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CHURCHILL

The British are going to have control of the air as they have control of the seas, that is if Prime Minister Winston Churchill is to be believed. And, ^{it will all} ~~this is going to~~ happen next year.

The Prime Minister went on record ^{to this effect} ~~with this declaration~~ in public today in a broadcast aimed particularly at the people of France. He ^{gave} ~~made~~ a two-language discourse over the radio, speaking first in English, then in French. His hopeful prophecies were made incidentally: the gist of his words to the French was a call to rearm their spirits before it is too late. Churchill said he refused to believe, and never would believe, that the soul of France is dead or that her place among the greatest nations in the world has been lost. Then he went on to say, the British have not forgotten the ties that linked them with the French. He begged the ^{of France} people not to imagine that the English are seeking to take either their ships or their colonies. All they are aiming at is to beat the

life and soul out of Hitler and Hitlerism. "That alone we seek,"

^{Churchill.} "And," ~~said the Prime Minister. "That for all time and to the end. And,"~~

he added, "the British will never stop, never weary, never give in."

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He ^{implored} ~~pleaded~~ the French to be on their guard against the
ethics employed by the Nazis to set the British and French at
^{odds} ~~loggerheads~~ with each other, and he ^{asked} ~~implored~~ the French ~~that~~
if they cannot help the British, at least not to hinder them.

He wound up with the cry, "Vive la France! Long Live France!"

Then he taunted the Germans, saying that the British are
still waiting for that long promised invasion and so, he added, are
the fishes. Now as in Nineteen Forty, the British have as ever
command of the seas. In Nineteen Forty-One, they are going to have
command of the air.

Churchill wasn't the only man to make that prediction.

A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, indicated that the
British raids in future are going to be still more ^{far} ~~wide~~ flung.

They have to carry the fight into the enemy's fields until they
win, said the First Lord. And he added that they are convoying troops,
ships, supplies to all theaters of war.

A dispatch later from Vichy reports that Churchill's
broadcast in French was heard quite clearly so long as he spoke in
English. But the minute he started to repeat his remarks in French,
the air waves were jammed so that the French people at large could not
hear him.

WAR

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The British raids on Berlin last night must have been
~~exceedingly~~ effective. That is, judging by the fresh outburst of
~~gibbering~~
~~almost incoherent~~ Nazi rage ~~that~~ they provoked. ~~We might have~~
~~thought that Hitler's editors and spokesmen long since reached the~~
~~limit in frothing at the mouth.~~ But today they climbed to a new
~~peak.~~ They did not, to be sure, get to the point of achieving
~~any originality in their abuse.~~ Once again they promised that the
Nazis ~~would make~~ reprisals; not a hundredfold, but a thousandfold.
Those, they declared, would be in punishment for the British crimes
in raiding Berlin. ^{To them} ~~You see,~~ if a squadron of the Royal Air Force
flies over Berlin and drops bombs, it's a crime. ^{But} If the Nazis do
the same ~~in~~ in London, it's a deed of heroism.

As quickly as night fell, Goering's air force set out
for London in search of the thousandfold revenge. Just about an
hour ago, a cable from London reported that ^{the Nazi} ~~the Hitler's~~ raiders
came on schedule, hopping through low clouds. They flew in swarming
relays, not only upon London but upon towns in southern England,
and ~~aimed at~~ the harbors of the Channel coast. But the British
declare that they have new methods of defense. ~~naturally,~~ They give

no details about ^{this.} ~~the mechanism of these methods.~~ But The
dispatch that came in an hour ago reports that the Luftwaffe was
met by a wall of anti-aircraft fire, on this, the forty-fifth night
of the air siege of London. ~~(Forty-five nights of bombardment and~~
~~the end no where in sight.)~~ ~~But British officialdom gives out words~~
~~of good cheer.~~ A high ranking officer of the Royal Air Force announced
today that the British command is confident that the problem of
night protection will soon be solved, and ~~he~~ added that in that
respect they ^{are} ~~are~~ ahead of the enemy.

The R.A.F. didn't content ^t itself with raids on Germany.
Fleets of new British bombers banged away at both ends of the Axis.
They blasted railroad centers and factories and started fires in
Germany, and they also poured loads of bombs on the great Fascist
plants ~~of Mussolini~~ in Milan, Turin and throughout the valley of
~~east~~ Aosta.

