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MALAYA: The whole

story is told

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ORD MOYNE, Colonial L Secretary, telling the whole tragic story of our defeats in the Far East to the House of Lords yesterday, said no amount of static and local ground defence would have saved Kota Bahru or the other 10 or 15 Malayan airfields which had fallen into Japanese hands.

Static defence would not secure an airfield as an island in the midst of conquered territories. But heavy destruction of the airfields took place, and only a very small number were actually usable by the enemy. There was evidence that the orders for maximum possible destruction were carried out, but it was inevitable that owing to the flat ground the airfields would again be used when the craters had been filled in.

The whole line had gone back.

The mystery

There was reason to believe that the plan for the destruction of the great docks and engineering shops

great docks and engineering shops was carried out before the evacuation of Kowloon on the mainland opposite Hongkong.

"We do not yet know how the Japanese were able, unsuspectingly, to effect a landing on the island of Hongkong," he said, "but once this had been achieved, and reinforcements in overwhelming strength crossed the narrow straits, it could only be a matter of time before the heights and water supply were in the enemy's hands."

Some had suggested that Hongkong should have been evacuated in advance, but it would have been of great military advantage if we could have retained it.

If the Chinese had been able to effect a function it would have given them a new and far shorter line of sea-borne supply than they possessed in the Burma Road.

The stories of failure to destroy essential equipment of value to the enemy established at Penang were at present the subject of inquiry.

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### Ships escape

But the embargo on fire was said to have made it impossible to destroy a considerable amount of the commodities amount of the commodities
All vessels were successfully
evacuated except about 50 craft,
the largest of which were six
vessels, none exceeding 75 tons.
It was impossible to remove all
of them in the short time because
of heavy bombing attacks, which
caused the disappearance of their
Indian crews, and the absence of
air defence and fighter aircraft,
due to lack of resources and the
loss of forward airfields and many
planes

Reports had been received that the oilfields, refineries, and pipe lines in British Borneo had been destroyed according to instruc-tions worked out previously by the experts from the Petroleum

There could be no foundation for the reports that the Japanese were obtaining any oil. This must be impossible until they had sunk new wells and erected new refineries and pipe lines. "The application of the scorched earth policy will be ruthlessly carried out." said Lord Moyne.

### Ruthless policy

"The War Council at Singapore has given instructions that all stocks of rubber, copper, refined metals, oil, and other commodities of value to the enemy, and also mining plant and transport, are to be denied to the enemy by ruthless

destruction."

Lord Addison, leader of the Socialist Peers, said that what had happened in the Far East spoke of indecision and feeble direction.

It was only a few weeks since Sir R. Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief in Malaya, had stated that any idea that Hongkong could be captured in a few days, or even a few weeks, was entirely erroneous. He had said:—

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He had said:—
"We are fully prepared, come what may. We have had plenty of warning, and our preparations are made and tested."
Lord Addison added: "I am very look that a nincompoop of that glad that a nincompoop of that kind was promptly removed from command."

### Second raid on Siam's capital

After a heavy and concentrated attack on the dock area big fires were left blazing.

Seven Japanese planes were destroyed on the ground, and an eighth probably destroyed.

Five American planes, flying 300 miles over jungle and mountain from bases in Burma, made the attack. One plane is missing.

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### Roosevelt cancels Press conference

WASHINGTON, Thursday.— President Roosevelt's usual Friday morning Press conference has been cancelled. No explanation is given.

Admiral Tovey Admiral Sir Jack Tovey is not to take command of British and American forces in the Atlantic.—
The Admiralty last night denying published statements.

ADVANCE 1. Russians take important points on Leningrad front. Signs are that major offensive is starting. Germans heavily bombed.

ADVANCE 2. Sebastopol garrison sallies out after two months. Germans take away two divisions for Crimea

and north. British fall back over River Slim, 50 miles from city.

ADVANCE 3. Invading Japs press nearer ADVANCE 4. Ritchie's speedy tanks swarm west from Jedabya, trying to overtake Rommel. Germans retreat along coast road.

# SIEGE CITIES BREAK OUT

### SINGAPORE Japs near Kuala Lumpur

### Swift advance: British fight big river battle

**Express Special Correspondent** SINGAPORE, Thursday.

JAPAN'S shock columns of tanks and tommy-gun infantry are tonight pressing nearer turreted, white-bungalowed Kuala Lumpur, second city of Malaya.

They are attacking from the north and from the coastal line they have formed to the west.

In the north a violent battle is going on along the River Slim, which runs into the River Bernam, boundary of the Perak and Selangor

Kuala Lumpur, capital of Selangor, is 50 miles below this line. We were forced to retire over the river by the mass onslaught of the Japanese armoured units moving down the main road from Ipoh under squadrons of

The Ipoh-Kuala Lumpur road runs over the Slim. Our forces, which General Pownall's communiqué admits "suffered some losses in guns and transport," blew up the bridge as the last man scrambled over.

### CLAWS REACH OUT

But the Japanese are believed to have forced their way to the southern bank. Whether they have reached the River Bernam, which forms a rough triangle with the Slim, is not known.

Further west, however, the Japanese troops are swarming over the Bernam. With large numerical superiority, they managed once again to thrust a formidable arm down the coast to Kuala Selangor, port 35 miles north-west of Kuala Lumpur—and possibly beyond the port.

Its fingers are now spreading eastwards towards Kuala Lumpur.

Through the coastal swamps the Japanese are trying to reach the hills west of the city, which are dotted with the bungalows of the European inhabitants.

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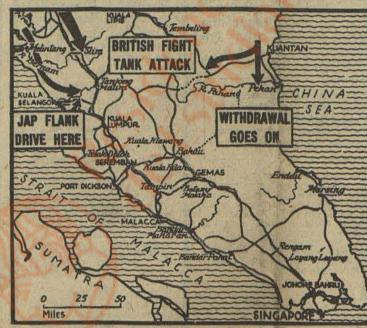
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Beautiful Kuala Lumpur is now half empty. Women and children are leaving on official advice. Evacuation

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### VON R. BULLIES HUNGARY

Army of 250,000 men demanded

Express Military Reporter

H IMMLER, Germany's Gestapo chief, has set up an S.S. headquarters on the Eastern Front, M tary, revealed in the and Ribbentrop, Hitler's Foreign Minister, has House of Commons last night arrived in Hungary to confer with Regent that throughout the summer and autumn the Russians

ambition to have a separate
S.S. air force.

