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## Doenitz puts in a Junker from Oxford as Foreign Secretary RIBBENTROP IS SACKED

### New Fuehrer's first command

Admiral Doenitz, the new Nazi Fuehrer, has sacked Ribbentrop and appointed in his place an obscure, Oxford-educated Junker—Count Schwerin von Krosigk. Von Krosigk's appointment as the new Reich Minister of Foreign Affairs was announced quietly at the end of Hamburg's 12.30 news bulletin. Ribbentrop was not mentioned.

Ribbentrop, once Ambassador in London, was Foreign Minister throughout the period of Nazi conquest. Now he is succeeded by a man regarded as one of the least Nazi-infected members of Hitler's politicians.

Von Krosigk was Minister of Finance in the Von Papen, Schleicher and Hitler Cabinets from 1932 until about 1938; since then there has been little news of his activities.

#### The last news item

He represents the Right-Wing Conservative elements in Germany, comes from an old aristocratic family of officers, and played an important part in German politics before Hitler's rise to power.

He was educated at Lausanne and Hallé universities, as well as Oxford, and speaks fluent English.

He is a former Rhodes scholar, and once successfully impersonated an English policeman in a rag arrest at Oxford.

The possibility immediately was considered, adds the Associated Press, that Von Krosigk has been appointed by Doenitz as a peace emissary because recently he had no known close contacts with the Nazis. Nothing has been heard on the German radio of the "important announcement," which, according to a previous German broadcast, was to be transmitted over the German radio this morning between 10 and 12.30. Krosigk's appointment was read only at the end of the regular news bulletin.

### RUNDSTEDT CAPTURED

SEVENTH ARMY, Wednesday. — Field-marshal Von Rundstedt, the great rearguard expert, has made his last retreat. He has been captured by Seventh Army troops at Badtölz, 22 miles from Munich. Rundstedt is the Allies' biggest military catch so far. Von Rundstedt was in retirement and was taking health treatment at Badtölz, where his temporary home was part of a hospital.

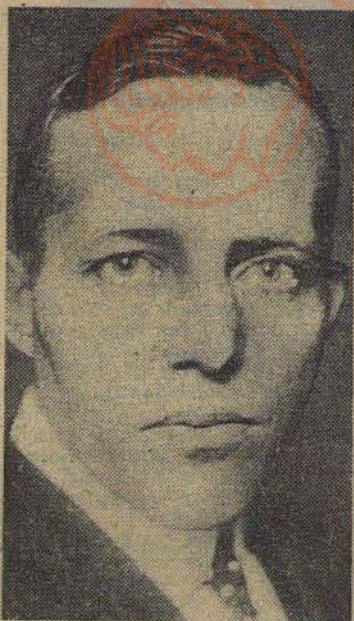
He said he had been expecting the Americans in the morning, but had just finished dinner with his wife and son last night when they saw American tanks approaching. He appeared to be glad to be in Allied hands.—B.U.P. and A.P.

### BUCHENWALD MEN IN PARIS

PARIS, Wednesday. — Wearing their prison clothes, about 100 men freed from Nazi "terror camps" including Buchenwald, and Hordhausen, last night fed the flame of the "Unknown Soldier" at the Arc de Triomphe.

The former prefect of the Rhone department, M. Bollaert, who was No. 77,127 at Buchenwald, officiated, while bells tolled "for the dead."

General Koenig, Military Governor of Paris, M. Henri Frey, Minister of Prisoners, and M. Henri Teitgen, Minister of Information, took part in the ceremony, after which the liberated men marched down the Champs Elysees, cheered by the crowd.—Reuter.



Count von Krosigk.

## Norway mystery Nazi C-in-C says 'fight on,' but they may be getting out

Evening Standard Correspondent, Stockholm, Wednesday.

General Boehme, German Commander-in-Chief in Norway, has issued a defiant "Fight on" order of the day to his troops. He says:

"Soldiers of my command, the Fuehrer has died for you. His life work has been for Germany. His command to us to fight for Germany is to-day as valid as ever."

### Naval commander in Norway goes

Admiral Ciliax, the German Naval Commander in Norway, has been dismissed and replaced by Admiral Kranke, former Chief of Naval Staff of General Boehme, German Commander-in-Chief in Norway, according to information reaching Norwegian circles in London.

It is known that at the last meeting between Reich Commissar Terboven and the German military chiefs in Norway Admiral Ciliax was in favour of capitulation.

### AT VICTORIA MEMORIAL

#### Lights tested for VE-Night

Street lamps round the Victoria Memorial were again tested to-day, presumably in preparation for the crowd scenes outside Buckingham Palace on VE-Night.

Horses from the Royal Mews which will draw the King and Queen's coach when they drive to St. Paul's Cathedral for the thanksgiving service were exercised with a brake to-day.

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## West: 1,500,000 bag: Italy, 160,000 haul

The Allied Armies in the West captured more than 1,500,000 prisoners in April, including 150 generals and admirals. Shaefer announced to-day. More than 160,000 prisoners have been captured in Italy.

Battle-front despatches to-day showed that in spite of the news of Hitler's death and the reports

of peace negotiations, the Allied armies are pressing on without pause in their tasks of disintegrating the Reich. German fleeing north of Berlin and retreating headlong before the Russian advance towards Luck are in the track of the advancing British forces. Red Army tanks and Cossack regiments bearing down on an 80-mile front have advanced 20

THROUGH SWEDEN But Stockholm is hearing rumours that behind this facade of defiance the Germans are planning to abandon Norway, just as they are evidently giving up Denmark. This is what these stories (all of them unconfirmed) are saying.

Swedish Foreign Office officials now negotiating with the Germans in Copenhagen brought up the matter of a German evacuation of Norway similar to that begun in Denmark.

It was suggested that some of the Wehrmacht troops in Norway would, with Allied permission, be evacuated through Sweden; but the majority would be sent by Norwegian railways and German ships.

The German Governor in Denmark, Dr. Werner Best, has been empowered to negotiate a surrender in Norway as well as in Denmark, and Quisling's unofficial Foreign Minister, Mr. Stoen, is reported to have flown to Copenhagen. Norwegian circles in Stockholm

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## Himmler still No. 1

By WILLIAM ALISON

Enquiries I have made point to the belief that Himmler is still No. 1 in Germany. One thing that fortifies that belief is that he already has control of what is left of the German military and political machines. He is, therefore, still the man to whom the Allies have to look for the next move.

Doenitz has declared his intention of fighting on, and it remains to be seen whether he can attempt that and what backing he will have, but the position inside Germany according to latest reports has now deteriorated to such an extent that the end is near no matter who is in control.

### Where is Goebbels

The emergence of Doenitz might possibly postpone final surrender, but cannot alter it. One question being asked to-day is, where does Goebbels come in now? It is even being said that he may be dead.

The story that Hitler died the heroic death of a soldier in battle is completely discounted. There seems no reason to doubt that his death has taken place.

The fact that Count Bernadotte brought no second offer from Himmler has occasioned no surprise. There was no question of negotiation. Himmler's approach to Bernadotte was that he realised that Germany is nearly at her last gasp, and he wanted to stop the shooting.

### Ultimatum

After the first offer of surrender to Britain and America Bernadotte was told to tell Himmler that surrender must be to all the Allies. That was an ultimatum.

One possible reaction to that might have been, it was thought, a statement on the wireless by Himmler to the German people that they must give up.

It can be said definitely now that Himmler did not seek to make any bargain for his own safety as a condition of bringing about surrender.

### The big news

When surrender does take place Mr. Churchill will give the news to the public at the first opportunity. If the news becomes available during the night there will be no immediate broadcast, but it will be put over at the earliest hour at which people would generally be listening in.

### London girls safe in Philippines

LUZON H.Q., Wednesday. — Two young London girls, Mary and Elizabeth Dickson, 18 and 15 years old who were at Baguio, northern hill-resort city in Luzon, captured by the Americans several days ago, are now safe at U.S. Army H.Q.—Reuter.

miles in a day, capturing Stralsund, last big coastal town east of Rostock.

The battle for Berlin is now a gigantic mopping-up operation, where the Red Army yesterday killed 8000 Germans and cleared the Charlottenburg and Schoenberg districts.

Patton's tanks are 18 miles from Linz.—Reuter.

London's mothers and children coming home

## NO MORE SIRENS

Not even for V-Day

THE NATIONAL AIR RAID WARNING SYSTEM, AND THE INDUSTRIAL ALARM SCHEME WAS DISCONTINUED FROM MID-DAY TO-DAY.

This was announced by the Ministry of Home Security, who stated that no more air-raid warning messages will be passed through the Post Office telephone system and it will no longer be necessary that telephones should be continuously manned solely for the receipt of such messages.

The sirens will not sound to indicate the "Alert" or "Raiders Passed," and bell circuits to industrial concerns connected to the industrial alarm scheme will no longer be used to pass imminent danger warnings.

The control of noise orders, which prevented the use of sound instruments, sirens, hooters, rattles, etc., except to give air raid warnings have been rescinded, and such instruments may again be put to their peace-time uses.

The air raid sirens will not be used to indicate the cessation of hostilities.

It is also now possible to abolish in most parts of the country such lighting restrictions as still remain.

Within the coastal belt, however, there will be for the present no change. Vehicle lighting from now on will be subject only to peace-time regulations made by the Ministry of War Transport, even in coastal areas, except that in the coastal areas the interior lighting of public service vehicles and trains will, for the time being, be kept at its present standard.

Restrictions on torches and handlamps have also been removed throughout the whole country.

The first siren in London and other parts of south-east England sounded at 11.30 a.m. on the first day of the war, Sunday, September 3, 1939.

The last siren in London was on March 28, at 7.52 a.m. Altogether Londoners heard the wailing of the air raid warning 1224 times since the beginning of the war.

## THE FIRST TRAIN HOME

In a month's time

Evacuees from London can come home—if they have homes to come back to. This was announced to-day by Mr. Willink, Health Minister, when he told local authorities to operate the "return to London plans."

The first Government special train, carrying mothers with children, will run in about a month's time. Special trains for schoolchildren will start in about six weeks.

Homecoming plans in full—PAGE FOUR

## MORE FOOD FOR DUTCH

From BERT WEMP

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY, Wednesday. — After weeks of negotiations a large convoy of Canadian trucks driven by fighting troops rolled through the Canadian line at daybreak with food for 3,500,000 starving Dutch.

A thousand tons a day will be delivered to a central point for supervised distribution.

## WORKERS WALK TO THE CITY

Tram, trolleybus strike

Evening Standard Reporter

Thousands of City workers scrambled to work to-day as best they could—walking, hitch-hiking or by taxicab—as they once did in the blitz.

But the cause to-day was not bombs, but strikers. Tram, trolleybus and a few petrol bus workers have struck in protest against London Transport's summer schedule, begun to-day after a week's suspension.

The strike is unofficial and representatives of the Transport and General Workers' Union have told the strikers that the union are not interested in an immediate strike.

A strike committee man told me: "We advise people to use the Tubes as much as they can. We don't want to inconvenience fellow-workers if we can help it. The position during to-night's rush hours will probably be much worse."

London Transport announce that tram and trolleybus depots on strike are: New Cross, Camberwell, Clapham, Strathmore, Wandsworth.

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## Explosion at arms works: 8 killed

3 women, 5 men

Eight people were killed by an explosion at a Royal Ordnance factory in the North to-day, says the Ministry of Supply. The explosion was heard some miles from the factory.

The dead people are: Mrs. Isabella Bailey, Mrs. Elsie Barrett (widow), James Bunton (married), William Clark Hudson (married), William Mitchell (single), Christopher Seagrave (married), Edmund Smith (married) and Alice Wilson (single).

One person was injured and taken to hospital. Next-of-kin of casualties have been informed.



# Better the gallows

**H**ITLER dies! There is something unsatisfactory in the conjunction of the words. Death seems too human an experience for a being who in life knew no humanity. A toad sat on his soul. Nature should have allotted some special method for his exit. Instead, Death has touched him, and Death is defiled.

▲ How do the people view the announcement of his death? The rejoicing today is tinged with a certain regret. First, because his death and the emergence of Doenitz as new Fuehrer may delay VE-Day. Second, because Hitler dead in face of his enemies may be a danger. Hitler alive still gave justice a chance to demolish any hope there might be of perpetuating into a legend the memory of this evil little gangster, a mediocrity in all save malice.

