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DEPARTURE FROM NORWAY AROUSES STRONG CRITICISM

"Suffered A Defeat" Says British Press

UNDER-ESTIMATING ENEMY'S RUTHLESS POWER

Campaign Demands Inquiry

Under-estimating enemy's ruthless power and enormous resources. The "News Chronicle" says: "The nation will reflect deeply on a situation which calls in question nothing less than the whole conduct of the war. Politically, we have suffered a major defeat."

The "Times" says: "Apart from the evacuation, which the Admiralty organised, several aspects of the Norwegian campaign demand an inquiry. "First, it has been long accepted that combined naval and military operations against a well-armed enemy are virtually impracticable unless very full support is available from the Air Force and anti-aircraft guns."

"YOU BRITISH ALWAYS TOO SLOW"

TYPICAL COMMENT FROM ZURICH

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 3, 8.20 p.m.) LONDON, May 3. A Zurich message stated that Mr. Chamberlain's speech has again strengthened in Switzerland the mistrust in the British capacity for decisive military and diplomatic action. This mistrust had diminished after the recent British naval successes. "You British are always too slow," is typical of the comment.

BRITISH SEAMEN TO BE INTERNED

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 3, 8.20 p.m.) LONDON, May 3. One hundred and fifty British seamen have reached northern Sweden, including 36 from H.M.S. Hunter. Merchant seamen will be interned for the present, and naval men for the duration of the war.

NAZI TROOPS ON THE MOVE

Activity In North-West Germany

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 3, 12.45 p.m.) LONDON, May 2. French sources report continual German troop movements through the Rhineland towards Hamburg and Bremen, in north-west Germany, and Denmark. Swedish Press reports from Kovno, Lithuania, say that military preparation and troopship activity at Memel and other East Prussian ports have ceased.

DAMAGING RAID BY R.A.F.

NORWEGIAN BASES BOMBED

NAZI LOSSES

Heavy Opposition By Ground Defences

Continuing the systematic destruction of the enemy's principal air base in Norway, aircraft of the Bomber Command raided Stavanger aerodrome again on Wednesday afternoon and in the early hours of Thursday morning. Fornebu (Oslo) and Alborg were also raided for the second night in succession, and considerable damage was inflicted on both aerodromes.

Wednesday afternoon's attack on Stavanger, the fifth raid on the base within a period of 24 hours, was carried out by Blenheim bombers under a clear sky. Enemy aircraft were observed and dispersed around the aerodrome, and as the R.A.F. aircraft approached several of them could be seen either taxiing or taking off.

The night attack, which began after midnight, was made by long-range bombers carrying heavy loads of high explosive and incendiary bombs. Hits were registered on many parts of the aerodrome and several fires started. The first aircraft to reach the target encountered no opposition, but later arrivals found the ground defences ready to receive them, and each aircraft launched an attack. Despite the intensity of the fire, no British aircraft was hit.

Fornebu Airbase, near Oslo, was subjected to a heavy bombardment by aircraft which attacked singly at intervals, and baffled the defences by launching attacks from varying heights. Fine weather facilitated the task of the bombarders, and in addition to repeated hits on the aerodrome, three large fires, two at the north end and one at the south, were started by incendiary bombs.

Anti-aircraft fire and searchlight activity were intense, but instead of searching for individual aircraft the searchlight beams came up in fixed positions, converging over the centre of the aerodrome in an attempt to blind the bombers and to confuse their aim. One of the British aircraft sustained a direct hit from a small calibre shell, but none of the crew was injured and the aircraft returned safely to the base.

Strong Opposition

Strong opposition from the ground defences was also encountered by a British force which raided the aerodrome of Aalborg, Denmark, in the early hours of Thursday morning, but again the R.A.F. aircraft were successful in reaching their objective and inflicting heavy damage on the air base. In the course of this raid one British bomber was intercepted and attacked by a Messerschmitt 110 twin-engine fighter which, after flying on a parallel course to the bomber for several minutes, turned in behind the tail and opened fire from astern. The British rear gunner returned the fire, and as the enemy fighter sheered off to one side two more Messerschmitt 110's appeared on the scene, one attempting an attack on the bomber. Under the fire of the British rear gunner, however, the Messerschmitt broke off the engagement and the enemy fighters dispersed.

Earlier Reports

The Air Ministry announced at 12.35 p.m. on Thursday: "The Royal Air Force yesterday maintained its pressure on the enemy air bases in Norway and Denmark. Stavanger, in Norway, was bombed twice during the daylight hours on Wednesday, and this, together with the aerodromes at Aalborg, Denmark, and Fornebu, near Oslo, was heavily bombed during Wednesday night." The communiqué adds: "In the course of a night reconnaissance over the southern area of the North Sea, one of our aircraft encountered an enemy seaplane near the island of Norderney and shot it down into the sea."

