout, is now stubbornly fighting every inch of the way.

Several new German divisions rushed from Poland and Silesia are today battling furiously around Rzhev and Mozhaisk, two towns which are vital to the German defence on the Moscow front.

They are struggling to save the remnants of several German crack divisions which are in danger of being trapped by General Zhukov's encircling movement at Mozhaisk.

### STEADY HEADWAY

Marshal Timoshenko's offensive further south in the Ukraine is making steady headway, according to Soviet reports, which admit that the German forces here are very strong, still in possession of their main armaments, and putting up a very tough resistance.

Yet reports received in Stockholm indicate that General Reichenau, the German commander at Kharkov, has already laid plans for the city's eventual evacuation.

While this is cheerful for Timoshenko the Soviet Marshal does not expect either an easy or speedy victory. His army is 30 miles from the city.

The approaches to it are thickly sown with mines, traps, and every imaginable entanglement and obstacle.

In the Crimea Russian troops are advancing swiftly from east and west in a concerted drive

towards the Perekop bottleneck which, if reached, will trap all German forces in the peninsula. The column which landed yesterday at Eupatoria, on the west coast, is engaged in bitter hand-to-hand fighting, and more troops are landing along miles of beaches. The big guns of the Black Sea Fleet are constantly pounding the German positions.

The Kerch Peninsula of the Crimea is now cleared of the enemy. Sailors of the Red Navy helped in the mopping-up, and in this sector 2,000 enemy troops were killed in the past few days.

"The Russians have not yet reached our 'Winter Line,' where we propose to stabilise our positions," said Hitler's military spokesman today.

Berlin is trying to explain to foreign Press representatives why the forces of the Reich are still falling back. This is yet another indication that the German public is being prepared for news of further retreats.

### Malaya queries

Relatives of people in British Malaya are invited to write for news to the Association of British Malaya, 31-32, Haymarket, London, S.W.1.

# Hitler: Here are the facts

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weeks that the long-standing feud between the Nazi Party and the German generals is seething under the surface.

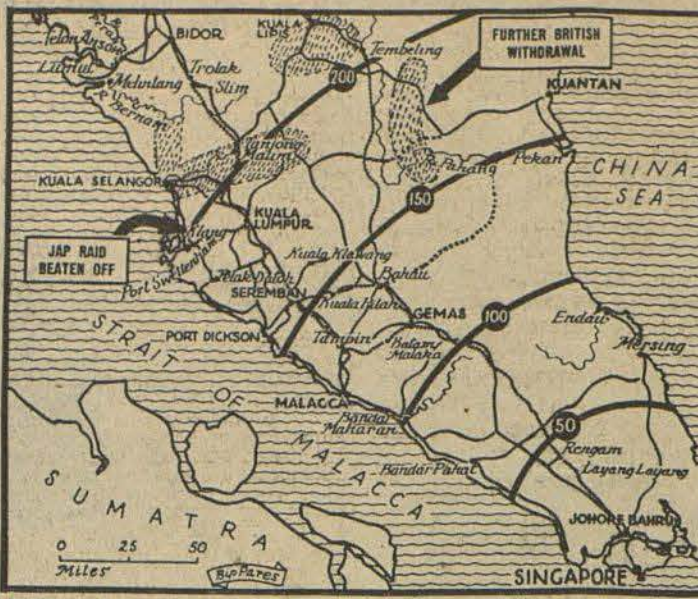
It is possible that Hitler, by dismissing his principal officers, has nipped a possible army putsch in the bud.

His new anxiety may well be that when the full extent of the German disaster in Russia becomes evident to the ordinary people, coupled with winter privations, the Potsdam military clique may think the time at hand to try again.

Disillusioned by "wishful thinking" about German conditions at the beginning of the war people in this country are apt to discredit all stories of unrest and trouble now coming from Germany.

It is fair to comment that if a British Prime Minister had made the promises that Hitler did: "Vic-

# WAR POCKETS IN MALAYA



SHADED POCKETS are areas where fighting is now going on. Distances from Singapore are recorded in circles on the arc-bars crossing the map.

## Japan loses 6,000 more men

Express Correspondent

CHUNGKING, Wednesday. — Japan lost 6,000 troops in the retreat from Changsha, said tonight's official Chinese communiqué.

