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GERMANY OFFERS SURRENDER TO SOVIET, BRITAIN, U.S.

VE-Day announcement will come any hour now

GERMAN delegates, members of the General Staff, have arrived at the Russian army headquarters to learn the terms on which the United Nations will accept their surrender. British and American generals are present.

When the Germans sign—and the state of their forces is such that it is not likely to be delayed for more than twelve hours—the war in Europe will be at an end and VE-Day will be proclaimed.

At a later date there will be a formal public surrender in the ruins of Berlin.

Two German air generals last night offered the surrender of the entire German Air Force to Field-Marshal Montgomery, says British United Press.

Portugal has broken with the Nazis

PORTUGAL seized all German diplomatic and official property in Lisbon last night on the ground that the national Government of Germany no longer exists.

The German Legation, Consulate and other official buildings have been sealed until they can be handed over to the Allied Commission or whoever represents Germany.

Intimation has been given to the German Minister in Lisbon that Portugal no longer recognises the German Government.

ALLIES IN AUSTRIA STILL ADVANCING

Allied troops advancing beyond the Austrian city of Linz have reached Enns, ten miles to the south-east, while units from Italy are now near Villach.

But they were informed on behalf of the Three Powers—Britain, Russia and the U.S.A.—that there can be no modifications.

There are two documents they have to sign—one a general surrender and the other a surrender to the Russians of all troops facing them.

Immediately the German delegates arrived at Russian headquarters Britain and America were informed by Marshal Stalin and, I understand, British and American Generals left to be on hand to

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'Prague relieved'
—1 a.m.
message

P A T R I O T-C O N T R O L L E D
Prague radio announced: "Help has come; Allied divisions are approaching," at 1 a.m. today, after the German-controlled radio station in the capital had reported that "considerable German forces" had gone into action against the Czechs.

"Units of General Vlasov have arrived here today," the patriot radio added. "All armed units will firmly hold their positions. We shall be silent for a while. We shall come back."

The German decision to step up the assault was made "in view of the strength of the resisting Czech group."

It followed the betrayal of a truce made with the Czech National Council: as the Czechs suspended operations the Germans counter-attacked.

Meanwhile, General Patton's Third Army yesterday drove to within fifty miles of the capital.

And two Russian relief armies were converging on Pervy, in Moravia, key junction on the route to Prague.

• Baron Von Neurath, first governor of Bohemia, regarded by the Czechs as War Criminal No. 1, has been captured by the First French Army.

LAST WARNING

Monty has ordered the German Army commander to disarm the 300 S.S. troops in the Segeberg Forest, north of Hamburg, who are retaining their arms in defiance of the surrender terms. If they refuse military action will be taken



Victory Salvo

This is the first ever British victory salvo of the war—ordered by Monty to celebrate the German surrender to the Twenty-first Army Group.

Twenty-four guns of the 60th City of London Heavy A.A. Regiment roared out—twenty-one rounds each—over the Field-Marshal's headquarters. Manning the guns were men who did grand work during the London blitz. This was "the shoot" they had waited so long for.

GERMANS AND U.S. TROOPS FIGHT SS

MEMBERS of the German garrison of the tiny medieval castle at Itter, near Innsbruck, in the Austrian Tyrol, fought alongside Americans when 300 S.S. men attacked the castle after its surrender.

Prisoners in the Castle were fifteen well known French men and women.

among them Daladier and Reynaud, the French ex-Premiers. General Gamelin, Jean Borotra the tennis star, and the sister of General de Gaulle.

A cable from DAVID WALKER says that these prisoners were among the many well known captives the Germans planned to hold as

hostages in a vast Nazi bargaining scheme.

They were being guarded by forty members of the Wehrmacht and the German major in command, hearing that the Americans were near, went out to give in to them.

He escorted a tank back to the Castle with a party of U.S. soldiers, when the S.S. men

in the surrounding woods, hearing of the surrender opened fire, obviously determined that their hostages should not be lost.

A hail of 88mm. shells landed

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Waiting

All Paris is waiting for the sirens to blow and the church bells to ring, cabled David Walker last night.