Picture of Havoc

Sent out with the object of observing the damage inflicted by the Royal Air Force during the raids on Stavanger, a single Hudson reconnaissance plane saw a number of German planes parked on the aerodrome. The Hudson's personnel put aside their cameras and considerably improved the picture of havoc with a well-aimed salvo of bombs which fell on a group of five enemy bombers drawn up between the runways. The daylight raid on Stavanger tore up a stretch of 200 yards of runway. Bombs were rained on the whole of the aerodrome, and set ablaze stationary planes.

Nazis Advance On Trondheim

NO ORGANISED RESISTANCE

Allies At Stenkjaer May Have To Retire

MAY FORM SOLID FRONT

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 4, 1.10 a.m.) LONDON, May 3. Swedish sources report that German mechanised units are proceeding to Trondheim unimpeded. Norwegian guerrillas may still be active, but it is believed that organised resistance south of Trondheim has practically ceased.

The Allied forces in the Stenkjaer area, north-west of Trondheim, are faced with the alternative of contesting the German advance, which has now the full benefit of strong land communications, or retiring farther north.

The Swedish Press does not regard the Allied chances of holding the Stenkjaer sector as good, but other neutral opinion is that the Allied troops may be able to form a solid front and prevent further German progress.

German sources expect the immediate construction of new air and submarine bases to operate against the British. Some Swedish quarters estimate that the German forces in southern Norway now total 150,000.

NEUTRALITY PROVED NO PROTECTION

BRITAIN AIMS FOR WORLD PEACE

Small, Weak States As Victims

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 3, 10.50 a.m.) LONDON, May 2. "I believe that Britain regards the restoration of freedom to the people of Norway as vital to world peace, and that we shall not rest until that has been achieved," said the Lord Privy Seal (Sir Kingsley Wood) in a speech. He continued: "Justification for our participation in this conflict becomes plainer every day, as



SIR KINGSLEY WOOD

we have seen a succession of wicked and cruel attacks by Germany on small, weak States who, unhappily, thought that their neutrality would save them."

SUBMARINE SINKS SUBMARINE

Nazi Craft Torpedoed

FRENCH DESTROYER DAMAGED

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 3, 12.45 p.m.) LONDON, May 2. The French Admiralty announced today that a French submarine had torpedoed a U-boat. Only once before in the present war had this been done—by a British submarine. The French Admiralty also announced that a French destroyer had been damaged in the North Sea, and that a patrol vessel had been sunk. The German High Command claims that German planes successfully bombed two British aircraft-carriers and a destroyer yesterday off the western Norwegian coast, and that they also shot down two British escorting fighters. One German bomber was lost.

"Has Not Told The Full Story"

GERMAN REACTION

Withdrawal Explanation By Prime Minister

"WE ONLY LAUGH"

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 3, 8.20 p.m.) LONDON, May 3. Authorised Berlin commentators declared: "Mr Chamberlain has not told the full story. We only laugh when he declares: 'The British withdrew without the loss of one man.'"

The spokesman asserted: "We expect the Allies to complete the abandonment of Norway soon." "In unrelenting pursuit of the wildly-fleeing English, German troops reached Andalsnes and raised the Reich war flag at 3 p.m." Thus the German High Command trumpeted the Allied evacuation from South Norway.

The Germans claim the capture of enormous quantities of materials, munitions, vehicles and mules. Swedish sources state that German planes continuously bombed and machine-gunned the districts of Namsos and Grong, a few miles east of Namsos, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Taking advantage of the draining-off of Germans for the final Dombaas-Storen push, the Norwegians are vigorously counter-attacking in the Osterdal Valley, farther eastward, from Roros almost to Elverum. The Norwegians at Roros, fighting along the Osterdal railway road towards the south-east, encountered determined German rear-guard resistance at Os, where German planes swooped to the battle with cannon and machine-gun fire.

Other Norwegians struck at the German lines at Lille Elvedalen and Amaat. The Norwegians are reported to be confident also of breaking the German communications at Storen.

The Germans admit that isolated nests of resistance remain throughout southern Norway. The terrain favours guerrilla tactics, for which reason the mopping-up will be a long job. The Stockholm correspondent of "The Times" says that the explanation of the German retreat from Roros appears to be that the German communications were cut at Rena, 20 miles north-west from Elverum.