Under his control will ultimately be not fewer than ten
S.S. divisions and 3.000 aircraft
If it proves correct that there is to be a "personal" Hitler air force menaced."

Hitler has received a report from General Geisler, supreme commander of German troops in Italy (states the newspaper), in which the general declares the military is to be a "personal" Hitler air force menaced."

### Additional reports from Wake Island brought the total of Japanese warships lost there to seven—a cruiser, four destroyers, one submarine, and one gunboat when Wake Island was over-whelmed at the end of December it was announced that five war-ships were destroyed. The addi-tional ships sunk were a destroyer and a gunboat. The U.S. Asiatic Fleet was formerly based on Manila. Where the latest operations took place is not revealed. Secret of

By U.S. submarine

Express Staff Reporter

A SUBMARINE of the U.S. WASHINGTON, Thursday.

Admiral Hart has sunk a

Japanese transport and three

ment announced tonight.

Asiatic Fleet under

# new Red

were building up new armies

### PARIS P.C. SHOT

Guarding Germans Express Radio Station

A Paris policeman, Louis ecureuil, was shot last night while guarding a garage occupied by German troops, says Vichy adio. The gunman escaped. actio. The gunman escaped.

Petain and Darlan sent deputies oo visit the gendarme as he lay lying, and M Pucheux, Minister of he Interior, invested him post-numously with the Legion of

### Sebastopol and Leningrad

**Express Staff Reporter STEPHEN CHARING** STOCKHOLM, Thursday night.

TWO of Russia's greatest cities and naval bastions-Leningrad in the north and Sebastopol 1,200 miles to the cargo ships, the Navy Departsouth-have today launched gigantic operations to throw off the German strangleholds.

Both have broken the invaders' grip and may soon be free. Sebastopol, after a twomonth siege, is striking fiercely on a long mountain sector at the Germans, who are retreating steadily behind a stubborn rearguard.

Five German divisions have been battering in vain at

DUTCH SUBMARINE

SAVES R.A.F. CREW

SINGAPORE, Thursday .-

A Dutch submarine has saved the crew of an R.A.F.

plane after they had been

in the sea for eight hours,

says a Batavia announce-

### **World war news**



TO DIRECT AIRFIELDS

DEFENCE REGIMENT

AN R.A.F. Regiment, it was announced in the Commons yesterday, is to be formed as a special corps for the defence of airfields in Britain. And Major-General C. F. Liardet has been appointed Director-General of Ground Defence at the Air Ministry.

Ministry. General Llardet is 60, a to visit the gendarme as he lay dying, and M Pucheux, Minister of the Interior, invested him posthumously with the Legion of Honour.

Pucheux, Vichy's Himmler, was the object of the attack in which his chief political secretary, Paringaux, was killed on Monday.

General Liardet is 60, a gumnery expert.

The new regiment will be formed partly by transfers from the Army and R.A.F. and partly from new recruits. It will number many thousands.

The debate is reported on Page Three.

Sebastopol. Now two of them have had to be rushed north in the hope of stemming the dangerous Russian anding on the Crimean west

In savage hand to hand fighting the Russians, who landed nder the guns of the Black Sea gradually consolidating positions along miles of beaches. As the Red Army columns

As the Red Army columns are pressing on inexorably from the Kerch Peninsula a Russian advance from Eupatoria would catch at least eight German divisions in a great pincer grip.

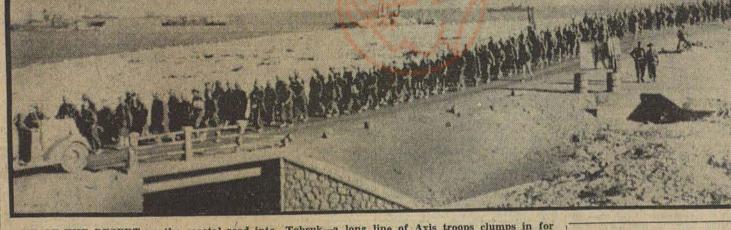
That is why the landing at Eupatoria is one of the most bitterly contested actions of the whole Russian war.

That is why Supreme Commander Hitler has had to give up his dream of capturing Sebastopol and has decided to throw all his strength into resisting new landings while

nto resisting new landings while is main force withdraws. It would be fatal to the Ger-

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# Suez battle No. 2



BUT IN LIBYA THE LINE OF PRISONERS STILL ROLLS IN..

OUT OF THE DESERT on the coastal road into Tobruk—a long line of Axis troops clumps in for embarkation to prison camps.—Picture received yesterday.

### ROMMEL RUNS FOR

### British try to catch up Express Military Reporter MORLEY RICHARDS

ENERAL ROMMEL is on the run again. Dislodged from their defensive positions at Jedabya, south of Benghazi, and hotly pursued by the Eighth Army, the Axis forces are racing back towards Tripoli screened by a blinding sandstorm.

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Cheddahua

two main stops—El Agheila and built. 7 Jap planes destroyed Sirte. In both places the enemy

The second raid on Bangkok, has supply dumps.

Siam's capital, in less than 24 Can the British forces catch hours was announced late last night.

After a heavy and concentrated attack on the dock area highers in the dock area highers.

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the race. For this reason—our A U.S. arms problem since France fell the Nazis have been trying to track down and the same of t own cruisers are very much faster than anything the enemy possesses. A staff officer newly home from Libya told me yesterday the cally almost perfect—they hardly

ever break down.

FEW TANKS LEFT

Rommel's escape road from Jedabya to Tripoli runs over 450 bya to the main coastal road miles of metalled surface, with miles of metalled surface, with that Graziani so laboriously brigades out of the line and rest them for two or three weeks.

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"The simplest procedure would be to appoint a single United States."

### "Forthright fireball"

### still unsolved

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page to the main coastal road that we had been able to take tank that we had been able to take tank that draziani so laboriously built.

What our columns are trying to do is to describe a wide are around the Axis force to bar its progress.

That sums up the position mommel desperate to avoid battle the Axis force to bar its progress.

Some of our mobile units will desperate to avoid battle the Germans' distance over untracked desert.