▲ Solemn Wagnerian strains and the roll of drums gave the news of his death, and thus the first step was taken towards the creation of Hitler the Myth. There will be other steps taken before Germany finally surrenders to create a picture of him in the German memory as the genius whom only a malevolent world prevented from raising Germany to her true place in the sun.

▲ And there will be more attempts when the war is over to exalt him as the Statesman who selflessly gave his life in Europe's cause; as the Soldier who died in battle, as the Thinker whose greatness must yet guide German destiny. This is a truth which, if the world's peace is to be held must be faced.

▲ For there seems no consciousness of guilt in Germany. Her citizens look upon the infamies of Belsen and Buchenwald unmoved. They know they have lost the war but see no justice in the outcome. For them the ruin that has come upon their country is but a repeated episode in German history. They see grandeur in this "Twilight of the Gods" where humanity sees naught but the eclipse of shabby idols.

▲ Not all the German people will fall victims to the build-up of the dead Fuehrer. Many there must be who will execrate his memory, who will keep hot hatred in their hearts for the man who brought ruin and death upon them and their children. But it is to his grave that others will make secret pilgrimages and over his bones the conspiratorial oaths will be sworn. The Allies must be on guard and watchful.

▲ It was important for humanity that the man should die. But it would have been better if he had died on the gallows, his wickedness exposed and punished, his foul body hanging there for all Germans to see—and, seeing, learn.

▲ Finally, the conquering British people may feel the official news that the siren will be heard no more is a better subject for rejoicing than the departure of the man who started that banshee howling in the night.

# THE LONDONER'S DIARY

**B**IG news comes every moment from Germany. Hitler dies. Admiral Doenitz gets the surprise appointment as the new Fuehrer. Ribbentrop is sacked. What is going on in the battered Reich?

Military men believe the choice of Doenitz means that the sorely beset "redoubt" of Bavaria will be transferred to Norway.

In diplomatic circles there is caution about the sackings. It may mean dissension about surrender; but, I am warned, it may be just a trick to move the "sacked" men to the Nazi "underground."

## New U-boat chief

Doenitz is thought to have at his disposal about 300 U-boats in Norwegian waters. 50,000 naval men—reputed very loyal to him—and an army and air force of about 200,000. Within a few hours of Hitler's death, General Boehme, the Commander-in-Chief in Norway, has called on his troops to fight on.

There seems little doubt that Norway will be the Nazi "last ditch." This view is strengthened by the fact that Fuehrer Doenitz has sacked Admiral Ciliax, commander of the U-boats in Norway.

## VE-Day deferred?

Ciliax, it seems, was wobbling about surrender. In his place Doenitz has placed Admiral Kranke. About Kranke neither Doenitz nor Boehme will have any doubts. Kranke has been chief of staff to Boehme.

Norway has this to offer the Germans. There are hundreds of fjords to shelter the U-boats. It is the only stronghold left to them which would need another amphibious operation to subdue.

Maybe VE-Day will be deferred by this move. In any case, not Doenitz, not Himmler, nor anyone else can stage off unconditional surrender.

## Von Rundstedt

**A**LTHOUGH he is approaching 70, an advanced age for military commanders in these mechanised days, Von Rundstedt has shown himself an able general in the field.

Field-marshal Montgomery rates Von Rundstedt's abilities as considerably more than those of Rommel; and nobody should know better than Montgomery, who opposed, and defeated, both in battle.

Now the capture of Von Rundstedt has no bearing on the collapse of Germany. He retired—or was "demoted"—from the command of the Western front last March. Like his fellow marshals, List and Von Leeb, he becomes a museum piece in Allied hands.

## Icy

After our Normandy landing had triumphed, it was suggested that Von Rundstedt was the likeliest of the German generals to head the surrender. Instead, he appeared as chairman of the Court of Honour which dealt with Hitler's would-be assassins of last July.

Von Rundstedt, in fact, is a Junker of Junkers—icy, reserved, correct, a stickler for discipline. Long before his command ended he was reported to be a sick man.

He had a long crescendo of success early in the war—in Poland, France and Russia; his failures since D-Day now end in a prison cage.

## Cars in Australia

**C**REATION of a £1,000,000 company by Lord Nuffield to manufacture and assemble motorcars in Australia has surprised the motor industry here. However, he is not the only one taking this step.

I learn that Messrs. Rootes are negotiating with the Australian Government for the foundation of a factory there.

Sir William Rootes, or his brother Reginald, may be leaving for Australia and other parts of the Empire soon.

## Minister moves

**I** HEAR of another Minister who is not contesting his present seat at the General Election—Sir D. King-Murray, Solicitor-general for Scotland. He sits for North Midlothian.

Sir David was not an M.P. when he was appointed Solicitor-general in 1941; it

## FREEDOM FROM FEAR

We allowed our whole lives to be ruled as we best thought fit. We were free to do as we pleased. We must now vote against any policy which would make Europe, either by too much disarmament, or by too much armament, a place where we can no longer live in peace. We must vote against any policy which would make Europe a place where we can no longer live in peace.

War-time restrictions have worked well. We were in short supply and that was not a bad thing. We must now vote against any policy which would make Europe a place where we can no longer live in peace. We must vote against any policy which would make Europe a place where we can no longer live in peace.

## FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Worshipping as you like seems very reasonable. But if you think of the people who have been persecuted for their faith, you will see that it is not so simple. We must vote against any policy which would make Europe a place where we can no longer live in peace. We must vote against any policy which would make Europe a place where we can no longer live in peace.

Don't you remember, when you were a child, how you used to go to church? You would go to church every Sunday, and you would sing hymns, and you would pray. But now, when you are a grown-up, you don't go to church any more. You don't sing hymns, and you don't pray. You are free to do as you please. But is that really freedom?

## A very silly piece of propaganda

**I** CONFESS myself puzzled and bewildered by some of the Conservative Party propaganda.

I have been reading a pamphlet called "Back to Civvy Street." It is addressed to women in the Services and consists of four pages. The first page is given to a drawing (here reproduced) of a girl in a frock, her discarded uniform on a chair.

The other three pages are filled with closely printed matter which is hard to read and still more difficult to understand.

Presumably the object of the pamphlet is to win demobilised women to the Conservative cause. It fails completely. There is no point in it, nor is there any argument.

took 19 months (during which time he remained Solicitor-general) to find a seat for him. That was a record time for a Minister to be without a seat in Parliament.

He holds another record. Within one week he was successively Lord Murray, Mr. Murray and Sir David Murray. He held the title of Lord while he was chairman of the Scottish Land Court; this was a judicial title, which he had to give up on resigning from the Land Court.

## Next Governor-general

**A**PPPOINTMENT of a Governor-General for Canada, in succession to the Earl of Athlone whose term expires in June, is widely discussed among Canadians in London. Few of them will be surprised if the appointment goes to Mr. Vincent Massey, the High Commissioner in London.

Mr. Massey has been in London ten years. He is a wealthy man, able easily to bear the cost of maintaining Rideau Hall. His family founded the Canadian agricultural machinery company of Massey-Harris, out of which grew the Massey Trust, which is administered by the High Commissioner.

## Cellar for sale

**O**NE of the biggest wine sales for some time took place to-day. Mr. Taylor Restell offered by auction wines from the cellar of the Langham Hotel, which has been closed since the early days of the war.

Also being sold are 10 dozen of claret and some half-dozen of 1848 brandy, the property of Baron Helmut Schröder, who inherited his father's stock of wines and spirits.

The late Baron Schröder was born in Hamburg; he became a naturalised British subject two days before the last war began, thus preventing the family banking firm of J. Henry Schröder from falling into the hands of the Custodian of Enemy Property.

## £6 9s. champagne

Bidding was brisk for the Langham wines. Highest price for champagne was for Krug—private Cuvee—vintage 1929; six and a half dozen fetched £6 9s. a bottle. Average price for Bollinger,

## BACK TO...

## Civvy Street



It is a very silly piece of propaganda.

Who is in charge of Conservative propaganda? There are all kinds of rumours about the identity of the man really in command. It would be interesting to know what are his qualifications for the job. No one could be expected to present the Conservative case attractively without full experience in such matters.

No doubt there are many very good and experienced men in the Conservative organisation who would be able to advance the cause and sway the voters.

I recall that Lord Woolton had a most brilliant team of propagandists when he was at the Ministry of Food.

Compared with the other parties, the Conservative propaganda department is in poor shape.

Mumm and Pol Roger, all 1929, was £5 16s. a bottle.

Chateau Margaux 1928 reached £3 a bottle; Chateau Lafite 1929, £4 a bottle. A small amount of 1929 Chateau Pontet Canet claret was sold at 35s. a bottle. Liebfraumilch—Hans Christoff 1925—fetched £3 5s.

## Discord in the square

**N**IGHTINGALES sing no longer in privileged seclusion in Berkeley Square. Instead, it seems, there is a jay squawking about the place. I like to hear the jay sometimes.

The square is the property of the Samuel Estates, belonging to Lord Bearsted's family. In peacetime a committee of tenants were in charge of the gardens in the centre of the square. In 1940 the railings were sacrificed to the war effort.

Thereupon London's new open space was leased to Westminster City Council till one year after V-Day—not quite rent free, but for five shillings a year, to cover the cost of insuring the 17th century pavilion in the centre of the gardens.

## Keep them down

The other day an application was made to Westminster Council for the use of the gardens for a charity fair. This would have meant barring the public from them. Although I have every sympathy for war charities, I applaud the decision of the council to refuse the application.

Men and women of London have profited a great deal by being enabled to use the gardens in the squares, most of which before the war were reserved for a few.

My own view is that the railings now removed should never be restored; London's gardens should remain available to London's citizens. And there are still more railings I should like to see down. Example: The Gray's Inn railings in Theobalds-road.

## School for housewives

**A** SCHOOL for Housewives is planned for Park Lane. It will be on a site between Grosvenor House and Marble Arch. Here Mr. David Brunton will build bungalows and prototypes of his new long-

term unit houses. He hopes his school will be open in a few weeks.

Experts will be there all day to show housewives how to use prefabricated gadgets, and how all the interior fittings can be moved about to change the style of rooms.

One feature of the Uni-Seco houses will be the kitchens; all cupboards, shelves—and even the oven—will be movable. All the units fit into the same space.

Mr. Brunton tells me women will even learn how to put up their own houses at his school.

## Prince from Monaco

**V**ISITING London for the first time since war began is Prince Pierre of Monaco, former husband of Princess Charlotte, heiress to the throne of Monaco. When he leaves here at the end of the week Prince Pierre hopes to go to Germany to see his 22-year-old son, Prince Rainier, who is a second lieutenant in the French Army. "When I left he was last heard of in Karlsruhe," Prince Pierre tells me.

During his journey across France, Prince Pierre was astonished by the shortage of clothing among civilians.

## Casino is 'calm'

"I decided," he says, "that my first call in London should be on the French relief offices. I gave five pounds for the cause to two ladies busily packing parcels for France. As I did so, I recognised them as Madame Massigli, the French Ambassador's wife, and Lady Abingdon."

Prince Pierre tells me that Monaco and Monte Carlo show few war scars. But, he says sadly, business at the Casino is "very calm." It is from the Casino that the State draws its main revenue.

## Hush-hush Waafs

**W**ING OFFICER MARJORIE TURNER, whose job is to deal with Signals personnel of the W.A.A.F., has just come back from a lightning tour of Italy, Egypt, Africa and Palestine. She spent a day or so in each place she visited; the whole 13,000-mile trip occupied only 97 flying hours.

This is the first time Cypher W.A.A.F. have had a "welfare" visit from the Air Ministry. There are 100 W.A.A.F. officers of this branch scattered in the area; Wing Officer Turner tells me she talked to every one of them.

The Signals and Cypher branch has probably had less said about it than any other W.A.A.F. section; much of the work is of such a nature that it cannot be publicised. It is one of the most responsible and confidential jobs Waafs have had to do.

## Near front line

Wing Officer Turner tells me that operational instructions during the North Africa campaign were handled by W.A.A.F. officers; in Italy they were so near the front line that they could hear the guns continuously.

