

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

## VE-Day announcement will come any hour now

**G**ERMAN 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

**P**ORTUGAL 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.

And Admiral Doenitz yesterday broadcast a "Don't scuttle" order to all German ships—naval and merchant service—and instructed them to abstain from acts of war in all ports and waters affected by the "truce" with Field-Marshal Montgomery.

The German delegates who went to Russian headquarters to learn the terms of surrender appeared to be thunder-struck by the conditions, writes Bill Greig.

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**ATRIOT-CONTROLLED 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 Perov, 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

**M**EMBERS 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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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?*

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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 Luxemburg.

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.

—Hannan 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."

## 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.

## 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.

"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 Malindif 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 Pratt, 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

Lancasters of RAF Bomber Command yesterday brought back to England more than 1,800 freed prisoners of war.

## WANT FORMER HUN COLONY

South Africa is giving notice in San Francisco that at a later Peace Conference she will demand that the former German territory of South-West Africa, now under mandate to her, should be incorporated in the Union.

## IN BRIEF—

## U.S. "Haw Haw" held

AMERICAN 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.

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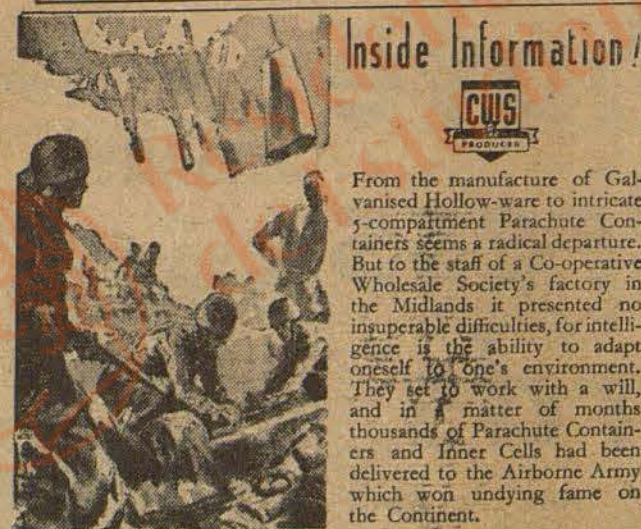
**FOOD**

**CADBURY'S BOURNVILLE COCOA**

After complaining that the official victory thanksgiving service issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York was "one long whine," Dr. E. R. Macassey, vicar of Mapledurham, Oxfordshire, wrote his own, spending thirteen hours on it, and the sixteen-page booklet is now selling at 6d.

Post war training schemes should include girls as well as boys, said Dame Vera Loughton Mathews, director of the WRNS, in London yesterday.





### Inside Information!

From the manufacture of Galvanised Hollow-ware to intricate 5-compartment Parachute Containers seems a radical departure. But to the staff of a Co-operative Wholesale Society's factory in the Midlands it presented no insuperable difficulties, for intelligence is the ability to adapt oneself to one's environment. They set to work with a will, and in a matter of months thousands of Parachute Containers and Inner Cells had been delivered to the Airborne Army which won undying fame on the Continent.

Yet another symbolic illustration of Co-operation in wartime. Issued by the  
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### TIME MARCHES ON...



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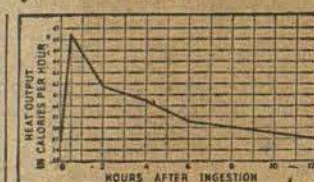
## IDRIS THE QUALITY SOFT DRINK

### Raising the Metabolic Rate hastens recovery from illness

WHEN you are recovering from an illness, the length of your convalescence is determined by your metabolic rate: that is to say, the rate at which your body burns up energy and replaces it by absorbing nourishment from food.

Through illness, your metabolic rate slows down. To get back to normal, you must supply your body with energy. Unfortunately, a low metabolic rate is accompanied by loss of appetite, making it difficult to absorb sufficient nourishment.

To break this vicious circle, your metabolic rate must be speeded up. To do this, doctors prescribe broths, soups, and meat extracts, because they are easily digested. Clinical tests, conducted at a famous research institute, have shown that Brand's Essence is outstandingly effective in raising the metabolic rate. It raises it



This chart shows the average rise in the metabolic rate after taking Brand's Essence. The peak is reached half an hour after taking Brand's, and the rate is still high after six hours.

quicker and sustains it longer than any home-made broth or any accepted meat preparation. You will like the flavour of Brand's Essence, even when the mere thought of food is distasteful. A few spoonfuls will immediately raise your metabolic rate and give you the energy needed to get well. With this new feeling of strength, your appetite returns. Then you are well on your way to full recovery. Price 3/- a bottle.