The Elighth Army has ample the Germans' distance over untracked desert.

They have a good chance to win supply lines in working order.

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### British guns hold the canal in Egypt. But Dr Funk and his financial bandits hold control over the canal company's head office in Rue d'Astorg, Paris, and all its records. Of the shares, fewer than 50 per cent. are British. Since France tell the Nazis have

### secure Suez Canal shares in the ruins of France's great industrial undertakings. Express Staff Reporter

The shares are mostly in bearer form. The title in them passes merely by change of ownership like a pound note. There is nothing to prevent the Hermann Goering Corporation from unloading millions of francs of stolen Canal shares in neutral Canal shares in neutral DELICATE

### VIVISECTION

ALAN MOOREHEAD, after a month of battle, is now back in Cairo and is writing for the Daily Express a full review of the finding, the fighting, and the beating of the German Army. First instalment of

THE GERMAN ARMY VIVISECTED appears in the Daily Express on Monday.

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Nazis juggling with shares

Express Staff Reporter BRITAIN and her Allies must prepare soon to fight a financial battle of the Suez Canal with the Germans.

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Angel VICTOR SILVESTER Some Sunny Day; I guess I'll have to dream the Rest - - FB 2744 Lonely Serenade ; Jealous - FB 2745 Victor Silvester's Strings for Dancing
Tales from the Vienna Woods; Wine

Women and Song --The Booglie Wooglie Piggy; Sentimental Interlude JOHNNY CLAES

Heard: My Bonnie lies over the Ocean FELIX MENDELSSOHN Cielito Lindo; By the Waters



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of the Empire. It is also very important

strategically to the whole alliance. New lessons learned at this stage of the war are no

compensation for such losses.

### Absent planes

CRITICS of British unpre-paredness have tried to

were expecting Hitler to invade the Caucasus and Iran, and making the choice between Rommel and Tojo. But it will be Allied neglect now if we fail to send Wavell the planes before we lose the airfields where they can be based.

Threat to airfields

NEW R.A.F. regiment is British airfields. Inside

Hitler's urgent schemes. If suicide squads are needed to | died. attack British airfields the S.S. will provide them.

### Hitler's fanatics

THE S.S. men are the fanatical core of the Nazi war machine.

The S.S. (sock-it-and-see) men are those entrusted with mass atrocities inside Germany, or in conquered lands. They man the machine-guns in Berlin now. The German army men proper still demand to see the vestige of a reason behind an order.

The S.S. men are paid and trained to take Hitler's word for anything. To be ready to enter rockets for the moon, or gliders for the invasion of Britain.

### Its own defence

WE must be prepared, on every airfield in this land, to receive the suicide men and give them suicide and WAR RISK COVER before they quit their

But the real air defence is still in the air.

This island was saved solely from the air in the Battle of Britain. The islands of Crete and

Hongkong were lost solely through lack of air power. So were the Prince of Wales and the Repulse.

The sound defence of airfields is ability to attack and combine the striking power of airplanes with that of land forces.

### Tank busters

BRITISH airplanes do not yet help ground forces to destroy the mobile steel fortresses of this war.

We must have an efficient tank buster plane. The Russians have one. Their Stormovik has an automatic 55mm cannon, firing a 21b shell.

Neither the British nor the Americans yet fit aircraft cannon heavier than 37mm.

When we have efficient tank busters, we can begin on Hitler with confidence

### Paily Express DISPATCH from Liverpool: Roval HDIS Patrice Sheffield: 20418. Leeds 212.76 and 23.7291 Beitast: 24678. MOJAISK

German troops, pressed on all sides by the Russians, are today retreating along Napoleon's road from Moscow. They are on the point of evacuating Mojaisk, scene of the first stage of the debacle of the French Grand Armée. For the first time history really repeats

This dispatch was written in 1812 by Napoleon's Master of Horse, General de Coulaincourt. The conditions he described are paralleled today . . . except it's two months later in the year, two months colder.

MOJAISK, October 28, 1812.

were taken prisoner, barely 100,000 came out of Russia.

go on toot to deliver the orders they carry when all are crowded on to the same road and flanked by Cossacks who hardly let them get ahead out of their sight?

There remained not a single brigade of cavalry in a fit state to cover our movements. The exhausted unshod horses could go no further unless men dragged them by the bridle.

"There is an ever-widening breach between Hitler and his High Command."—(Morley Richards in the Daily Express January 8, 1942.)

Emperor were expecting some miracle to alter the climate and end the ruin which was descending on us from every side. He

on us from every side. He gave his whole attention to the Guard, whom he hoped to save from the general disaster because they were still holding together.

One of the generals commanding the artillery of this corps made so bold one day as to suggest the sacrifice of a few guns in order not to exhaust the team, already overdriven and reduced below the number needed. But he was not listened to

The generals and officers saw the evils of the situation, but just because they could see no issue did nothing to preserve for a few days longer what they knew must in a few more days be lost.

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Speaking generally, they were so tired of war, craved so much for rest, for the sight of a less hostile country for an end to these far-flung expeditions that most of them let themselves be blinded as to the present fruits and future consequences of our disasters by the hought that they would prove a useful lesson to the Emperor and one that would cool his ambition.

Alas, the Emperor deluded himself; and our ruin followed on his misfortune

Extracts reprinted from

Extracts reprinted from "Memoirs of Coulaincourt."

THE letter to Ireland which said, "I wish you would send me a cow," and was

marked by the censor.

Import of cattle into England

from Eire by private indi-

viduals is not permitted,"

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showed that the censors are not to be caught napping.

I hear of a cunning man who wrote to a friend in Tibet, in Tibetan, "Send me a yak." The letter was returned to him marked, "Import of yaks into England from Tibet by private individuals is not permitted." So there is no getting round the censors, as the supervisor remarked when he tried to encircle the waist of the largest girl in the Sanskrit Division.

girl in the Sanskrit Division.

THE trouble with censoring letters is that in some languages it is difficult to be sure of the meaning of a phrase which may mean one of two things. Thus a girl writing to a man in Swedish Lapland may say: Jaghar fatt ett stort i min bölör. This may mean, "I have made a large hole in my bowler hat," or "Twelve battleships are sailing at nine ten."