In some parts of the desert W.A.A.F. Signals detachments are living under canvas, but the tents are fitted with electric light. At one unit there is a swimming pool, fringed with little tables under striped umbrellas.

## Witness for defence

**I**NTERCEDING on behalf of General Bergeret, Pétain's former Minister for Air, who is shortly to face his trial, is Lieut.-col. Alfred Daniel

Wintle, M.C., of the 1st Royal Dragoons.

Colonel Wintle tells me that from January to September, 1941, he was serving in Cairo; then he was sent into France to contact Bergeret. However, Darlan trapped Colonel Wintle and threw him into prison, where he languished for 13 months without any light.

"I know that Bergeret did all he could to assist me in my mission," says the colonel, "but Darlan lied to me all along."

## S.O.S. from brother

To-day Colonel Wintle has received a message from Bergeret's brother that the general is asking for his help at the trial.

The Colonel proposes to write the story in full and forward it to the French tribunal. "If necessary and possible," he says, "I shall appear in person."

Colonel Wintle, after 30 years of Regular Army, is going into politics. He is contesting the Norwood division as a Liberal against Mr. Duncan Sandys.

## Adaptation

**I** SAW at the Design at Home Exhibition opened by Lord Woolton at the National Gallery two good examples of the adaptation of war materials and labour to peacetime ends.

One was a washbasin made of Perspex sheet, used liberally in airplanes; the other a hammock-principle long-back easy chair manufactured by a firm which makes airplane seats. Both fulfil their purpose admirably.

"The Government may build houses; but will never build homes," said Lord Woolton. This exhibition, organised by the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts, shows what can be done with simple materials to stamp with originality and utility (using the word in its undebased sense) even a prefabricated home.

To Mr. Philip James, Art Director, the opening date was something of a coincidence. It had been rearranged once or twice; now it fell on the Feast of St. Philip and St. James.

## Searchlights general

**L**ONDONERS who want to see the festal searchlights at their best on VE-Night must hope for a special sort of weather—without low cloud, but with sufficient cloud higher up to reflect the light.

Searchlights come under the command of Lieutenant-general Sir Wyndham Green, new chief of Anti-Aircraft Command. The Home Office and the War Office will tell the general what they would like; Sir Wyndham and his men will be delighted to supply it.

An expert tells me that a complicated programme outside ordinary operations will need rehearsal, so tricky are the relationships of lights and communications.

## Late night special

In any case, a searchlight show must take place in darkness. In May it could not be seen at its best before 11 o'clock.

Who cares? Nobody will be in bed on VE-Night before that time.

No sleep till morn  
When youth and pleasure  
meet

To chase the glowing hours  
with flying feet.

So let us have a good show.  
London deserves it.

**VOTRIX VERMOUTHE**

Let's have a gin &...

SWEET OR DRY 9/-

Vine Products Ltd., cannot supply you direct, so please ask your usual supplier.



# Parisians want to see the body

Is Hitler really dead? One-half of the world doubted it to-day, but the other half believed the announcement of his death in Berlin was true. There are still some riddles to be solved.

Most of the European capitals believe Hitler is dead, but Moscow is sceptical.

The Russians believe it is Hitler's last hoax.

Moscow radio said it might be a Nazi trick to allow the Fuehrer to go underground.

"Our troops are so close to the place where Doenitz says he died that we will soon be able to see for ourselves," was a typical remark heard in the street.

PARIS is definitely incredulous. First reaction was that it was too good to be true. Second was they will not believe it until the body is produced, cables the Evening Standard Paris correspondent.

Germany.—First reaction of the German armed forces seems to have affected their spirit of resistance, particularly in North-West Germany, and local surrenders are now increasing.

## THE SUSPICION

New York.—The Nazis made lies so much a part of their politics that the announcement of Hitler's death is bound to leave the suspicion that the master liar is attempting to perpetrate one last great hoax on the world.

But all things considered, there seems to be no good reason to doubt that Hitler is dead. But it seems incredible that any German Government would attempt to continue under the leadership of a virtually non-existent man who was the army already has lost.

STOCKHOLM.—There is still no clear report of the last hours of the Fuehrer, but all indications are that he suffered a stroke some days ago as a result of the head injuries received in the July attempt on his life.

This attempt on his life broke him completely. He was thrown

through a window and was found lying unconscious on the ground with his face covered in blood.

He suffered a smashed ear drum and a serious fracture during last summer he neglected his ear with the result that something developed internally bringing about disturbances in equilibrium so that he could not keep his balance or walk straight the source continued.

LISBON.—It is believed that Hitler's death will facilitate Germany's approach to unconditional surrender and the end of the war.

MADRID.—First impression in military and political circles is that Hitler's announced death will result in a sudden weakening in the army's resistance and tend to depress what remains of the fighting spirit of the average soldier.

## THE LAST BID

A limited number of people in circles which are usually well informed believe the announcement may be false.

Donetitz's statement about war going on against Bolshevism is interpreted as a last desperate German bid to split the Allied camp.

ROME.—Hitler's death may cause a new German cleavage. Without him at the head of affairs, many Germans may not wish to carry on the war, but fanatics will go out to follow his ideas.

SAN FRANCISCO.—With the German radio report of Hitler's death generally accepted as true, the expectation in well-informed circles is that the Reich will crumble gradually during the coming week.

(Messages from Associated Press, Reuter and British United Press.)

## FRISCO COLUMN

From FREDERICK COOK

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday.

In their first social get-together of the San Francisco Conference, the "Big Four"—Mr. Eden, Mr. Molotov, Mr. Stettinius and Dr. Soong—dined privately in Mr. Eden's sitting-room at the Mark Hopkins Hotel last night.

Mr. Molotov left his body-guard behind. The only other person present was his interpreter.

## Plans before

Molotov

I understand that Molotov will be leaving for Russia at the week-end or early next week, but will be here sufficiently long for the main political problems to be cleared away before his departure.

The British delegation, after last night's session, began preparation of the amendments or suggestions they may offer.

Britain, I am told, would like to see the forthcoming charter of the United Nations preceded by the kind of preamble which will give the whole organisation a "soil" expressing human aims and aspirations less formally than the Dumbarton Oaks Charter.

The draft of such a preamble has now been completed by General Smuts.

Britain is determined to press her point that she believes the Social and Economic Council should be comparable in importance and influence with the Security Council and World Court.

## No curtsy

for Arabs

San Franciscans have been quietly told you do not curtsy to Arabs. For one thing they have difficulty in restraining their mirth; for another, those headropes they wear are not crowns. San Franciscans find, to their horror, they have been curtsying to valets and secretaries.

Toughest job of this conference is being done by attractive teenage girls in slacks and modern "hair-dos" who drive big 50-passenger buses between the conference headquarters and hotels.

## A weather contrast

British delegates, sweltering in British suits under hot California sunshine, could hardly believe their eyes when the Press front-paged the story of blizzard in the Straits of Dover.

A Spanish Republican group is now installed here. Its object is to wring from the conference a pledge that whatever happens, Franco of Spain will not be allowed to join the new World Organisation.

## She irons 46 flags

Back of the stage in the Opera House, when the sessions are not going on, sits a woman whose job it is to iron carefully every one of the 46 flags that hang behind the chairman, on the pikes. She has to do them all every day.

The navy is planning to take 1000 correspondents out on the Bay next Saturday in a tug and have 100 airplanes dive-bomb, torpedo and generally strafe it—with blanks.

## Landings south of Rangoon

From British ships

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday.—Allied troops landed on both sides of the Rangoon River, south of Rangoon, early this morning from British ships, according to a special S.E.A.C. communiqué to-day.

Yesterday Allied paratroops were dropped in the same area.

These new sea and air landings took place as British and Indian troops of the 14th Army drove on the last lap of the road to Rangoon, the Burmese capital now only 36 miles ahead of them.

Fifty miles to the north-west, Allied troops are sweeping in on the Japanese garrison of Pegu which is almost surrounded.

The Japanese are withdrawing from Rangoon in the face of the racing Allied tanks, according to British prisoners, liberated by the 14th Army's drive.

With the fall of the capital, the last remnants of organised enemy resistance are expected to collapse. —B.U.P. and Reuter



"Is that the Ministry of Labour?"

## 'GHOST' NOW BURGOMASTER

From Buchenwald to Weimar

WEIMAR, Wednesday.—One of the "ghosts" of the notorious Buchenwald camp has been appointed Burgomaster of Weimar, the birthplace of the last war German Republic.

A 64-year-old German, a former political prisoner in Buchenwald, was given the leading civic post with the support of the American Military Government.

The new burgomaster's name is being withheld.

## I TRAVEL THROUGH RED ARMY LINES Horses in 2000 mile-trek

From GODFREY BLUNDEN: U.S. 9th Army, Wednesday

The May Day celebrations by the Red Army in Germany gave Allied correspondents their first opportunity of going some distance behind the Russian front line. In the recent link-ups correspondents have not gone beyond the advanced patrols, and as far as I drove no Moscow correspondent has yet visited any part of Russian-occupied Germany.

What we saw to-day as we drove 30 or 40 miles into the Red Army lines to attend the May Day ceremony, was not vastly different from what one sees in American-occupied Germany.

We passed through one large town and a number of smaller villages which had been slightly beaten up but not badly.

There were the same number of liberated slave workers and released prisoners from the war walking on the roads and the usual number of German civilians on the pavements.

This was a newly occupied locality and the Germans, more than usually stunned and depressed, look, if anything, a little more hangdog than on the American side of the Elbe.

We did not go into that part of Germany where the Russian occupation has existed for some time, and therefore could not see whether the Germans have developed the sullen, but self-confident and cheeky attitude, they have adopted where there has been American occupation for some time.

## MANY FLAGS

The large number of white flags hanging from village house and town buildings was noticeable. Among them were also a number of plain red flags, but I was not able to confirm whether these had been hung out by former Communists and Russian sympathisers suddenly come to life, or merely as a sign of willing collaboration by the inhabitants.

In the streets of several villages there were Germans wearing white arm bands very similar to those which the Allied Military Government authorises its German employees to wear. In the town of Wittenburg, I found a Russian major belonging to the Red Army political department set up in the municipal building quietly dealing with civilian problems in exactly the same way as a thousand American M.P. officers.

There was a large queue of Germans waiting on his doorstep, all with information to lay against someone, or assistance to offer.

## WOMAN INTERPRETER

There was an immense, bewhiskered policeman standing at the doorway to keep order. A young Russian woman in plain clothes was interpreting for the Russian major.

In Wittenburg I noticed that the Russians were systematically going through the town collecting all "radio receivers." All motor vehicles had been confiscated and were being driven by Russian officers and the political administration.

At all main street junctions

## PRAYED FOR THIS FOR FIVE YEARS

For the first time in over five years the New York Times correspondent in Copenhagen, Svend Carstensen, has been able to telephone a story from the Danish capital. Danish censorship has been lifted and so has the ban on telephoning to foreign countries.

Here is Carstensen's message, passed on by the Evening Standard correspondent in Stockholm

After praying for this moment for five years, now that it is here there is not much to say. The Danes are overjoyed at the prospect of imminent liberation, but it is not noticeable on the Copenhagen streets.

Anxious to avoid trouble Copenhageners stayed indoors on May Day. On the main street at noon there were not more than perhaps 15 persons. The blackout is still enforced, and it was pitch dark in Copenhagen last night.

We expect King Christian will resume his functions and name the new Cabinet any day now. In the meantime the strictest discipline is being observed so as not to give the Germans any excuses for starting more trouble.

## Japs from Berlin sail to Sweden

The yacht of the Japanese naval attaché in Berlin, the Nihon Maru sailed into Ystad, south Sweden, bringing the naval attaché's secretary and nine other Japanese—two women and seven naval officers—say Swedish radio.

Five German airplanes, with 11 military deserters aboard, landed in Southern Sweden yesterday, adds A.P.

## RATIONS CUT 10 p.c. FOR MANY U.S. SOLDIERS

U.S. troops in Europe who are on light duties are to have a 10 per cent cut in rations.

Announcing this to-day, U.S. Headquarters, European Theatre of Operations, said the reason was the critical world-wide food shortage.

