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Agreement Expected In Vienna

VIRTUAL SURRENDER

Strong German Pressure On Yugoslavia

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LONDON, March 25.

The Yugoslav Prime Minister and Foreign Minister will meet Hitler and von Ribbentrop in Vienna to-day, when an agreement of some kind will be signed.

There is no information in authoritative quarters in London as to the precise terms proposed in the agreement, but little importance is attached to the possibility that it may fall short of Germany's full requirements. It may well be that the Germans are pursuing the usual technique and are primarily anxious to obtain Yugoslav signature to the document, even if it does not contain all they would wish, in the hope of later forcing their way into control of Yugoslavia, thus virtually reproducing the state of affairs existing in Rumania and Bulgaria.

In this connection it is emphasised that the inclusion of a clause providing for the partition of material and hospital supplies would in effect amount to the ultimate virtual abandonment of neutrality and sovereignty.

The danger, while realised by the Serbs of the mountainous districts, is apparently less fully appreciated among the Croat and Slovene populations of the northern plain, who are more inclined to accept German influence. There it would seem there is less inclination for open opposition. The Press of the country, under Government influence, observes a cautious attitude, and the full implications of a compromise agreement are not freely discussed.

Army Stands Ready.

One fact, however, that emerges from the confused situation, is that in no circumstances will demobilisation be agreed to. The British view of the situation has been made known in Yugoslavia through B.B.C. broadcasts in Serb and Croat.

The fact that behind Greece lies the growing power of Britain, and that America has declared her readiness to continue to help Greece and other nations that resist tyranny, is becoming increasingly appreciated throughout the Middle East.

The Patriarch Gavrilov has summoned by telegram to an extraordinary session at Orthodox Bishops, totalling 20, at Belgrade on Thursday. This session is summoned only in a national crisis.

Death Before Serfdom

Secret societies which resisted Turkish domination for centuries are being revived throughout Serbia, one with 38,000 members sworn to die before they accept serfdom under Germany.

Reports indicate that there is no relaxation of Nazi pressure to secure the Yugoslav Government's adherence to a compromise form of the Tripartite Pact.

Developments are being closely studied in London, in particular, in relation to the whole position in the Balkans and the Middle East, in regard to which the presence in Cairo of the British Foreign Secretary (Mr R. A. Eden) proved an important factor in countering Hitler's diplomatic offensive.

In the disturbed political atmosphere that prevails Axis propaganda is busy, but pressure from Germany has not prevented the expression of widespread protests from the Army and Popular movements.

Strong Opposition

Important as indicating the trend of public opinion is the resolute opposition to concession expressed by the Serbian Patriarch Gavrilov and Professor Javanovitch, chief of the Serbian Cultural Club, and a leader of the Serbian people.

In these quarters, and in many parts of the country where the popular demonstrations have been held, it is clearly recognised that by signing any agreement with Germany, whatever name it bears, Yugoslavia will inevitably be signing away her independence and freedom.

Movements To Be Secret

BRITISH WARSHIPS

Repairs At American Bases

OFFICIAL REQUEST

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WASHINGTON, March 24.

The Secretary of the Navy (Colonel Frank Knox) said that, in accordance with the provisions of the Lend-and-Lease Act, the movements of British vessels which might arrive in the United States for repair or refit, should not be reported, photographed or broadcast. Such information would be of inestimable military value to the enemies of a country whose defence the President had deemed vital to the defence of the United States.

An earlier message said that a damaged British cruiser is to be repaired at Norfolk, Virginia. This is the first of a number of British warships which will put into American ports for repairs under the provisions of the Lend-and-Lease Act.

FRENCH PILOT'S SUCCESS

FIERCE DOGFIGHT OVER CHANNEL

UNEQUAL TASK

Three Planes Tackle Twelve Germans

(British Official Wireless.) (Received March 25, 7.30 p.m.)

RUGBY, March 24.