Again, in Swahili, the same words, with only a slight difference of stress, may mean, "Send me a cabbage," or "Send me a herd of zebra."

So. you see?

"CATS are protesting against the new wainscote buttons for mice. They say it makes it more difficult to catch them" in these words an attendant at the Battersea Municipal Baths threw a new light on a vexed question.

(Beachcomber News Agency.)

THE case of the woman who sued a transport company in America because she was splashed by the goldfish in a

1. Greet Zeta with a dictionary. (9)

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11 Deck. (5)
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13 Sounds like plana's Michaelmas daises (9)
15 The low r part of a river (7)
17 I can net the aged (7)
20 It should easily manage the overlapping grip (7)
22 Men indeed for a change (7)
23 Part of a sail (4)
24 Measuring apparatus (5)

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Tabby-ho!

Fish dash out

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Censorship problems

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N spite of all warnings that this would inevitably mean death, the unfortunate men who had left the field hospital to drag themselves along the road were placed, by order, wherever they could hang on-on the covers of wagons, and even in the forage carts, or in the back of vehicles already crowded with the sick and wounded from Malo-Yaroslavets.

In due course, those who did not die of exhaustion through the discomforts of their position either fell victims to the cold, or died of hunger

Men in the best of health could not have endured this mode of travel, so one can imagine the state of these unhappy men when they had covered a few miles They had to endure the jolting, the fatigue, and the cold all at once

So short of doctors are the German Army that they are rushing them up from Latvia. Lithuania. and Poland to the front. (Recent news story.)

THE surgeons and doctors, with neither food, nor physic, nor bandages, and having for the most part not even bread for themselves, were forced to shun the sick and wounded, to whom they could not be of any service.

RITICS of British unpreparedness have tried to put their fingers on cases of neglect.

Every trivial neglect, every bridge undestroyed, every road unblocked, every airfield undefended piles up the advantage of picked Japanese divisions, fighting with the skill of British Commandos.

But the real Japanese strength was the absence of British air strength.

That is not British neglect. It was hard British necessity. Only six weeks ago we were expecting Hitler to invade the Caucasus and

treasure.
Each heartened himself with the thought that in front of him he would find foodstuffs

"German prisoners speak invariably of scarcity of food and poor clothes."— (Daily Express. January 8, 1942).

SINCE Malo-Yaroslavets these
wretches had lived on horse
flesh and a little thin soup,
and this last help came only
to those who had been on
marauding expeditions: for
the rest they lived only on
grilled horse flesh. The horses
that collapsed on the march
were torn to pieces before they

British airfields. Inside
Germany new divisions of
the S.S. are formed.

Among them is believed to
be an S.S. unit attached, for
the first time, to the Luftwaffe.

The S.S. men are "Hitler's
Own," they are the men for
Hitler's urgent schemes. If rn out All but the strongest

The reserve horses were har-nessed up, and as these were no longer enough, we were begin-ning already to abandon some of the vehicles.

The Cossacks swarmed over

the countryside and constantly cut off communications between our corps, however close they were to each other They inflicted severe damage on the First Corps, in which some disorder was shown. From this incident must be dated our disorganisation and misfortune.

Hitler has no horses teft.—
(Dispatch January 4, 1942).

NEARLY everybody travelled on foot. Guard in his carriage, but he got down two or three times a day and went on foot a day and went on toot leaning on an officer's arm.

One can imagine the confusion where the road narrowed. The road was a switchback and a sheet of ice, on which even men on foot could hardly stand up. At every moment carts and At every moment carts and wagons were capsized on the ice and blocked the road.

and blocked the road.

Every one was in a hurry and no one troubled to maintain proper order.

The officers saw the evils of the situation, but, reflecting that as it would immediately reappear there was no point in righting it, they did nothing to check the disorganisation, which consequently ran riot because of the existing confusion and of infection through bad examples left unchecked.

How, indeed, could one exact.

unchecked.
How, indeed, could one exact service or any test of endurance from a man whom one had to leave to starve in weather that froze his fingers if he left them exposed to the air?
How make any dispositions whatever during an unceasing march when the staff officers have lost their horses and must

Bogen for this puzzle is 14

minutes-average 18 minutes.

CROSS

### Letter from a land owner

KENNETH PIPES article, "Wibberley Experiment," in Monday's Daily Express is noteworthy -although, of course, a tew vital points are missing However, it certainly proves that the little man can hold his own with the big fellah — aye, it goes further—it shows the small-holder can produce more per acre than the large farmer, even with all that money, tools, and labour are doing to help him.

What is it the little man requires more than advice?
Why, the two essentials to success, labour and tools—not to "own" either, but to have them within reach at the proper time.

How are these essentials to be given to him? In one way only—by pooling the implements in each district—starting by calling in all motor-tractors made over to individual small grovers under a growers under a scheme which is nothing more than nonsensical under present conditions, and is costing the taxpayer a pretty

× You have no time for elaboration of each item at this stage, and so I come to the even more important subject of labour. Why not form a PLAS. (People's Land Army Service), consisting of all men not now employed and up to the age of 70—all to register, and only the medical unfits for army task to remain outside its scope? Later, the married women in all urban districts to be asked to join and assist when called upon.

The Daily Express has led in many a campaign in the past, and, I believe, can be relied on to lead many more in the near future. more in the near future.

Now, sir, miss for one day all reference to the war in your "Opinion" substitute an article straight from the shoulder on the immediate needs of agriculture generally and the small grower in particular, outline clearly the two essentials I have mentioned, and tell the powers that be:

"THEY MUST ACT NOW" for March is nigh, and you mean to do your duty to the nation

H. MARSHALL,

The Nook,

The Nook, Bull-lane, Rayleigh. PS.—I am only a raw countryman, but perhaps even we land workers can exercise our bit of brain when called upon.—H. M

passenger's bowl would have made a great stir in England

The judge would have told her

she was lucky the passenger wasn't carrying whales (laughter)

Counsel for the defence would

have called witnesses to prove

that the goldfish were very quiet

that the goldfish were very quiet beasts, and were asieep at the time, after a heavy meal. Counsel for the prosecution would have produced the bowl and the fish and enticed the fish to splash him. The judge would then have asked, "What is a goldfish?" (laughter). It would have gone on for days, to the great financial profit of all concerned, except the splashee.