All today you could see Parisians scuttling to their homes with a French flag or a Union Jack under their arm, for all the world as if they belonged to some underground movement being watched by the Gestapo.

Nothing else matters here now but the last tremendous announcement.

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BUTCHERS at the B.M.A.

THOSE doctors whom the British Medical Association claim to represent have been holding secret meetings in London. They have been engaged upon an indelicate operation. They have been sharpening the surgeon's knife to butcher the Health-for-All scheme described in the Government's White Paper on the Health Services.

First, the B.M.A. "representative meeting" hailed a glorious victory.

Their pressure upon Mr. Willink, Minister of Health, had forced the War Cabinet to drop the Government's proposal to stop the sale of private medical practices.

The majority of private practices are held by doctors on mortgages from insurance companies and banks. This explains why so many doctors, faced with heavy interest and repayment charges, are obliged to make as much money as possible as quickly as possible. Harassed by financial difficulties, too many doctors have too little time for their patients. Lack of time is one reason why so many doctors prescribe so many patent medicines.

Why should doctors prefer control by moneylenders to freedom to pursue with single mind the vocation of healing? The answer is simple.

It is the policy of the B.M.A. that doctors are animated, primarily, by the profit motive. The policy is denied every day by the devoted service and self-sacrifice of thousands of doctors. But the B.M.A. insist that doctors should be free to sell their

practices—the principal item in which is their patients—to the highest bidders.

Before the War Cabinet's capitulation was announced to Parliament, the B.M.A. were already negotiating with the Big Banks to finance the large market in medical practices that will follow the end of the war. Returning soldiers will be eager to invest their war savings and gratuities in practices. They will be prepared to mortgage their future to re-establish themselves in civil life.

They will find that they can raise mortgages at low rates of interest—perhaps 3 per cent. instead of 5 per cent. They will also find that the prices of practices are soaring. They may have to borrow £4,000 instead of £2,000. On interest alone—apart from repayment charges—they will be paying £120 per annum instead of £100!

I have little hope that the Tory majority will kick out Mr. Willink, who made this deal with the B.M.A. behind

the back of Parliament. My only hope is that our homecoming heroes will refuse to be robbed.

Another secret decision of the B.M.A. was to oppose the proposal that the London County Council should be the medical planning authority for

By
Sydney Elliott

the Capital. All sorts of excuses will be advanced—and in high falutin' terms—for this move. We shall be told that the B.M.A. now vigorously taking medicine into politics, do not want politics in medicine.

WHAT THE B.M.A. ARE REALLY SAYING, HOWEVER, IS THIS: "HANDS OFF HARLEY-STREET... AND OUR FAT TIPS FROM THE WEALTHIEST WEST END IN THE WORLD."

The third secret decision was to oppose the creation of a Central Medical Board. The purpose of this Board is to organise the general practitioner, to fix his salary and conditions; in short, to employ him.

The Board was proposed originally by the B.M.A. subject to one proviso: that a majority of its members should be doctors. The idea was endorsed by the Government.

Why do the B.M.A. now reject it? Because the Government made the modest request that, since the State would be employing the general practitioner, the State should say where he will work.

This would mean that Bournemouth, with its host of wealthy hypochondriacs, would no longer have twice as many doctors per head of population as Manchester, with its thousands of genuinely ill but poor citi-

zens. It would mean that residential Hampstead would no longer have six times as many doctors per head of population as industrial South Shields.

It would ration doctors, who are in short supply, according to the needs of the nation. It would produce a better health service for everybody. It might yield smaller profits to a few doctors. So the B.M.A. put private profit before the public need.

The B.M.A. are degrading a noble profession. The most urgent medical problem of our day is to give this body of obsecurists an injection of a sense of social decency.

Personal par. Four months ago, the Council of the B.M.A. gave their secretary, Dr. Charles Hill, permission to stand for Parliament as a Tory. Now they want to change the label on the Tory policy the Radio Doctor will preach in Parliament. So Dr. Hill will be nominated for Cambridge University—as an Independent!

Readers' Review

On this page you find your own and other people's views, grumbles and suggestions—plenty to think about. Send your letters for next week to "Readers' Review," "Daily Mirror," Fetter-lane, E.C.4.