The Air Ministry says that a Free French pilot of an R.A.F. Hurricane squadron attacked one of 12 Messerschmitt 109's over the Channel on Monday afternoon and shot it down.

He was patrolling with two Czech pilots when attacked by the Messerschmitt, which nipped out of the clouds and back into them. Within the next few moments he was attacked twice—once by one Messerschmitt and once by two of them. He himself sought cover in the clouds as he saw tracer bullets go past him, but on coming out he saw 12 German fighters in close formation. He at once climbed and with one long burst sent one Messerschmitt diving down in flames, with bits falling off.

Returned Safely.

The French pilot was then dived on by two other fighters, but regained cloud cover and returned to his base.

The Hurricane squadron is really an international one, with Czechs, Poles, Frenchmen, and a Canadian squadron leader who served throughout the campaign in France. Shortly before dawn on Monday several bombs were dropped on south-east Kent, and during the afternoon there has been a little enemy air activity in South-West England and South Wales, says an Air Ministry communique. Damage was small and casualties very few.

One enemy aircraft was shot down at sea off the South Coast by our fighters, and another is reported to have been brought down in Cornwall late in the afternoon.

German Ships' Escape

BATTLE SQUADRON

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LONDON, March 24.

The Berlin radio admits that heavy British naval forces, including a battleship of the Malaya class, chased a German battle squadron in the Atlantic for two days and attempted to make contact, when the raiders were attacking British shipping on the Australia-India route and in the waters of the Atlantic.

A ship of the Nelson class on another occasion was near the German raiders.

Sunk in Convoy

A message from Lisbon says that a Portuguese steamer has arrived at St. Vincent with 79 survivors from the crew of the Clan Macnab, the Andalusian, and the Tapanoeli, which were sunk in convoy.

The Italian Stefani News Agency says that a convoy of large French ships escorted by destroyers passed through the Straits of Gibraltar yesterday and headed south into the Atlantic. The British did not try to interfere.

NEW HEAVY BOMBS USED

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LONDON, March 25.

It is authoritatively stated that Britain's newest and heaviest bombers participated in last night's raid on Berlin, and dropped the heaviest types of bomb, equal to any dropped on England. More and more of these heavy bombs and bombers are becoming available, and the greater speed of the bombers enables longer flights. Despite the shorter nights Germany will increasingly feel the strength of the R.A.F.

Large Surface Raiders Prove Elusive Quarry

(British Official Wireless.) (Received March 25, 7.30 p.m.)

RUGBY, March 24.

An interesting analysis of the chances of survival for any length of time of the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau is made by the "News Chronicle," which says: "The search may continue for many days. Less heavily armed than any British battleships, they have the 'legs' of most of them for speed, with the exception of the King George V.

"With nine 11-inch guns their armament is superior to any British cruisers except the battlecruisers Hood, Renown and Repulse.

"When the search has brought results there may arise difficulties in bringing adequate forces into contact, and in this respect aircraft may be expected to play an increasingly large part, against U-boats as well as against surface raiders."

Battle in Earnest.

With the grim Battle of the Atlantic opened in earnest, and the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst at large, the British Press is taking stock of methods by which German defeat in the barbarous conduct of sea warfare will be encompassed. Chief stress is laid in United States help, culminating in the Lease and Lend Act.

"The Times" says: "No more timely form of aid could have been devised than the 50 destroyers transferred last year. Colonel Knox stated last week that the next naval transfer would be composed of smaller craft such as motor torpedo boats, of which there are never enough in the theatre of war." From the replacement point of view "The Times" underlines the importance of a statement by an official of the United States Maritime Commission that about 400 merchantmen would be built for Britain under the Lease and Lend Act. A further statement that the Commission is surveying 113 cargo steamers now in coastal service in the hope that they may be employed in Britain's service is also warmly welcomed.

Value of Aircraft.

The third method of assistance is the supply of United States aircraft.

