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Munich Revolt Reported, As Hitler's Empire Falls To Bits

SURRENDER OFFER HERALDS END OF TOPPLING REICH

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE Third Reich, planned by Hitler to endure for a thousand years, is toppling now on the abyss of final destruction. It is going to its doom in a welter of rumoured revolution, of total surrender feelers and of reported assassination of the men who led it through years of battle to its end.

Munich Revolt

Mystery

REBELS SEIZE RADIO STATION

UNITS of the 3rd U.S.

Army, racing southward to Munich, picked up yesterday dramatic calls from the city radio for help to overthrow the Nazis and for Allied planes to bomb Kesselring's H.Q.

The sensational broadcasts reported that a "Bavarian freedom movement" had taken over the city and thrown out the Nazi administration.

A station broadcasting on the old Munich wavelength said Kesselring's 70-year-old State Commissioner for Bavaria, "had decided to break off the fight, which has become senseless, against the Americans and their Allies."

At the same time, Paul Gieseler, Nazi Gauleiter of Munich and Upper Bavaria, broadcast from a South German station that "a small clique, spreading treasonable news north of the Danube, were trying to convey the impression that they had seized control of Munich."

"Apart from a small gang, nobody has the slightest intention of making an end to the struggle," he said.

"New Leadership"

"In this hour," said the "Freedom Movement" broadcast, "there is but one thing that matters, namely, calmly and with faith in the new leadership, to see to it that the bloodshed is discontinued and that the calamity which has befallen the German people is not aggravated by a fight between Germans and Germans."

"Preserve calm and order, thereby making it possible for the new leadership to bring life back to normal as quickly as possible." Later Munich radio was heard in Zurich stating that the station had been temporarily occupied by German rebels. Then came an announcement that the revolution had been suppressed, and calling on the Munich people to continue resistance.

40,000 Germans In River Trap

Supreme H.Q., Saturday. GENERAL DEMPSEY'S 2nd Army has now completely mopped up the dock area in Bremen and the 52nd (Lowland) and 43rd Divisions are pushing eastward.

The Third Division, moving above Wessel, has captured Seehausen, three miles north-west of Wessel, while the German salient between Zeven and Bremen is now being reduced.

According to reports from the 2nd Army, the estimated number of German troops left between the Weser and Ems rivers is 40,000.—Exchange Telegraph.

Laval Loses Famous Moustache

Pierre Laval, French Quisling Number One, now on the run, has twice repeated his request for permission to enter Switzerland without success.

He is reported to have cut off his famous moustache, says a B.U.P. cable from Zurich.

SNOW IN THE STRAITS

Snow fell at intervals yesterday morning in the Straits of Dover and although there were sunny intervals the temperature at mid-day was as low as 47.

The world last night waited expectantly and tensely for the end, as message after message, flashing over cables and wireless waves, pointed to the swift and complete dissolution of the remnants of the shattered Nazi empire. Those pointers were:—

(1) An offer of unconditional surrender from Himmler to Britain and U.S.A., but not to Russia. Reaction in London and Washington was swift. Only unconditional surrender to all the Allies was acceptable.

Himmler's offer was revealed by official circles in San Francisco, where the United Nations are hammering out plans for lasting world peace. The move, regarded as a last-minute attempt to split the Big Three, is understood to have the backing of the German High Command, but not of Hitler and of those Nazi leaders still loyal to him.

"FRONT LINE GONE"

Linked Up On Broad Front

TWO more Russian and American divisions met after the first junction between the two armies at Torgau, Moscow paper "Red Star" said yesterday.

"The link-up of our Armies on a broad front became a fact," it added.

"Pravda" made this comment on the link-up:— "The German manoeuvring in space for shortening the front line has come to an end. The front line has been shortened to the limit. It has been shortened into non-existence."

It is not expected in London that the link-up will involve changes in commands of the Allied Armies, and there is no likelihood of the appointment of a new generalissimo, as in the closing stages of the last war.

There will probably be frequent consultations between the chiefs of the British, American and Russian Forces for operational purposes.

French Vote Today

From JOSEPH GRIGG, B.U.P. Correspondent

Paris, Saturday.

AFTER one of the quietest and most half-hearted electoral campaigns in French history 23,000,000 French men and women voters will go to the polls tomorrow to choose some 600,000 municipal councillors.

These are the first elections in France since 1936 and the first held in any liberated country since the Nazi yoke was thrown off.

Another U-Boat Sunk

ANOTHER U-boat has gone to the bottom.

The Admiralty announced last night that while on patrol in the North Atlantic H.M. Yacht Evadne detected a submerged U-boat and severely damaged it with depth charges.

Minesweepers Recruit and Fincher which were escorting a convoy encountered a U-boat on the surface near the same spot.

Salvos from the minesweepers' guns demolished the U-boat's gun and after repeated hits on the conning tower and superstructure the enemy crew abandoned ship. Soon afterwards the U-boat sank. Survivors were picked up.

The Queen At Her Niece's Wedding

The Queen, with Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, was present at the wedding of her niece, Miss Rosemary Bowes-Lyon, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, yesterday.

The bride who is the daughter of the Hon. Fergus Bowes-Lyon, who was killed in the last war, married Mr. Edward Wilfred George Joicey-Cecil, son of the late Lord Joicey-Cecil.



GOERING



GOEBBELS



HITLER



HIMMLER



MUSSOLINI

Even Pigeons Are Singed

Last Hours In Blazing Berlin

From DUNCAN HOOPER, Reuter's Special Correspondent

Moscow, Saturday.

SEWERS blocked with corpses, tree-lined avenues ablaze from end to end, pigeons flying with flames singeing their feathers—this is the picture of Berlin given me by men who have watched the death agony of Hitler's once-proud capital.

Rumour Says—

HITLER, GOERING, GOEBBELS DEAD

Swiss Frontier, Saturday.

THE possibility that Hitler, Goering and Goebbels were all killed in Berlin at the same time is suggested by people now crossing into Switzerland from Germany.—B.U.P.

Umberto Hails New Soviet Envoy

FOURTEEN MONTHS after his appointment as Soviet Ambassador, M. Mikhail Kostylev yesterday formally presented his credentials to Prince Umberto, Lieutenant of the Realm, as head of the Italian State.

M. Kostylev said he would make every effort to assist the development of friendly relations and mutual comprehension.

Prince Umberto, in reply, expressed his conviction that Italy's relations with the Soviet, which had been initiated happily, would be progressively developed and strengthened in accordance with the interests of two countries which were not divided by any disagreement, adds a Reuter cable from Rome.

For days and nights they have lived in shelters, cellars, basements. Now they come out, pale and shaken, to pick their way to the quieter areas behind the front.

They stop here and there to loot shoes and clothing from wrecked shops. In dark alleyways there are piles of German uniforms discarded by men of the Wehrmacht and Volksturm who have donned civilian clothes and are trying to make their way out of the city.

Nearly every day a manhole cover on a pavement is pushed aside and a dirty hand waving a white flag appears. Another German group has decided that surrender is better than death for the Fuehrer.—Reuter.

GEN. PILE IMPROVING General Sir Frederick Pile, Director-General of Housing, who is suffering from food poisoning, was stated today to be "going on satisfactorily."

TRYING TO SPLIT ALLIES

HIMMLER's offer of surrender to the Western Allies, but not to the Russians, is the last attempt by Nazi leaders to make mischief between the Allies, writes Reuter's Continental observer.

It is in line with the actions of Germany's rulers in recent weeks, including those which have been proclaimed in Hitler's name.

It was an order to German troops, signed by Adolf Hitler

and issued on April 16, which first asked the German Army to fight a decisive battle in the East without mentioning the Western Front any more.

It was again Hitler who was credited by Goebbels a week later with the "decision of historic significance" to withdraw troops from the West to throw them into the battle for Berlin.

VIA STOCKHOLM Only a week before the opening of the Allied offensive across the Rhine, a similar "peace" offer was carried to Stockholm in

the names of Hitler and Himmler by Dr. Fritz Hesse.

The one further condition then attached to it was that these two should be left in power.

The fact that Hitler is not mentioned in the latest move may be due to the realisation that the Allies would never treat with him or to a desire not to connect his name with the shame of surrender.

The offer confirms that the Nazis have recognised the impossibility of prolonged "redoubt" resistance and are now trying to save their political future by an eleventh-hour offer of despair.

Eden Is "Big Noise"

Our 'Nap' Hand At 'Frisco

From Harold Hutchinson, B.U.P. Correspondent

San Francisco, Saturday.

ALREADY this looks like being Britain's conference. In four days it has become plain that Mr. Eden is the key diplomat here.

The United States and Russia meet on common ground only through Mr. Eden's efforts. Britain's diplomatic position has never been so strong, and neither has her role in the future been so clearly shown as in the last four days.

Britain, in fact, is the bridge without which the conference could collapse.

On one occasion already Mr. Eden's unruffled manners prevented a tense situation from becoming bitter. As it was, M. Molotov sharply reminded the Mexican Foreign Minister that this war had been fought by four Powers and not by forty-six.

The position this week-end is that the Polish question has been by-passed by the Procedure Committee's refusal to discuss the proposal that Poland should be represented at the conference, and that Russia has retreated from the first term position she took up, but has got a consolation prize in acceptance of the representation of the Ukraine and White Russia.

Now the conference can really get down to work.

30,000 POW's Held In Alps

Zurich, Saturday.

ABOUT 30,000 British and American prisoners of war have been carried off by the Germans into the Bavarian and Austrian Alps.

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Dr. Feldscher said it was not possible to ascertain the exact figures owing to the general chaos.—Reuter.

Thoughtless Smokers' Trail Of Ruin

Careless smokers are known to have caused 233 fires in ten English areas in the month of March.

THEY'VE PLAYED THEIR LAST CARDS!

The men whose lives and actions have bequeathed to posterity a chapter of savagery and degradation without parallel in human history.

Drive To Austrian Border

YANKS ARE IN REDOUBT

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR, A.P. Correspondent

Supreme Allied H.Q., Paris, Saturday.