British bombers are reported to be active for the first time at Narvik, raiding the German positions on the beach. German fighters and bombers are also operating.

German Statement

A German High Command communiqué says: "The British are evacuating in haste and disorder from the Andalsnes district. Three hundred Norwegians covering the retreat have been taken prisoner. Our advance troops are 25 miles from Andalsnes." The German communiqué adds: "The entire Dombaas-Ulsberg railway is in our hands. Enormous quantities of equipment were captured near Dombaas. Operations between Oslo and Trondheim have become a pursuit. Our troops from Bergen have joined those from Oslo. Others have reached Sogne Fjord and taken prisoner 300 Norwegian officers and 3200 men. "Our bombers," the Nazis add, "sank a British merchantman and seriously damaged a cruiser and six merchantmen. Six British planes were shot down."

According to another message, the German High Command in Berlin has announced that the Germans have entered Andalsnes, where Allied troops re-embarked. In a statement to the House of Commons today, the Prime Minister (Mr. Chamberlain) announced the decision to abandon the idea of taking Trondheim from the south. He said: "It became evident some days ago that it would be impossible, owing to the German local air superiority, to land the artillery and tanks necessary if the Allied troops were to withstand the enemy drive, and it was accordingly decided last week to withdraw the troops from the area south of Trondheim and transfer them elsewhere."

Splendid Courage "Thanks to the powerful forces of the Navy was able to bring to bear, and to the determination and skillful dispositions of General Faget, in command of the British land forces in the area, backed by the splendid courage and tenacity of the troops, the whole of the forces have been withdrawn from Andalsnes under the very noses of the German aeroplanes without losing a single man in the operation." Mr. Chamberlain said that, although it had not been possible to capture Trondheim, he was satisfied that the balance of advantage lay, up to the present, with the Allied forces. He expressed deep admiration for the manner in which all ranks had performed their tasks in the area south of Trondheim. The casualties had not been heavy in proportion to the scale of the operations. The German losses, however, he believed, amounted to many thousands.

INDESTRUCTIBLE ANVIL OF BRITAIN

Nation United In Determination To Win The War

NO DIVISION OF SPIRIT

British Official Wireless (Received May 3, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, May 2. The Rt. Hon. Walter Elliott, speaking on Thursday evening, said that the nation was absolutely united in its determination to win the war, and as soon as possible. "There is no division of spirit or purpose, either within the Government or within the country," he said. "Britain is the anvil which has worn out many hammers."

"The world has looked to London for one thousand years, and heard many a great poet and many a great statesman and seen many a great warrior. We have no mind to be false to our history. Foot to foot we will fight it out. "We do not fear hard blows," he continued, "for beyond them all we look to peace—to build our houses, bring up our children, to see the sky without searchlights and streets without sandbags, and to lead again a good life of free men in a free land."

"But these things must be reconquered whenever they are in danger. They are in danger now, and now is the time for the resolve that whoever fails freedom, we individuals, each one of us, will not. "Such is the choice. We cannot fail to answer."

ALLIED FLEET SAILS FOR EGYPT

IS EN ROUTE TO ALEXANDRIA

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 3, midnight.) LONDON, May 2. A British and French battle fleet, with cruisers and auxiliary craft, is already in the eastern basin of the Mediterranean on its way to Alexandria, Egypt.

An announcement to this effect was made by the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain) in a discussion of the wider strategic aspects of the war in the course of a statement he made to the House of Commons today.

U.S. Destroyer Damaged

EXPLOSION OCCURS

Previously Escorted A British Cruiser

SEAMAN INJURED

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received May 3, 12 p.m.) SAN DIEGO, May 2. An explosion aboard the destroyer Crosby damaged the engine room and injured a seaman. It was disclosed when she berthed that the Crosby escorted the British cruiser Caradoc from San Pedro beyond the neutrality zone on April 29. It is not stated whether the explosion occurred while the Crosby was escorting the cruiser.

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"RULERS OF THE SEA"

Epic Adventure Reaches The Screen

A doughty little ship, the "Dog Star," battling to be the first ship to cross the Atlantic by steam, a Scottish inventor, builder of her engines, struggling to keep them working, tearing down spars for fuel, and brave young people — a mariner who believes in steam and the inventor's daughter — sublimate their love to the realization of the older man's dream, serve as just a few of the dramatic and romantic highlights of the new Frank Lloyd production, "Rulers of the Sea," which will open to-day at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

Starring Douglas Fairbanks Jun. as the mariner, Margaret Lockwood as the daughter of the inventor and Will Fyffe, great Scottish character actor as the inventor, the man who believes that a ship can cross the Atlantic by steam, the story tells of the battle of these three courageous people to gain backing, to get the inventor's engine into a ship. And it tells, of course, of the love of the young mariner for the inventor's daughter, of his shyness in stating his love for her. The work of the leading players is augmented by the performances in important supporting roles of such noted actors as George Bancroft, Montagu Love and David Torrence.