The basic military ration will be retained for individuals performing moderately hard work, including combat units. Men attached to headquarters will be among those affected by the cut.

## GOERING RAN AWAY WITH TREASURE

From GENE CURRIVAN

U.S. 9th ARMY, Wednesday.—A little more than a fortnight ago Goering emptied his Bavarian Castle of the priceless art collections he had acquired in recent years, supervised its loading into armoured, air-conditioned railway carriages, and started south towards the redoubt area.

When American troops took over the castle, known as Veldenstein, in the hills between Velden and Newhaus, about 25 miles north-east of Nuremberg, it was abandoned but for a caretaker and a few domestics. It was intact except for two 55mm. shell holes.

When the tanks approached, and saw no white flag flying, they fired on the castle. One of the shells went through Goering's smoking room and the other through a suite once occupied by his sister.

In the quarters nearby were about 100 Italian labourers who had been working on the restoration of the castle. It was to be restored to its original 18th century beauty at a cost of one million gold marks a year.

## 4000 ACRES

New additions under construction and several turrets that were to be added were not in keeping with the original design, but the finished product, according to the oil painting depicting the artist's conception of it, would be an improvement on the present building.

It is set in wooded country in the heart of a 4000-acre private hunting preserve, and was one of Goering's favourite haunts. Goering arrived at the castle on Reuter.

## LORD HALIFAX TRAPPED

Autograph hunter's capture

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday.—Lord and Lady Halifax were trapped temporarily in a lift between the eighth and ninth floors of the Mark Hopkins Hotel until they consented to give their autographs to a girl operator.

Mr. Eden is also awaited nightly, and is surrounded by crowds of girls holding out pieces of paper for his signature as he returns to his office from the conference.

## Died in Buchenwald camp

BRUSSELS, Wednesday.—Baron Rene Greindl, Acting Governor of the Belgian Province of Luxembourg until 1943, when he was removed by the Germans, was killed in Buchenwald by the Germans last February, states the Belgian news agency. Aged 46 he was arrested as a member of the Belgian Resistance Movement.

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# HOW COME-HOME PLAN WORKS

To-day: 37 degrees

Straits of Dover report to-day: night frost, cold wind, temperature 37 degrees

**You may park-swim in 2 days**

The summer season of open-air bathing in the London County Council's parks and open spaces will open on Saturday. Spring cleaning is in full swing but owing to war-time restrictions other improvements are impossible this year. At Hornsey (Park road) the main pool and the children's paddling pool are ready now.

At Enfield they hope to get more staff. One afternoon last year we had 3500 visitors—mostly children—and only three attendants to look after them," said Mrs. Lamsdale, the pool superintendent. To-day "I hope that before this season is over I may have my husband back from Germany to take up his old job of superintendent. I am deputising for him for the fifth season."

## Back from Army

An ex-soldier who is once more back to his old job as superintendent is Mr. S. H. Vincent, of Kingsbury-road pool, which opens on May 12. Owing to shortage of staff it will only open from 2 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays, 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Tottenham Lido, too, is opening on May 12. Flood lighting, even later in the season, is still doubtful. Durnford-road (Wood Green) pool is not likely to be ready for use this season, but facilities are available at the Wood Green indoor baths.

## Beauty spot safe for the country

Preservation of the Clumber Estate, the Sherwood Forest beauty spot, as an open space for the use of the public is now assured.

The National Trust acquired the 3800 acres for £75,000. Value of the timber to be felled and sold is placed at £27,000; £26,067 has been received or promised in response to the public appeal, and £24,211 is being contributed by local authorities in the area.

## £5—if you know

Flowers have been stolen from outside the Wandsworth municipal offices and from several Wandsworth parks. A £5 reward is offered for information about the thieves.

## Special trains, escorts, coloured labels

Evening Standard Reporter

The Minister of Health, Mr. Willink, to-day sent the following telegram to 1500 local authorities: "Operate London return plans."

The local authorities will now organise the return to Greater London of all evacuees who have housing accommodation in their home areas. The first train, carrying mothers with children, will run in about a month. Special trains for school children will start in about six weeks.

There are about 500,000 evacuees, mainly mothers and children, still accommodated in the reception areas under the official evacuation scheme, but only those who have homes to which to return will be given help at present.

Mr. Willink said to-day: "The evacuees went out in an orderly and organised manner, and the Government want them to return in the same way."

There is a severe housing shortage in London, with 168,000 houses either destroyed or very badly damaged and more than 2,000,000 still needing repairs to bring them up to a reasonable standard.

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HOMES

We shall therefore bring back only those who have homes to come back to, and it is important that they should wait for the arrangements which are now being put in operation and should fit in with them.

"Those who have no London homes should stay where they are for the time being. Those who are tempted to take a chance will only add to their own and London's difficulties."

"To them I would say: Think of the children and what it would mean for them to come back only to find that they were homeless."

On behalf of the Government I thank all the hundreds of thousands of householders who have cared for mothers and children, the aged, and other evacuees from the bombed areas. They have done one of the finest and hardest jobs in the war on the home front, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## SAVED THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN

"Evacuation has saved many thousands of children from death or injury. These owe their lives to the devotion and self-sacrifice of householders in the reception areas."

"Many of these householders will soon be relieved of the burden which they have carried for so long—in some cases for nearly six years."

"Others we shall have to ask to carry on for some time longer in view of all the problems left by

the long bombardment of London. I know we can rely upon these householders to finish the job."

## PLANS IN RECEPTION AREAS

So that the return home plans shall dovetail smoothly the L.C.C., at the request of the Minister, are acting as a G.H.Q. to co-ordinate all the operations.

The L.C.C. will work in close co-operation with the Ministry's own senior regional officers and with the officials specially appointed by the local authorities to supervise arrangements in the reception areas.

In the main, evacuees will travel home in special trains or reserved coaches. Free travel vouchers for independent travel will be issued only to those who cannot be included in the organised parties. These vouchers will not be valid on Saturdays or Sundays.

Within the next few days all mothers and other adult evacuees will receive from the local authority of the area in which they are living a notice telling them of the return home plan.

Within a week of the issue of these notices a census of all these evacuees will be taken with a two-fold object:

- 1.—To find out how many have homes to come back to and can return at once;
- 2.—How many have no homes, or for other reasons cannot return at present.

## DECLARATION MUST BE SIGNED

Evacuees who say they have homes will be asked to sign a declaration. Where immediate return is not practicable the reasons will be recorded.

Special cards will be used for this census, and the cards of all those with homes will be collected and sent through the Ministry's Regional Offices to the L.C.C.

Lists will then be compiled and travel arrangements worked out by the L.C.C. and Railway Executive Committee.

Details of these arrangements will next be notified to the local authorities, who, in turn, will notify all evacuees on the "have homes" lists of the day and time of their homeward journey.

The same procedure will, broadly, be followed in the case of all unaccompanied schoolchildren, but there will be a special check of all the home addresses to make certain that accommodation is available and that there is no other obstacle to their return.

In about a month's time the first special train carrying adults and mothers with children will leave on the homeward journey. And a fortnight later the first parties of boys and girls will be homeward bound.

## MOVING ABOUT 6000 DAILY

Up to eight trains, carrying about 6000 evacuees, will reach London daily, including Saturdays and Sundays, from all parts of the country, until the movement is completed.

Seven days' notice of the train time-table will be given to the reception area authorities. Road transport will be provided, where necessary, between the assembly points and the railway stations at the entraining end. To avoid having to start too early in the morning, parties from remote areas will be brought in and accommodated overnight near the main entraining stations.

Each train will have its own L.C.C. Marshal. Escorts for mothers and children will be provided by the billeting authorities, in most cases with the co-operation of W.V.S., at the rate of one escort to every 40 evacuees.

For unaccompanied children the escorts will be sent out by the L.C.C. and will usually be teachers. They will take over at the entraining stations and there will be one escort for every 12 children.

## BRING FOOD FOR JOURNEY

Adult evacuees will be advised to bring food for the journey, for themselves and for their children. Unaccompanied children will be given food packets by the local authorities by arrangement with the Food Ministry. Milk and other hot and cold drinks will be served on the trains by W.V.S. members.

To facilitate dispersal at the end of the train journey evacuees will wear different coloured labels

according to the parts of London to which they are returning.

Similar coloured labels will be attached to the hand luggage they bring with them. Evacuees will be taken by buses to eight first-dispersal centres in London. After a meal they will be taken to final dispersal points in their home districts.

Adult evacuees who wish to remain in the reception areas because of their employment will be expected to arrange for their own accommodation.

Where this is impracticable the case will be referred to the local office of the Ministry of Labour, who will also deal with cases where boys and girls are working and their parents wish them to keep their jobs.

## HELP WILL BE GIVEN

If the Ministry are satisfied that the work offers a real opportunity for a progressive career maintenance grants may, in certain circumstances, be paid on the withdrawal of billeting allowances.

Many returning evacuees may be faced with difficulty in setting up a home again owing to shortages of bedding, or because homes need airing and cleaning.

Help will be given to overcome these problems. Families, if necessary, will be given temporary shelter in London rest centres for a few days while their needs are being attended to either by the local authority or the W.V.S.

## £2000 WEST END HOLD-UP TO-DAY

Six men, using a newspaper delivery van, to-day attacked three Coventry-street Corner House employees taking to the bank a trolley with £2000 in cash, and escaped after lifting the trolley into the van.

## Blaming 'Tory reactionaries'

For 'freedom' cry

Mr. P. Cottrell, in his presidential address to the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers at Blackpool to-day said the choice between a return to the old competitive system "leading to another war," and the creation of a new social system ensuring permanent peace, lay before the electors at the next General Election.

"There has been much talk of freedom from all controls," he added, "but notice the quarters from which the cry springs. The Tory reactionaries."

"Let us always remember that what their idea of freedom really means is freedom to return to speculation, freedom to return to gambling with the productivity capacity of the world, freedom to indulge in a devil-take-the-hind-most search for private profits and freedom to hold up society to ransom on the essential commodities of life."

"The post-war world they envisage is a reflection of the pre-war world, and it will end in the same catastrophe if we are deceived by their specious cries."

## BOY TO GET £850 MORE

£2500 for crushed hand

The Court of Appeal to-day approved a settlement increasing from £1650 to £2500 damages which were awarded by Mr. Justice Atkinson in the King's Bench Division to Thomas Victor Moore, aged 16, of Shipman-road, Custom House, E., for injuries to his right hand.

The boy's hand was crushed between rollers at the factory of the respondents, William Goodacre and Sons, Ltd., of Victoria Docks, E. He lost one finger and the others are shortened and thickened. It was stated that it was possible that the youth would need an artificial hand.

Being dissatisfied with Mr. Justice Atkinson's award, the boy, through his father, had appealed.

## Sir Geo. Buckston Browne's £284,079

Sir George Buckston Browne, the eminent surgeon, who died on January 19, aged 94, left £284,079 gross (net personality £283,895). Duty paid amounted to £103,505.

After a few legacies, the residue goes to his daughter, Dame Helen Buckston Lett, for life and then to her children.

Sir Buckston 14 years ago gave £100,000 to the Royal College of Surgeons to establish a surgical and biological research institute at Downe Kent.

## BEVIN BOY, 73 TIMES ABSENT, WAS THRASHED

By brother home from India

An 18-year-old Bevin Boy missed 73 shifts at Snibstone Colliery, Leics.—until his brother came home on leave from service in India.

His brother gave him a thrashing—and since then the Bevin Boy has attended the pit regularly.

This was said at Loughborough to-day when the Bevin Boy, Denis R. V. Moss, of Fennel-street, Loughborough, was fined £9 and ordered to pay the costs on three summonses for being absent.

## Over-40s: demob. report denied

The Ministry of Labour said to-day that there is no foundation for a report that a scheme for the immediate demobilisation of all Servicemen over 40 is likely to be placed before the War Cabinet in the next week or two.

"No such scheme is contemplated," the Ministry added.

The attack was made in Coventry-street, W., about 9.30. The trolley is in the form of a wire cage and the money in notes, silver and coppers was in 15 brown leather pouches.

The three employees engaged in a struggle with the thieves, but were outnumbered. Two of the employees had to go to hospital for treatment.