Charts and a world police force of the Big Nations which will prevent any warlike nation ever arming for war again—A Land Girl.

A Man Looks at Marriage

MOST women, until they reach the age of discretion would prefer to be called beautiful rather than clever.

Through a man's eyes, his thing that counts most is how his wife runs her side of the marriage contract—the Home. And he is a proud man whose wife can make the week's ration last the whole week.

But perhaps the happiest man is the one who comes home on leave, after being bossed about by military superiors, to be told by the little lady who greets him that he is the greatest man living—Clifford Deall, Churchfields, Salisbury.

That's a man's view. Anybody disagree with him?



Use C.D. comradeship to help ex-Servicemen

from which these goods came. I do not think any British manufacturer is ashamed to put British on his merchandise.

Why was the Act changed after the last war? It would be interesting to know the views of other readers and the Servicemen just returned from P.O.W. camps.—A. C. Lunn, Whilton Close, Greenford.

She Was Told to

Forget Her Vote

WOMEN of my generation are always being told that as long as we are too lethargic to use our vote, we cannot expect to get the kind of Government we would prefer.

I would like to give you my personal experience of performing this duty.

After a hard day's work, I

waited in vain for a bus to take me to the polling station four miles away, mentioned on my electoral papers.

I was near another polling station for the same election, but was unable to make use of it. After pleading in vain at this station, I was told by one of the officials to "go home and forget it"!!!

Eventually, I wrangled a lift in a private car and was just in time to write the X against my candidate. Surely one ought not to have to struggle to register one's vote?—K. N. Sumner, S.R.N., S.C.M., North Weald, Essex.

Too Many Reprieves

I READ recently that Hedley, the convicted murderer of Captain Binney, has been reprieved.

In my view, our law provides

Clothes and the woman—

We think she's got something there...

This week's argument

BOYS and girls should attend separate schools after they're eleven, says Mrs. Brown, of Mildenhall. She thinks that when older boys and girls are together, they behave disgracefully.

The other side of the argument is that if boys and girls grow up together, they get used to each other gradually, and avoid teen-age curiosity and awkwardness.

There's your argument for the week. What do YOU think?

a fitting penalty for such ghastly crimes as are committed by these inhuman people, and as our judges are men who are capable, trained, and hear every circumstance of each case, the law becomes a farce.

It is not difficult to imagine the feelings of the judge and the jury, and any members of the family of the victim, when they know that the criminal is allowed to live, while the victim has been killed in unusually revolting circumstances.

The fairest possible trial is given, and unless there is a strong recommendation to mercy, the sentence should be carried out.

These reprieves make, as I see it, a travesty of our justice and imply our judges are incompetent.—F. E. Miller, Herne Hill.

Modern Magna Charta

Wanted

I THINK Margery Pope is wrong when she states that the general public go to the San Francisco Conference just to gape, pry and gossip.

A few may do so, but they are in the minority. Most go because they are taking an intelligent interest in the conference.

I would go if I lived in San Francisco. I'd go because I am interested in my own future and the future of the children I hope to have.

I hope that the conference will be able to settle all the differences of opinion that are holding things up. Our future depends on a modern Magna

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THEY SAY

IS May 10 the day of destiny of this war? It is the day Mr. Winston Churchill became Prime Minister in 1940.

That same May 10 Hitler launched his assaults on Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

On May 10, 1941, Hess landed in Scotland (first sign of "the maggot in the apple," as the Prime Minister said at the time).

That same day Hitler launched his biggest air attack on London.

On that day the House of Commons was destroyed.

Wonderful it would be if May 10 should also become the date of the final collapse of the Third Reich.

A. L. Kennedy in letter to *Sunday Times*.

ONE interesting point made to us in Germany (when M.P.s visited the Buchenwald prison camp) was that English is the official language of Military Government: the onus of understanding orders is on the Germans.

This, apparently, was not made clear during the occupation after the last war, and some confusion, and evasion of regulations, resulted.

This is important because, although Americans tend to be more polyglot, Britons usually have the knack of only acquiring just enough of a foreign language to make themselves misunderstood in it.

—Tom Driberg, M.P., in *Reynolds News*.