Covering the complete history of the development of steam power and the struggle between steam and sail for supremacy in transatlantic commerce, research material for the film was accumulated from factual volumes, early shipping reports, old logs and marine records aggregating more than a quarter of a million pages.

State

BRILLIANT COMEDY ROMANCE

"Over The Moon" In Technicolor

"Over the Moon" is a fast-moving comedy romance of refreshing originality, replete with hilarious humor, unusual situations and lavish splendour in glorious technicolor, was specially written for Merle Oberon by Robert Sherwood, author of "The Ghost Goes West," and one of America's most successful dramatists. The picture screens at the State Theatre, Hastings, to-day.

It is Miss Oberon's first picture since her highly successful appearance in "Wuthering Heights." "Over the Moon" is praised by the entire London press and is said to be one of Alexander Korda's greatest triumphs because of its general polish, originality and highly entertaining story in gorgeous technicolor settings. Besides Merle Oberon, who plays the leading role, there is in the cast Rex Harrison, who was the reporter in "Storm in a Teacup," Ursula Jeans, Robert Douglas and many other stars.

If the essence of romance is the weaving of day-dreams into life, then Alexander Korda's "Over the Moon" is the cream of romantic "fables." All the "stuff that romantic dreams are made of" have found their way into the composition of this gay story, which discovers Merle Oberon as an impoverished orphan in Yorkshire, and dances her as a millionaire heiress across Europe. The fanciful ingredients are less important than the pace, hilarity and comic sequences of M. S. Oberon's bewildered transformation into Europe's richest playgirl. Only Merle is not really bewildered. She is stubborn, she's pig-headed, she scoops shovelfuls out of her millions and scatters them over her cavalcade of hangers-on, but all the time she keeps her head, and in spite of complications, her heart. That's not so hard as it may seem, because she had already lost it to Rex Harrison, who took a chance when she was poor, clinched it a little "incasily" when she became rich, and threw it away when she became intolerable.

Waipawa Rugby.—Followers of Rugby will be well catered for in Waipawa this afternoon as a senior and a junior match will be played. Waipawa seniors who will be able to field a much stronger team than in previous matches, play Waipukurau on Coronation Park, the team being as follows: C. Wairau, E. W. Walker, J. Lovatt, J. Leedham, G. Cossar, A. Rasmussen (captain), R. Edgar, T. Makutu, B. Davis, J. Harvey, I. Renner, R. Vercoe, T. Byford, T. Ahuriri, D. Wilson, B. Hopkins, R. Beck, T. Bassett.

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"My Son Is a Criminal," "Women In The Wind"

Vaudeville has never been popular, and it is no great surprise, therefore, that the latest offering to be presented to New Zealand theatre-goers by the Tivoli Circuit of Australia should be of this description. Will Mahoney, the American comedian of screen and stage, who has played for three consecutive seasons in the Tivoli Circuit, and has been greeted with applause and uproarious laughter at every one of his appearances, will be the star performer. Will Mahoney's friendly and natural air attracts attention from the start, and he becomes more and more liked as he proceeds to draw generously from his fund of droll jokes and musical specialties. Among those in association with "The Imp Eterna" will be the smart and bewitching Evie Hayes, charming exponent of descriptive show songs, and an accomplished abettor of Mahoney in many bright episodes; the Melodians, who aptly meet their descriptions; the Four Florays, whose springboard specialty is the last thing in daring feats; the Lampins, who have achieved fame over the Continent and elsewhere with their baffling "escapology"; act; Johnny Hyman, topical humorist; John Dobbie, popular musical comedy comedian; Les and Mavis Ritchie, a team of dance demonstrators; Bob Geraghty, who has the seal of Broadway on his musical work; Margaret Kelly, a successful singer; and the girls of the ballet, who dance in spectacular settings. To give full measure to the festival, there is Cusko's Animal Circus, trained dogs and parrots. The company will appear at the Municipal Theatre, Napier, to-night only. The box plan is at Fairclough's to-day and at the theatre to-night. The Hastings box plan for Monday night is at Leon Fall's.