SPEARHEADS of the American Seventh Army smashed into Hitler's southern redoubt today, reaching the Austrian frontier 50 miles south-west of Munich.

Both the Seventh and Third Armies hammered the northern perimeter of the mountain pocket, and front-line dispatches indicated that its outer defences were crumbling fast.

Augsburg, third city of Bavaria, fell to the Seventh Army, while General Patch's troops reached the Austrian border at Fussen, well into the western end of the redoubt, and 20 miles south-east of their last reported positions at Kempten.

Authorities here said the redoubt covers most of the Austrian "panhandle" and the similar area north of the border in Southern Bavaria.

The Allied threat to Munich, the Bavarian capital, increases hourly. While the city was being torn by internal strife, the Seventh Army was less than 30 miles away to the west, and the Third Army drove to within 30 miles of the city from the north.

Mussolini Was Caught In Hun Garb

Mussolini was disguised as a German soldier when he was captured by Customs guards at Lecco, near Lake Como. He was travelling alone in a car which was mixed up with a column of about 30 German vehicles, according to the Free Milan Radio, quoted by Reuter.

The priest and the Burgomaster led the townspeople before the house of the Nazi leader and pleaded that the city should be surrendered and bloodshed avoided. The police were ordered to break up the demonstration and the leaders were arrested.

Peace Cry: Hanged

BEFORE leaving Regensburg S.S. men hanged the Roman Catholic priest and Burgomaster who had led a peace demonstration of thousands of women and children through the wrecked streets of the old Danube fortress, Luxembourg radio reported yesterday.

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GADBURY'S
**BOURNVILLE
COCOA**

How to make RATIONS FOR ONE go f-u-r-t-h-e-r

Planning meals is usually easier with several ration books than with just one. But the woman (or man) living alone has this advantage, that she has only her own tastes to consider. The following suggestions show what can be done with a little ingenuity. Women who are alone during the day will also find these hints useful.

What to do when you have to take your meat ration as—

BREAST OF LAMB: Boast and remove surplus fat (rendering the fat down for dripping). Make a savoury stuffing, spread on the meat and roll up. Tie or skewer firmly. This can then be baked, roasted or braised. If it is roasted, cook slowly.

SCRAP END OF LAMB OR NECK OF VEAL: Use for a stew or casserole with plenty of vegetables (leeks are very good) and some dried beans and peas. Use herbs for flavouring and a dash of vinegar from the pickle bottle.

POULTRY: Make it into a stew or casserole, using plenty of vegetables and some dried beans or peas. Or braise it on a bed of vegetables and serve pork sausages with it.

POINTS CHANGES

UP—CANNED LUNCHEON MEATS:—5lb. from 88 to 120; 4lb. from 57 to 88; 3lb. from 43 to 64; 2lb. from 33 to 52; 1lb. from 15 to 22; 12oz. from 11 to 17. Any other size or weight from 15 to 24 points per lb.

CANNED BEANS (in tomato or vegetable sauce):—A1 or 16oz. from 3 to 4; A2 from 3 to 4; A3 from 3 to 4; 2oz. from 3 to 4. Any other size or weight from 3 to 4 points per lb. (The A1 and A2 cans remain at 2 and 3 points per can respectively.)

BISCUITS—MATTOS: from 1 to 2 points per lb.

There will be no change in the value of coupons.

DRIED EGGS: From April 29th onwards, the allocation of Dried Eggs will be one packet per ration book every four weeks; two for holders of green ration books.

THIS IS WEEK 61—THE FIRST WEEK OF RATION PERIOD No. 11 (April 29 to May 26)

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Suggestions for easily made main-meal dishes

MIXED GRILL: 1asher of bacon, 1 sausage, a slice liver, a slice fried potato and peas or beans.

SARDINE AND EGG SCRAMBLE: 1 small knob of fat; ½ small leek, chopped finely; 1½ level tablespoons dried egg, re-constituted; 1 level tablespoon chopped parsley; salt, pepper, and pinch of mustard; 2 teaspoons vinegar; 3 sardines. Try leek in fat, add egg, seasoning and parsley, and scramble in usual way. Mash sardines with vinegar, add to egg and mix well.

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Problem From The Torture Camps

● "They gave him a stick and he swung it as the beasts who had tortured him had cracked their whips..."

● "He had beaten his friends; he had terrorised and tortured his fellow victims... for a double ration of soup."

NAZI SLAVE TURNED JAILER

By WILLI FRISCHAUER

His hand shook as he wrote his report; his lips quivered as he recalled in his mind what he had seen, even though it was more than forty-eight hours ago that he had returned from a visit to Buchenwald, the Nazi concentration camp, where tens of thousands of Nazi victims had perished.

Words did not seem capable of conveying the scene of rotten bodies sprawling on the barren ground; of living dead walking in a trance, women wandering around, lost, within a small compound, men murmuring unintelligible sounds.

"And there are people who still cannot believe," he said, "when I tell them about the horror camps from which I have just come away. They can't believe; I can't forget!"

It was a responsible person whose word would not be doubted by his fellow prisoners. And the story he told of Buchenwald surpassed in details even what has already been said.

"Propaganda?" he asked. "Surely there is no need to make 'propaganda' to spread atrocity stories when you've already won the war! Anybody who has watched our men getting ravaged mad at what they have seen would understand..."

But there are things in this grim experience that are truly almost impossible to understand. Take the case of Alfred W., a prisoner at Buchenwald, such as few civilised people ever thought they would hear about.

Among the living corpses in the compound, Alfred, a German, looked comparatively well fed. Yet he had been in this—and other camps for over ten years.

You could, if you scrutinised his appearance, still discover the traces of a fierce political fighter, of a German anti-Nazi who had played his part in the political struggle against Hitler in Hamburg.

The barbed-wire net which Hitler threw over Germany in 1933 and 1934 soon roped him in.

NATION is dying under our eyes. Self-condemned but impatient, Germany is committing suicide. Tomorrow, like a trapped gangster retreating to the last doorway in an alley hemmed in by G-men, is dying amid the ruins of bossdom.

Never did Tyranny fall so low from such a height. Never did Mankind have so terrible a lesson. Disillusioned, bankrupt, destroyed, what was called German civilisation has perished for ever. Not in Man's lifetime on this planet did a country lose, in its havoc, its chief cities, its machinery, and all its means of rehabilitation and face, as Germany now does, decades of misery, shame and abasement.

If you could visualise, in one glimpse, the ruin caused by the Vandals, the Goths and the Huns—by Attila and Genghis Khan and the hordes who sacked Rome—it would not equal the destruction that the Nazis have brought on their own land and their own people.

Where is Babylon? Where is Carthage? The vultures forgot, centuries ago. Now—where is Berlin?

SAN FRANCISCO'S LESSON

WHEN, years ago, I stood on a hill overlooking San Francisco, a friend pointed to a crack in the wall of a building.

"That was the fire," he said. "It was the only remaining damage caused by a great earthquake that, a score of years before, had destroyed the city. The word 'fire' instead of 'earthquake' was used to re-establish confidence and allay fears of another seismic shock. A nobler San Francisco had arisen, phoenix-like, from the ashes."

Now, in that city, the leaders of the nations met, hoping to frame a world charter. But saboteurs and lobbyists whisper outside the conference hall and in the hotel lobbies.

Monarchs nervous about their thrones have sent their emissaries to cause trouble. Pretenders are staking claims. Poles are poles apart. Big Business seeks to sabotage the economic proposals which are more vital to European settlement than any agreement about frontiers.

Even the Big Three, united at Yalta, are divided on important issues. It is behind closed doors, and not in the conference room, that the main decisions will be made.

In the end the voice that breathes over Eden will be Molotov's.

San Francisco was rebuilt by dedication to common purpose. That is the lesson the members of the conference should remember. Self-interest must go in the interest of all, for the alternative is another global war and the end of everything.

PASSION PLAYERS

DO you realise, I wonder, that Oberammergau, a village on the edge of the Bavarian Alps, is just within the Redoubt in which Hitler is expected to make his final stand?

So those of the simple wood-carvers, who every ten years, stage a Passion Play to which the devout flocked from half across the world, will now be helping to defend the Fuehrer, the SS troops and the Hitler Youth during their last round-up!

Men who, with beards specially grown, played the Apostles, will now believe what has been happening since 1933 in "nice and sunny Germany"—E. H. BIRKENSTEIN.

"When before, and even during the war, we ex-Buchenwalders, English people what Buchenwald was like, nobody would believe us. Little wonder German people would not believe it either. By all means show them the camps, make them bury the dead and nurse the survivors—but stop the non-sensical generalisation, so dangerous for the future peace of Europe, that Gestapo, Nazis and Germans mean all the same thing"—Dr. RICHARD K. JILMANN.



Not a picture of Buchenwald, or of any of the other torture camps, but, by way of contrast, prisoners released by American troops from one of the few camps where the victims emerged looking like human beings.

meant for fifty were divided amongst the S.S. guards who were not as yet allowed to kill their charges off outright looked almost powerless when confronted with the frantic, heaving mass of human misery in stench and darkness, sick, hungry, terrified, mad under the shock of their experiences.

The horror, to one who had seen the emaciated prisoners, rousing in the hour of release to take revenge on one of their own men, is indescribable.

Moral Degradation

Yet it happened. Alfred, within a few years still a prisoner, had descended into a moral depth deeper than that in which the true Nazis dwelled.

He had beaten his friends; he had terrorised and tortured his fellow victims—for a double ration of soup, for a few bread-crumbs, for dear life. He had stooped lower than his Nazi masters.

Here the story ends. I do not think it needs any comment. What are you going to do with these Germans who have adapted themselves to the foul habits of their Nazi torturers, who compensated themselves for their own sufferings by playing "Herrvolk" among their fellow-slaves?

he heard Napoleon described in a similar phrase, Talleyrand replied. When Napoleon returns from the grave after three days I will worship him: That is my reply to Herr von Ribbentrop's speech."