RADIO



THE SKYSCRAPER

HIGH STREET

GERMANY

### Germans have no clothes to buy

THEN a small boy in Germany kicks the toes through his boots, which is frequently, he has to go to a central shoe depot to hand the worn-out christmas 1941 the fat fraus. pair over before he can get new ones.

Nor are the new ones new. They are old boots, patched up, soled with compressed wood pulp. Very often they do not fit. Result of this is an "epidemic" reported by German doctors from all over the Third Reich of fallen arches in the

young. is this the only trouble Nor is this the only trouble to hobble the vouth of Germany. By a decree (everything in Germany is by a decree) it was ordained this autumn that German boys and girls may not ride their bicycles except to and from schools.

By the Way by Beachcomber

their bicycles except to and from school
Local authorities have been given the power to enforce this arbitrary bit of verboten. The kids can be stopped by the village cop, the sanitary inspector, the warden, the turncock
And if it should happen that the kids are skylarking, which it does, then the penalty is minatory. The schoolteacher's lamily all have their cycles confiscated!
So desperate is the rubber supply

IF the German still feels fairly good, eats fairly well, and works fairly hard, he does so on the minimum of bodily comfort His clothes are terrible

His clothes are terrible

No German this winter will
have a new overcoat. It is not
possible to buy one unless the
coupon system is changed

To get his overcoat the
grateful German must be presented with 20 "blocked"
coupons He must also show that
he has bought nothing, not even
a pocket handkerchief during
the past nine months

a pocket handkerchief, during the past nine months

"If course, he can plead distress. He has to go to the local controller and prove that he possesses no more than two suits and a sports jacket, and prove also that his overcoat is unwearable. Burns and tears don't count.

HOME 7 a.m., News 7.15.
Morning Star 7.30
Exercises 7.50. Tune for Ioday 7.55. Lift Up Your Hearts 8, News 8.15. Kitchen Front 8.20. The Record Goes Round and Around 8.45. Organ 9.5. Salon Orch 9.35. Ulster Invention (talk) 9.50. Moment Musical 10.5. Schools News 10.15. Service, 10.30. Close Harmony, 10.45, Health Magazine 11, Scottish Orch 11.30. Time for Music. 12 Pages From My Diary J. Henry Iles, founder of the National Band Festival 12.30 p.m.. Break for Music. 1, News 115. Mozart and Haydn 2. I've a Tune: Ivor Dennis. 2.15. Czech Light Music. 3, Music While You Work 3.30. Sullivan Half-hour 4. Songs Famous and Familiar 4.20. Talk 4.30. Brand New (variety) 5. Welsh News: Talk 5.20. Children G-News 6.30 Norwegian News 6.45. News About Books Pictures, etc. 7.5 Bach Organ Music 7.40. Look on the Bright Side 8. Phirty Degrees West (Convoy Work Drama) 8.39. It's That Man Again. 9. News 9.20. Talk 9.35. The Ghost Walks on Fridays 10.35. Morthern Orch 11.30. Light Orch 12 midnight-12.20 a.m., News THE German
clothes rationing
coupon system is a swindle
Behind the pretty Nazi facade
of generosity is hidden the
grim fact of a 40 per cent, cut
during the past three months during the past three months

It looks fairly good but the
way it works out is not at all
Instead of having 66 coupons for
the year (as we have) he has
120 to last him 16 months That of those 90 for the year

Of those 90 20 are blocked by the Government. They cannot be used. Until present conditions on the Eastern Front change, which may be April and may be never he won't get them

at all.
And look what a German gets
for his 70 coupons:— Gt. Britain MEN Suit 100 Overcoat 151-261% Shirt 151-261% 41- 61% 9-141% WOMEN

Orch 12 midnight-12.20 a.m., News

FORCES 6.30-7 a.m., Greetings, Reveille 7.308. Records 8.15-8.45, Gaelic Scotland 9.5, South of the Border
9.20, Dance Music 10, Casino
Players, 10.30 Muste While You
Work, 11, Anniversaries, 11.15.
Organ, 11.30-12 Time for Music
1.15, War Commentary 1.30-2.15.
Billy Cotton's Band 3.30, Just
What the Doctor Crdered,
4—Canadian Forces Party, 4.30,
4—Part Songs 4.45, Russian
Opera Records, 5.15, Tom Dick
and Harry (serial) 5.30-6, Sandy
Calling 6.30, Theatre Orch 7,
Giants of Sport—Cycling 7.15.
Death Comes to the Hibiscus, 7.30.
Mother Goose 8-8.30 Light Orch
9.20, Forces' Choice (records) 10
Radio Rhythm Club 10.30-10.55
Organ: Greetings 25-47 % 61-13 % 41% Dress Stockings The real difference between the

### Rupert's Strange Party-4



Rupert is delighted to see Figerlily. Me come to make sure that Rupert coming to my party." she says. "Of course he may come." says Mrs. Bear. "We're just wondering what he can possibly wear for fancy dress, and we've been searching the house for material." The little Chinese girl gives a wide smile. "No need to get fancy dress," she says, "me provide it." "But how can you get enough for a whole party?" queries Rupert, very puzzled.

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### by Paul Holt

British and the German clothes British and the German clothes rationing scheme is that in Germany they ration because they haven't got the clothes to sell. In this country we are rationed because of the need to transfer civilian labour and restrict civilian spending

VET the thing that makes Germans mad, and it makes them as mad as they are able to be mad at themselves, is not that there is such a desperate shortage of clothing in the country but rather that they can see all the things they

can see all the things they cannot buy.

By a decree (yes, another decree) German outfitters, hosiers, hatters, haberdashers, shoe shops, are obliged to put in their windows a specimen of the goods they used to sell, with a notice, "Supplies Expected Shortly," and that, of course, is true, because tomorrow is always tomorrow.

And so the poor German is in the same fix as the little girl in the story who complained that it was lam vesterday, jam tomorrow, but never jam today. To this situation the British Navy and the Ministry of Economic Warfare have contributed their modest part by way of blockade. For if German soldiers are wearing women's fur coats in Russia, it is not because fur is short but because wool is short.