Mayfair

"GOLD MINE IN THE SKY"

The Popular Gene Autry Returns

Gene Autry scores again in "Gold Mine in the Sky," now showing at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier. This Republic Picture brings Gene back to the screen in the best he has had to date. There is plenty of good entertainment, excellent singing, and action galore. Autry is surrounded by a top supporting cast, and with a good story to go on the picture comes out all-around enjoyment for the fans.

Smiley Burnette plays his role of Frog Millhouse; Carol Hughes has the feminine lead as a young eastern girl who comes out West to run her father's ranch. The supporting cast includes Craig Reynolds, LeRoy Mason and many others.

Marking the return to the screen of Sigrid Gurie, who has the starring role, Universal's drama, "The Forgotten Woman" is the associate feature. Said to offer a sharp contrast to her previous exotic screen characterisations in "The Adventures of Marco Polo" and "Algiers," Miss Gurie will be seen for the first time in a modern portrayal which is declared to afford unusual dramatic opportunities. She is cast as a young wife who suddenly sees her world crashing about her when she becomes innocently involved in a murder. Featured in the film's supporting cast of favourites are Donald Briggs, Eve Arden, William Lundigan, Elizabeth Risdon and Donnie Dunagan.

Completing the programme is chapter ten of "The Phantom Creeps."

State

"THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME"

Charles Laughton's Fine Portrayal

Magnificent, awe-inspiring, amazingly impressive and eye-dazzling! These words best describe "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," which is now showing at the State Theatre, Napier.

A remarkable and convincing achievement in every department from basic idea to actual performance, "The Hunchback" can safely be hailed as the most spectacular motion picture Hollywood has produced in the last decade.

Vastly superior in every respect to past efforts to interpret the spacious and melodramatic Victor Hugo thriller, the current version is a personal triumph for Charles Laughton, whose characterisation of the crippled cathedral bell-ringer is without question his crowning contribution to the screen. Equally notable is his superb support, including a host of stage and screen celebrities—Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Thomas Mitchell, Maureen O'Hara, Edmond O'Brien, Alan Marshall, Walter Hampden and Katharine Alexander.

The plot dwells on Quasimodo, the catker of the bells of Notre Dame. He falls hopelessly in love with a gypsy charmer, Esmeralda, whose exotic dancing at the annual Feast of Fools at the same time arouses the evil passions of the King's High Justice, Frollo. The nobleman, repulsed, slays one of her admirers, after which he has her accused of the murder and convicted.

How Quasimodo saves Esmeralda at the cost of his own life when the villainous nobleman tries to carry her off, makes for a gripping climax rarely equalled in drama, surprises and thrilling moments.

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Simple in the telling, but breathtakingly powerful on the screen, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" is a grim story of loyalty and sacrifice and love, moving swiftly in an impressive style against its vast panorama of medieval settings and characters astir with primitive emotions.

An excellent array of short features includes scenes at the funeral of the late Prime Minister; "Deep End," a diving featurette; and "The Pointer," a Walt Disney colour cartoon.

Regent

A NEW MARLENE DIETRICH

"Destry Rides Again" is Great Entertainment

A new Marlene Dietrich, vastly improved and bearing little resemblance to her previous appearances except in glamorous beauty, returns to the screen in Universal's "Destry Rides Again," which is now showing at the Regent Theatre, Napier.

Miss Dietrich's most startling transformation features a picture notable in many other respects, "The Imp Eterna" will be the presence of James Stewart, one of the screen's foremost male stars, who plays the title role opposite Marlene.

Together they head what is probably the greatest supporting cast ever assembled for a Western epic picture of picture. Such prominent favourites as Mischa Auer, Charles Winninger, Brian Donlevy, Irene Hervey, Una Merkel, Warren Hymer, Allen Jenkins, Samuel S. Hinds, Billy Gilbert and many others are included in the list of players.

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Messrs. Harvey, Fulton and Hill report having held their weekly market sale in their mart, Russell Street, Hastings, yesterday, before a large attendance of the public. The entry of poultry, although of good quality, was of smaller dimensions, as usual at this time of the year. Tools came forward in a fair quantity, and these met with ready competition.