**BRAND'S ESSENCE**

### Tons Of Sugar Lost as Warehouse Blazes For Days

A fire that broke out in a food warehouse, and burnt for nearly a week before it was finally put out, destroyed huge quantities of sugar and other stores... There's a fire every other minute, somewhere in Britain—but don't imagine you couldn't be the cause of one. Almost every fire that breaks out is started by someone who never started a fire before. So, when you throw away a match or cigarette-end, always be sure that it's out—really out.

**You Can't Be Too Careful!**

Issued by the Fire Offices' Committee as part of a National Campaign supported by Government Departments concerned

## 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 stars 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 being put to much more serious use just now, and are not on the market for beauty purposes.

### BURMA LINK-UP

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

### A "cut off the joint"

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."

### 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 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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# FRITZEL, THE DACHSHUND, COVERED SECRET SURRENDER TALK

NO one could have looked more bland and harmless than the two kindly gentlemen walking along in the little Swiss town, apparently so attached to Fritz, their tail-wagging dachshund.

From the furnished villa where they lived they would take a daily walk into the town to buy dog biscuits for Fritz.

Only now can it be revealed that the two kindly-looking dog-lovers were emissaries of General Alexander, and they were conducting the secret surrender talks that led to the laying down of their arms by 1,000,000 Germans in North Italy.

For the two harmless tenants of the little Swiss villa were Major-General L. L. Lemnitzer, Deputy Chief of Staff at Allied H.Q. in Italy, and Major-General T. S. Airey, Assistant Chief of Staff.

They had travelled to France, packed away their red-tailed uniforms and Army greatcoats at Lyons, changed into bowler hats and lounge suits, adopted the names of two American soldiers and crossed the Swiss border as civilians.

And there they bought Fritz, the cover for their talks with S.S. General Karl Wolff, and the negotiations for the great surrender began.

When Kesselring was replaced by Von Vietinghoff as German commander in Italy the precarious threads of chance on which the negotiations hung, almost snapped, but the powerful Allied offensive, launched on April 9, put matters right.

For the moves had started on March 2 when two German officers, one of them a colonel, arrived at the Swiss frontier.

### Brought General

The colonel agreed to return on March 8 with credentials and definite proposals after consulting the S.S. General Karl Wolff.

Later General Wolff himself arrived and Field-Marshal Alexander informed the Allied Governments that the German intentions were apparently genuine.

Field-Marshal Alexander then sent his two disguised emissaries to Switzerland and the meetings with Wolff began.

Wolff told the Allied men he was having difficulty in keeping the negotiations a secret from Hitler and Himmler since Himmler's spies infiltrated throughout the German Army.

After the Allied offensive had been launched an Allied plane was sent to bring Wolff's plenipotentiaries to Caserta.

A crisis arose because one of the German representatives raised objections to the surrender details. The Allied Generals decided to be tough—and on May 1 came word of the acceptance.

### 350 FOOD PLANES

Food was dropped to civilians in Holland again yesterday by more than 350 Flying Fortresses of the U.S. Eighth Air Force.

## 7,000,000 food parcels but no PoWs to send them to

"Daily Mirror" Reporter

FACING the Red Cross authorities in London is their biggest problem ever—what to do with 7,000,000 food parcels worth £23,500,000.

Now that most of the prisoners of war camps have been overrun by the Allies, it is no longer necessary to send the parcels, and they were considered last night to be—

the Air Ministry for the relief of 1,500,000 starving people in Northern Holland.

2. Send them to prisoners in the Far East to augment supplies there.

3. Distribute the food to hungry people on the Continent and in Germany itself.

4. Give them to properly selected organisations in this

country for distribution to the poor.

Most of the parcels are stacked in warehouses in this country, in Canada, Lisbon, Barcelona, Marseilles, Toulon, Geneva and Sweden. Some are on ships on the high seas.

A Red Cross official said yesterday that all the parcels will go to the right people.

The bales will travel in the bomb bays of Halifaxes, Stirlings and Wellington bombers in place of the bomb loads.

One reason the food parcels are unlikely to be sent to the Far East is that the packing is not suitable for hot climates, and it is not considered possible to re-pack such huge quantities

## Victors in the Parlour



### Blow awaits war prisoner

WITH her husband expected home at any hour after three years in a German prison camp, a woman lies in Plymouth hospital, survivor of a mystery tragedy in which a married man lost his life.