Then the King, when meeting at Knowlsey the Lord Mayor of Manchester—that was when Alderman Joe Toole filled the civic seat—pressed him to tell the story of how, at a dinner at which he met von Ribbentrop and saw his Nazi salute, Toole pulled down his handkerchief and said: "That is how we behave in Manchester."

"I wish I had thought of doing that when he came to my house," said the King, "because he did the 'Heil Hitler' salute to me!"

"APPEASING" PETAIN

NOW that Petain has given himself up for trial as a traitor, it is strange to recall how, for months after his betrayal, I used to read in religious papers how he was "a good man who goes to church," and how the Foreign Office was then stopping all criticism of the Marshal from being cabled to newspapers in overseas Dominions.

I ended that censorship by printing a cable which had been stopped from reaching the Sydney Daily Mirror. Yet it was only a copy of something which had appeared in a London newspaper.

As a result the Foreign Office suddenly withdrew its ban—and sent the cable, two days late, at its own expense.

When the London papers were condemning Petain for his treachery, the Foreign Office was, in relation to him, still going in for "appeasement."

PARADOXES OF TODAY

ALTHOUGH an Italian prisoner, probably a poor dupe of Mussolini, was given a three-months' sentence for consorting with a woman in this country, the lunch given by Churchill to Prince Umberto, who fled the attack on France, in the Embassy in Rome, was hailed as "diplomacy."

Among those sent to San Francisco to report a conference on which the future of the world depends is—Bob Hope!

London's most exciting scene during a week of historic events was caused by a crowd of hectic women outside Ivor Novello's dressing-room after "Perchance to Dream." Ah, there's the rub! After all the yearning, the yearning for "Lights Up," the yearning for more lighted windows in most London streets than there were during a raid.

War-Time Gardening

By RICHARD SUDELL

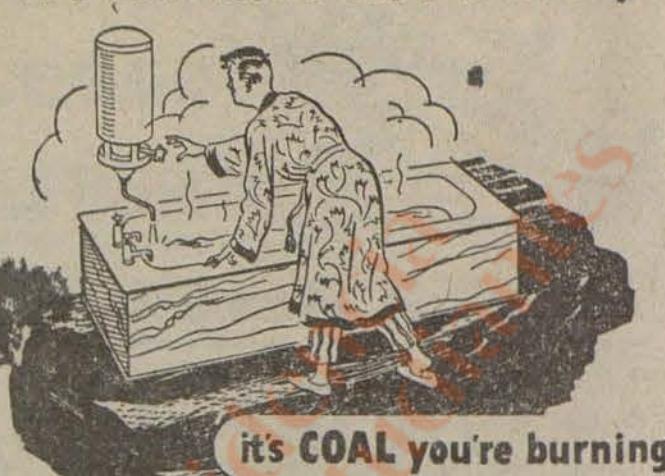
FROSTS are still a danger to tender crops. Where early potatoes are above soil draw a little fine earth over the tops.

In Southern gardens French and runner beans can be sown. Set seeds 2 in. deep.

Marrows in small pots in rich soil in cold frame, to be planted out when the soil is warm.

Another method with marrows is to make a hollow in the soil where they are to grow. Sow three seeds 8 in. apart in a shallow and cover.

Watch that hot water!



it's COAL you're burning

Whether your bath water is heated by gas or electricity—the source of the heat is coal. Bear this in mind. The country's coal stocks have to be built up again after the exceptional demands of a severe winter. So turn off hot water just as soon as possible—always.

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California Syrup of Figs

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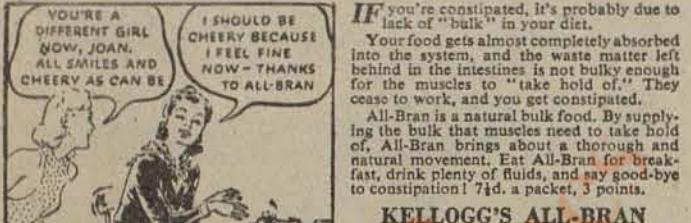
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Issued by the National Savings Committee

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This Is Private Moto, The REAL YELLOW PERIL!

By A. W. HELLIWELL
(Our Correspondent with the Fourteenth Army in Burma)



Typical Jap Prisoners

PRIVATE YAMA MOTO squats miserably on his haunches in the hot sunshine behind the wire net of the prisoner of war cage. His bony elbows rest on his knees, and his shaven head is cupped in thin, parchment-yellow hands. Moto has remained in the same tranced attitude, his motionless, unblinking and evil-looking as a poised cobra, all the long morning. His bowl of rice and meat is full, and although the air has a bakery oven heat up in the stifling hundreds, his water chugge is untouched.

Private Moto is beyond caring about food and drink. All he wants to do is die. He is wishing that he had not been so impetuous in the last few mad minutes before he was captured, that he had saved just one grenade so that he could have held it pressed tight against his belly until it blew him into the company of his celestial ancestors.

Disgraced

This miserable, misguided little Japanese soldier, sitting alone in his wire cage, would be better off, and far happier, dead. As it is he is nothing but a living ghost—an unhappy little yellow man without a country, without a home and without a family. He can never return to the pink glory of the cherry blossom in foaming bloom; for when the sons of the Emperor commit the indiscretion of being captured alive they are written off as dead. Private Moto's sallow, raven-haired wife, waiting back in the village he left five years ago, will be told that she is a widow. Only to her there will come, no neat

hate welling up through it like bubbles in a bowl of pitch.

For six months now I have been studying at close quarters the Jap soldier's husband, your son, or your sweetheart is up against out here in Burma.

He is a fantastic, unpredictable blend of brute viciousness and sugary sentimentality, childish superstition and crazy fanaticism.

Although he has none of the arrogance of those sour-looking, crop-headed paratroopers of Kesselring's, whom I watched being interrogated at Cassino last year, he fights even more fiercely.

No matter how tough the Hun is, he will walk out with his hands up when he has fired his last cartridge and seen cold steel coming at him. But not the Jap.

He has to go in and get him every time.

Private Moto, for instance, had to be forcibly restrained from spitting himself on the point of a bayonet when he was captured. And so we see a hundred dead Japs for every prisoner we take.

Lately, since the Mikado's Burma army has been fleeing in disorder from the ruins of Mandalay, we have been taking more prisoners.

The hard veneer of their morale shows signs of cracking here and there, but this is only because of the incredible hardships and near-starvation they have suffered in their long retreat.

Even the few who do surrender are still convinced that Japan will win the war.

Unscrupulous

Moto, like nine out of ten of his comrades, carries a little diary, in which from day to day he brushes with quick, deft strokes sentimental trivialities that you might expect from a homesick schoolgirl.

"This same big moon is shining over Tokyo," he will write yearningly. Or, "The buds are blooming in Japan. How I wish I was home."

He picks flowers and presses them between the leaves of his diary, and cries himself to sleep

over a lock of his wife's hair. Yet he will spend half his pay on a set of disgusting pictures, or an hour with one of the "comfort girls" who follow the yellow army.

He is a sadistic little torturer, too, and he thinks nothing of leaving his best friend behind on the battlefield without water or morphine to dull the agony of his wounds.

The dead are cremated on petrol-soaked funeral pyres, while the rest of the company stand around in their smart uniforms listening to the commander addressing the dead soldier.

He talks to the body as if it was still alive, praising his heroism and saying what a wonderful thing he has done in getting himself killed.

Then he promotes him—one rank if the engagement was a

small one, two ranks if it was an important battle.

That, with the honour of having his ashes placed in the Yasukuni Shrine, are the Jap soldier's reward for dying for his Emperor. But Private Moto and his friends ask for nothing more.

Their training is the toughest and most brutal in the world. They are slapped and kicked into a kind of gangster-like toughness, and as soon as they have graduated, take delight in beating up new recruits.

Moto is taught to stand to attention while an officer is cuffing him around. If he falls

down he must get up and resume an attitude of rigid attention until the officer tires. Those who cannot make the grade in this school of brutality commit harakiri.

A private's pay is about five shillings a month—that of a full general in the Japanese Army is only £27 a month—but poverty means nothing to Moto. He has never known any other state.

He can live on a handful of rice or a bowl of boiled grass a day—and fight like a tiger cat on this miserable diet, too. He's got plenty of guts, and he's a first-class soldier.

And there he sits behind the wire—a polite, humble little man, who smiles and bows every time he sees you watching him, although all the time he is wishing he was dead.

Don't underestimate him. There are ten million Private Motos, ready to die for the Mikado and the glory of old Japan. He's the "yellow peril" we've talked about for years, and whatever you think of him he is going to take a lot of punishment before he quits.



WHAT OF TOMORROW?

SHE was a good-looking woman of indeterminate age, and obviously one of the great army of British women who for more than five years have carried our country, with its deadweight of care, worry, anxiety, sometimes grief, so magnificently on their ample shoulders.

It was his special greeting. He called me that, or for short, T.W.G.W., which, he said, with his nice sense of humour, was only a parody on the film of the day which was being seen by thousands.

He had been to—I nearly said "see"—hear it. It was a good film, he said. He told me it about it. He hadn't missed anything.

He could even describe the actors in it, basing his description on the quality, the timbre (timbre, as he called it) of their voices. And it was uncanny how close to their actual appearance he got.

The only thing he didn't attempt to describe was colour. And of course, you can understand why.

He got by. It was his favourite phrase. "I get by." I'll say he did.

I suppose I saw him regularly every Saturday for 12 years. And when the blitz of 1940 came he was still in his corner by the bank near Holborn. Know him? I thought you might.

And then, one Saturday he wasn't there.

I walked to his spot. It was vacant. I waited there. Then I went into the bank and asked them where Old Joe was. I was told they hadn't seen him since the previous Monday.

That was September, 1940. And so, as things are in this busy world, I had almost forgotten Old Joe. Until last Saturday I looked. I looked again. Yes, he was there.