DEAF AIDS 3 SESSIONS TO-DAY 3 At 2.15 - 5 - 8 p.m. Amalgamated Theatres Ltd. Hastings' Leading Theatre

Stocked Brimful with Joyous Laughter—a Never-Ending Parade of Melody and Mirth! From the Producer of "The Drum," "Four Feathers," "The Ghost Goes West." ALEXANDER KORDA PRODUCTION MERLE OBERON "OVER THE MOON" IN TECHNICOLOR SPECIAL FUNERAL OF THE LATE PRIME MINISTER (the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage). Funeral Procession in Wellington — Burial in Auckland

AUSTRALIAN CRITICS class these two films as excellent entertainment—and we are indeed very happy to present this outstanding programme! MATINEE 2 p.m. COSY EVENING At 7.45

WOMEN IN THE WIND MY SON IS A CRIMINAL Alan BAXTER - Jacqueline WELLS - Gordon OLIVER

A GREAT DOUBLE FEATURE! MUNICIPAL PICTURES TO-NIGHT, 7.45 (The Family House For Value) TO-NIGHT, 7.45

Thundering across the Screen with the speed of a stampede of wild horses comes a colourful and exciting adventure. A thrilling kind of new outdoor action drama. KONGO THE WILD STALLION

"KONGA, THE WILD STALLION" An exciting and absorbing story with a novel and touchingly human slant will be revealed at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings, where the outdoor action drama, "Konga, The Wild Stallion," concludes its season to-night. A skillful cast headed by Fred Stone, Rochelle Hudson and Richard Fiske moves deftly through the tense and at the same time tender story and the film is made especially noteworthy because of the amazing performance of a magnificent horse in the title role.

"Konga," the horse, has exceptional beauty which at once makes







GENEROUS GIFT BY LORD BLEDSLOE

London Residence For Women's War Work

A SECOND FINE GESTURE

Not content with offering his Gloucestershire mansion, Lydney Park, to the New Zealand Government as a military hospital or convalescent home for soldiers, Lord Bledsloe, a former Governor-General, has made his London residence, 52 Sloane Street, available to New Zealand women resident in England as a centre for the preparation of comforts for the Expeditionary Force.

This information has been received by Mrs Marler, of Auckland, from Lady Day, wife of Sir Cecil Day, formerly official secretary to the Governor-General and now attached to the High Commissioner's Office in London.

R.S.A. Elects Officials

At the final session of the annual conference of the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association, officers were elected as follows:—

President, the Hon. W. Perry; Dominion vice-president, Mr. B. Jacobs; district vice-presidents, Messrs. D. L. Gates (Auckland), F. B. Lloyd (Wellington-Nelson-Marlborough), W. Spillane (Canterbury-Westland), N. H. Colquhoun (Otago-Southernland), C. Hon. treasurer, Mr. J. D. Harper. Executive committee: Messrs. A. T. Duncan, H. R. Burckin, W. E. Leadley, H. R. Biss, C. W. Batten (Auckland nomination), E. C. Hale (Otago-Southernland), G. A. Hayden (Canterbury-Westland), C. O. Bell (Wellington-Nelson-Marlborough), Lt.-Colonel A. Cowles.

GOVERNMENT TAKING OVER BUILDINGS

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A Misstatement Corrected

"I desire to correct a misstatement that has appeared in the New Zealand Press," said Mr E. R. Toop, Dominion president of "The People's Movement," to-day.

PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT Three Thousand Persons Attended RESOLUTION PASSED

Through an unfortunate mistake in the Press Association telegram the attendance at the Town Hall meeting in Wellington last Tuesday was given as 300 instead of 3000.

LOYALTY TO LABOUR PARTY Pareora Motion

At a meeting of the Pareora branch of the Canterbury Freezing Workers' Union, at which there was an attendance of 200, a resolution was passed: "That this meeting wishes to dissociate itself entirely from the resolution carried by the Christchurch freezing workers supporting Mr. J. A. Lee, member for Grey Lynn, in his actions."

JEWISH IMMIGRATION SUSPENDED

The Public Trust Office announces the following staff changes:— Mr. G. W. Scott, district accountant at Invercargill, appointed assistant accountant at Wellington in succession to the late Mr S. A. Trezise.

EQUALITY OF SACRIFICE

R.S.A. EMPHATIC FOR CONSCRIPTION

EMPIRE AT CRISIS

Reference to the withdrawal of the Allies from Southern Norway was made at the annual conference of the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association and a resolution was carried urging the introduction of compulsory universal national service.

British Sloop Set On Fire

BOMBED BY NAZIS

The Dominion president (the Hon. W. Perry) said that the Empire had reached a crisis in its existence and it was the duty of returned soldiers to give a lead in asking for the maximum effort from the Dominion.

Milkmen Decide To Stop Running

Auckland Union Fears That Gallonage May Be Increased

The Minister's decision to set up the tribunal was made to-day and followed an unsuccessful attempt the previous day by his liaison officer (Mr. C. L. Hunter) to bring the parties together.