Christmas 1940 the German

her signoras wear shoes with

pants made of fur They are made of rabbit skin, stitched on to ersatz fabric. Daddy indeed goes Bunting is left in the cold

German women are allowed three pairs of stockings a year. They are made from coal. By processing (and an expensive process if is, to be sure) a product called cell-wood is produced.

This is an interior kind of wool

This is an interior kind of wool fibre which takes great punishment from the hard resin soap when they meet.

Do not be too sure, though, that the hysterical appeals by the Nazi Propaganda Ministry for civilians to send clothes to the Eastern Front is having an immediate bad effect on Germans at home. Such appeals can often be exhilarating. Remember the great success of Lord Beaverbrook's appeal for aluminum pots and pans

The thing that depresses Germans is that they can't get the clothes the coupons promise them Interior and pundently see them in the shop windows. It is maddening.

It is also quite embarrassing in

dening.
It is also quite embarrassing in weather like this that the shortage of handkerch:efs, due in part to the savage incompetence of the German laundries, becomes more acute daily.

Footnote: It is appropriate and pleasant to report that Italy, the Cinderella of the Axis, is making

The end



armly wrapped up—yes—but you can see from his merry eye, his cheeky little face, that his real protection against any emergency is the sturdy health of a COW & GATE baby.

His mother cook the best advice and gave her child the food that has won a supreme reputation all over the world. She did not ask for the cheapest but for the best and, because she did not hesitate to pay a little more, she has not known a day's anxiety, whatever the weather or the season.

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BABIES LOVE IT

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### FARMERS WON'T HAVE PRISONERS Pilot wanted to

NEWS IN LINES\_

### B.B.C. reject Passion Play -protest-

ORD'S DAY Observance play, "The Man Born to be King," was over-ruled yester-don by the RRC Religious U.S. ADVANCE Many farmers in wordes-tershire, Hertfordshire, and Advisory Committee, Bishop of Winchester chairman.

Second instalment, in which Robert Speaight represents the voice of Christ, will now be

\*\*The marquis of Crewe (82) and the Earl of Derby (76) have slight chills

\*\*APPEAL\*\* by Lancashire police for a woman who bought a bottle of ether in the open-air market at Leigh on Wednesday was answered by a Golborne woman The bottle which she thought was cough medicine. was still unopened.

\*\*FLAT\*\* IRON RATION.—One flat iron for every 20 A T.S. girls is to be provided by the War Office to keep uniforms smart\*

\*\*London detective and be because of the marginal ma

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# Why should our wives EVERYTHING STOPS FOR COFFEE look after Italians?

By HILDE MARCHANT

ARMERS and their wives are giving a fierce "No" to the suggestion of the Ministry of L Society's protest against Agriculture that "good - conduct" Italian Dorothy Sayers' radio passion prisoners of war working on their farms should "live in."

Bucking hamshire have ARMY HERE' already complained about the idea in firm language to ULSTER TOLD their county committees.

Express Staff Reporter

Robert Speaight represents the voice of Christ, will now be broadcast on January 25 but the B.B.C. refused to say whether the slang will stand, whether the slang will stand, edecision to proceed a standard and the control of the co

### two-year sentence

It will be several months before the job is finished, and it is the opinion of the farm men that it could have been done in a quarter of the time by half the number of local labourers. This is the sort of thing that annoys our farmers The Italians arrive at their work by lorry They start at 9 am.—described as a city worker's hour. They work for 20 minutes, then take 10 off to warm at a brazier.

They need special long-handled shovels so that they do not have to bend their backs.

Several times recently prisoners, who have no compulsion put on



### R.A.F. regiment will guard 'No-plugging'

rules to be tightened up

By JONAH BARRINGTON FOLLOWING my attacks on B.B.C. free publicity and plugging the B.B.C., represented by Mr John Watt, director of variety. issued this statement yesterday:-

"Certain rules exist to control credits in variety programmes, and I am taking steps to see that the rules are strictly adhered to."

are strictly adhered to."

In future, any artist who slips in a "mention" without B.B.C. authority will be cut off the air and debarred from further B.B.C. work.

Unfortunately, Mr Watt can speak only for his own department, and the B.B.C. can give no guarantee that a similar tightening-up will take place in such programmes as the Brains Trust, in which Miss Rebecca West is allowed to publicise a weekly magazine.

### HOT WATER

who have no compulsion put on them to work at all, have thrown shovels over a hedge and sat down. The foreman has collected the shovels, and they have been thrown back and they have been thrown been thrown the control of their shorts.

### Billets barred Ark Leeds

much the same Farmers are working on short staffs already, but the men would rather work extraordinarily long hours than have Italian assistance.

Italian assistance.

Many farm boys will be called up for the Army, but the farmers will not have Italians on their premises.

If the Ministry of Agriculture persists with this scheme of local farm billeting for "good conduct" Italian prisoners to replace our young land workers, the county agricultural associations will send deputations to Whitehall.

I think I can sum up with the words of Mrs L. Good, country wife, of Buckinghamshire:—

"I would not trust one of them—even if I had a gun!"

9 a.m. start

### Lofoten raid films lost in "accident'

Although cameramen of the War Office Film Unit took films of the last Lofoten raid, no films reached England All ships returned safely, and the loss is described by the War Office as "an unfortunate accident."

accident."
I understand (writes Jonah Barrington) that the films were accidently destroyed on the return journey, and an inqury is to be held. Newsreel companies had been "holding space" for the films in Monday's issue

### Six died putting new "stop" to pit area

A statement on the explosion at Bickershaw Colliery, Leigh, in which six men died, was made by Mr W Grenfell, Secretary for Mines, in the House of Commons yesterday.

# Britain's airfields

Express Parliamentary Reporter

yesterday.

It will be under the administration of the Air Council and equipped for its particular task, said Mr Attlee. The units will have a number of armed fighting venices, artillery, and other weapons, as well as infantry arms to find Defence, has been appointed Director General C F Liardet until recently Inspector of Air field Defence, has been appointed Director General of Ground Defence at the Air Ministry A senior officer of the regiment will be given the title of Commandant, and will be assisted by Army officers of senior rank with high officers of senior rank with hi CORMATION of a Royal Air Force regiment, a special

"The Commander-in-Chief Home Forces, responsible for the land defence of the British Isles, will decide the strength, allocation of the airfield garrisons, and will indicate to the Air Ministry the nature of the technical and military defences he wishes.