THOUSANDS of Polish and Russian girls are still working as slaves in German homes and hotels.

Mostly ignorant peasants, they do not know they have been liberated because they do not understand French or English.

Their German employers certainly are not telling them.

—Bards Conolly, *Sunday Dispatch* war correspondent.

WHAT are we going to do with the prisoners?

We should give Russia as many as she wants, as swiftly as she can take them, and set the rest to get the coal and grow the crops we need urgently.

But those we keep must work, on no greater rations than our own workers.

—Sunday Express

CONGRESSMAN BENNETT, youngest member of the U.S. Congress—he is 31—spent a while in the gallery of the House of Commons last week.

Bennett was surprised when he saw the Prime Minister stand up and answer spontaneous questions from the most obscure back-benchers on matters large and small. He was astonished when told that this happens almost every day.

"We see our President once a year," he told me, "and then we can't ask him anything."

It seems that legislation is coming before Congress for the introduction of some sort of "question time," but Bennett thinks it has small chance of getting through.

—Maurice Webb in *Sunday Express*

IT is a strange commentary on the end of the bombs that the last that fell on Central London destroyed 130 Jews in a block of flats in Stepney, on the morning they were preparing for their Passover Service.

So Jews, first victims of Hitlerism, were the last to be killed in London in any great numbers.

—Hannah Swaffer, in *The People*.

Hess guards have become Press guards

Call-up men report even on VE-Day

Thousands of men throughout the country have had calling up papers instructing them to report some days hence to Navy, Army or RAF units.

And, says the Ministry of Labour, it makes no difference if their day for reporting does turn out to be VE-Day—they are to report just the same.

"We expect every man who is in a position to travel to do so," the Ministry told the *Daily Mirror* last night.

"If he can't get a train, then he must write or send a telegram to his unit as soon as possible."

RAF CHIEF PRAISES THE HOME FRONT

Praise for the home front came from Air-Marshal Sir Guy Garrod, C-in-C. RAF Mediterranean, in a message to Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Minister. "In this hour of thankfulness we are conscious of the debt we owe to those at home who, though themselves in the forefront of the battle, never failed to meet our needs."

News goes to her head



Inspired by the exciting war news, Miss Andrews, a visitor from Newcastle, twists her Union Jack scarf into a striking victory turban. Picture was taken at Hyde Park Corner, London, yesterday.

We'll have to produce more for peace, says Sir Stafford Cripps

SOMEHOW or another," said Sir Stafford Cripps, Minister of Aircraft Production (and Labour leader) at Liverpool yesterday, "this country must get more production, for the same wages and salaries, and the same standards of living for the workers."

There are only two ways to do that, he argued. One is to give people more useful jobs. The other is to put up the production per man-hour all through our industries.

This would have to come by better organisation and higher efficiency.

Though there would be no need for the more drastic forms of control, such as the direction of labour, he could see no argument against going on with the same principles of government planning as during the war—and giving the Government power to see those plans carried out.

In a speech at Widnes, later in the day, Sir Stafford said we should not have an unemployment problem if we planned production properly.

"We shall have a problem of priorities—houses against factories, exports against home consumption, industry against agriculture, and so on—and for that purpose we shall have to have a man-power budget as we have had during the war."

The question of man-power was going to be the key to the post-war problem, and no one was better to supervise it than Mr. Bevin, with all his wartime experience and success behind him.

BURMA EX-PRISONERS ARRIVE IN INDIA

Allied prisoners of war freed by the 14th Army after the Japanese had force-marched them out of Rangoon have been taken to hospitals in India.

They reported that the Japanese had beaten them for the slightest offence, real or imaginary, and that they were given no medical treatment.

IN BRIEF

U.S. "Haw Haw" held

A MERICAN poet Ezra Pound, a "Lord Haw Haw" broadcaster to the U.S.A. from Rome, has been arrested near Genoa, to meet a treason indictment already out against him.

An appeal is being made by a large London brewery for Forces men on leave to help "roll out the barrels" containing VE-Day beer supplies.

PREMIER TO BROADCAST

The Prime Minister has decided to broadcast next Thursday, May 10—the fifth anniversary of the day on which he became Prime Minister.