After lifting the trolley bodily into their van, the thieves drove off through Rupert-street and across Shaftesbury-avenue.

Mr. V. A. Hayes saw the incident from his musical instrument shop in Rupert-street, and gave the police a van number.

## Fishmongers will close early

The National Federation of Fishmongers are recommending their members to close at 1 p.m. on VE-Day and the two succeeding days if the Victory announcement is made in the morning.

If the announcement comes in the afternoon, the shops should close at 1 p.m. on the three succeeding days.

## The proud city AS P.O.W. SAW IT

By HORACE THOROGOOD

What seemed to have impressed my returned prisoner of war friend most, in our tour of the City, which he was revisiting after four years, was not what I expected.

He used to be an insurance clerk near the Bank. So it was round there we spent the morning. He was, of course, shocked by his first glimpse of the ruined acres beyond St. Paul's. In their German camp near Kassel, he said, he had heard vaguely about them, but the actual sight staggered him.

"What has become of Bread-street?" he asked, as we followed a naked track across the waste land. He had lunched there sometimes.

## This was it

"This was it," I told him. Nothing was left. He could only guess where stood his funny little restaurant which, within my own memory was lit only by candles—an insurance condition.

Many another personal association he found destroyed. Where Mansion House-chambers stood with its hundreds of offices (one, his father's), was a huge blank. In what was Walbrook, we peered inside the shell of St. Stephen's, glad that the dome (Wren's experimental model for that or St. Paul's) remained. My friend often listened to lunch-hour music there.

He may still do it at St. Mary, Woolnoth.

The churches he knew in that way had mixed luck—St. Mary spared. St. Stephen's gutted. St. Swithun's mostly gone (but the historic London Stone remains part of the Cannon-street front).

We threaded through broken City courts and lanes—Bucklersbury, Oxford-court, St. Swithun's-lane—where shattered doorways requested us to "Please ring the bell" (that wasn't there, nor office behind it), and a stone on a ruined church wall said it was "In Memory of Samuel—" and then mockingly broke off.

Samuel who? Immortality has fallen him.

## Then lunch

It was a relief to emerge in the undamaged Stock Exchange purlieu, passing Mr. Peabody sitting imperturbably, trousered legs crossed, in his stone chair behind the Corn Exchange.

Stockbrokers filling the bar in Throgmorton-avenue suggested lunch. We took a pew in a famous old City restaurant up a narrow court. Nothing here like the porterhouse steaks and noble joints of yesteryear, but after Kassel, my friend found it very good.

And it was here he surprised me. What, in our tour, impressed him most, I asked.

"The waitresses," he said. "Did you notice? They all call the customers 'dear'!"

So they do. I had forgotten when they didn't.



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# ADVICE IS—'SPEND VE-DAY AT HOME'

## FULL-TIME C.D. MEN GET NOTICE

Evening Standard Reporter  
Civil Defence full-timers—wardens and members of light and heavy rescue squads—in London were to-day receiving their preliminary month's notice.

On June 2 all C.D. workers, except certain administrative staffs and trained instructors, will receive their demobilisation papers and their final four weeks' notice. On release, all C.D. workers will be liable for industrial call up and, if born after 1915, for military call up. Men and women who find their own jobs will be allowed to go to them if they get approval from the Ministry of Labour.

## P.O.W. FORMED LETTERS R.A.F.

German flight  
towards Lubeck

Two columns of R.A.F. prisoners of war were sighted by pilots of the 2nd T.A.F. when attacking huge concentrations of enemy transport fleeing north-west from the Russians towards Lubeck. The war prisoners formed up in the letters R.A.F. and Recce aircraft flew above them until dusk.

More than 930 vehicles were damaged in a few hours—one of the biggest scores since Falaise. The side roads were crammed with civilians and pilots were briefed not to attack any horse-drawn transport or pedestrians.

## Coroner says disused dock is dangerous

The Hammersmith coroner, Mr. H. Neville Stafford, said at an inquest to-day: "This disused dock is dangerous for children, and they should not be allowed there." The inquest was on John Parsons, aged four, who fell into the Thames while paddling at Broomhouse Dock, Fulham. Verdict: Accidental death.

## Bus queue came 'under fire'

When a gang of boys skimmed pieces of fibre board at each other during a pitched battle at Sutton Green, people in a bus queue in the High-street came under fire, and had to duck.

This was stated at Sutton juvenile court to-day when seven boys, aged 14 to 16, were ordered to pay 5s. each for "throwing missiles."

## Sightseers may get few drinks or buses

Evening Standard Reporter

Spend your VE-Day at home. That is the advice local authorities give to Londoners. To-day the Home Office circular giving guidance to local authorities was being examined by entertainment committees in the Metropolitan area.

They were arranging to carry out the suggestions made by the Government, but it will probably be VE-Day plus six or seven before the real celebrations take place.

So VE-Day itself will be a comparatively restrained holiday, with family parties at home provided by the "odd bottle" which thousands of Londoners have put by for the great day.

Many London licensees were planning to-day to take advantage of the Home Office pointer to licensing authorities that they should give sympathetic consideration to applications for extensions of drinking hours.

But they will get no extra liquor unless they have been able to save a few barrels of beer or bottles of spirits.

### The reason

The reason was given me to-day by several large brewers. They are now providing all the beer they can with their limited machinery. There is to be no special allocation of casks to supply extra beer; no extra transport will be laid on for VE-Day supplies, because it does not exist.

"We do not want scenes in London like those experienced in 1918," the managing director of one of the largest breweries told me to-day. "It will do more than good."

"Actually it would perhaps be better for publicans to keep to their present licensing hours."

### Champagne

There will be no shortage of champagne for VE-night in the West End. The Dorchester told me: "We have more than enough." The Savoy said, "We have plenty of champagne." In the cellar of one well-known restaurant I was shown 150 bottles of 1928 and 1929 champagne, 50 bottles of 1917 port, and many bottles of chartreuse, liqueurs and spirits.

People who want to see the London flood-lighting will probably have to risk inconvenience.

So far no arrangements have been made by the transport services, and it is possible that services will be curtailed. This position, too, applies to London shows.

### The lights

The War Office were considering to-day whether it will be possible for Anti-Aircraft Command to provide the lights of London, to

replace street lamps which will not be lit.

Essential food services were discussing their arrangements to-day. It is expected that they will make normal deliveries.

### Institutions

Arrangements are being considered for special festivities for inmates in social welfare establishments, it was announced by Lady Nathan at a meeting of the L.C.C. Social Welfare Committee to-day.

## The three men of Oflag XIII-B—

Evening Standard Reporter  
Back in this country after having been released from the same prison camp—Oflag XII B, at Hadamar, north-west of Frankfurt, are three British officers.

They are Major M. D. Van Lessen, M.C., the Hampshire Regiment, of East Manor, Bramley, near Guildford, and Captain William Ellery, late of a Commando, Putney-hill, both of whom were captured in Sicily in July 1943, and Major W. B. Redford, King's Dragoon Guards, taken prisoner in France in 1940. Here is their programme for this week.

## —A wedding to-morrow

To-morrow Captain Ellery will be best man at the wedding, at Beaconsfield, Roman Catholic Church, of Major Van Lessen to Miss Barbara Nicholls, Q.A.I.M.N.S., who is nursing at a naval hospital at Windsor.

Major Van Lessen and Miss Nicholls have known each other for about seven years, and became engaged when Major Van Lessen returned home on April 5. The Major won his M.C. in the Western Desert.

## —A christening on Saturday

On Saturday, Major Van Lessen and Major Redford will be godparents at the christening of Captain Ellery's daughter, Janet Marriott, born on July 4, 1943, just before her father was captured.

## EX-CONSTABLE IS GAOLED

An ex-war reserve constable, Patrick Woods, 43, engineer, of St. George's-road, Holloway, who had served for six years in the Army, was at North London court to-day sent to prison for 28 days.

Woods pleaded guilty to stealing wire and other goods worth £1 from his employers.

Passing sentence Mr. W. Blake Odgers, K.C., said: "I cannot overlook this. For several years you have been a police officer helping to arrest people who steal from their employers and now you do it yourself."

## 100 yards crater by 10-ton bomb

Moscow radio told this afternoon of a bomb crater "a good hundred yards across" in Berlin that had been made by "one of the 10-ton bombs dropped by our Allies."

"This quarry was cleared of the enemy on the Sunday," said Moscow, adding the explosion had destroyed several blocks of buildings and houses, but the cellars, which the Germans had converted into shelters, remained.—A.P.

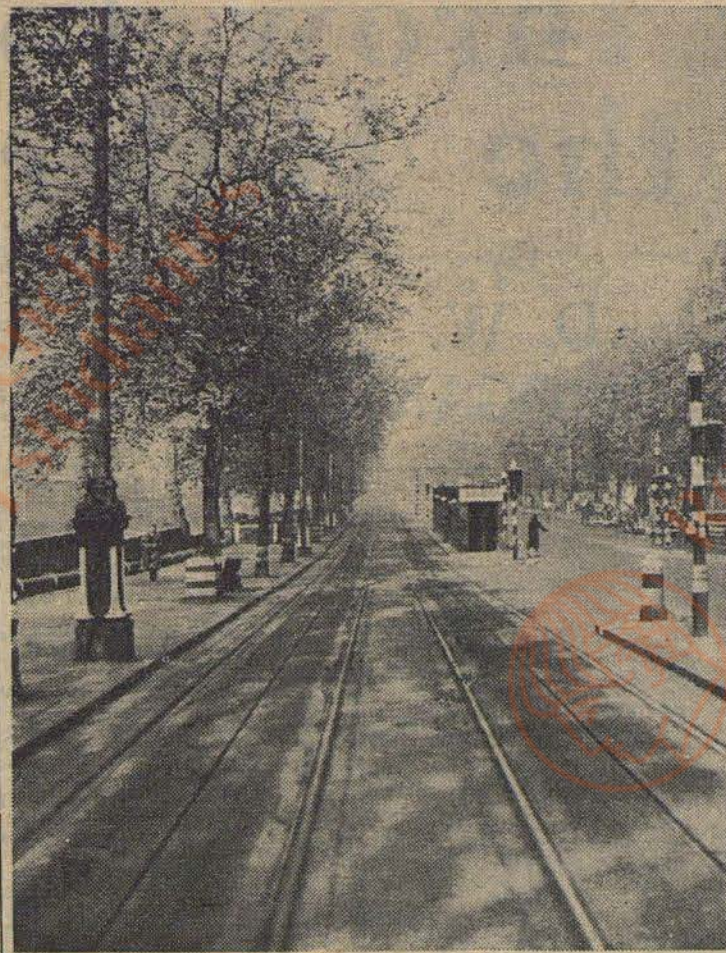
## Court decision stands

The six Fulham dustmen who at West London, yesterday, were each sentenced to a month's imprisonment for stealing salvage, and were later released on bail for a solicitor to plead on their behalf, were told by the magistrate (Mr. Paul Bennett), to-day, that he could not alter his sentence.

Mr. H. Pierron, defending, said the dustmen were all married men with families, and of good character and long service with Fulham Council. They would all lose their jobs and he thought that a sufficient punishment.

The fact remained that it was an organised theft of public property, the magistrate said.

## 'RUSH HOUR' STRIKE SCENE



## Tory election machine goes into action

Evening Standard Reporter: Newport (Mon.), Wednesday

Newport is not going to be a second Chelmsford, if Lieut.-commander Ronald Bell, R.N.V.R., and the Conservative Party can help it. Here is a young candidate who is yet a man of experience, a clear speaker and a straight-from-the-shoulder hitter.

He won his spurs at Caerphilly in July 1939, where he increased the Conservative vote by 1600, and brought the Socialist majority down by 7000.

He has behind him 60 local Conservative branches working smoothly and hard.

Sir Robert Topping, the party's chief organiser, assured himself of this when he came down before the campaign began. The driving wheel is guided by Mr P. H. Greenhow, brought over from Portsmouth South because the Newport agent had gone into war work.

which has refused to join in, but has always opposed the war effort of the country," he told a meeting in the town.

The third candidate is a soldier, Lieutenant Lewis Tett, 6th Regiment, Maritime Royal Artillery, and he was for some time stationed in this district as liaison officer with the Navy.