Another report from London indicates that the R.A.F. has
been getting ^{more and more} aircraft from the United States, ~~in quite useful~~
~~numbers.~~ For it announces that, in spite of the needs on the home
front, the British ^{have been sending reinforcements to the air units}
~~have been sending~~

in the Middle East, without weakening themselves at home. The tone of that message indicates that Britain is getting prepared to face the big Nazi-Fascist push on the north coast of Africa, *the coming mass attack on Egypt.*

BALKANS

Hitler is getting ready to complete the throwing of his Nazi net over the Balkan countries. New trade treaties like the one that Jugoslavia just signed, are being negotiated with the other governments in the peninsula, not only the Balkan countries but states in the Near East. It isn't made clear just what states in the Near East the Nazis are thinking of when they put out such a boast. It seems hardly probable that Turkey will sign any such agreement as the one imposed on Jugoslavia. The only country amenable would be French Syria.

Here's the latest interpretation of Hitler's treaty with Jugoslavia: ^{that} it indicates ~~that~~ the Nazis are growing economically weaker all the time. However, ~~one may suspect that~~ such an interpretation ^{may be} wishful thinking. The so-called laws of economics have long since been knocked into a cocked hat. Before Japan started ~~on~~ her adventure on the mainland of Asia, ~~the~~ economists told us that she couldn't last six months. The same predictions were made about Hitler and Mussolini. ~~If there is one thing that people in general have been led to distrust by the recent events of history, it is the prophecies of an economist.~~ ^{any economist.}

DIES

There seems to be a difference of opinion between Martin Dies, Chairman of the Un-American Committee, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It's on the subject of saboteurs, spies, agents of the Axis and the Soviets. The F.B.I. declares that it's aware of what's going on but has everything in hand, has its eyes open, and adequate information as to the whereabouts of all potential agents of foreign countries. *In fact* J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F.B.I., wrote an article to that effect in the latest issue of the AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

But Chairman Dies isn't satisfied. He arrived in Detroit today, intent on an investigation into the sabotage question in the automobile capital. And, says Dies, his Committee's agents and informers have evidence that there are five thousand potential saboteurs now working in key defense industries in and around Detroit. Millions of dollars' worth of business contracts have been placed there recently, but, he declares, employers are not alert, *and* *still do not* ~~They refuse to~~ discharge workers who are unable to give a satisfactory account of themselves.

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Dies indicated that we may have a run-in between his

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Committee and the National Labor Relations Board ^{because} ~~any of the~~
employers are declining to discharge suspected workers because
the Unions and the National Labor Relations Board won't permit it.

CONSCRIPTION

The day of the big lottery has been set, the most important lottery of all, the draft. October Twenty-Ninth. And, it will begin with a speech by the President. The first number, however, will not be drawn by Mr. Roosevelt, but by Secretary of War Stimson; recalling the days of Nineteen Seventeen, when the first drawing was made for the draft in the last war. Secretary Stimson will draw the first number from the same goldfish bowl that was used by Woodrow Wilson twenty-three years ago.

The procedure then will be this:- In Nineteen Seventeen, the first number drawn at Washington was two hundred and fifty-eight. So all over the country in each community, the man whose number is two hundred and fifty-eight was the first to receive a questionnaire and be classified. If he should happen to be a man in the deferred class, the man whose number is drawn second will be considered for drafting.

HOME GUARD

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The Home Guard is now a thoroughly legal part of the military establishment of the United States. President Roosevelt signed the bill today. So each one of the forty-eight states may establish a Home Guard unit to take the place of the National Guard which has been called for service with the national army.

Congress passed the bill at the urgent request of certain governors. For instance, Governor ~~W. W.~~ Daniel of Texas, ^{"Pass the Biscuits, Pappy"} complained that the mobilization of the National Guard had deprived Texas of

its natural means of protection. So the opinion of the governors evidently weighed with Congress more than the objection of ^{a few} ~~several~~

congressmen ^{and} ~~including~~ senators, who objected to the establishment

~~Congress passed the Texas Governor a Home Guard.~~ ^{TF}
of the Home Guard. ~~At any rate~~ ^{And} it's law now. There is nothing

compulsory about it. Any state that wishes to, can establish a

Home Guard, but it doesn't have to.

SURGEONS

~~It isn't good sense to make a colonel out of a distinguished surgeon. That's a proposition that would seem self-evident to the mind of laymen but it doesn't percolate to the military mind.~~

~~Consequently, there were tragic errors during the last war.~~

~~This was explained at a convention of surgeons, in Chicago,~~

Dr. Benjamin Black of Oakland, President of the American Hospital

Association, put out the warning against taking a highly skilled

surgeon and trying to make him a ^{high officer} ~~colonel~~ and administrator. The

^{he said} result usually has been to get a poor administrator and deprive

wounded soldiers of the services of a great surgeon. Physicians

and surgeons should be used in the army only for the care of the

sick and wounded, so says the President of the American Hospital

Association, ~~and who could disagree with that? Ask the military.~~

KNOX

More optimism from Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy. The once Republican candidate for Vice-President is viewing the world through rosy glasses as he gazes ~~from his~~ ~~office~~ on land and sea from the bridge, I mean from his office as Secretary of the Navy in a Democratic Cabinet.