"Daily Mirror" Reporter

ABERGAVENNY, Mon., Sunday. THE guards and security police who have watched Rudolf Hess, the "Kaiser of Abergavenny," have a new job now. They are watching me.

On War Office instruction they have been told: "Keep Hess away from the Press," and to do it they have trebled the guard and kept Hess well inside the hospital grounds.

I asked the War Office: "Can I see Hess?"

They said: "No" and added "No facilities will be given to you or any other newspaper to approach Herr Hess."

I asked why. The War Office were firm. "We cannot discuss the matter," they said. They would not even tell me how much it has cost the taxpayer to keep Hess in luxury, but an Army officer told me yesterday, "It could not possibly be less than £100,000."

Soldiers' pay for the company of guards watching him has cost more than £57,000

Expense is not spared; neither are men. Guards, security officials, policemen and soldiers spend their days watching me. There is one of them not very far away now. When I leave this hotel, he will follow.

If I go to White Castle where Hess used to paint and sunbathe there will be a patrol car. If I go for a drink, there will be a plain clothes man in the bar.

Around the walls of Mainditch Court, soldiers stand on guard, revolvers in their belts. From trees and bushes, they watch for us on the roads and in the fields.

When we asked why such elaborate precautions should be taken, we were told "Hess is covered by high policy."

The people of Abergavenny hope that when they bring Hess to trial "high policy" won't save him.

PLANE'S GUNFIRE KILLS BOY IN BOAT

While fishing from a boat off Seal Sands with three local men, Ronald Edward Baden Prat, 16, of Lansdowne-street, King's Lynn, was killed when a plane fired five bursts, sinking the boat.

The boy's father is a chief petty officer, it was stated at yesterday's inquest, which was adjourned until Thursday.

1,800 FLY HOME

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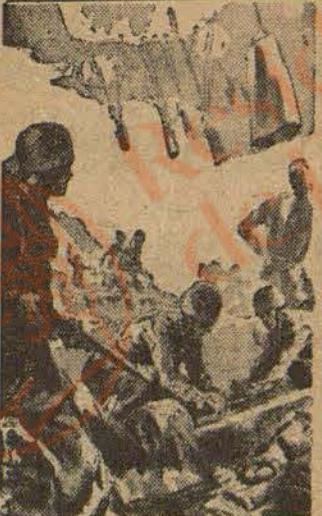


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You Can't Be Too Careful!

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Don't have a cold
perm yet, they say

"Daily Mirror" Reporter

QUIET tip to women from the National Hairdressers' Federation—Don't have a cold permanent wave till well after the war—it's dangerous.

Not because the system is bad in itself. America has taken up the idea and many of the most famous stoves advertise "Cold Perms" for sale at about 10s. a packet for home use.

The trouble is, according to the National Executive of the N.H.F., that the right chemicals are not being put to much more serious use just now, and are not on the market for beauty purposes.

Cold Perming is a process involving two liquids. The first works on the same principle as a depilatory and softens the hair.

The first stages of this process are the basis of Cold Perming—taking the fight out of the hair, as it were, and, while it is still unresisting, curling it tightly.

Tricky Part

After that, the idea is to stop the dissolving and reverse the process till the hair has stiffened with the curl still in it.

Obviously, this is the tricky part of the process, and "cases have been known," Mr. Alfred Hunt, member of the N.H.F. National Executive, told me yesterday, "where grievous harm has been caused to the hair and scalp."

British troops who captured Rangoon, driving north of the city, have linked up with 14th Army troops moving south, near Hlegu, twenty-six miles northeast of Rangoon. A corridor between Mandalay and Rangoon has been established by this link-up.

A "cut off the joint"



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FRITZEL, THE DACHSHUND, COVERED SECRET SURRENDER TALK

Heaven forbid

When members of the German community in Lisbon attended a service in the German Catholic Church yesterday, Monsignor Wurzer, the chaplain, said:

"If Germans pray hard

enough and work hard

enough and the tide will one day

be driven back and the great

deeds of the German

Fuehrer and the people of

this generation will be

matched by those who come

after them."