He seemed more bent, more feeble somehow; but after all, I told myself, it's nearly six years since I've seen him. I suppose I have changed, too.

I sidled up to him. "Old Joe!" I called. "Remember me?"

He turned his sightless eyes in my direction. I noticed with horror that he was paralysed. And then, when he began to speak, I was shocked to see that his lips twisted and grimaced to form a barely understandable, hardly decipherable words.

"Speak up, please," he managed to say. "I'm a little deaf mouser."

In spite of the lump in my throat I managed to shout my greeting.

standing heart, produced a bottle of smelling-salts and a couple of cushions from the staff rest-room, and a few moments later that tired mother and I were sharing a pot of tea, this time for two, and getting to know each other.

She confessed: "I knew I couldn't reach home. It's these shoes; the pain's been awful, they're so tight. You see, they belonged to my younger sister—and I didn't like to wear them at first when she was killed. But—

but with the children to clothe coupons are a nightmare. Still, it was silly of me to wear them this morning."

I said: "But that shopping basket is very heavy?" She smiled, a little less wearily now, as if that brief lapse into uncon-

sciousness had given her new strength. "Heavy? Have you felt it?" I had. It might well have weighed half a ton to my fingers, unaccustomed as they are to carrying the haphazard mixture of household goods demanded by a family of children.

Packed into that basket, heaven knows how, were twelve pounds of potatoes, a three-pound bag of flour, one two-pound jar of jam, a block of cooking salt, some soap and tins of scouring powder, and three dozen clothes pegs.

Half-jokingly, I said: "If that is a sample of weekly shopping you have surely carried a few tons since 1939!"

She smiled: "I think the average mother of my class ceased to be a pack-horse about a year ago, and became so tired physically and mentally she just didn't know what she was supposed to be! And she didn't think we much cared, at times."

"We had queued and waited, and begged and pleaded our way from shop to shop, and we reached that stage where we could easily have shrieked in futile despair."

"We have been privileged to buy things from shopkeepers who were willing to let us have anything they liked—except courtesy and politeness. And the posters blared orders to us women to save gas, coal, bacon, clothes, money—in fact, everything but ourselves! Yet, all the time, when we knew that today was just one more day of worry and anxiety, women like me knew it was worth putting up with because of Tomorrow. Tomorrow...."

"My Tomorrow is going to be different. I know what I want. I want to be free to go to the fish shop, to the butcher's, the dairy, the ironmonger's, the chemist's, the draper's—and to feel that I'm not asking favours!"

"They say rationing of some foods ought to remain when the war was over. But I look forward to the first washing-day after the last All Clear, when I'll throw all our ration books into the copper fire! And yet.... I don't want some people to have more than enough to eat while others go hungry. If rationing means equal shares all round, I'll be content to agree to it and to keep our ration books. And so will thousands of other mothers like me."

I said: "They've already done something like that in Soviet Russia; they call it proportional feeding. Their food experts have divided the entire nation into four classes: the industrial workers, clerical workers, non-workers, and children under twelve. Each category receives rations according to its future value to the State."

PRIORITY

She said: "And that's a fine idea. But I think the little children should come first, and then the little children that were—the Old Folk—and after them the industrial workers, and so on."

She went on: "But I'll have to be getting back to the kiddies." So purposely forgetting the appointment I had—and I was already nearly an hour late for it—I asked might I be allowed to see her safely home?

From the top of a bus we looked out on the scars, the shattered memories of blitz days. And it made me feel mighty proud to sit by this woman, one of thousands of British mothers who for five years and more carried on in the best traditions of motherhood and womanhood.

My companion shuddered slightly as she spoke: "Yes, I want those things Tomorrow that I told you about. And there are things women like me never want again; we don't want ever to hear the sound of enemy aircraft, or to hear the whine of their bombs, or the sickening thud of the explosions, or the roar of rockets."

"We don't want to listen to our children keeping our spirits up

LIFE'S BIG PROBLEMS

"FOOLISH PRIDE"

By The People's Friend

For the simple reason that you have not the courage to be anything else in the world in which snobbery is the fashion.

BUT what a pathetically silly business it is. And what a lot of unnecessary misery and worry it can cause. I am thinking, more particularly, of the social snobbery of the middle classes, the snobbery of the small town and suburbs. It is there that it is most dangerous, because it can be least afforded. For snobbery is an expensive hobby. It is always tempting its victims to live beyond their means for the shallow satisfaction of impressing their neighbours.

JONES, at "Chez Nous," buys a car and Robinson, next door, runs himself into debt to get one, too. The Smiths have a maid, so the Browns pinch and scrape to keep pace with them.

Mrs. Black glories in her new fur coat until Mrs. White, by frantic juggling with her slender allowance, appears in a later model.

And so it goes on. Everyone living a lie. Everyone pretending to be better off than they are. And why? Simply because they are too proud to admit, "We can't afford it." Yet why should any man be ashamed of being poor? Was not Jesus of Nazareth one of the poorest and humblest of men?

with their little frightened voices, as they cling close to us for the protection we, as women, are too weak, too helpless, to give them. We don't want to hear the children ask if they can have a little more of this or a bit more of that—and then to tell them they can't!

"We never want to know that sort of fear again. We don't want to live through that nightmare of death in the darkness. We want Freedom. We're entitled to it. But we want that sort of freedom which will give us the right to live our lives as best we can!"

And then the bus halted, and we got out and walked to the end of the street where she lives with her children; we shook hands, and I hurried back to my own everyday world, ready to apologise for failing to keep an appointment which had been made for me long ago.

Only one letter demanded my urgent attention when I climbed back into harness.

"Dear Mr. Peter, I feel that I can call you Peter, as having read your articles for such a long time it seems that I really know you. Please find enclosed note for my ten shillings. Give it to someone who you know would benefit even just a little with such a small sum."

"But I send it with a Prayer like all these other mothers of Britain—and I swear she was—then their loss might have been incalculable had it not been for the benediction of an understanding man."

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Lovely Irene Dunne gives a sparkling performance as Anne Crandall, small-town Mayor, in Columbia's new film "Together Again." She sings again, too. Irene is very lovely—that clear, smooth skin is exquisite. Her beauty care? Like 9 out of 10 other film stars, Irene Dunne uses Lux Toilet Soap to keep her skin soft, clear, and smooth.

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Contented

I never had the heart to disillusion him about his wonderful discovery. His tactile sense was highly developed, and it was natural that, unless he should depend to such an extent upon his other senses that they were in a far higher state of receptivity than are the hearing, the smelling, the touching, the taken-for-granted senses of normal men.

He used to sell matches. That was, as I've said, before the war. When matches were scarce he sold pins. And when they disappeared under the magic formula, he sold brooches and regimental favours.

"I'm not a beggar," he would say. "I'm not a beggar, Mr. Finn. I give value for money, I do."

He was proud of that. "I'm glad he was proud. It showed he had guts."

I learned that he lived alone in a small room in Bernersley, that he was forty-odd, that he could read Braille, that he had many friends and that, strange as it may seem, he was thoroughly contented and absolutely in love with life.

Never having had eyes he just did not know what they were. At times he was puzzled. "Why," he would ask me, "do you people with eyes talk so much about seeing? What is seeing, anyhow?"

He was puzzled, but he was not envious or discontented, and he certainly was not unhappy. "Hullo," I'd say to him; or

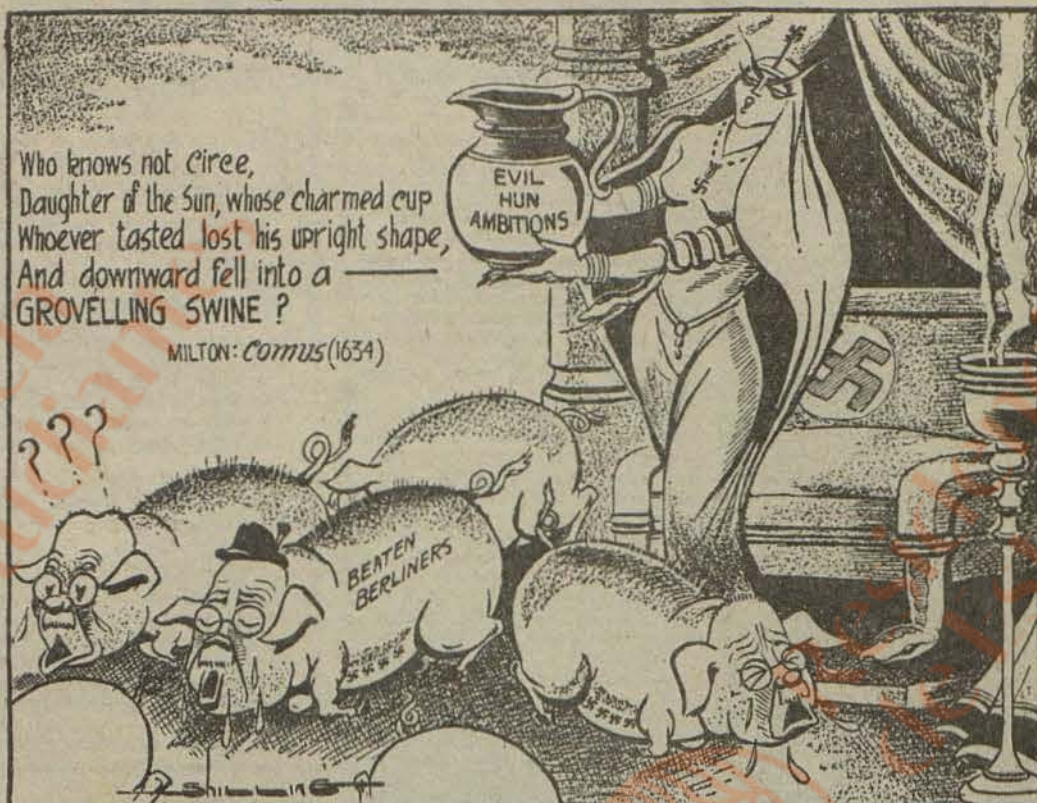
"Man v' the People" writes on "things that matter to you & me."