A NEW ELEMENT FROM "ATOM-SMASHER"

After receiving from C. E. Wallersted, Swedish Consul-General, the Nobel Prize, "for contributions in nuclear physics," popularly known as "atom smashing," Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence of the University of California heard Dr. Raymond T. Birge, Chairman of the Physics Department, announce two new discoveries made in the University laboratories.

DEATH ON ACTIVE SERVICE

FORMER TARANAKI RESIDENT R.A.F. FLYER

Seriously Injured In Air Operations

Pilot-Officer John Martin Gilmer, who was reported to have been dangerously injured in air operations when on active service, succumbed to his injuries the following day. He was aged 23.

Fatal Injuries Inflicted

AUCKLAND COLLISION

Passenger In Milk Van Injured

DEATH FOLLOWS

Fatal injuries were suffered by an elderly passenger in a light milk delivery van when the vehicle struck the back of a stationary motor lorry on the Great North Road at New Lynn shortly before nine o'clock to-night.

ROYAL TOUR OF THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

Armament Works Visited By Their Majesties

British Official Wireless. (Received May 3, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, May 2.

BIG STATE HOUSING PLAN UNDER WAY AT AUCKLAND

One Thousand Homes Visualised On Land Costing £50,000

The Government has acquired for State housing purposes at a purchase cost believed to be in the vicinity of £50,000 about 400 acres in the outer portions of West Tamaki.

Milk Council Says That Dread Is Unjustified

The Minister's request that normal milk should be resumed immediately was conveyed to the men by Mr. Hunter.

SWEDISH OPINION AFFECTED

The Stockholm correspondent of "The Times" describes the statement as a thunderbolt to the Swedish public opinion.

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NORMAL TRAM SPEEDS

GO-SLOW ENDS AT AUCKLAND

TRIBUNAL SET UP

After nearly four days of go-slow tactics, the Auckland tramways resumed normal operation of the trams from about 5.30 this afternoon as a result of a request by the Minister of Labour (the Hon. P. C. Webb).

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CHAMBERLAIN REVIEWS NORWEGIAN CAMPAIGN

"Not Going To Be Trapped Into The Dispersal Of Our Forces"

The wider aspects of the war were discussed by Mr Chamberlain in the course of a statement which he made to-day on the fighting in Norway.

He warned the House that, while the Norwegian campaign would not be permitted to become a mere sideshow, it must be viewed in the perspective of the wider strategical considerations of the Allies.

The Prime Minister assured the House: "We are not going to be trapped into such a dispersal of our forces as would leave us dangerously weak at the vital centre. We know that our enemy holds a central position. They have immense forces always mounted ready for attack, and an attack can be launched with lightning rapidity in any one of many fields.

"We know they are prepared and would not scruple to bombard Holland or Belgium, or both. They might well do more than one of these things in preparation for an attempt at a large-scale attack on the Western Front or even a lightning sweep to this country," said Mr Chamberlain.

He continued: "We must not so disperse or tie up our forces as to weaken our freedom of action in the vital emergencies which may at any moment arise. We must seize every chance, as we have done and shall continue to do in Norway, to inflict damage upon the enemy, but we must not allow ourselves to forget the long-term strategy which will win the war."

Mr Chamberlain's statement was repeatedly punctuated by cheers from all sides of the House.

Forces for Finland

Mr Chamberlain prefaced his story of the North-Western Expeditionary Force's landings in Norway by recalling the preparations of forces for Finland and the other countries to go to the assistance of Norway and Sweden in the event of the invasion of those countries by Germany if they had acquired in the passage of troops to Finland.

"It did not escape our attention," he said, "that, in such a case, Trondheim and other western ports of Norway, as well as the aerodromes of Stavanger, might well be the subject of attack by the Germans, and accordingly further forces again were made ready to occupy these places."

He added: "Swedish political circles consider that British prestige in the northern countries could hardly have received a more damaging blow than that resulting from Mr Chamberlain's description of how the Allies conceived and carried out their assistance to Norway."

"Political sceptics consider that the decision to withdraw from the northward of Trondheim virtually before operations had started proved that the Allied attitude was half-hearted. They also say that the troops in Southern Norway may have been better off to surrender."

"The Swedish view about their own position is that Russia's apparent concern for maintaining the Baltic balance continues to be an essential factor favouring Sweden's chances of remaining outside the war."

Anticipating the Blow

"It was evident that some act of aggression was in contemplation, but these forces were equally available for attack upon Finland, Sweden, Norway, Holland, or this country, and it was impossible to tell beforehand where the blow would fall.

"Even if we had known that Denmark and Norway were to be the victims, we could not have prevented what happened without the co-operation of those countries. But, in the belief that their neutrality would save them, they took no precautions and they gave us no warning of the attack, which, indeed, they never suspected."