"The supply of these," says "The Times," "of which figures of over 10,000 have been mentioned as the rate of supply to be aimed at in the year, is as valuable to the war at sea as to the defence of Britain or the campaign in the Near East."

Week's Losses At 71,700 Tons

THE WAR AT SEA

Reduction On Previous Period

GERMANY SUFFERS

(By Radio) LONDON, 1 a.m.

Allied shipping losses during the week ending March 17 totalled 71,700 tons. Twenty-three vessels were sunk, of which 17 were British. The total is a reduction on that of the previous week, but higher than the general average.

It is pointed out that Germany has lost 300,000 tons of shipping in the past five weeks.

[The above news was received direct on a "Columbus" calibrated short-wave radio.]

FURTHER POLISH SQUADRON

AVERAGE AGE IS 23

KEEN FIGHTERS

"Veterans" Of Many Campaigns

(British Official Wireless.) (Received March 25, 7.30 p.m.)

RUGBY, March 24.

At dawn to-day yet another Polish squadron took the air ready to defend Britain as part of the great and ever-growing organisation of the Fighter Command of the R.A.F. Its name will be the Vlna squadron. It is a big squadron, manned by very keen pilots and ground staff. Scarcely any pilot has had less than 1000 flying hours' experience, and several have had between 2000 and 3000 hours.

Apart from a British commanding officer and two British flight commanders, all the personnel are Polish. Battles with the Germans will be nothing new to the individual pilots of the squadron. From the commanding officer to the youngest pilot almost all have been in a number of air fights.

25 Nazis Downed

Several fought for Britain during the August and September blitzes, and between them they have already shot down 25 Nazis in the defence of Britain.

The Polish squadron leader has three to his credit, and shares a fourth. He holds the Polish V.C. (Virtuti Militari). He was shot down last summer when the squadron with which he was then flying attacked a large formation of German bombers and fighters over Kent. He had to bale out, but not before he had seen a brother Pole shoot down two Dorniers.

The average age of the pilots is 23.

NEW AIRLINE TO BE SUBSIDISED

A Competitor For Pan-American

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WASHINGTON, March 24.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee has approved a proposed Federal subsidy of 800,000 dollars to permit American Export Airlines to begin a limited transatlantic service in competition with Pan-American Airways.

SURRENDERED TO EIGHT MEN

TOWN IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND

AIRBORNE TROOPS

Officials Entertain Capturers

(British Official Wireless.) (Received March 25, 7.30 p.m.)

RUGBY, March 24.

The "Daily Mail's" Nairobi correspondent, referring to an official statement that airborne troops are occupying outlying centres of administration, declares that the town of Rocco Litorio, in Italian Somaliland, was occupied in this way by a single plane carrying a political officer, an interpreter and six South African soldiers.

The day previously a South African bomber had dropped leaflets telling the inhabitants that if they displayed white flags a transport plane would land to give supplies and carry away the sick and women-folk.

The Italians were short of white material, for which reason signs of surrender could not be seen from the political officer's plane. Nevertheless it landed at the aerodrome, where it was met by the two principal Italian officials, who agreed to surrender the town, after which they drove the British officer to the Residency to complete the formalities.

Women Removed

Meanwhile supplies of food had been unloaded from the plane for the local inhabitants, and arrangements made to evacuate Italian women and children by air to Mogadiscio.

After luncheon at the Commissioner's house the British party left by air, having arranged to transfer the territory to British administration. They were accompanied by an invalid Italian and his family.

Cautious Policy Adopted

JAPANESE ATTITUDE

Doubts On German Propaganda

LONG WAR POSSIBLE

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 25, 8.45 p.m.)

NEW YORK, March 24.

The Tokyo correspondent of the "New York Times" (Mr Byas) points out that German propaganda has redoubled its claims that the final victory against Britain is imminent, after which the nations assisting Germany will receive their reward.