His policy, which he calls his "Plan for Unity," he has typed out to the length of 30,000 words. I will explain it as soon as I have had time to digest it.

### NO TORY CIRCUS

There is, at any rate at present, no foundation for any impression that there is a Tory "circus" in Newport. There is nothing of the kind yet, and Mr. Greenhow tells me he does not know of any to come.

There is some useful outside help, certainly, but there is no bevy of glamour girls and no flying squads of bright young men. All the work is being done on solid traditional lines by people who have known their job and know how to go about it.

The candidate is definitely the ace in the pack. Ever since he flew from the Far East to tackle this election he has grown in strength. He will want it and a good deal more—but he has more than a fortnight to get it in.

Slim, fair haired, aged 31, Ronald Bell began to be a politician while at Oxford. President of the University Conservative Association and of the University Empire Society, he started his electioneering by helping the return of A. P. Herbert. For ten years he did his bit with the Empire Industries Association and talks with the keenest concern for the imperative necessity to develop our Dominions and Colonies.

### FROM FAR EAST

"I was in the R.N.V.R. before the war," he told me. "I have been serving continuously since August 1939. At the beginning of the war I was in the South Atlantic and after a spell at home had another year and a half in the Far East."

Mr. Bob Edwards, the civilian of Commander Bell's two opponents, is chairman of the I.L.P., but he does not stress the fact. After including the I.L.P. in the list of local organisations supporting him, his election address entirely forgets it and its record during this war.

But Commander Bell never lets the electors forget the I.L.P. for a moment. Last night I heard him rub it in.

"It is the only political party

## Opera House's future: music or dancing?

The future of Covent Garden Opera House—whether it is to have music or dancing—will be settled on May 16—if May 16 is not V-Day or V-Day plus one.

Mr. Justice Uthwatt fixed that date in the Chancery Division to-day for the trial of a case between Boosey and Hawkes, Ltd., music publishers, against Opera House (Covent Garden), Ltd.

Mr. Charles Harman, K.C., for the plaintiffs, said his clients hoped to open the Opera House, Covent Garden, early next year, and had a lease running from the beginning of this year.

The defendants were running a dance hall there, and they were claiming to hold over, under a lease which ended at the end of last year, on the footing that they had exercised some option to continue.

Mr. Wynn Parry, K.C., said the defendants wished the trial to be sufficiently far ahead to allow another action, nearly ready, to come on at the same time.

Mr. Harman.—There are damages running at the rate of £500 a week. The truth is that my friend does not want the action to come on at all and he wants to continue to run his dance hall.

The judge fixed the hearing for May 16, "if it is not VE-Day or VE-Day plus One."

## Night car chase of A.R.P. chief

The tremendous strain of his war duties as Chief Air Raid Precaution Officer for a London borough, was to-day pleaded in extenuation by Ralph Charles Tarlton, aged 36, of St. Germans-road, Forest Hill, when he was found guilty, at the Marlborough-street court, to being under the influence of drink while driving a motorcar in the West End and driving in a manner dangerous to the public.

He was fined a total of £25, with £2 7s. 3d. costs, and disqualified for driving for 12 months.

Police-constable Sharp, describing his pursuit of the accused last night from Marble Arch to the Middlesex Hospital in Mortimer-street, stated that Tarlton drove erratically from the centre to the side of the road, passed two sets of red traffic lights, nearly collided with a refuge, and had to be taken to the police station by force.

Mr. A. W. Scott, the solicitor defending, urged that for years Mr. Tarlton had worked under a tremendous strain night after night in connection with the raids, and only a few weeks ago was engaged on one of the worst local incidents.

Mr. Walter Hedley, K.C., fining the accused, said the result might well have been the injury or death to someone on the road.



### HOME ROLL

"Tell me, Hawkins, what sins are you expiating by turning yourself into a human cart-horse?"  
"Well, Mister Gerald, far be it from me to scoff, but those victory diggers played old Harry with this pitch."

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"No, Sir. So I've appointed myself honorary groundsman, and I'm trying to lick it into some sort of shape."  
"That's very noble of you."  
"Not at all, Sir. I look forward soon to be helping our side again."  
"Yes, it'll be good to see you umpiring once more, Hawkins. And proposing the toast of our team at supper afterwards."  
"Ah, Sir, those suppers! I only hope that by the time you're all back we'll be able to get a little more Rose's Lime Juice. We must be able to smooth our own creases when Peace breaks out again."

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Even to remind the Germans of promises made and half-kept has been dangerous, the memory of Strength through Joy or the People's Car is bitter for men and women stripped of all their bourgeois impedimenta (as the Nazis boast) deprived of their sons killed in battle, becoming aware that the German nightmare of not being loved, or liked, or respected, or feared,

For over a year the German

Now he has done that, he has done all he can. It is our duty to see there shall be no bearers of the legend.

# THIN-LIP DOENITZ IS RUTHLESS

### SPY OFF PORTLAND

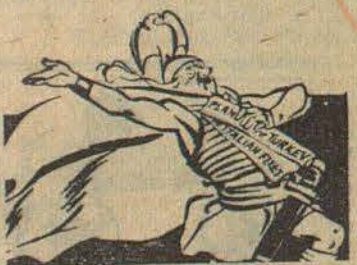
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# One jockey likes his Guineas ride

## ELLIOTT—WHO WILL BE ON THE GOLDEN GIRL

First classic races at Newmarket next Tuesday (1000 Guineas) and Wednesday (2000 Guineas). Betting lists about the 1000 Guineas fillies are still wobbling; there is another call-over to-morrow. Meanwhile another filly, The Golden Girl, comes into the picture. Jockey Elliott rides—and he wouldn't change this mount for any other.

By AJAX, Evening Standard Racing Reporter

Twenty-five to one bar six is offered on both the 2000 and 1000 Guineas. The six could be reduced to five, because Fordham makes little appeal in the 2000, and Neola is no longer an attractive 1000 bet.

## HURST PARK COURSE IS FREE

Hurst Park racecourse has been de-requisitioned but it will need a lot of work to get it in order again. The course at the pull-up after a race finish has been badly damaged. There is still no sign of Lingfield being released. Two or three months' work would be necessary to put it right.

## Two-year-old going for hat-trick

Unbeaten two-year-old Banco is to try for the hat-trick in the Amport Stakes (2.30) at Salisbury on Saturday. He has 12lb. extra. Jockey will be E. Smith, who will also ride Linkway in the Dorset Stakes (3.30). Another Dorset Stakes runner is the Student (E. C. Elliott). He finished third to Mrs. Feather at the last Salisbury meeting.

## May be Wales player

Albert Hall, Spurs forward who returned home after being a Japanese prisoner of war, is being considered for a place in the Wales forward line against England at Cardiff on Saturday.

## F.A., LEAGUE DISAGREE

—about extra matches  
Standard Football Reporter

Football Association and Football League disagree about interpretation of the F.A. decision on matches that will be allowed during the extension of the season. F.A. have told League that "extra" games cannot be played in the three weeks after May 5. But the League claim that, in allowing these games, they are carrying out F.A. instructions.

Mr. S. F. Rous, F.A. secretary, said to-day that the ruling of the War Emergency Committee at Birmingham in February allowed for only completion of established competitions and postponed matches.

## Covered by rule

Mr. Howarth, however, refers to the North's Cup regulation. This reads:

Clubs failing to qualify for, and those failing to survive the respective rounds in the Competition Proper shall, where possible, make home and away fixtures for any vacant dates with other clubs in similar circumstances. All such matches and all Cup-ties shall count in the League championship. Therefore Mr. Howarth claims that all the so-called "extra" matches are part of the established championship and are covered by the F.A. ruling.

## Baseball results

American League—Detroit, Tigers 0, Chicago White Sox 5; Boston, Red Sox 5, Washington Senators 4.—Reuter.

## FURTHER RISE IN MOLASSES

With a disposition to await events Stock Markets had another quiet day to-day, with price movements small and somewhat uncertain.

A minor feature was the renewed support for United Molasses, the shares putting on another 9d. to 43s. 3d. Among other industrials to improve were Turner and Newall at 86s. 3d., Agar Cross at 25s. 3d., Rover at 37s. 3d., London Brick at 65s. 6d., Guinness at 147s., A.B. Pictures at 22s. 3d., and Gamage at 26s. 3d. Babcock gained another 3d. to 56s. 9d. on the increased bonus.

## Tobaccos lower

Tobacco shares were easier, with "Bats" down 1s. 3d. at £6 8s. 9d. Standard Motors, Plaster Boards, Woolworth, Marks A. Lever Bros., Bleachers all lost a few pence.

## Home Rails dull

Gilt-edged issues held steady, but Home Rails continued to decline, Southern Pref. losing 1/4 at

## Latest Stock Exchange prices

BRITISH FUNDS		LOCAL	
Cons 2½	83½ <sup>16</sup>	Local	96½ <sup>16</sup>
4-11½	84½	War 3-102½	13½ <sup>16</sup>
Cons 3½	105½ <sup>6</sup>	3½-103½	16½ <sup>16</sup>
BRITISH AND FOREIGN RAILS			
G.W.R. 55½	6¼	N.E. 2 Pref-28½	9½ <sup>2</sup>
L.M.S. 27½	8½	Shdn Pfd-74½	5¼ <sup>4</sup>
1923-57	9	Shdn Pfd-23¼	4
L. Tran C-65½	6¼	B.A. 5½	8¼ <sup>4</sup>
N.E. Pfd-6½	7½	B.A. Pac-54 11½	6
N.E. Def-3½	8¼	B.A. W. 9¼	10½ <sup>4</sup>
N.E. 1 Tr-56	8	Can. Pac-16¼	16
FOREIGN BONDS			
Brazil Pde. A	92	China-1898-70	
Fdg. B-77½		Jo 07-20½	10-18½ <sup>2</sup>
MINES			
Ashanti-62½	3½	Rhokana-63½	16
Bibiani-29½	30½	Rho. A-16½	9
Blyr-5½	6	Rho. Cp-87½	10½ <sup>2</sup>
Chart-27½	8½	Rho. Sel-11½	12½ <sup>3</sup>
Cons. Dia 3½	9½	Roan-10½	9
Cons. Gold-35½	13½	S. Frisco-14½	15½ <sup>3</sup>
De Beers-15½	8¼	Sel. Tr-29½	10½ <sup>2</sup>
Def-16½	17	Spaar-9½	14½ <sup>2</sup>
E.R.C. 11½	14½	Venters-2½	1½
E. Trans-6½	9	W. Hlds-2½	1½
G.C.S. 19½	20½	W. R. Tr-12½	23½ <sup>2</sup>
Lubnan-27½	9	W. Reef-57½	6½ <sup>3</sup>
Lyd'g-2½	15½	W. Wits-16½	14
INDUSTRIALS			
A.B. Pic-22½	16	Harrods-70½	26½
A. News-61½	6¼	A.A.-7½	8½
A. Cement-61½	3½	Home-61½	3
Bovril-38½	9	Hud. Bay-74½	5½
Braz. Tr-26½	7½	I.C.I. 40½	4½
Br. Cement-44½	12	Int. Nickel-40½	1½
Br. Oxy-87½	8	L. Brick-64½	6½
Br. Plas-38½	9	Lever Un-48½	9½
Cable Pfd-112½	13½	Lyons-61½	16
Ord-95	6	Manfred-80½	16
Cole E. K.-41½	9	Def-39½	40
Cosor-33½	4½	Markes S.A.-74½	5½
Crompt. P.-33½	4½	Odeon-2½	3
Crossed-B-35½	9½	Pinchin-40½	16
D. Mail-47½	8½	Primitiva-12½	13½
De La Rue-113½	16	Radiation-62½	3½
Decca-54½	5½	Seltrage Pfd-29½	30
Dunlop-51½	2½	S. Met. Cas-95½	7½
E.M.I. 35½	9½	Suden Pl-47½	8½
G.E.C. 96½	7½	Tate-73½	4
Gas Lt-23½	4	Turner N-85½	9
G.U.S. 26½	10½	U. Drapery-24½	16
		U. Mol-43½	6
		Witth-82½	9