IN the lurid glow of burning German cities the Nazi madmen are plotting the cremation of ordered society. They are not content to see Germany made desolate; it is their deliberate aim to reduce half Europe to famine, despair and anarchy. They want to sabotage our victory by leaving the Continent ruined beyond repair. And they are planning to sow the barren fields with the dragon's teeth of another and more dreadful war.

What is to be done with these homicidal maniacs and their docile dupes? Readers are asking this question in moods which vary from anger to sheer bewilderment. Anger is the natural reaction, but there is reason for bewilderment, too. The acts of a madman are unaccountable, but it is astonishing that Hitler's special gang of lunatics can still dominate what is left of sanity in the Third Reich.

The sheep-like obedience of the average German to constituted authority is beyond the understanding of free men. But the Allies will have to reckon with it, and they may be able to turn it to some advantage.

Clearly, however, the only thing to do with the Hitlerite fanatics is to hunt them down patiently and without remorse.



NO faith should be put in the word of any German who has been fighting against us and readers of this paper have been warned repeatedly to beware the Junkers lest they should cheat us yet.

Nevertheless, the regular army officers in Germany have more common-sense than the Party men. They know when the game is up, and many of them much prefer surrender to death.

One of this type, Brigadier-General Kirscheim, fresh caught in the American Ninth Army's net, has gone so far as to broadcast a surrender appeal to Field-Marshal Keitel, Chief of the German High Command.

Kirscheim tried to persuade Keitel that "in the present situation no German soldier can feel himself bound by his oath of allegiance."

"Those who are still in doubt," he added, "may be persuaded by the news of the Buchenwald and Gaudeloven camps."

"So far the German army and the German people are not guilty of these murders. No German army general knew anything about them."

"Whoever continues to obey the orders of a German High Command to prolong this war must, therefore, assume the guilt for further senseless destruction and for these murders."

The passage quoted in italics deserves special note. For the suggestion that the abominations

of the torture camps were committed by the Nazis alone and that the German people and army knew nothing of them is exactly what was to be expected.

THE Allies cannot afford to let the German nation shrug its collective guilt off its shoulders by any specious plea of ignorance. Admittedly, Hitler and his gang were chiefly to blame for the unspeakable crimes committed in the name of National Socialism.

But many German officers and men must have been the accomplices of the Nazi torturers and there is no shadow of doubt that vast numbers of the civilian population knew what was going on and made no move to stop it.

So far few Germans, even among those who have been forced to inspect the torture camps in all their naked horror, have felt themselves ashamed. And it may be that there can be no re-education of Germany until this sense of shame is brought home to the nation.

"Man o' the People" might gain some cheap popularity if he were to join the extremists, who are clamouring for wholesale vengeance upon a guilty race.

He prefers, however, to support the calmer and wiser judgment of the leaders of the United Nations, who are resolved to mete out justice, but also pledged to abide by their own code of decent conduct.

This justice needs to be rigid.

LET'S TALK IT OVER

or hapless person held captive on grounds of race or religion.

That is excellent news, but your correspondent devoutly hopes that condign punishment will also overtake the cold-hearted Nazi scoundrels who have done murder by decree, and that no clever lawyers for the defence will be permitted to win technical acquittals for the super-villains who put the Gestapo into power, the gauleiters into office and the guns into the killers' hands.

At present the whereabouts of Hitler, Himmler, Goebbels and the rest of the chief conspirators cannot be certainly known.

But the Swiss are keeping strict guard upon their frontiers; the air routes are under constant

swift and public. But, after the convicted felons have been punished, the less guilty and mainly ignorant masses should be left to work out their own salvation under the strict supervision of the Allied armies of occupation.

GERMANY as a whole is actually doomed to a worse punishment than the United Nations had ever contemplated for her. Where they had intended to restrict her industries, the Nazis have blotted them out.

Where they had hoped to restore law and order and a simple working economy, Hitler's thugs have broken down the last dykes of their own "new order."

In Holland, where the Nazis have literally breached the sea walls and flooded huge tracts of fertile land with bitter water, there are at this moment some three and a half million innocent men and women doomed to starvation unless the Allies can bring them food in time.

Here is another frightful Nazi crime against humanity, a crime which would shock us to the heart were it not almost lost to sight amid the seas of the enemy's iniquities.

For hunger, if not actual famine, prevails in every country which has been trampled beneath the German jackboot, and Hitler's countless victims include millions who have never borne arms against him.

IT has always passed my understanding that society should hold the individual murderer strictly to account, while accepting wholesale massacre as an act of war.

The United Nations have now warned the enemy that they will seek out and punish each individual German citizen who ill-uses an Allied prisoner of war.

gates from Washington, has sufficiently stressed its tremendous and essential purpose.

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Will the Free Peoples accept their responsibility and face their obligations in the spirit of honest comradeship and fair play by which alone happiness and prosperity can be restored to mankind?

No man can yet be certain, but every person of good heart and sound understanding must support his own country in its efforts to achieve the common purpose.

ON the home front we can now look out of nights from lighted windows and sally forth more cheerfully in the morning to join our respective queues for buses or rations, newspapers or what-have-you-not.

Though the Chancellor of the Exchequer cannot see his way at present to make general tax concessions, he holds out hope of some relief next year.

Meanwhile Sir John Anderson has given a pat on the back to John Citizen, warning him at the same time that "a high degree of discipline and restraint will still be required from him" for several years to come.

We deserve the pat and we can take the warning. Having disciplined and restrained ourselves pretty thoroughly since 1939, we shall doubtless be willing to stand some more lean, or leanish years, provided we are given good value for the money we don't spend.

To date no other combatant nation has put up a better economic show than we have done. For we have actually paid more than half the ruinous cost of this war out of income!

That is a magnificent achievement, but our leaders must now be careful to fight public waste more determinedly than they have ever fought it yet, and also, as soon as this can be done without crisis to our friends abroad, to give us a progressive improvement in our standard of living.

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Mr. Churchill may be right to tell us the worst. He may even be right to put through the painful and unpopular measures of increasing the price of coal and coke by 3s. 6d. a ton next Tuesday.

But his Government has been utterly wrong to allow our chief industry to fall into such a sorry state. Nothing will convince the writer that it need have done so. Every step which was taken to meet the foreseeable fuel shortage was too little and too late.

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Now that, it seems to me, is the right way to start on a job if you mean business. Long-term planning is all very well and final schemes have finally to be adopted. But we ordinary folk want more coal and more houses, more clothing, more furniture and more of almost everything just as soon as possible. And if we are kept waiting too long, while politicians talk and vested interests obstruct, the Government may have to reckon with "a spot of bother" even from our highly disciplined and self-restrained community.

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patrol and the steel net draws close about Hitlerism's last defenders.

Italy will soon be wholly liberated, and it seems unlikely now that the Germans can ever muster enough men and materials to make their last Redoubt truly redoubtable. The end of the war in Europe is at hand and the emergencies of peace are close upon us.

PERHAPS if we could only realise it what is happening in San Francisco is more important to you and me and the world at large than any battle on the Continent.

But it is too soon to draw conclusions from the King and Queen conference which has opened none too smoothly. President Truman, broadcasting to the dele-

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SECRET SERVICE NEWS

LIBERATED Dutchmen, both from Europe and East Indies, are rapidly building up a sizeable army in Australia for service against Japs.

On completion of Frisco conference, United Nations will give top priority to problems of mandates and colonies. Warning has been issued solution will not be easy.

UNRRA will shortly announce a master plan for European relief which has been approved by leading Allied economists and transportation chiefs.

Coming into the limelight again soon—Mussolini. He has been moving from town to town in north Italy, so far unable to find real security. Allied announcements shortly.

U.S.A. economists estimate cost to Germany of suicidal Nazi resistance since Rhine and Oder crossings: material damage exceeds £10,000,000,000 and will take 75 years to return to normal.

Biggest behind-the-scenes factor for increased co-operation and continued unity among Big Three in Frisco is Field Marshal Smuts. Conference calls him "No. 1 peace influence."

TENSION between Nazi leaders in Norway and the generals in command there has become acute. Latter want to surrender when Reich collapses, insist resistance is suicide.

Swiss have invited 200,000 children from Nazi-ravaged countries to recuperate in Alpine resorts. Plan covers next five years and may be enlarged.

Allies have caught several Nazi industrialists disguised as prisoners with faked papers. They are part of specialised group pledged to sabotage.

Empire statement at present in San Francisco are also getting together on a large scale immigration policy giving priority to Britain.

WELL suited for tropical conditions, 15,000 specialist Italian workers are going to the Far East for dockyard work for the British Government.

Practically all Latin-America has now established diplomatic relations with Moscow. Exchange trade boards are being established.

Evidence is being collected and will show that Hun "revenge" in Holland since Montgomery's offensive exceeded the brutalities of Belsen and Dachau.

IT SEEMS TO ME

They Must Not Escape!

AT BUCHENWALD CONCENTRATION CAMP, NEAR WEIMAR IN GERMANY, NIGH ON 7,000 PRISONERS FROM DIFFERENT NATIONS DIED LAST JANUARY ALONE FROM STARVATION, TORTURE, HANGING AND SHOOTING.

In all, since the war began, several tens of thousands of opponents of Hitlerism have perished miserably while, outside the wire, well-fed Germans lived comfortably, careless of the agonies suffered within.

So, you may say, in a vague sort of way, the German people must be made to pay. They are a callous, cruel, horrible crowd, who deserve the worst that can come to them.

And—I grant you—they make up as sullen and pliable a mass of humanity as ever is likely to exist. They produce a bigger proportion of thugs than does any nation. They hell any foul "fuehrer" who forces himself into power.

But what made them so? Was it some unique property of the German soil, some absence or excess of food calories in German vegetation, some biological feature peculiar to the Fatherland?

Perhaps. Scientific research of the future may discover that Reich soil between the Rhine and the Danube has somehow through the ages become poisoned. But I doubt it.