"He will also have the right to

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time, the T.A.F

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And they would not consider laying them billeted in their homes. Such a suggestion brings forth strong language.

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imachinery of control is now being overhauled by his own managing director Mr Frank Platt, who took over the job of Cotton Controller

"Shortcomings"

comment Mr Pethick - Lawrence (Soc.

realises we have not an un-imited amount of arms and planes, but there is a teeling that over and above that there were some shortcomings which prevented

last month.

Because of control difficulties and the shortage of labour Lancashire Cotton has been unable to supply at the demands made on it. In spite of that, profits have hit a new record at £695.000 and the balance sheet shows a very strong position with cash and investments up from £9866.000 to £1775.000

### Price gains

Stock markets were again cheerful yesterday with price gains scattered over most sections. Even rubber shares improved, and brokers reported that it was easier to sell Eastern tin shares than for two or three weeks.

Among the few shares to weaken were British-American Tobacco on disappointment with the sharp cut in the interim from 9d a share to 5d, both tax free. Profits for the year to September 30 last are announced as £4,087,564 against £4,865,441 and the final dividend for that period is maintained at 3d a share.

Return to the banks of some of the money spent at Christmas has cut the note circulation this week by £1,896,000—the brist fall for nearly 4t months. 41 months
In the corresponding week of 1941
more than £11,000,000 of notes went
out of circulation

格 林 谷 Buenes Al is and Pacific Rallway.— Hall-year's interest arrears on Four and a-hair per Cent Consolidated Debentures in January 1 1947

Rio de Janeiro Flour Mills. - Five per cent: making 8 per cent. (same) Dalecty. - Proni E 157.915 (E 147.082); 4 per cent. making 7 per cent. (same) Provincial Bank of Ireland. - Five per cent. for half-ver (54 per cent.). Mrs Doyle arrested Arrested on a warrant after failing to appear Mrs Jack Doyle, actress wife of the boxer, was fined 40s at Bow-street, London, yesterday for using a car without being insured and was disqualified for a year.

# be fired on

### TO HELP ANOTHER ESCAPE

CTING SQUADRON LEADER RICHARD J. K. HOGG, A 26-year-old New Zealander, was attacking Brest. His bomber was hit by shell-fire, but he went on attacking. Then he noticed that another! pilot's plane was caught in a

HE TRIED TO DRAW AWAY THE ENEMY'S FIRE FROM CLOSE CIRCUITS OF THE FIRE ZONE.

CASH FOR SEAVACUEES heavy barrage

And today it is announced NEWS in the Parliamentary that he has been awarded the questions yesterday:—

D.F.C.

Last night the Admiralty named 305 men who have been given awards or "mentions" for their services during the battle for Crete Among the admirals captains and commanders are these three ratings who win the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal:—

Ordnance artificer, fourth class, John Bach, who was on a ship damaged by planes Water began to enter the magazine and the crew were ordered to leave.

Despite darkness and flooding, he wen' down into the supply trunk and began sending ammuniti-bit to the guns which remained in action and drove off the enemy

Able Seamen Reider. Stiller of the questions yesterday:—

It will soon be permissible to send up to £3 a month to amortica and Canada for evacuees who were under 16 when they left Britain, and up to £10 for grown-ups who took them over and are still responsible for them.

And N.D.S.?

When a uniformed national domestic service for householders who have people billeted on them was suggested by a member, Mr Bevin said labour exchanges would try to fill vacancies for essential domestic help notified to them 18B couples

he enemy

Four married couples detained under Regulation 18B are living together at Holloway Jail, eight in the Isle of Man. Two couples have refused the opportunity of living he destroyer Havoc, though rievously wounded continued fir-Ordinary Seaman tan Dennis the Isle of Man. To Rhodes went to a starboard gun when his ship was sinking, his own gun being under water, and shot down in flames an enemy plane that was machine-gunning the ship cars and 3.150 p

18B couples

Protest against

Countess J.P.

"She is Swedish"

Protest against the appointment of the Countess of Tankerville as a J.P. was made at Glendale Rural Council. Northumberland. yesterday.

A limit on misery

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De Gaulle up north

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an invitation to an invit

Newcastle-under-Lyme. Nuneaton Keighley, Wigan, and North-east Derbyshire.

De Gaulle up north General de Gaulle has accepted an invitation to visit Leeds during Warship Week, on Allies' Day, February 6, when he will be the guest of the Princess Royal and Lord Harewood.

Ministry of Food Notice of appeal was given.
Police officers visited Brick House tarm. Unsworth Bury found a cattle wagon belonging to Tweed and instruments required in the slaughtering of animals.

Tweed who was also ordered to pay 25gns costs, was stated to have been fined £500 at Saddleworth last September for illegal slaughtering, wasting foodstuffs and obstructing a Ministry of Food inspector

### Stop wasting your Clothes Coupons!

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With 66 coupons a year you must make clothes last longer! That's why safe washing methods are so important these days! If clothes are rubbed and scrubbed, or boiled with harsh bleaching powdersthey actually lose months of 'life.' Scientific tests prove that rough washing methods double 'washtub wear and tear' and make clothes threadbare long before their time. Oxydol Saves Clothes Coupons!

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### A word to our friends



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writing to complain about the difficulty of getting your favourite breakfast food. We know, no one better, that there is not enough Shredded Wheat to satisfy everybody and we regret it is quite beyond our capacity under wartime conditions to meet the present exceptional demand. All supplies are distributed as quickly and as fairly as possible; and if circumstances interfere with good intentions no blame can be attached either to our-

selves or the Retailers. We can only urge customers to be as patient as possibleand to keep Shredded Wheat on the Shopping List.



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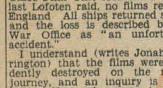
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yesterday.

He said that an area of the mine had been sealed off some time ago. Owing to spontaneous combustion it became necessary to build a stopping further out. This was being done when the explosion occurred.





THE GREAT MAIN SHOPPING STREET IN 'THE CLEAN-UP: 5 WORST BLITZED TOWN IN ENGLAND, U.S. bombers blitz Siamairport

GET 7 JAP PLANES

RANGOON, Thursday.