Having mentioned the "curious chance" by which the date (April 8) chosen by the British for the minor operations of minelaying across the long communication trenches of Norway, territorial waters along which Germany could obtain supplies of iron ore should have coincided almost exactly with that chosen by the Nazi Government for its long-prepared invasion of Norway, the Prime Minister continued to review the opening of the naval phase of the Norwegian campaign, of which details were already known.

Mr Chamberlain said: "We were informed that a large German naval force was moving towards the west coast of Norway. That evening the main Battle Fleet and Second Cruiser Squadron sailed in the hope of engaging the enemy."

"Later," he said, "in view of the obscurity of the situation in Central Norway and the importance of securing Narvik, the first Allied military forces, which had been promptly assembled, sailed direct to the Narvik area, arriving there on April 15. In the meantime, a very successful naval attack on April 13 completely destroyed the enemy's naval forces at that port and made it unnecessary to utilise for the capture of Narvik all the forces originally earmarked for that operation."

This brought the Prime Minister to his description of the operations north and south of Trondheim and the decision to withdraw from the south.

Mr Chamberlain drew a parallel between this highly successful operation at Andalsnes, accomplished without loss, and "the action of Sir John Moore at Corunna, which, though accompanied by heavy loss of life, including that of the commander, has taken its place among the classic examples of British military skill."

Advantage With Allies

The rest of the statement was confined to a justification of his claim that the balance of advantage lay with the Allies, for if they had not achieved their objective, neither had the Nazis achieved theirs, while the German losses had been far greater.





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CONCLUDING DAY AT HAWERA FIELDS REVIEWED

Sleeveless And Chief Lord Well

BY MOTUROA. Thursday's running should prove a good guide to investors at Hawera today when the Egmont Racing Club's winter meeting concludes...

Table of race results including Manawapou Hurdles, Shorts Hack, and Mokoia Handicap.

Foxsen Favoured To-day

PUKEKOHE PROSPECTS

Valimeen Won Sprint Last Year

LUCIDUS IN STEEPLES

The Franklin meeting at Pukekohe today will see many horses engaged who are tuning up for the Great Northern meeting and, for that reason, the fixture is one which will be closely watched.

Table of race results including Pukekawa Hack Handicap, Papekura Hack Handicap, and Paerata Handicap.

AMBERLEY RACES AT RICCARTON

FIELDS REVIEWED

Wild Talk And Kilrobe In Demand

The main flat race at the Amberley Racing Club's annual meeting at Riccarton today is the Starkey Memorial, for hawks, and the field is a really fine one with Capricious, runner-up in the last New Zealand Cup, at the top of the weights.

Table of race results including Acceptances for Gisborne, Riding Engagements, and various handicaps.

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Advertisement for AMNER'S LIME CO. (1934) Ltd., highlighting the benefits of lime for farming.

CHIEF LORD, RUATITI, DARK EAGLE

Advertisement for Charlton's welding services, featuring an illustration of a welder.

RESTRICTIONS notwithstanding, and although many lines are getting short and unreplaceable, FULL STOCKS are procurable AT THE LOWEST PRICES WHILE THEY LAST.

Advertisement for AROS 3 MOWER, Booth-Macdonald, and Grand Hotel Bottle Store.

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Advertisement for HAWKE'S BAY FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LTD., listing various farm products.

MR FARMER! For Your SHEEP DIP

Advertisement for de PELICHET, McLEOD & Co. Ltd., featuring sheep dip and grass seed.

ROBERT HOLT & SONS, LTD. TIMBER & HARDWARE MERCHANTS

Advertisement for Robert Holt & Sons, Ltd., listing various timber and hardware products.

AMIGO, HOMILY BRACKET, WINSOME LUKE

Advertisement for AMIGO, Homily Bracket, and Winsome Luke, featuring a table of race results.

PAERATA HANDICAP, OF £120, 6 FURLONGS

Advertisement for Paerata Handicap, listing race details and participants.

AMBERLEY HANDICAP, OF £150, 9 FURLONGS

Advertisement for Amberley Handicap, listing race details and participants.

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Advertisement for AWATOTO SHINGLE CO. LTD., highlighting the benefits of concrete.

WON LAST YEAR Valimeen, who is engaged in the Paerata Handicap at Pukekohe to-day, won the event last year with 7.5 lbs. less than she has to-day.

Advertisement for Valimeen's performance in the Paerata Handicap.

Wild Talk And Kilrobe In Demand

Advertisement for Wild Talk and Kilrobe, listing their performance in the Amberley Handicap.