No. The great influence which has been brought to bear upon them has been a personal one. It has come from a long and dirty sequence of rotten "betters."

What, say, of Dr. Gustav Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach, the industrialist who has managed for 40 years the infamous Essen armaments firm and contrived ways to improve his balance sheet?

What of Nazi Prince August Wilhelm of Hohenzollern?

Will all these All-highests be brought to the criminal dock? You who are keen on the "German people" taking their rightful rap will find that they will not, unless the voice of protest is continually heard.

Consider the present position of Emmanuel, Badoglio, and of various Mediterranean Fascist devils and you will guess correctly if you foresee them finishing their careers in honoured seclusion in Italy, France, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Cornwall or the Scottish Highlands.

The German folk-fodder, great unthinking herds of them, fell for it all. When austere arrogants demanded, they goose-stepped.

They and their children were educated into servility at home and later into ruthlessness everywhere. And, mostly, they loved it.

The German people have gone through a systematic process of degradation carried through by self-appointed leaders.

Both people and leaders are responsible for Buchenwald and the horrible rest, but the leaders who make up the Nazi, industrial, and Junker hierarchy are the chief and worst criminals. They were the TEACHERS.

Who will be brought to justice? Hitler, Himmler, and such villains of the cruder kind—like oberfuehrers of concentration hell-holes and sordid Gestapo chiefs—will likely be violently eliminated.

SO let us not, when we are called to wait upon events which we had thought would flow into the channels of our well-set plans, be wearied by another unguessed blow.

But let us grasp this waiting time with hope and with firm faith all new delays endure. Frustration and disease are sometimes found to waylay further ills and old ills cured.

SO let those of us who have need to wait use this drab time as best we may nor grieve, for Patience is a flower that strangely blooms, and Progress in its swift course can deceive.

Patience is not a docile empty role, it is a time when strength is put to test. The heart that cannot wait, itself expends in a short-lived and overrated test.—J. M.

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KIA-ORA looks forward!

Meantime there is an acute shortage of bottles for war-time soft drinks. Will you please return your empties to your retailer?

"About Opening that Bank Account—I really think I ought. For one thing, when I get cheques I shan't have to find someone to cash them... and what a help to pay my own bills by a little bit."

Let Lloyds Bank look after it

SEE THE MANAGER OF YOUR LOCAL BRANCH

The Smiling Lady with the lovely hair

IS **AVRIL ANGERS**... the charming actress now appearing in Leslie Henson's "Guineas."

She says:—

"I OWE A GREAT DEAL TO EVAN WILLIAMS SHAMPOO FOR KEEPING MY HAIR ALWAYS IN SUCH PERFECT CONDITION."

EVAN WILLIAMS shampoo 6 DING TAX

CIGARETTE PAPERS "By The Lounger"

WHEN you've stopped ducks from swimming you can try to alter human nature just a little bit.

TODAY'S PROVERBS

Life is a boat where all must sail. In fine or stormy weather; Each man may catch a crab some-time. But we all must pull together.

LITTLE ALFIE ON "ICE-CREAM CONTROL"

OH cheerful music's good to hear and never said I scorn it. The lushest tune I ever heard was on an ice-cream cornet!

TEN-SECOND TEASERS

1.—Town in Germany; German "Manchester"?

2.—Health resort in Gloucestershire; mineral springs; racing?

3.—English philosopher; father of modern philosophy; creative scientist?

4.—English poet; "Poet of Man"?

5.—Kind of belt; variety of box; type of paper?

6.—Badge; worn on the arm; eight letters?

7.—Plot; device; seven letters?

8.—Awkward; clumsy; tactless; uncouth; six letters?

9.—Kind of min; sort of plate; type of bone?

10.—Purrid; loathsome kind of crop?

11.—Explet; cast out; get rid of; nine letters?

12.—Auctioneer's term; Bible character; condition in life?

(Answers in Page Six)

POSER:

A AND B, who have turned out their pockets, are comparing their cash in hand. A says to B: "If you give me 10s., we shall be all square." B replies: "Yes, but if you give me 7s., I shall have twice as much as you." How much has each of them?

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Come on David!

YOU wouldn't think to look at him now that there was a time when they almost gave him up. Like so many babies he couldn't digest his food. Then someone suggested Nestlé's Milk and from the first feed he came on famously.

Nestlé's milk is rich, full cream country milk. Nature's own perfect food, specially prepared to make it digestible by the most delicate baby.

RICHEST IN CREAM Nestlé's Milk

HOUSING ENTERPRISE

One of the nation's tasks is to apportion its resources to the best advantage. On this basis public policy after the war should be so devised that all who desire to purchase houses for their own occupation can do so as soon as practicable. The building of good houses will be ready to play their part; so will the Abbey National and other building societies. Thus may free enterprise make a worthy contribution equally with public effort.

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Chief City Office: National House, Moorgate, E.C.2

Nazis Have A New Whine Now

"ALREADY friends and agents outside Germany of the Nazis are trying to sow dissension among the Big Three through denominational religious emotions and are drawing pictures of Continent-wide famine and disease 'if 60,000,000 Germans are not allowed to concentrate on growing the food to feed themselves and rebuild at least their minimum requirements in transport and industry.'"

GUERRILLA WARFARE WILL NOT LAST LONG

BERLIN, Bremen and the Allied link-up mark the practical closure of the overall military strategy on which the Big Three have based their victory plans. On the Nazis own admissions the possibilities of serious and continued resistance in the so-called central redoubt can be considerably discounted.

In fact, even if Nazi inspired reports of a chain of underground strongholds are true, the RAF have shown that it took only a bare two minutes to dislocate the nerve-centre of them all at Berchtesgaden.

To my mind it seems almost axiomatic that, with all strategic targets demolished, the Allied air forces can be relied on to seal off any hidden lairs with little, if any, trouble.

As for the question of continued guerrilla warfare, Patton's army is already pressing on the redoubt from the west, the Russians are bearing down from east and north, and the last Reichwehr front in Italy has relapsed into the soft under-belly of the European fortress, which Mr. Churchill once called it.

In these circumstances, and after the incredibly complete hammering inflicted on the whole Reich, I cannot see any prolonged resistance by guerrillas. It is significant, in point of fact, that in spite of Goebbels' werewolf threats, there has been no sign of guerrilla warfare behind any of the Allied lines.

But if the mightiest clash of arms in history is ending, the aftermath remains. There is first the immediate sequel to be considered—the clearing of the battlefields. I have dealt with the situation from the human element angle in the last week or two and told how the Nazis are trying to exploit it to cheat us yet. In this their hopes have already been shattered by the exposures of the brutalities of Belzen and Buchenwald.

But they still have many cards to play in this underground game of international poker. A good example of their cunning in the manner in which their propaganda has built up the battle of Berlin for home consumption.

It is beside the point whether Hitler is there or not, whether he is killed there or not. What the Nazis are trying to do is to create a new legend of the "Niebelungen" class in Wagner's "Sieg-

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

fried," so dear to the German heart, so easily understood by the German mind.

They are trying literally to impregnate the German soul with the belief that the Nazi ideology was both strong enough and brave enough to fight on even though every town and city was wiped out, every line of communication cut, every source of supply destroyed.

THAT is why the Hitler hierarchy have ordered their party to allow the pulverisation of places like Berlin, Bremen and Breslau, rather than show the white flag.

With this background, they believe that however much Germany is now stunned, she will have absorbed or developed an instinctive belief that Nazi ideology cannot die, that, perhaps eclipsed for the moment, it will soon rise again.

Whatever you may think of this fantastic mysticism, remember that it has been part and parcel of the German mental make-up for hundreds of years and the inspiration of all their aggression since the days of the original Huns and their successors, the Teutonic knights, whom the Prussians boast as ancestors.

Side by side with this twentieth-century edition of a "Niebelungen" legend are other and more worldly Nazi plans to stage a come-back and to sabotage our victory.

The smashing of these schemes should be given priority in our own counter-measures to deal with the immediate aftermath of the battlefield now that we know

the true reason behind the so-called "suicide" tactics of the Nazis.

It is bitterly ironic to think that few, if any, of their leaders are dying the death they have ordained for their dupes.

Here are details of one or two of the Nazi schemes.

DESPITE the revelation of the horrors of their concentration camps, they still hope for leniency from the Allies. First, they will "using the lead" on grounds of common humanity. Already their friends and agents abroad who are trying to sow dissension among the Big Three through denominational religious emotions are drawing pictures of Continent-wide famine and disease "if 60,000,000 Germans are not allowed to concentrate on growing the food to feed themselves and rebuild at least their minimum requirements in transport and industry."

They are plugging this theme to avoid having to repair the ravages they have caused elsewhere. They have begun the issue of whining threats that otherwise the Allies will have to feed them.

If we are caught out on this single issue, if we show the least sign of weakness or false humanitarianism we may well lose the peace in a few years.

Another trick is an old one which we should certainly know how to handle—currency inflation. Nazi financiers, themselves well placed for real assets, have begun exchange manipulations.

Even in Spain a price is quoted for the Reichsmark. They hope that by another spell of inflation mania they will get back the gold bullion we captured either as a stabilisation guarantee or through international loans.

HOUSING BOMB MAY EXPLODE

DEMAND for a Housing Minister with Cabinet rank to deal with "a housing problem that may explode and hurt people" was made at the concluding session of the Scottish Trade Union Congress at Aberdeen yesterday.

The resolution also expressed complete dissatisfaction with the Government housing programme for Scotland, and declared it to be utterly inadequate.

Greater national assistance should be given local authorities, and loans made at a rate not exceeding two per cent, as a step towards ensuring the letting of houses at rents the people could afford, it urged.

Mr. J. Stanley (Constructional Engineers) declared that the housing issue, if not adequately dealt with, could, and he believed should, drive any Government out of office.

"We have a Ministry of Works, but, owing to its attitude, it has been re-christened the 'Ministry of Twerps.'"

Congratulations To You!