She is Mrs. Margaret Catchpole of Park-grove, South Heath, Birmingham, who was found wandering at Cornwood, and said there was a man ill in a wood.

Searchers found Frank Sutton, 39, married, of Butler-road, South Yardley, Birmingham, who later died in hospital from poisoning. He worked in the same munition factory as does Mrs. Catchpole.

Another link-up on the Western Front—but in the comfortable parlour of a German house. The Russian officer sitting on the left arrived with an armoured column pushing westwards from Rostock. And the Allied officer he first met was a Canadian Lieutenant. So they adjourned to relax on comfortable chairs and discuss "What next" across the flowers on the table. That's the interpreter with his back to the camera.

### "WATCH THESE BRITISH FASCISTS," HE WARNS

To a May Day workers' rally in Trafalgar-square yesterday Mr. H. Levitt, assistant general secretary of the Guild of Insurance Officials, gave this warning:

"We have to keep our eyes open, because British Fascism is already trying to emerge from its little ratholes."

## She gave name as 69205...

By MARION SINCLAIR

Moscow, Sunday. HERE is a story about a hitherto unheard of type of German concentration camp. It had no crematorium, no gas chambers, no death pits.

Yet in its way it revolved me as much as the more spectacular horrors of Maidanek. For in this camp at Constantinovka, near the Polish city of Lodz, the oldest prisoners were sixteen and the youngest a few months old.

It was in fact, a new invention for the Nazis—a concentration camp for children only. For three months now these liberated children have been living in orphanages in Russia. I have talked with the children in one orphanage.

As one little girl of five came running across to me crying, "Hug me, Auntie," she held up her little arms. On the left one was a tattooed number. I picked her up and

### "LEOPOLD SAFE"

The Belgian radio last night broadcast that King Leopold was safe and had been reunited with his family in Switzerland.



**SERGEANT (RADIO) BROWN** This is the man, Lance-Sergeant Hugh Leslie Brown, of Fulham, who sent the famous original "the armistice has been signed." He's Monty's personal radio operator and you probably heard him telling all about it on the air.

asked her her name. Stumbling over the long syllables, she answered: "Sixty-nine thousand two hundred and five."

"No," said the orphanage director, "that's your nasty German name. Tell us your real Russian name." She told us: "Verotchka."

### Afraid of Doctor

"When they first saw our doctor they screamed and stamped," said the director. The only doctor they had known had regularly taken blood from them. At the age of six, children were put to work, beginning their day at five-thirty with a slice of bread and ersatz coffee and finishing at eight or nine at night when they fell exhausted into their bunks.

"Lots of us died," one girl told me. "My baby brother died pretty soon..."

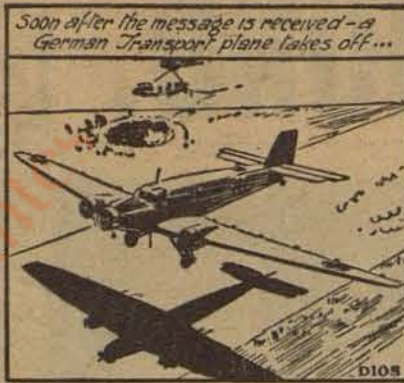
The children paled at the recollection of one form of punishment—a big iron box with spikes inside in which the children, unable to stand up or lie down, were kept naked for days.

"Then one day," a little girl told me, "the Germans ran away and after a while we heard voices in Russian shouting 'where are the children?'"

"We rushed out and soldiers picked us up and hugged us. They said: 'It's all right now children, you're going home.'"

"We laughed and cried..."



**BUCK RYAN****BEELZEBUB JONES****BELINDA****POPEYE****RUGGLES****GARTH****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!"

**Humbug**

BLITZ WORKER, Balham (London), writes:

Re the statement by the Secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society that bomb damage repairs should not work on Sundays. Listen, laddies. This "no Sunday work" doesn't stop old Misery Martin filling himself with a darned good meal prepared by Sunday labour; nor from reading the Monday morning paper also produced by Sunday labour!

**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 elec. on 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. And 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!



TODAY'S  
RADIO

NEWS  
Home 7.0, 8.0,  
1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 12.0.  
General Forces:  
8.0, 1.0, 3.0, 5.0,  
7.0, 9.0.  
Schools: 7.0,  
8.0, 11.0, 12.0,  
2.0, 3.0, 10.58.