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BUCK RYAN

WELL, FROM THESE PAPERS IT'S PLAIN THAT THIS HOUSE WAS JUST A HIDEOUT FOR ANY SWASTIKA WOMAN WHO HAPPENED TO BE IN BRUSSELS

YES, THEY'RE USING THE CELL SYSTEM—SO THAT ONE GROUP CAN'T BETRAY ANOTHER

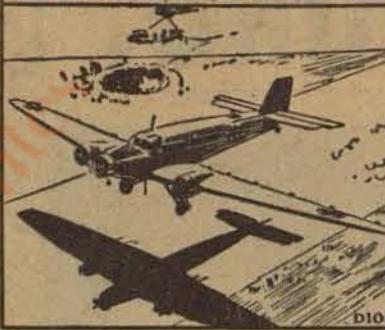
WHY DID THAT GIRL CHOOSE TO SEND A MORSE MESSAGE WHEN SHE HAD A CHANCE TO ESCAPE, COLONEL?

GOODNESS KNOWS, ZOLA. WISH WE KNEW WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS. AND WHERE IT WENT TO



Meanwhile—in German territory... MORSE MESSAGE FROM WOMENS GROUP X5 REPORTS PREMISES AT NO. 54, RUE DE COLET, BRUSSELS, RAIDED. OCCUPANTS ARRESTED

Soon after the message is received—a German Transport plane takes off...



Live Letters

A PROVERB A DAY
Laugh, and the world laughs with you.

A Monday Smile

A curiosity from Mr. S. A. GARDNER, The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells: Seen on a tombstone in an Isle of Wight cemetery:

Amelia Anne, beloved wife of Albert Saunders. Emily, beloved second wife of Albert Saunders. Agatha Mary, beloved third wife of Albert Saunders.

Naomi, beloved fourth wife of Albert Saunders. Ruth Maria, beloved fifth wife of Albert Saunders. Albert Saunders, R.I.P.

He deserves to rest in peace—after having had FIVE of them!

Just Right

P. S., Wallasey, sends us advt. from Liverpool newspaper:

"Dismantled padded cell, any reasonable offer accepted."

Passed to care of German Prisoners' Department, the War Office.

Tough!

Mrs. P. TUCKER, Barton-road, Torquay, sends us a report appearing in the local newspaper, which reads:

"A synthetic adhesive for meals capable of giving joints greater strength . . ."

"We'll dashed well have to get steel teeth! . . . unless the word should have been metals!"

No Bus

From "S. G." Peckham, London:

I am writing to ask you whether you are in favour of the tram and bus strike—

Our aged view on unofficial strikes is well known. We regard the strikers as undisciplined ruffians, undemocratic, and saboteurs. They have unions to say when a strike is necessary.

24-hours House

See the house in the picture below? It was built in the space of twenty-four hours—at Preston, Lancs. Here is the story as sent by Mr. J. D. ROBINSON:

Mr. William Price was told that to qualify for a vote at a forthcoming election it would be necessary for him to build a house and be in occupation of it at the end of the day. A wager of £5 was laid that it couldn't be done.

As the clock chimed midnight Mr. Price started work on the site. By mid-day the four walls were up. Before midnight the house was finished and smoke was issuing from a chimney!

Mr. Price won his bet—and his vote.



Realisation

Letter from Banbury:

I owe you an apology. I was one of the few dumb-witted, soft-hearted and soft-headed individuals who actually felt sympathetic towards the German civilians. I believed it was just the Nazi leaders who were cruel. But you—and the pictures published—have proved to me how wrong I was. I could find only one civilian in the pictures with even a trace of sympathy, or horror, in his face.

We two ancients have been ploughing a hard furrow for five years, but it seems now to be yielding a crop.

Rations

Mrs. D. E. J., Melfort-road, Leicester, writes:

I am in a boiling rage over the fact that Hun prisoners are getting nearly double the rations of hard-working British men and women. It's scandalous.

And 136 other people write to say they also are boiling! Well, keep on simmering—but send your wrath to the people who are supposed to be able to deal with it. The address is Westminster.