"The Japanese offensive in Hunan Province has completely collapsed, and troops are retreating in wild disorder."

The Japanese Official News Agency explained: "A strategic withdrawal has been made from Changsha."

## Japs open new drive after a check in Malaya

FROM PAGE ONE

on successfully in Malaya—to force a withdrawal from Kuala Lumpur.

Going in advance of the planned army operation, Japanese planes attacked Klang. They were beaten off. There was no damage, neither were there casualties.

Not only have the Japanese been

# WAR TO COST U.S. £16,000,000 A DAY

£3,000,000 more than Britain

Express Staff Reporter C. V. R. THOMPSON

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

**I**N the time it takes to read this dispatch, America has spent about £112,000 on the war to end Hitlerism.

## NO GERMAN FILMS

By request

Lisbon does not like German films. The Sinasio Theatre was rented for showing propaganda films until next summer.

But Portuguese film fans ignored the big publicity campaign and stayed away. They prefer British and American films. So the Sinasio Theatre has to close down.

President Roosevelt presented the nation today with the bill for those 60,000 planes, 45,000 tanks, 20,000 anti-aircraft guns, and 8,000,000 tons of ships. He has ordered for the expeditionary forces he is going to send to the British Isles and anywhere else where it will hurt the Axis.

It was the largest Budget ever devised by any nation at any time anywhere—about £15,500,000,000.

Direct taxes to raise about £1,750,000,000, more than double the revenue of last year, are required, and indirect taxes on almost everything are expected. Even so, America's first year of war will leave behind it a deficit bigger than ever before incurred by a Government, and a public debt too astronomical to think about.

At the close of the year this will reach about £27,605,250,000.

President Roosevelt said these enormous debt loads could be discharged without undue hardship after victory has been won. America took it on the chin.

## "We can do it"

Just as industry replied, "We can do it, and we will," after it was confronted with Roosevelt's production demands yesterday, so did the taxpayer say today, "We can pay, and we will."

Drastic price control and equally drastic Excess Profit Taxes are forecast to prevent anything from keeping down the cost of the war.

This, although only a month old so far as America is concerned, will amount to £16,000,000 or so a day. Britain's £12,000,000, after more than two years' fighting.

The Budget is believed to total nearly double the amount Germany is spending annually.

The outlay for the army alone, £3,725,000,000, is almost exactly the total spent for all war purposes in the closing year of the last war.

Ration cards will not be issued at present because, the President said, "There are no scarcities," but he asked for "restraint in consumption, especially of scarce products."

## Girl conchie goes to jail

A girl conscientious objector—Constance E. Bolan, aged 20, domestic servant, of Station-road, Kenton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, chose to go to prison for a month rather than pay a fine of 40s imposed on her at Newcastle for failing to comply with a Labour Ministry order.

It was said that she was told to take employment as a dining-room maid at a Newcastle hotel, but she failed to do so. She said she was not prepared to do any work of national importance.

The night manager said: "On Wednesday the men are given a late concession to 10 p.m., but some try to drive it later than that."

"We turned away only those who live locally and who could have been well on time if they had made an effort."

## Factory workers locked out

Inquiry today

Express Staff Reporter

Shop stewards at a big Manchester factory will today ask the management why a number of night shift workers were locked out last night.

One worker who had to go back home told me: "With other men I arrived at the factory at two or three minutes past ten to find the gates locked. The policeman refused to fetch our shop steward, and the night manager would not see us."

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## Russian mine kills German general

Express Staff Reporter

BERLIN, Wednesday. — Major-General George Braun, commander of a Brandenburg division, has been killed by a mine on the Eastern Front, says the German News Agency.

Braun's division took part in the night assault on Kiev last week. In the Low Countries and France he led an infantry division.—Reuter.

# DUTCH SAY "ATTACK, ATTACK, ATTACK AGAIN"

Express Correspondent MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

**D**R HUBERTUS VAN MOOK, Lieutenant-General of the Dutch East Indies, sounded this call to action today after a conference with Mr Curtin, Australian Premier:—

"The Allies must attack, attack, attack. It is no good sitting on the defensive in the Pacific."

"Attack is the best means of defence against the Japanese."

"First task of the Allies must be to rush sufficient forces to Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies to establish a line which the Japanese cannot cross."