## HOME

7.15 Exercise:  
7.30 News:  
7.45 Your  
Hearings: 1.20 and  
Records: 2.0 Talk:  
8.15 Records:  
10.5 Schools: 10.15  
Service: 10.30 Ivy  
Beveridge: 12.20  
School: 12.20  
Two Photos: 12.30  
ENSA: 1.15  
Talk: 1.30 Or-  
chestra: 1.40  
School: 3.0  
Madam: 4.0  
4.15 Band:  
4.45 From: 4.30  
Carroll Gibbons:  
5.0 Welsh: 5.20  
Children: 6.30  
Book Talk: 6.45  
Stephen: 7.10  
Billy: 7.10  
Wellington: Call-  
ing: 7.40 Talk:  
8.0 Monday Night  
at Eight: 9.30  
That's a Good  
Girl: 10.00  
Kovacs: 11.00  
Elizabeth: Poetry:  
11.20 Best of Rabin.

## GENERAL FORCES

6.45 Bright and  
Early: 7.0 Record  
Album: 8.15  
Morning Star:  
8.30 Music:  
9.20 Jack Wilson:  
9.40 Lady Lewis  
(organ): 10.0  
Plans: Concert:  
10.30 Music: White  
You Work: 11.0  
Music of Scot-  
land: 11.30 Jack  
Payne: 12.10 Ser-  
vice: 12.15 Or-  
chestra: 1.10  
Studio: Players:  
1.50 Parliament:  
2.0 Sporting Re-  
cord: 2.30 Band:  
3.15 Chief Inspector  
French: Cases:  
3.30 Melody Lingers On:  
4.0 News reel:  
4.15 Navy Mix-  
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Farmer: 5.30  
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ures: 5.50 Sym-  
phony Orchestra:  
7.15 Music Hall:  
8.0 On the Map:  
8.30 Adele Dixon  
with Jack Cooper:  
9.15 Theatre Or-  
chestra: 9.45  
Sandy Macpherson:  
10.0 Welsh:  
10.30 Debroy  
Somers

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

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.



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

say we can't have it because "the country can't afford it."

I asked Sir William Beveridge what he thought about that.

"It just isn't true," he answered. "What is true is that we can't afford to do without it. Look at it this way. If a man has a valuable horse he feeds it and cares for it, or he won't get any return for it."

"Well, human beings are far, far more important than anything else."

"A healthy, happy human being puts back into his country his own value. An unhealthy, half-fed person takes out from the community all the time."

HE asked me about my family, and I told him I had three children, which brought us to Family Allowances.

And that started up an argument between us. You see I said I didn't agree with its being paid to the man.

The average housewife pays the family bills and does the family shopping and buys for the children. What's the sense of having the father draw the

money just to hand it over to the mother?

We discussed this for a bit, and then Sir William said that he agreed with me—it should be paid to the wife.

I also said I thought the allowance should not be in cash

## 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

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

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, Fetterlane, London, E.C.4.

SISTER CLARE.

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.

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## Just Jake...



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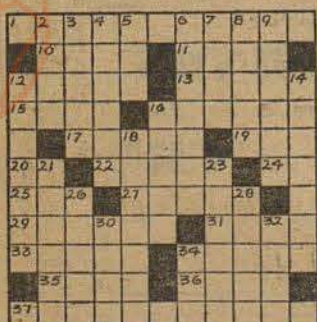
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### Saturday's Solution

**ACROSS**—1, Bolton man; 10, Cajole; 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, Soak; 27, Warble; 29, Card-game; 31, Short cloak; 33, Sweeten; 34, Exposed; 35, Straggle; 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, Calculate; 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.





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## Japs breaking with Huns?

Tojo, the former Japanese Premier, in a Tokio broadcast yesterday, said Germany had violated the Tripartite Pact by surrendering.

Therefore, he said, "the Japanese Government will reserve the right to act freely on the Tripartite Pact and all political agreements entered into between Germany and Japan."

He pointed out that Germany wants to fight the Soviet Union, which is not at war with Japan, and not fight Britain and the U.S., which are.

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## LATEST NEWS

### British battleships shell Japs

Battleships and cruisers of the British Pacific Fleet have bombarded Japanese airfields on islands in the Southern Ryukyus, destroying eight Japanese planes, Admiral Nimitz revealed this morning. "One major unit of the Fleet was damaged by Jap planes but resumed operations," said the statement.