TEXTILES		COURT	
Bichers-14½	9	Court 56½	10½ <sup>2</sup>
Brad. Dy-26½	7	Eng. Sew-12½	3½
B.Cel-34½	14½	FineC-26½	7½
Calico-20½	3½	Jute Pf-9½	9
Cons-52½	9½	Lanes Ct-37½	8
OILS AND RUBBERS			
Ang. Iran-54½	7½	R. Dutch-35½	2
Atex-29½	14½	Shell-4½	12
Apok-71½	6½	Ultramax-78½	50
B.C. pf-14½	9½	Y. S. S. 14½	13½
Burmah-47½	12½	Alld Rm-16½	16
Can. E-16½	9	Ad. Dut-24½	11
Libos 57½	8½	Bertam-2½	9
Mex. F. 10½	10	Mylin-38½	9½
11½	11	R. Trust-26½	9
IRON, COAL, STEEL			
Baldwin-6½	7	Thomas-12½	10½
S.A.-26½	3½	13½	12
Brown-22½	30½	P. 35½	6½
Stee D-56½	7½	Vickers-19½	10½
U.S.D-26½	10½	20½	2
BREWERIES AND TOBACCO			
Barclay-34½	5½	S.A. Wine-65½	6
Bass-177½	9½	Watney Df 94½	6
Cornrage-89½	9½	B.A. T-63½	22
Distillers-117½	19½	Carreiras-71½	16
Guinness-146½	8½	R-19½	20½
L. Coops-106½	8½	Imp-8½	8
MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT			
Austin 35½	9½	Raleigh 91½	2
Austin A-36½	16	Rolls-5½	16
Bristol-147½	10½	Standard-36½	7
Ford-40½	1½	Tilling 60½	1
Hawker 17½	18½	Triplex-42½	3
Morris-46½	16		
SHIPPING			
Anchor-47½	9½	France P-35½	6
Cairn-114½	10½	P. 24½	5
Corn-104½	10½	Id. China-14½	10
Court-26½	7½	Orient-58½	60
Cunard-24½	5½	P. O. 43½	4½
E.K. Holi-33½	9	P. Cas-24½	5
BANKS AND INSURANCE			
Barclay A-55½	9½	N. Pr. A-54½	6
B-79½	80½	R-78½	9½
Chart. L-12½	16½	West-56½	9
Hongkong-88½	90	£4 £1 ad-94½	9
Lloyds-62½	9½	E. Star-9½	3½
Mill dnd-104½	8	Penar-16½	17½
np-114½	16	P. 29½	4
11½	16½	4½	5½

## CROSSWORD

ACROSS.—1. Fidget while playing cards? 4. He's in the rough. 6. Big chap? Bigger than an insect, anyway? 7. Usually an exciting game. 9. High fliers. 11. Fish for girl and man. 13. Characteristic of a portrait artist. 15. We start to get tired. 16. Paper boy, shall we say? 17. What the eyes do for a change (two words).

DOWN.—1. It's half soft and half damp. 2. No: a lowlander's dance? 3. Enough to make Nigel grin. 5. Girl who might bite Haze? 8. Man, or animal? 10. Industrious enough to finish off "6 Across." 12. You have a good time when you make it. 14. 12. Tenders. 14. Oats. 15. Sneer. DOWN.—1. Blundered. 2. Tea-se. 3. Mat. 5. First-rate. 7. Seen. 9.

## TUESDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS.—2. Tru-M.P. 4. Glue. Rife. 11. Visor. 13. Dun.

## Runner who won't give up

Evening Standard Athletics Reporter

Captain T. L. Lockton, international hurdler, is returning to the running track this summer—but not to hurdling. A bullet wound in the right arm has decided this for him. Now he will be a quarter-miler.

Three years ago Lockton returned from India, where, in North-west Frontier work, he had caught a slug in the arm. Last July he went to France; all the time the arm gave trouble. Back in England again early this year he had two more operations—20 operations in all.

He may yet go back to the B.L.A. and resume his town major's job; but he wants some running when here.

Lockton put in first training at his Surrey home last night, and he runs the quarter mile in the relay for A.A.A. against Oxford University at Oxford on May 9.

This will be his first serious race since dead-heating with the German, Pollmans, in the Britain-Germany match at Cologne just before the war started.

## ON LEAVE, OUT FIGHTING

Standard Boxing Reporter

M. C. White (R.N. and Caius M. B.C.), back from three convoy trips to Russia and sundry adventures off the Norwegian coast, is on leave this week and is returning to boxing.

He is to fight Gnr. E. Bell (R.A. and Metropolitan Police), who is also on leave, at the Smith's B.C. tournament at Cricklewood on Friday (6.30).

The show also brings back to boxing Cpl. E. Stapleton (Ox and Bucks L.I. and Alexandra B.C.) after five years as prisoner of war. Stapleton goes in with S. Hibbert (Caius B.C.), a candidate for the London light-weight title.

## Robins starts cricket against Empire team

Squadron Leader R. W. V. Robins, former England and Middlesex captain, will lead a strong R.A.F. cricket team to open the season against British Empire XI at Uxbridge on Saturday.

Other County men playing for R.A.F. are Flight Lieut. T. H. Barling (Surrey), Sergt. R. J. Partridge (Northants), Captain G. R. Langdale (Derbyshire) and A.C. J. S. Buller, Westsiders wicket-keeper.

## New R.A.A.F. men

W.O. R. G. Williams, a repatriated prisoner, is in the Royal Australian Air Force team to meet the Mayor of Maidstone's XI at Maidstone.

Williams is a fast bowler who played State cricket for South Australia for eight seasons. Other newcomers are F. Sgt. N. R. Stocks, medium-pace bowler from Victoria, and Sgt. H. S. Craig, free-scoring batsman who did well in minor games last summer.

## League novelty

New Lancashire League rule is that an all-amateur team beating a team which includes a professional gets three points instead of two.

Among the County cricket professionals in Lancashire League cricket this season are three from the South—Jim Sims (Middlesex) with East Lancashire, J. H. Parks (Sussex) with Accrington and L. J. Todd (Kent) with Rawtenstall.

To-morrow's cricket: Cambridge, Cambridge University v. Trudlers (11.30).

## International Rugby will be Services again

Standard Rugby Reporter

French Rugby Union hope that international fixtures might be resumed next season. From the point of view of the English R.U. it is very doubtful whether Twickenham could be got ready in time, even if Japan were defeated this summer.

A more definite reason is that the clubs are not ready. Until they are, there would be no point in picking any international side other than one to represent the Services.

## As before

More likely solution is an Inter-Dominion Services tournament here, on the lines of that after the last war. France might very well be included as "guest" team.

Few Rugby clubs have any real hope of opening up next season and Service football on an extended scale may be expected. The only London clubs other than hospitals, who seem certain to be playing regularly are still Wasps and Rosslyn Park—and they do not play each other.

## Old Palace manager leaving Leicester F.C.

Mr. T. G. Bromlow, England and Liverpool half-back, and old Burnley and Crystal Palace manager, is giving up his Leicester City managership.

## RADIO

HOME: 203.5, 391.1, 449.1, 48.54 M.

6.0.—News 6.15.—American Commentary 6.30.—Band Show 7.0.—Can I Help You? 7.15.—Symphony Concert 9.0.—News 9.30.—Hoop-la! 10.15.—Story 10.30.—Gaelic 11.0.—In Sentimental Mood 11.30.—Dancing Time (records) 12.0.—News

GENERAL FORCES: 296.1, 342.1 M.

6.0.—Scottish Half-hour 6.30.—Round the Halls 7.0.—News 7.15.—Intermission 7.45.—Stanley Black's Orch 8.15.—Nights at the Opera 8.45.—Sportsmen's Corner 9.0.—News 9.15.—News from Canada 9.15.—These You Have Loved 10.0.—Headlines and Canadian Show 10.30.—Music While You Work 10.58.—Headlines

## COMPANY MEETINGS

## TRANSPARENT PAPER LIMITED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. 2nd MAY, 1945.

The Chairman, Sir Richard A. Pense, Bt., D.L., presided. The recommendation of the Directors of the payment of a final dividend of 7 per cent., less tax, making 14 per cent. for the year ended 31st December, 1944, on the Ordinary Shares was unanimously adopted.

The Meeting concluded with an expression of appreciation of the loyal service rendered by the staff and employees of the Company.

Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1944.

Share Capital Issued—	£	Freehold Land and Buildings—	£
5½% Redeemable		Plant, Machinery, Etc.	212,900
Cumulative Preference Shares	100,000	Patents, Etc.	56,789
Ordinary Shares	178,560	Shares in Subsidiary Company	5,000
	278,560		217,901
General Reserve	30,000	Investments in Government and quoted Securities	229,954
Profit and Loss Account Balance carried forward	20,906	Stocks	27,256
	329,466	Debtors	56,789
Sundry Creditors	45,365	Amount due from Subsidiary Company	5,449
Reserve for Taxation	66,188	Cash at Bank and in Hand	10,145
	111,553	Tax Reserve Certificates	65,525
			223,118

NOTE: Certain of the Buildings, Machinery, Plant, Etc., and Stocks on Hand included in the above Balance Sheet were destroyed or damaged by fire (not by enemy action) on the 27th December, 1944. These losses are adequately covered by insurance.

## E.N.V. ENGINEERING

The annual general meeting of transmission gears for tanks and the E.N.V. Engineering Co. Ltd. was held yesterday in London.

Mr. C. G. Twallin, C.B.E. (chairman of the company), who presided, said: The surplus of £97,512 is £235,987 larger than last year, notwithstanding that the trading profit after provision for taxation is £17,197 less. We propose to pay a final dividend of 10 per cent and a bonus of 81 per cent on the Ordinary shares.

As regards our activities, now that the veil is lifted slightly I am able to tell you that we have been fully occupied in the manufacture of reduction and other gears for aero engines and propellers.

The report was adopted.

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# GARRISONS SURRENDER

## Lombardy corps surrender

2000 Nazis :  
many Italians

ROME, Wednesday.—The commander of the Lombardy corps of the Ligurian army, General Jahn, has surrendered with 2000 German and many Italian troops, but the commander of the army's 75th Corps has refused to yield.

An official announcement said General Schiemmer, Commander of the 75th Corps, "refused because of his oath to Hitler that he would not surrender while Hitler was still alive."

The pursuit and destruction of the remaining German forces in Italy by the Fifteenth Army continues without let up, says to-day's Mediterranean communiqué.

Fifth Army troops, advancing up the Brenta and Piave River valleys, have captured Grigno and Feltre. After a third amphibious crossing of Lake Garda, mountain troops have moved up the west shore to Riva.

### Novara taken

Reconnaissance elements of the 34th U.S. Division pushed on beyond the Ticino River, and have taken Novara, and reached Santhia.

American troops have occupied Noli, on the Gulf of Genoa. Brazilians advancing west of Piacenza have overrun Voghera and Tortona, and joined up with other Fifth Army troops in Alessandria.

British armour was pushing towards the Austrian frontier some 30 miles ahead of them, after completing the capture of Udine against scattered opposition, headquarters said.

British and Yugoslav spearheads which met near Montefalco, 17 miles from Trieste, yesterday, are now sweeping the valley of the Isonzo.

### Convoy surrender

A convoy of 30 enemy vessels, including the 1500-ton hospital ship Freyburg, surrendered quickly at the head of the Adriatic when two R.A.F. Hurricanes flew over them at midday yesterday.

The R.A.F. announced that the ships ran up white flags as soon as the airplanes appeared. Relays of R.A.F. fighters remained patrol over them as they headed for the port of Grado, 18 miles west of Trieste. The convoy included landing craft and launches.—Exchange and A.P.

## Police seek man for questioning

### Dead doctor case

LEEDS C.I.D. to-day issued a description of a man they are anxious to interview as having been seen close by the house of Dr. David Walker Dewar, 42, the Leeds doctor, who was found murdered in the garden of his house about 8 o'clock on Sunday morning.

The description of the man is: Aged 35-40, height 5ft. 6in. or 5ft. 7in., medium build; rather thin face, pale complexion, clean shaven, and wearing a light-coloured, loose-fitting raincoat. He was also wearing some kind of head-dress.