-"tragic error

LYING 300 miles over jungle and mountain from bases in Burma, five aircraft of the American volunteer group operating with the R.A.F. group attacked airfields near Bangkok

A communiqué from combined Army and R.A.F. headquarters in Rangoon says NEWS FLASHES that seven Japanese planes were destroyed for certain on the ground, and an eighth was probably destroyed. One of the raiding planes is

The seven Japanese planes destroyed today are believed to have been bombers. This brings the total of Japanese airmonths ago) died from an eraft destroyed for certain from Italian bullet.

dangerous walls have been demolished.

The Guildhall, the Royal Sailors' Rest, the Athenaeum, the Plymouth Library were among the buildings damaged in savage raids. Hospitals, churches, cinemas, and a theatre were set ablaze. The fourteenth century parish church of St Andrew, once attended by Drake, was destroyed.

\*This is the fifth picture in the Express series showing how blitzed British cittes are being cleaned up. Burma to 53.

In addition there have been between 20 and 30 "probables."

Principal airfield in the Bangkok area is at Don Muang, approximately 16 miles outside the city.

The Italian bullet.

The Italian Official News Agency now admits that Balbo's plane was shot down by an Italian warship near Tobruk

"A tragic error," they say—but 18 months ago Italy reported Balbo as "A tragic error," they say—but 18 months ago Italy reported Balbo as shot down by a British fighter.

FIRST-CLASS

Formerly a combined civil and military airport, it was classed among the finest outside Europe. It was the first in Asia to be equipped with multi-directional concrete runways capable of taking all classes of aircraft, and is equipped with night-landing illuminations. It can be used in all seasons.

Enemy raiders approached Rangoon at 3.30 a.m. today. There was no damage or casualties.

Night fighters were in action, but no interceptions were made.—
Reuter.

This is the second raid on military objectives in Bangkok in less than 24 hours. The Express Military Reporter writes:—

The raids may point to two new factors:—

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mans if the Russians were first to reach the narrow Perekop Isthmus to the mainland. The Crimea would then be a vast rat trap. In Berlin the Nazis have already begun to prepare the public for serious setbacks in the Crimea. Foreign correspondents were told that "it is not yet known whether the Crimea is included in the territories which the High Command intends to defend by establishing a winter line."

Ice, feet deep over sea and lake, and strong enough to bear men and machines, has raised the siege of Landburged after three and a-half

Military Reports of two new factors.

1. General Wavell has devised a content in the Japanese.

2. Allied plans for the invasion the Japanese.

2. Allied plans for the invasion of Salangor last night gave little enough hope of a major British counter-offensive in that sector. Admission offensive in that sector. Admission offensive in that sector. Admission of withdrawal south of the River Sllm—with, it seems, considerable law by the Japanese around machines, has raised the siege of law of the siege of law of the River law of the side of the serious setbacks in the Crimea.

News of the fighting in Selangor last night gave little enough hope of a major British counter-offensive policy against leading at the Japanese.

2. Allied plans for the invasion leading in Selangor last night gave little enough hope of a major British counter-offensive in that sector. Admission of withdrawal south of the River personally directing his men in the field in their gallant stand against the Japanese around Manila Bay, It was announced in Washington tonight.

The communique said "Fighting avaranted from the communique said" Fighting the time when they can be put into action.

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machines, has raised the siege of Leningrad after three and a-half months of titanic struggle on both sides.

Ice has given General Boudarev, defender of Leningrad, his great chance to strike back with a garrison of 1,000,000 tried and tested men, plus heavy reinforcements of machines which have recently reached him across the frozen surface of Lake Ladoga.

Far across the ice-bound waters of the Gulf of Finiand to the West of the city and over Lake Ladoga to outflank the Finnish lines in the east Boudarev's men are tonight moving in force.

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ANOTHER MENACED

It may be impossible to hold much longer. When it goes the Japanese coperations are probably preparatory to a large-scale general attack by the enemy one.

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A real counter-offensive was not expected from our Malayan army.

It must come from the direction of Burma

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The approximate present positions are shown by a black line. Positions on December 6 are indicated by a broken line. Territory regained by the Soviet armies is striped.

Of the war.

As the Russian offensive grows Chinese aid—Chinese troops are continuing to reach Burma—have reached the required strength, then the R.A.F. and the Army may go into action together through Siam to the relief of Malaya.

Dutch sub. sinks

German sub. In Mediterranean

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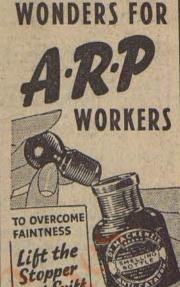
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1941 MUSSOLINI sacked 14 regional Fascist leaders on charges of disloyalty. British troops and armoured cars were besieging Tobruk.

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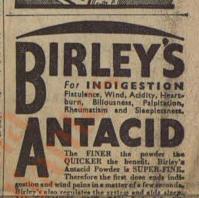
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### Hungry Finland split on peace move

'Nicht siegen'-

ONTRARY reports about peace moves between Finland and Russia reached London last night.

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Stephen Charing, Express staff reporter in Stockholm, cabled:
Finland's war-weary, starving people, sick at heart over their great blunder in putting their faith in Hitler, want peace.
Even their popular newspapers, heavily censored though they are, are crying for peace
But despite the rumours which have spread from Helsinki to Stockholm during the past week there are still no signs of a positive peace move being made.

Stockholm together.

Both men are known to be friendly to Moscow. Paasikivi has from the city.

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There is no doubt that the question of food for the starving people is uppermost in the minds of the Finnish statesmen.

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all-party combination with the Germans still on their backs, are divided among themselves and have so far refused to make such a move.

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before Devon knew the Luftwaffe.

Tall buildings lined it from end to end. Not one was left intact. . . . But great work has already been done to clear the mountains of rubble, and CHUNGKING, Thursday.

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Express Special Correspondent CHUNGKING, Thursday. In addition to the 14 previously named in the Daily Express, these two officers and 38 ratings

Finland is rapidly approaching a crisis, and the Government may be forced to act.

The peace rumours were heightened in Stockholm by a succession of visits by prominent Finns to the Swedish capital during the past few weeks.

First came M Tanner, Minister of Industry, then the Premier, M Rangell himself, for a few days stay. Ther Tanner again on another hast visit, followed by a visit from M Henrik Ramsay, Minister for Supply.

More recently the Socialist

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