The Grocery Boys

Letter from "THE GROCERY BOYS," sent by a Flying Officer with the D.S.C.:

Yesterday we dropped food to our Dutch friends. Boy! what a thrill we had on seeing those people waving frantically to us. I always thought a job of being a grocer's delivery boy wasn't much cop. Don't you believe it, George. It's the best career of the war for giving the old heart 100 per cent satisfaction.

Yes, but look at the firm—I John Bull, Ltd., Universal Stores!

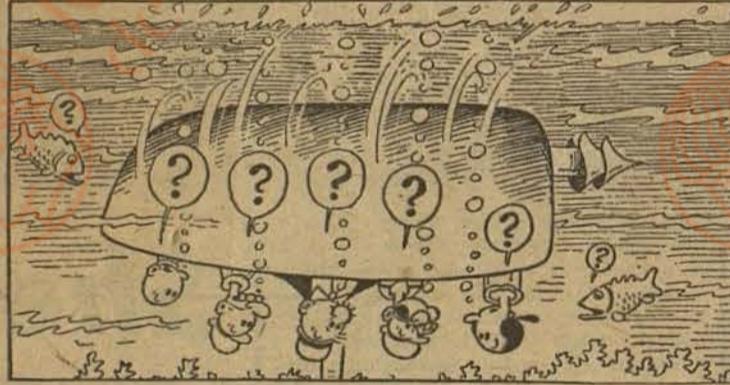
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GARTH



TODAY'S
RADIO

LIKE most of the other working mothers I know, I've thought more about the "Beveridge Plan" than any other big scheme. Because to people whose lives have been nothing but struggle, the idea of "freedom from want" for our children is the biggest thing we can imagine.

But I'd never really thought about the man behind it—Sir William Beveridge—until I had a chance to meet him. And when I started thinking, well, I was scared more than a bit.

I thought to myself, "How shall I ever be able to understand what he says? If he talks in big words I won't know what he means."

There were so many things I wanted to ask him, but I didn't know if I'd be able to get them out.

But I needn't have worried. When I walked into the room, the white-haired man facing me WAS Beveridge, but from his greeting and manner and handshake I knew right off that I could talk to him as a friend.

So when he told me to ask him anything I wanted, I took a deep breath and just waded in.

And I forgot to be nervous, because I wasn't "Mrs. Richards" any more. I was just one of the many housewives who would have said the same things if they'd been there.

The first thing I asked was:

"Do you think your plan will really go through, or will it be chopped into little bits, or left so long in cold storage that it freezes to death?"

"That depends on you," he said. "If you and your friends see that the people you put in Parliament want these proposals you'll get them. If you put in people who are against them—well, you won't."

Well, I've read about people who say they think social security is a fine thing, but who

SECRET SOUL

Self-righteous people may be right. But the fact that they feel it necessary to say so over and over again shows that they are not as sure of their rightness as they hope you believe.

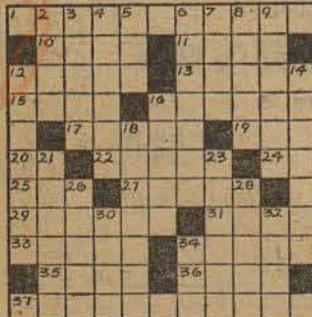
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Saturday's Solution

ACROSS—1. Bolton man; 10. Cajoie; 11. Wind instrument; 12. Character; 13. Cook; 15. Vain; 16. Dawdle; 17. Part of Arabia; 19. Town near Cambridge; 20. Pronoun; 22. Collected; 24. Written matter; 25. Seaknot; 27. Warble; 29. Cardgame; 31. Short cloak; 33. Sweeten; 34. Exposed; 35. Stratagem; 36. Girl; 37. With little hope.

DOWN—2. Sharp; 3. Splendidly; 4. Go wildly; 5. Adze; 6. Given seat of power; 7. Source; 8. Cross; 9. Early Archbishop of Canterbury; 12. Calculates; 14. Engaged to meet; 16. Black tea; 18. Hawthorn; 21. Safe; 23. Pour off; 26. River of Portugal; 28. Town of Northern Ireland; 30. File; 32. Manx town; 34. Bleat.



We Ffouls have always been dexterous with our digits—and at sixteen I was a wizard on the rings. I remember making a few pretty passes among the rafters when I came across our Instructor hanging like a cursed chimp—right in my way...