"THE PEOPLE" has pleasure in offering congratulations to the following readers on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries:

DIAMOND—Mr. and Mrs. A. Cockings, Carlisle; Mr. and Mrs. G. Garrard, Ouisnam.

GOLDEN—Mr. and Mrs. Dorman, Peterborough; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dunlop, Marlborough; Mr. and Mrs. O. Finnin, Liverpool.

RUBY—Mr. and Mrs. Q. Bentley, Rainton-on-Dore; Mr. and Mrs. Butterworth, Radcliffe; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Seaford, Fosse.

PEARL—Mr. and Mrs. W. Buckle, Leeds; Mr. and Mrs. O. Walker, Hull; Mr. and Mrs. H. Gray, Howden; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Jones, Blackpool; Mr. and Mrs. W. Linberg, Cullinstown; Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Moxford, Middlebury; Mr. and Mrs. W. Perry, Wallall; Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, Rochdale.

ALSO—Mr. and Mrs. J. Myer, Stafford (64 years wed); Mr. and Mrs. W. Powell, Edinburgh (54 years); Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller, Whitby (53 years); Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baines, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Rensley, Huddersfield (52 years); Mr. and Mrs. W. Sherwin, Hanley (49 years); Mr. and Mrs. T. Wainhall, Whitechurch (39 years).

DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY



Captain David Walters, M.B.E., R.A., of Streatley-on-Thames, Berks, recently home from a P.O.W. camp, finds he has a little weight to make up.

P.O.W. Camp To Racecourse

GORDON ROLL WINS £2,400

GORDON ROLL turned up in battledress at Windsor yesterday for his first race meeting since he came back from Germany, where he had been a prisoner of war for over five years.

Blind And Handless Hero Weds

BLINDED and seriously wounded in North Africa in 1942, Sapper David Bell, of Edinburgh, was yesterday married to 21-years-old Sybil Irene Page, of Shrewsbury.

They first met at a St. Dunstan's dance. When they left St. Alkmund Church, Shrewsbury, the bells rang merrily and Sapper Bell smiled for the photographers.

Despite his severe disabilities—he lost both hands as well as being blinded—Sapper Bell has learned to type, to play the trombone and ride a tandem bicycle. His courage and pluck so impressed Field-Marshal Smuts who saw him at Cape Town that he presented him with a silver badge.

Now For The Battle Of The Bands

BANDSMEN from eight counties in North-Western England and North Wales will compete for handsome trophies and generous cash prizes at Belle Vue, Manchester, on June 9.

This contest, which is sponsored by the "Daily Herald," is part of the great national brass band tournament.

Winners of the area championships will be invited to participate in the national festival at the Albert Hall, London, on October 6. Schedules and application forms have already been distributed to bands in the North-Western England and North Wales area, and further information can be obtained by intending entrants from Frank Parker, Area Organiser, Belle Vue, Manchester, 12.

CIVIL SERVICE POST-WAR PLAN ANGERS RANKERS

"Don't Save The Best Jobs For Officers"

DOUBLE RATIONS FOR THEM

MERCHANT SEAMEN who have been interned in Germany will be repatriated in the same way as members of the Armed Forces, the Ministry of Transport announced yesterday.

It is hoped to send all fit officers and men home within 72 hours of their arrival at a reception camp in this country.

They will be given railway warrants for the journey and the leave will be for a period of from one to two months, according to the time they have been interned.

The food ration books will entitle the holders to purchase double current civilian scale of rationed food supplies for the first six weeks of leave.

It will not be possible for relatives to meet the repatriates on arrival or to visit them at the reception camp.

Five-Minute Break Every Hour

It was common knowledge that a worker could not do a job continuously in the manner of a machine without a falling off in output. Mr. J. H. Fontaine, a factory inspector, when he spoke to the London branch of the Federation of Clothing Designers and Production Managers yesterday.

"An unbroken spell of 4½ hours work is generally too long," Mr. Fontaine said, "and it has been found that a mid-morning and afternoon break greatly helps in maintaining output."

"In monotonous work a five minutes break each hour has been found to be the better arrangement."

TOUGH, MIGHTY TOUGH "ON THE ROAD"

IF you want to live to a ripe old age the recipe seems to be—become a commercial traveller.

Many of these "knights of the road" are active at eighty and even over ninety, while there are at least 500 "youngsters" of 70 still going the rounds.

These facts have come to light in the search for Britain's oldest traveller to take part in the centenary celebrations of the Royal Commercial Travellers' Schools.

Exeter at present holds the lead with Mr. S. J. Taylor, who is 99, and although retired, is still an active member of the local branch of the United Commercial Travellers' Association.

Miners Ask For More Holidays

Demands for two weeks' holiday with pay, in addition to Bank Holidays and a five-shift week with six days' pay, are to be voiced at the Mineworkers' National Conference at Blackpool in June. There is also a call for a pensions scheme.

"SMALL" SAVINGS DOWN

"Small" savings last week totalled £11,492,128 against £12,837,330, the previous week. Savings certificates brought in £4,092,911 and Defence Bonds £1,803,390. There was an increase of £3,557 in the balance due to depositors in the P.O. and Trustee Savings banks.

Crossword Winners

CROSSWORD No. 352.—The Adjudication Committee decided that the most meritorious answers on one square were those sent by: Mr. B. Ashton, South Downs-rd., Hale; Mr. H. Booth, Bishopscroft, Rochdale; Mrs. H. E. Cox, Hollies-ave., West Byfleet; Mrs. E. Dodd, Whitchurch-lane, Edgware; Mr. W. Goddard, Birmingham-rd., Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield; Mrs. B. Holmes, Pinewood-ave., Sevenoaks; Mrs. I. Mann, Forthfield-rd., Aberdeen; Mr. K. Rajasantharam, Naburn-st., Manchester; and Mrs. T. Roach, King George-ave., Bourne-mouth, who each submitted a square which differed at one point only from the committee's finding.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the competition, these nine competitors share the £750 first prize and a cheque for £83 6s. 8d. will be sent to each; 120 competitors share the £250 runners-up prize and each will receive £2 1s. 8d. and a special surprise award of particular value to war-time workers. Winning answers: ACROSS.—2, Smiler; 3, Bight; 8, Fast; 9, Pig; 11, Gore; 12, Fetter; 14, Staff; 17, Home; 18, Red; DOWN.—1, Bile; 4, Danger; 5, Betters; 6, Dab; 7, Pig; 10, Bore; 13, Decay; 15, Feet; 16, Shy. Try to Page Seven for the clues and entry form for another grand Crossword offer in which £1,000 must be won.

A Danger That He Dodged

Husbands In Court ONCE a Cupid's arrow did come in my direction, but I dodged it.

When my wife asked me why I persisted in treating so many other men, I reminded her of the adage: "A fool and his money are soon parted."

Looks are deceptive. I may look a fool, but I don't feel one.

I am fortunate in my mother-in-law; she is both deaf and dumb.

And Wives WHEN I married my husband said he would make a lady of me, but I am still an ordinary woman.

The only evidence I have that my husband has expectations is that he is always saying he will be a wealthy man when his ship comes home.

I have a husband in a thousand, maybe a million. Whenever I ask him to let me have £1 he says: "That's not enough," and gives me £2.

LONDON-N ZEALAND AIR RECORD

A Lancaster high speed mail plane of B.O.A.C. has set up a new record for civil aircraft by flying to Auckland, New Zealand, from Britain, a distance of 13,880 statute miles, in 53 hours 13 minutes flying time.

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Midnight Heroine of a Day Dream

Dreams of romance that never came true! Then... heroine in a true love story! And it all happened when she found the secret of a lovely, flawless complexion. It was... Poudre Tokalon.



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IT TAKES INDUSTRIES TO WIN THE WAR—THAT'S WHY SUNBEAM BICYCLES ARE SCARCE!

New Sunbeam Bicycles are few and far between, these days, because the fine steel from which they are made now goes into British weapons of war. But when peace-time again gives free rein to craftsmanship, Sunbeam Bicycles, still the finest machines skilled hands can build, will be readily available once more.



HONESTLY—A BETTER BICYCLE

SUNBEAM CYCLES LTD BIRMINGHAM 11

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"People" Reporter Sees Horrors Of Belsen

'FOR GOD'S SAKE LET THE BRITISH KNOW'

From EVADNE PRICE, "The People's" Special Correspondent

Holland, Saturday.

I HAVE seen this myself. I have just returned from a visit to the slave labour camp at Belsen newly-liberated by the British. My clothes are still reeking with the odour of dead bodies and I feel it will never leave my nostrils.

A few days ago a British colonel showed me pictures of the atrocities in Belsen. Frankly I thought they were faked. He said: "Will you go and see for yourself?"

So I went to Belsen to see for myself. I am the first woman war correspondent to visit this atrocity camp, as well as the first English-speaking woman. What I have seen defies descriptive writing. Therefore, I shall not attempt a word picture, but content myself with putting the plain facts before the readers of "The People" and let them judge for themselves.

I arrived at Belsen with my conducting officer, Captain W. J. Clayton, of Walsall, and Driver Shipman, R.A.S.C. They dusted us all with D.D.T. powder before we entered. Typhus is raging and the germ is carried by the bite of an insect.

We toured the camp in a car, as it extends for many acres. The adjutant of the camp said to the driver, "If you see groups of people mauling in your way don't blow your horn. Just wait. They may die of shock, they are so weak."

I said in all innocence: "I suppose those lying about are too ill to walk?" And the adjutant answered grimly: "They are probably dead. We shan't know until the evening. If they are alive they will crawl back to their huts. If they don't, they will be collected and buried tomorrow."

He spoke casually. He had grown accustomed to horror. But I had had my first big shock. I looked at the piles of rags lying

cried too much, for instance. Then they were thrown callously on to this human scrapheap.

The overseers of the women were female members of the SS. I interviewed the head one, Elizabeth Volkenrath, a Bavarian, in her cell, where she awaits trial.