Secretary Knox says the United States Navy today is the best and heaviest striking power in the world. However, he admits that we do need new ships, new equipment, new improvements. And he adds we're going ahead with the program for a two-ocean navy, turning them out faster than had been expected. Every shipbuilding yard where naval construction is going on is ahead of schedule, he says.

All this came out in the course of a trip to New York, an inspection of Floyd Bennet Field, which the Navy is thinking of taking over as a naval air base and training field.

POLITICS

Wendell Willkie was in Wisconsin today, making no bones about his German ^{Ancestry.} ~~ancestry~~. He was talking in the heart of the Wisconsin dairy country, inhabited largely by folks whose people came from Germany. For that, said Willkie, he felt a common bound with them because his grandfather also came to America to escape tyranny and looking for peace, liberty and happiness. Then he added that the way to preserve these things is to keep America strong, productive and free from involvement in foreign wars.

Then he talked about the third term, and said that the forces of dictatorship now abroad in the world made it more important than ever to maintain the tradition against the third term. He cried out a warning to labor unions that the first thing that happens when power resides in a single man is the abolition of labor unions.

On the Democratic side, Senator ~~Jim~~ Byrnes of South Carolina spoke up ^{and insisted} ~~with bitter complaint against Willkie.~~ ~~Byrnes claimed~~ that it was a cruel slander to say that the National Defense Program is mostly on order. And he complained that such talk might have a bad effect in South America.

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DEBATE

President Roosevelt is not going to debate with Wendell Willkie at Baltimore. Mr. Roosevelt didn't say so himself but *he* allowed White House Secretary Steve Early to speak for him.

Steve put the President's refusal on the grounds that the invitation hadn't been properly extended, had not been issued directly to the President but was put out through the press.

Secretary Early inferred that this was not good protocol. ~~He asked Emily Post.~~ *Maybe*
~~And~~ *He* added:- "If I were going to invite you to my home I

would send you a personal invitation. And," he added, "I don't think I would ask you if I knew you weren't coming."

LOUISIANA

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The Supreme justices of the United States evidently ~~don't~~ want ~~any~~ part of the Louisiana political scandals. Three tycoons of the one-time Huey Long machine were convicted, ~~you may~~ ~~really, convicted~~ of using the mails to defraud. In fact five of them were convicted altogether, including James Monroe Smith, once President of Louisiana State University, and, a ~~gentleman~~ named Hart. *The University President* ~~Dr. James Monroe Smith~~ is serving his sentence. ~~The gentleman named~~ Hart, committed suicide. But, J. Emory Adams, Seymour Weiss and Louis LaSage, appealed, tried to get the Supreme Court of the United States to review their case. But the Supreme Court doesn't seem to care for a close-up of Louisiana's dirty linen, *and, refused* to review it.

MILKMAN

Ah, the milkman! To most people he is a fellow of mystery. He comes before dawn when all through the house, not a creature is stirring, not even a mouse. Sometimes we hear him, or at any rate the clink of his bottles and the clop, clop of his horse's feet. But most of us know little about him. Yet he's a man like the rest of us; who does deeds of heroism while we sleep.

All this we learn through the Convention of the International Association of Milk Dealers at Atlantic City. Part of the purpose of the convention is to give cream - medals I mean - medals to courageous and fast thinking milkmen. One of them, George Cleary of Philadelphia, started on his rounds one morning, just delivering milk. Before he had gone far he saw a robber perpetrating a hold-up. He stopped the robber and drove him away with a barrage of milk bottles and saved his victim. Later the robber was arrested. That same Cleary of Philadelphia was taking milk around when he saw a cottage burning to the ground. He broke in, and dragged out the unconscious occupant who would have perished in the flames but for Cleary. For that, George E. Cleary of Philadelphia gets the gold Pasteur Medal of the Association.

TOYS

A bulletin! from Santa Claus. The toy manufacturers of America have opened their New York annual preview. Just imagine two hundred and forty million dollars' worth of toys! Trains, building sets, dolls, and so on!

And, there are something like a hundred thousand new varieties of toys in the Nineteen Forty show. A hundred thousand new toys! Twenty-six years ago, a war in Europe brought a sad shortage of playthings for the youngsters in this country. In those days German toymakers ruled the roast, with the French as runner up. But today Uncle Sam is king of the toy world, and American toymakers are tops.

Now Hugh, you tell us about something else that's tops!