Mrs. Richards (THE VOICE OF THE FISH QUEUE) took a deep breath...



Sir William Beveridge and Mrs. Richards had a serious talk—but there was time for a joke.

but in kind—food, clothes, milk vouchers.

"Whatever for?" asked Beveridge. "I'm sure we can trust the mothers."

Well, maybe we can in most cases. But it would save such a lot of reckoning, of trying to work out the best ways of spending the cash, if we had vouchers and knew just what we could get from them each time.

When I first heard of Beveridge I wondered just what it was that put him on to this idea. I couldn't understand why he should be interested in our welfare, not being one of us. So I asked him about that, too.

"For as long as I can remember," he said, "I couldn't feel comfortable myself when I thought of all the other people in the nation who weren't comfortable."

"I decided the first thing I had better do was to learn something myself, and then as soon as I left college I went down and worked in the East End to find out why the scales were so heavily tipped against great numbers of the community."

"And what about that idea we unemployed heard so often

during the hard times, that we don't want to work, and prefer the dole?" I asked him.

"I found out what a cruel and wicked thing that was to say," he said. "But I found out something else too. If you keep people at starvation level for years, however much they may want to work, they're in no fit state, mentally or physically, to do so."

"It is THAT terrible form of rot that we've got to prevent for ever."

And he added, "The people who preach that insecurity is good for the soul are always referring to other people's souls. They don't want to try it out on their own children."

WHEN I said good-bye, and thanked Sir William for giving up his time to me he said:

"Your time is just as valuable as mine. You housewives have the most important job in the country, because if you didn't look after us and feed us, how could we men get on with our jobs?"

It's a very exciting thing to meet a man like Sir William. I've met "idealists" with their heads so far in the clouds they couldn't see the earth. And I've met plenty of "practical" people, whose practical ideas all boil down to "out for myself."

But Beveridge is an idealist with the brains to work out his ideals and turn them into reality.

And the next cross I make on a voting paper will be by the name of the person who supports the social security plan, and will fight for it.

JANE...

Baby's food fads

DOES your baby take well to new foods? Or does he screw up his nose and shudder if you offer him something different?

If you never attempt to give anything but the usual milk feeds—be they breast or bottle—you can hardly blame baby if, later on, he objects to this or that.

Start when he is tiny to get him into the habit of sensing something different in his mouth. Give him his orange juice from a spoon some days, and let him drink it from a little mug on others.

When it is time to start

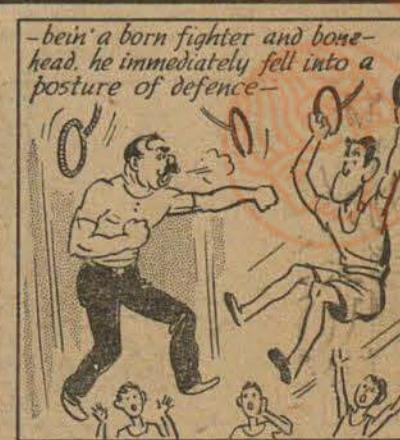
bone and vegetable broth don't always give it in liquid form. Cook it to "jell" and then offer it as a semi-solid.

Make his vegetable puree stiff some days, sloppy others.

Remember, it is not so much the taste of the food as its consistency that first makes a child heave and splutter. He has to learn to get used to it.

Send for my charts, Nos. 13a and 20, on baby-feeding, by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to me at the *Daily Mirror*, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.4.

SISTER CLARE.



and waded in with the questions about Social Security she'd been wanting to ask for a long time. And CICELY FRASER had fixed an interview

for her with the right person to answer them—Sir William Beveridge.

Mrs. Richards is a woman who has known poverty and unemployment; who has known what it is to face each day with the grim thought that there wasn't enough money in the house to buy food. And the things that matter to her are the things that matter to every other woman—whether she's in a queue, in a factory or at home.

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EMPIRE, —10.9.40. The Picture of Dorian Gray, a. With Geo. Sanders.

GAUMONT, Haymarket, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, a. 11.10 to 10.

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Lovely, a. Powell, Trevor Shirley.

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