# War in Berlin's heart



## Stone's throw away plane No. 2 crashed

LAST night the folk of Wilmington, village near Eastbourne, talked of the plane crash—"The strangest coincidence in years," some of them said.

For yesterday, almost three months to the day since a Dakota transport plane crashed into the South Downs killing twenty-three airmen, they again heard the sound of a low flying plane—and again they heard a crash as it hit the Downs less than a mile away.

### RED ARMY V-SONGS IN LONDON

RED Army officers in London, usually so correct and dignified in public, let themselves go in typical Russian fashion last night when they staged an impromptu concert in the street.

Near their Embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens about a score of them marched along arm in arm singing lustily.

Officers of the Allied Nations colony in Kensington joined in, and then a few British Army officers assisted in the rejoicings.

Each nationality sang their own songs, but the rousing Russian airs had pride of place.

### WHERE?

German-controlled Prague radio "killed" Goebbels for the fourth time last night by announcing that he died in the fighting in the Berlin Reich Chancellery with Field-Marshal Kettel and Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy. There was no mention of Hitler.

The plane, carrying mail and general cargo, flew head-on into the top of a hill known as Hunter's Burgh, close to the famous Long Man of Wilmington.

It was wrecked within a stone's throw of the previous crash, and the entire crew lost their lives.

Villagers gave the alarm and rescue parties were quickly on the scene.

### P.M. supports Eden stand

Mr. Churchill has cabled to Mr. Eden expressing complete agreement with the Foreign Secretary's stand on the Polish question and with the British statement on the subject, the British United Press reports from San Francisco.

Early today Moscow revealed that the Soviet-Polish twenty years' agreement was ratified in Warsaw on Saturday.

This picture—just received by radio—shows the deserted and battered Frankfurterstrasse in the centre of Berlin where, amid the smoke and debris, the Soviet Command is already directing the clearing of the streets and the organising of food supplies. Berliners, after a long diet of Goebbels's propaganda, are openly astonished at the speed and energy of such "Bolshevik" activities as the issuing of ration cards and the reconstruction proclamations.

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### Surrender offer

sign on behalf of their countries. The surrenders up to now, by commanders in the field, will be superseded by the general instrument of surrender imposed on behalf of the Allied Powers and applicable to Germany and the German armed forces as a whole.

The Prime Minister will make only a brief announcement of VE-Day on the radio, leaving the main speech to be made by the King at 9 p.m.

Should the announcement come today it is not likely to come before the afternoon. It will take at least that time to make arrangements with Moscow and Washington for simultaneous release of the news so that all countries can celebrate together.

Admiral Doenitz's order to German ships yesterday forbids personnel to "scuttle the ships or render them unserviceable."

Crews were told to remain on board ship. Three German warships in Copenhagen Harbour are the Hipper, Prince Eugen and Nuremberg.

# Nazis had 'bead' on the General

AS the bomber carrying General Dewing, Field-Marshal Montgomery's representative in Denmark, circled the Kastrup airfield with its Spitfire escort, German troops on the landing ground turned their guns on it and made ready to attack.

But Danes were awaiting the General, too—members of King Christian's bodyguard—and before the Germans could open fire they rushed on to the landing ground, shooting the Nazis dead or taking them prisoner.

Then, as if nothing had happened, the Danes paraded on the field to await inspection by General Dewing.

Before he landed the patriots decided to billet him in the Hotel d'Angleterre, but the building had been German headquarters and still housed stiff-necked Prussian officers.

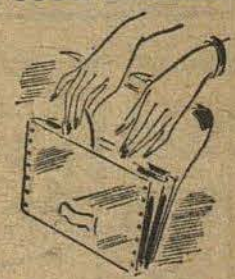
The patriots turned them out into the street.

In the hotel lobby General Dewing had his most embarrassing moment when a girl with deep red hair rushed up to him, flung her arms around him, looked at him for a moment and then kissed him full on the mouth.

The General said that German troops in Denmark will be marched to Germany and disarmed there by Allied troops.

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"Ave a 'cart, chum! I've let my burglary insurance policy lapse!"

But two of those the Germans clearly intended to hold as pawns who are still captive are Austrian Chancellor Schuschnigg and French Socialist Premier Blum.

Meanwhile the ever-mounting list of prisoners continues, peppered as usual with a few dozen German Generals, "Little Willy," 63-year-old ex-Crown Prince of Germany, and the week-old body of Von Bock.