She is a blonde of 25 with hard eyes like cold marbles, and she has been groomed for cruelty as a film aspirant is groomed for stardom.

I asked her: "Are you not ashamed of these dreadful things you have done?"

And she answered defiantly: "I have done nothing to be ashamed of."

Another SS female guard was asked by a mother for milk for her sick child. She gave permission and sent the mother away for the milk and when the mother returned it was to find her baby burning in an open wood fire.

Every woman was branded on the arm or else tattooed with an identification number.

There were hundreds of them lying about, too ill to move, asleep with glassy eyes wide open—impossible to know whether they still lived.

We passed a colossal pile of shoes. They told me these were the shoes of all those who had died there. There must have been at least 100,000 pairs. A lot had been burned for fuel in the bitter weather when the prisoners could steal them.

MURDERED COMMANDO
We had a few British prisoners in Belsen, fortunately only five or six.

A British Royal Marine Commando had "British Band" printed on him. He was forced to walk hour after hour in a small circle with a 42-lb. weight on his back. But they couldn't break that gallant lad's spirit. Every night when he returned to his hut he would add up his mileage and he had circled 8,200 kilometres before they murdered him.

They have his murderer now awaiting trial. If our British boys could get at that murderer there could be no trial, I assure you. The adjutant asked me hesitatingly: "Do you want to see an open grave?" This was the photograph I had said was faked, the picture that had brought me to Belsen.

I followed the adjutant. My conducting officer asked me, "Can you stand it?"

I answered, "I've got to." Driver Shipman asked to come and was given permission. We walked across a bare space and unexpectedly came to an immense pit. I shall never forget to my dying day the horror that met my eyes.

Hundreds of naked corpses, piled one on top of the other in grotesque death poses, had been buried there.

I asked questions of the armed guard. "What was the pile was at least 15ft. deep, that there had been six open graves like this, but they were being filled in. The sergeant said: "Those men working straightening out the corpses are the SS guards who are killed and tortured them. I wish I could do something more than keep them on their toes working," he added.

They had made the SS women work sorting out the bodies at first. Why they had stopped he didn't know. The women were too tired as well as the men.

They were leveling the bodies so that they could be covered decently with six feet of earth.

The sergeant said to me as I went, and you've all heard it many times, but it is true: "The only good German is a dead one."

His last word to me was: "If you can make the British people know what these things have been up to over here, miss, for God's sake do it."

I wish I could.

FIRST PHONE LINK WITH SHETLANDS

A public telephone service between the Shetland Islands and all parts of Britain and Ireland (including Eire) will be opened at midnight tonight.

Public service has been no problem with the mainland and the new facilities will be appreciated, particularly by Service men and women.

Prisoners Must Repair Ruin

It will be a black V-Day for more than two million Nazi prisoners in this country and in France and Germany.

Any visions they may have of a speedy return to their native land when hostilities end will be rudely shattered.

Countless thousands will have to stay in British camps a long time to repair the damage caused by V-bombs and rockets to British homes.

The surplus not needed by Britain will be sent to Allied



Here is the most historic picture of the war—members of the Russian and American armies meet at last.

Germans In Italy Cut In Two

5th Army Reach Swiss Frontier

SPEARHEADS of the American Fifth Army, driving north at breakneck speed, yesterday reached the Swiss frontier at Como and thus cut in two the German forces in Italy.

Men of The Little Ships Are Freed

MORE than 3,000 of the men who manned Britain's "Little Ships," Merchant Seamen and Royal Navy personnel, have been liberated from the prisoners of war camp at Westerbork, south-west of Zeven, by the Guards' Armoured Division.

A young R.N. lieutenant who was captured at St. Nazaire hoisted the White Ensign over the camp after one hundred German guards, who had handed over the administration of the camp to its inmates, were captured.

Some senior British Naval prisoners were transferred just before the camp was overrun.

The Guards Division had previously refused to accept German terms in a proposed truce for the surrender of the camp.

Two days ago, the German commandant sought to arrange a truce so that the prisoners could be evacuated to our lines, a condition being that the truce should last ten hours. This was not acceptable to the Guards Division, however, since it was known the Germans were playing for time.

More mines have been encountered west of Zeven than at any time since the Rhine crossing.

Conditions in the camp have been reported as "fair" despite the cut in rations and the inability to deliver Red Cross parcels since the Allies cut all German communications—Reuter and A.P.

"Worse Than Battlefield"

New York, Saturday. MR. JULIUS ROSENBERG, general manager of the "New York Times," said today in a dispatch from Buchenwald that "what I have seen here is worse than any battlefield."

He declared that "the story of Buchenwald has been told but it cannot be told too often to the people of the world."

"The corpses of Buchenwald should remind us of what the loss of human freedom entails,"

Jack Frost Strikes At Fruit Blossom

Severe damage to fruit blossom is feared in Leicestershire from Friday night's sharp frost. A ground frost warning for most parts of the British Isles had been issued by the Air Ministry.

Frost was also reported from the South Shetlands district.

Here the Germans have put in their last reserves to help to sustain the paratroopers and panzers, their object being to delay as long as possible our approach to the Brenner Pass and the north-west route into Austria.

The only part of the front where the enemy are putting up real resistance, however, is north of the Adige River. Making their final stand on the strong Venetian line, the Germans are fighting desperately to hold back General McCree's Eighth Army.

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ALLIED SUPPLY SECRETS REVEALED

Lend-Lease Saved Thousands Of Men

LEND-LEASE saved thousands of British lives in the crossing of the Rhine, the Ministry of Production revealed yesterday, lifting the veil on some secrets of Allied supplies.

TIED TO SINKING SHIP!

DESTROYERS of the East Indies Fleet recently destroyed a Japanese ship and its escort in the Andaman Sea.

And this is what happened on the warships saw as the enemy ships went down.

Fanatical Japanese sailors firing their guns when their shell-riddled ship was lying on her side.

A man lashed to the mast to make certain he went down with his ship.

A survivor hammering with a live shell on the hull of one of our warships.

Others cutting their throats or shooting dead to prevent capture.

According to a S.E.A.C. communiqué one of the supply ships in the convoy was stopped by gunfire from destroyers and sunk by bombs from Liberator aircraft.

Another supply ship and one of the escorting submarine-chasers were sunk by gunfire. The remaining submarine-chaser was sunk by torpedo.

The convoy was taking probably more than six months' supply of food to a Japanese base.

Chief Petty Officer H. G. King, of Lambeth, London, said: "After the sinking of the first merchantman, the enemy escorts turned away. With another destroyer, we concentrated on the smaller supply ship."

"I could see our fire going dead into her. She caught alight and I saw two Japs drop over the stern."

"We left her to be finished off by one of our sister ships while we went after the escort vessels."

"HAW HAW" WAS INTERPRETER
CORPORAL PETER BROGAN, of St. Helens, Lancs, was specially "honoured" while a prisoner in Germany.

Lord "Haw Haw" (otherwise William Joyce, traitor, acted as interpreter when Brogan was tried by Court Martial at Torgau and sentenced to twelve months jail for sabotage at the Holmschau court-martial, where he was employed.

"My pal Joseph Collins was sentenced to death," said Brogan after his return from three years of exile yesterday.

"While I was in jail, Dr. Carl Lambert and five other priests were shot for preaching sermons which, the Germans said, favoured the Allies."

"After what I have been through, it makes my blood boil when I hear people say the Germans are 'nice people.'"

HELPING HAND FOR SAILORS
Grants amounting to £25,330 were made to 82 Marine Benevolent Institutions by the King George's Fund for Sailors during 1944.

RADIO HOME SERVICE

7.0 a.m.—Big Ben: News, 7.30—Gramophone, 7.45—Wallace Shipyard Band, 8.15—Gramophone, 9.0—Time: News, 9.30—Morning Service, 10.15—Bach, 10.30—Orchestra, 11.0—Music-Lovers', 11.30—Gramophone, 12.0—Scottish Orchestra, 12.30 p.m.—Time: News.

Week's Films, 1.0—Time: News, 1.15—Russian Commentary, 1.30—Gramophone, 1.45—You Garden, 2.30—Christian News and Commentary, 2.45—The Trial of Lady Alice Lyle, 3.30—Orchestra, 3.45—News in Welsh, 3.55—Hymn-singing in Welsh, 4.30—Children's Hour, 4.45—Time: News, 5.30—The Wheel of Chance, by H. G. Wells, 5.45—Ben: Music for Reflection, 6.30—News, 6.35—Professional Portrait, The Child: An Impression of Highland Gamekeeper's Life, 6.55—Griller Quartet, 7.00—The Epilogue, 7.15—Late Night Special, 10.30—Gramophone Quartet, 11.30—Violin Concerto, 12.0—midnight—12.30 a.m.—Time: News.

GENERAL FORCES
6.30 a.m.—News, 6.45—Gramophone, 7.0—News, 7.15—Record Album, 8.0—News, 8.15—Orchestra, 9.0—News Headlines, 9.25—Messages from Overseas, 10.15—For Isolated Units, 10.30—Midnight in Welsh, 11.15—Messages from Overseas, 11.30—Calling, 11.35—Calling Canadians, 12.0—News Headlines, 12.15 p.m.—The Commentator: Part 1, 12.20—Religious Service, from St. Matthew Moorfields, Bristol, 1.0—News, 1.15—Gramophone, 1.30—American Band of the A.E.F., 2.0—News Headlines, B.B.C. Orchestra, 2.30—Baring Trust, 2.45—Thank You for Your Letters, 3.0—News Headlines, Radio Newcastle, 4.15—Music Parade, 5.0—News, 5.15—Books, 5.30—Orchestra, 5.45—Variety Band-Box, 7.0—News, 7.30—Parliamentary Summary, 7.45—Time, 7.50—World News and Home News from Britain, followed at 8.15 by Home News from Canada, 8.30—Albert Bonder and Palm Court Orchestra, 10.0—Sunday Hall-Four, followed by the Epilogue, 10.25—Reverie, 10.30—News Headlines and Close Down.

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