"My talks with Mr Curtin showed that the Australian Government is willing to do anything possible to help in the defence of the Indies."

Later Dr Mook will confer with the Service chiefs on technical details of the Indies' defence.

He made these additional points: Singapore will hold, although the present threat is grave.

The Dutch Indies will apply the scorched-earth policy if necessary to the last ounce of material.

General Mook regards the Indies Army as first-class fighting men.

The unified Pacific Command is greeted with great satisfaction by the Dutch.

Banker friend of Spitfire fund dies

Mr Arthur Doble, banker and father of Miss Frances Doble, the actress, has died in Montreal. Mr Doble, who was 70, came of an old Cornish family and went to Canada when a child. He raised a considerable sum in Canada for the Spitfire Fund.

# DON'T HATE GERMANS, SAYS Dr TEMPLE

In a Transatlantic broadcast Dr Temple, Archbishop of York, urged that "we must at all times avoid the spirit of hatred," and added:—

"We are fighting to free Germany as well as other nations from the evil now dominant there. We are fighting Germany for love of the Germans still to be. And this love, for their sake as well as for the sake of others, must find expression through justice."

Talk of retribution must be carefully distinguished from vengeance, he said.

Not much of the spirit of vengeance was to be found in Britain. It was least in the places which had suffered most. It was those who still feared attack rather than those who had already endured it who spoke of vengeance.

## WORLD-AT-WAR NEWS FLASHES

## GERMANY MAY USE ZEPPELIN AIR-CARRIERS

Germans will use Graf Zeppelins to carry bombing planes near the American coast, say Washington military experts. The two Zeppelins now in Germany could carry ten bombers apiece.

Keels for two new Tribal Class destroyers are to be laid by Canada.

Petrol rationing starts in South Africa next month.

Slackers in Italian munition plants will get no pay, says Rome radio.

Vichy tells U.S.A. she may have observation post on St Pierre and Miquelon (islands occupied by De Gaulle Navy) as soon as Vichy gets them back.

Gestapo member Alois Schillberg sent to jail by Mexican Government. Charge: Disrupting Mexico-U.S. relations.

First Army-Air Force co-operation school opens in Australia. Purpose: Train men to defend airfields.

## Weights more

A bulletin issued from Barnwell Manor, Peterborough, last night said the Duchess of Gloucester and her son are doing well, and the young prince is steadily gaining weight.

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## DRAMATIC TRIBUTE TO YEAST-VITE

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Dec. 16th, 1941.

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I have for years suffered from the most distressing attacks of migraine and have suffered agonies, unable to find any relief.

Some few months back I had an attack and happened to notice your advertisement and decided to see if by chance Yeast-Vite Tablets would do me any good.

My surprise was great—after 2 to 3 hours I could get up again free from pain, whereas previously it meant going to bed for the whole day with terrible pains in the head and feeling quite exhausted next day.

I shall always try to keep some by me and cannot express my gratitude for what they have done for me.

(Sgd) M. B.

Health And Energy Soon Restored

Alva, Dec. 18th, 1941.

Dear Sirs,—I write to thank you for the great benefit I have derived through taking Yeast-Vite. I am a lumber jack and have been working 11 hours a day all summer. I am over 40 now. Feeling my strength and energy failing me I at once started to take Yeast-Vite. Within a week's time my health and energy were soon restored.

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Cheimsford.

Dec. 17th, 1941.

Dear Sirs,—After so many years using your Yeast-Vite tablets, I feel I must write and say how valuable I have found them. For five to six years I have never been without a bottle in my pocket, wherever I go.

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(Sgd) J. B.

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## S.S. divisions

Nickel and copper stocks may be used up at the present rate of expenditure by the end of this year.

But held on a minute. It is calculated in London that she is turning out more aircraft than ever, and is certainly producing fewer tanks. To some extent she has also succeeded in increasing her submarine production.

Regular radio appeals are being made for recruits for S.S. divisions. Men, irrespective of education or social standards, would be accepted, it is said.

It is a fact that the German High Command sent at least four S.S. divisions into the worst of the Russian fighting, with the result that they were almost annihilated.

They may have been butchered deliberately as a Potsdam political move. Certain it is that Hitler's desperate efforts to recruit a new personal army for Hitler is political expediency. It is not established as a fact, but there are strong

## Greyhounds

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