### Wife left light

Superintendent James Craig, Chief of Leeds C.I.D., explained to-day that the light seen in Dr. Dewar's house in the early hours of Sunday morning had been left in the hall by Mrs. Dewar when she went to bed to aid the doctor when he returned home. She knew he was visiting patients.

She awoke at 5 a.m. and went downstairs to put out the light. Mrs. Dewar was not alarmed because of the doctor's non-appearance. It was a regular occurrence through his years of practice in the district.

In an effort to support a theory that revenge was the motive for the attack a search is being made of the doctor's files.

# TO MAYORS

Evening Standard Correspondent, Stockholm, Wednesday.

The German evacuation of Denmark has begun. The Zealand city of Slagelse has been completely evacuated by Wehrmacht troops, and the town of Hillerød partly cleared.

## NORWAY MYSTERY

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estimate the number of German troops in Norway at about 200,000. It will take a month to evacuate them, provided Sweden helps, which it will do if asked.

The Swedish Prime Minister, Mr. Hansson, in a speech yesterday claiming that Sweden's neutrality had best served the common aim of reaching a solution for Norway and Denmark, added: "It goes without saying that we in Sweden are prepared to collaborate in the process of liquidating the forces of occupation."

### PRISONERS FREED

Oslo last night sprang with relief for the Germans had cancelled the blackout.

The gates of some of the prisons have been thrown open, and numbers of people have already been let out from the notorious Grini concentration camp, according to official news agency despatches from the Norwegian capital.

It is hinted that among the people released are some of the more prominent Norwegian patriots.

There was unmistakable excitement on Oslo's principal avenue, Karl Johans Gate, throughout May Day. Patriots gathered and sang the royal hymn unmolested by the Germans and the quislings.

Rumours about a change of Cabinet persist. Quisling, the Nazi commissioner Josef Terboven, and General Boehme, went to Lillehammer during yesterday to discuss the new situation, according to official information from Oslo.

The general opinion is that Quisling's so-called Cabinet will resign forthwith, preparing the way for Quisling's removal and the exit of the Germans.

The Norwegian underground Press has appealed to the population to remain calm and not provoke trouble.

## 'Keep the spirit of adventure'

Too much is heard of security

A call for the spirit of adventure to be kept alive was made by Sir Patrick Ashley Cooper, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, at a London luncheon to mark the 275th anniversary of the granting of the company's charter of incorporation.

In celebration of the event the establishment of a scholarship fund was announced.

Sir Patrick declared: "Too much is heard of safety and security for their own sake. How seldom do we hear our leaders and our educators urge upon our youth those vital qualities of enterprise, courage and hard work?"

The scholarship fund will be for the encouragement and furtherance of education and research in those subjects in which the company are interested.

### John Churchill

Mr. Churchill, in a congratulatory message, wrote: "Yours is a fine record. In sending you my good wishes, I am glad to recall the fact that John Churchill was the company's third governor."

### £2000 goods theft

A motor lorry carrying four motor compressors, valued at £2000, was stolen from the yard of Messrs. S. J. Megenis, Ltd., Mount-avenue, Southall, to-day.

The commandants of the German garrisons in Nestved, Vordingborg and Prestoe asked the Danish mayors to intern the garrisons, and this was done. German marines in Fredericia harbour dismantled the guns of their ships and took them ashore. In one town the garrisons are said to have surrendered to the postmaster.

Even in Jutland evacuation has begun. Here the towns of Holstebro and Struer were abandoned by the Germans, who scurried out with every means at their disposal, including trucks, carts and tanks.

To protect their retreat the Germans are leaving police troops and Danish quisling police, so-called "Hijos," but it is assumed that these units will disappear, too, once evacuation is completed.

### 'Battle is over'

The Danish police force, trained in Sweden, is expected to move into Denmark to-morrow. In some towns, like Horsens in Jutland, they are already on duty.

One of their chiefs said to-day: "It looks as if the battle for Denmark is over before it has begun. We expect no serious resistance. Technically, however, Denmark cannot be considered liberated until German capitulation becomes official."

King Christian is prepared to summon Parliament at a moment's notice. A new Government has already been formed by underground agreement between the King and the Liberation Council, operating in Denmark, and Danes abroad.

Portfolios will be equally divided between the old political parties and the underground. Communists will be included, but the Cabinet will be predominantly conventional Socialist.

### Capital quiet

In Copenhagen there is no sign of German evacuation. May Day was entirely calm—not a single shot was fired throughout the day, and this is the first time in five years this has happened.

## One man stopped breakthrough

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—A 22-year-old American soldier who single-handedly halted a German breakthrough and killed at least 23 Nazis near Haaron, Germany, on October 18 is to receive the nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honour.

The War Department announced to-day that he is Sergeant Max Thompson, of North Carolina, who used everything he could lay his hands on, a machine-gun, bazooka, automatic rifle and grenades, to smash a tank-led attack.—A.P.

## British gift for boy king's birthday

BAGDAD, Wednesday.—The British Services in Iraq to-day greeted King Feisal's tenth birthday by presenting him with a fully equipped model of a staff sergeant's tent.

The equipment includes camp bedstead with mosquito net, mahogany folding camp table and chair, canvas washbasin and bath, and a flagstaff at its peak, flying the silk Iraqi royal standard.—Reuter.

### Australia's V-plan

SYDNEY, Wednesday.—Australia's plans for the celebration of V-Day include the ringing of bells throughout the Commonwealth and a national holiday. Hotels will be closed, and thanksgiving services will take place.—Reuter.

### 'Rostock mutiny'

A mutiny broke out in Rostock after news of Hitler's death, said Moscow radio to-day.

## New U.S. landing in Sulu chain

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—American troops have landed in the Bongao Islands in the Sulu chain, and seized the town of Songasonga. It is reported from Manila to-day.

Allied airplanes are pounding Japanese positions on Borneo as the troops drive inland.

First official confirmation of the landing came from Mr. Joseph Chifly, acting Prime Minister of Australia, in Canberra, who announced that Australian troops are taking part.

The troops are reported by Tokyo to be battling in the rich oil centres of the Tarakan area, along the east coast. The oilfields were reported to have been destroyed when the Japanese landed on the island nearly three and a half years ago.

If the Japanese reports are correct, the Allies are only a few miles south of the border of British Borneo.

### Drive on Davao

In the Philippines, U.S. troops keeping up their drive on Davao, capital and chief port of Mindanao, are only six miles away after a new thrust of 11 miles.

According to Tokyo radio, an Allied task force, including the British battleship Queen Elizabeth and the French battleship Richelieu, have bombarded Nicobar Island, in the Indian Ocean, off Malaya, for the third day in succession.

The radio said the Nicobar and Andaman Islands were attacked during Sunday and Monday.—British United Press

## BAND-WAGON OR COACH?

Britain's choice in industry

Mr. J. S. P. Armstrong, Agent-General of the Ontario Government, asked the Midland Region of the Engineering Industries' Association, at Birmingham, to-day: "Will Britain use her war spirit of mechanisation to get on to the quantity band-wagon rather than the quality coach—high-grade articles or mass production?"

"Would it not be the best insurance investment Britain could make to decentralise its industry to the peaceful, broad protected lands of Canada, or will she continue to concentrate it and again tempt a disorganised and unstable Europe?"

## German Atlantic 'pocket' freed

The island of Oleron, off the west coast of France opposite Rochefort and south-west of La Rochelle, has been completely liberated, stated Paris radio to-day.

Oleron, an island 18 miles long, with 15,000 inhabitants, was part of one of the German Atlantic "pockets" which held out behind the Allied lines for many months.—Reuter.

## Americans using two types of rockets

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—The U.S. Navy to-day disclosed the existence of two types of rockets already in effective use.

One, the "Hvar," is a high velocity aircraft rocket used in the Normandy invasion. The other, "the Spinner," was first used on Iwojima.—Associated Press.

### Children's Zoo again

The Children's Zoo will be re-opened on Friday, May 18, writes Craven Hill. Tommy Handley and several other members of the B.B.C. "Itma" cast will take part in a ceremony at 2.30 p.m.

## Workers walk to city after tram strike

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Thornton Heath, Holloway, Norwood, Abbey Wood and Brixton. Tram routes affected are: 2/4, 6, 8/20, 10, 12, 16/18, 22/24, 26, 28, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36/38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 52, 54, 56/58, 60, 62, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74 and 78. Trolleybus routes: 513, 517, 611, 612, 613, 615, 617, 627, 639, 653.

One bus depot—Croydon—has joined it and there are no buses out of Croydon on Routes 12, 54, 59, 64, 115, 133, 197 and 234A.

Crews on trolley-buses on route 630 from Hammersmith are only working their buses as far as Clapham Junction. North of the Thames trolley-bus routes running curtailed services are: 521/621, Edgmont and Tottenham Court-road; 629, Enfield and Tottenham Court-road; 659, Waltham Cross and Holborn; 679, Waltham Cross and Smithfield (all ending at Finsbury Park).

543/643, Wood Green Station and Holborn (ends at Clerkenwell Green); 641, Winchmore Hill and Moorgate; and 683, Stamford Hill and Moorgate (end at Barry-street, New North-road); 609, Barnet and Moorgate (ends at East Finchley Station).

Workers on the routes served only by trams had to walk as far as the nearest Tube or petrol bus route. At bus stops queues became so big that workers despaired of boarding them and "thumbed" passing motorists and lorries.

### TAXIS SHARED

It was almost impossible to get a taxi-cab, but those who did shared them with fellow-workers. Lorries stopped in City streets to discharge "cargoes" of smartly-dressed typists.

There was a steady stream of walkers towards the City along the Finchley-Holborn route.

The strike began during the night when all-night trams to South London stopped, leaving late workers stranded in Fleet-street and the City.

At the tram depot at Clapham there was a picket of nine men, six in uniform, and three police squad cars under the control of an inspector patrolled the area.

One of the pickets said: "No trams will run from this depot. The stoppage is absolutely complete."

A number of conductresses turned up for duty as usual to-day and argued with the pickets. One conductress said: "If you won't let me work I can get back home to do my washing."

### THEY WERE LATE

In Balham and Tooting there were queues of early morning workers at each tram stop. In one of the queues there were three bus conductresses who had waited for more than an hour.

One said: "Many bus workers who live in this part of Tooting, and depend on the tram to get to work, will be late this morning, so that there is bound to be a delay of some sort on certain bus routes."

In the Brixton district many hundreds of early workers trekked to Stockwell Tube station and at Camberwell workers gathered in great crowds seeking transport. Trolleybuses are running in North London from Waltham Cross as far as Finsbury Park, where passengers are being turned off.

### INDIGNANT

One passenger said, "I got on at Enfield and bought a ticket for Holborn, but at Finsbury Park we were told that the vehicle was not going any farther. Passengers were indignant, but the conductress said she had no authority to refund our money."

Trolleybus routes affected are No. 517 from Holborn Circus to North Finchley No. 609, Moorgate to Barnet, and Nos. 617 and 613 from Holloway.

Meetings at several tram and bus depots were held last night and most parts of London will be affected as a result of the voting, but in the meantime five London bus routes will work to rule.

These are 47 (Shoreditch to Farnborough), 138 (Bromley to Hayes), 119 (Croydon to Bromley), 146 (Bromley to Down), and 51 (Sidcup to Bromley).

"Working to rule," said the Bromley branch of the T. and G.W.U. means that there will be a delay of 15 to 20 minutes on each run.

An official of the Transport and General Workers' Union trams and trolleybus section said to-day: "There is little danger of strike spreading. . . . We expect resumption of work in a day or two."

## Hays Office bans 'atrocities' film

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—The showing of the documentary film Atrocities has been banned from thousands of theatres throughout the U.S. by the Hays Office, America's unofficial film censors.

The reason given for this action against the film, based on documentary material of the Kharkov trial, is "it repeats too many gruesome scenes."

Irving Shapiro, producer of the film, says that despite action by the Hays Office he will distribute the film to the country's 12,000 independent cinemas.

A Hays Office spokesman said: "We suggested elimination of scenes that were repeated just for their gruesomeness. We said that if these were eliminated we could reconsider."

The announcement banning the film coincided with the general release of the newsreel depicting the horrors of Buchenwald and other German prison camps.—Reuter.

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### LIBERTY SHIP LOST

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