Mr Byas comments: "Japanese newspapers, on the contrary, hint at a long war, because of American assistance, therefore public opinion favours a 'wait and see' policy."

U.S. AGREEMENT WITH CANADA

Use Of The Great Lakes

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WASHINGTON, March 24.

The United States has announced an agreement with Canada which permits both nations to build and arm vessels for use in the Great Lakes.

JAPANESE-RUSSIAN PACT A POSSIBILITY

Mr Matsuoka May Enlist German Support In This Direction

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 25 9.50 p.m.)

TOKYO, March 25.

Although the Japanese Foreign Minister (Mr Matsuoka) emphasised that his present trip is primarily to make the acquaintance of Hitler and Mussolini, political observers believe that the chief objective is the conclusion of a non-aggression pact with Russia.

It is recalled that when the Tripartite Pact was signed Japanese authorities expressed the hope that Soviet-Japanese relations would be improved through Germany's good offices.

It is believed that Mr. Matsuoka will endeavour to get the Nazis to press Russia towards the conclusion of a non-aggression pact with Japan. Mr. Matsuoka expected the greatest efforts in Moscow on the homeward trip, and the fact that he was doubtful whether he would succeed is discernible from his repeated statements that the mission was merely for the purpose of meeting the leaders.

Break With U.S.

On the other hand the trip reflects that Japan entertains little hope of improvement in relations with the United States, because a decision to override the objection to the pact might impair Japanese-American relations as well as nullify Admiral Nomura's efforts.

ITALIAN ATTACK REPULSED

Heavy Casualties

THE ALBANIAN WAR ZONE

Artillery Activity

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 25, 10.45 p.m.)

LONDON, March 24.

Artillery activity was to-day very lively in Albania, where the Greek guns silenced several Italian batteries.

The Italians launched a forceful and determined attack in the Vojuzza Valley, but were completely frustrated after suffering heavy casualties.

The Greek Press Ministry says that all the news from the front is of a favourable character. Greek patrols, it adds, penetrated the enemy's lines at a number of points and accomplished their missions of bringing back prisoners without suffering losses.

The firing of artillery and the use of mortars caused important damage to enemy installations and to enemy columns. An Italian patrol which attempted to approach and penetrate the Greek lines was completely stranded, and the whole of its effectiveness were captured.

Contrast in Methods.

A Press message from Athens provides a contrast between the Greek and Italian methods of warfare. It will be remembered that on March 12 the Italians made a violent attack on the Greek hospital ship Socrates, although the ship was plainly marked according to international rules.

It is now disclosed that, during the previous week, a formation of the Greek Fleet encountered north of Crete the Italian hospital ship Toscana, which was given liberty to pass.

GRIM DEFENCE OF KEREN

ITALIANS FIGHT BRAVELY

FIERCE ATTACKS

Garrison's Dwindling Numbers

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 25, 6 p.m.)

LONDON, March 24.

In the battle for Keren, Italian stronghold in Eritrea, to-day entered its ninth day with unrelenting fury. "The Times" correspondent near Keren emphasises that the ridge of the Eritrean escarpment is still in Italian hands but that British and Indian infantry continue to advance grimly up the slopes while the mountains echo to the explosions of shells and bombs as our artillery and the R.A.F. unceasingly blast the enemy positions.

Three vital peaks must be taken before Keren falls.

It is now known that a large number of the Italians guarding Keren have been killed or wounded and that much of their artillery has been out of action, but the defenders seem eager to show the world that they are able to fight bravely and well when they wish.

BIG LOSS IN HOUSE ROBBERY

Thieves Even Took A Carpet

(By Telegraph—Press Association.) AUCKLAND, March 25.

When Mr and Mrs J. Woodger, Owen's Road, Epsom, returned home after an absence of 11 weeks, they found that thieves had robbed them of several hundred pounds' worth of clothing, household goods and personal effects and had even gone to the length of stealing a large and expensive Wilton carpet.

Contest For Dunedin Mayoralty

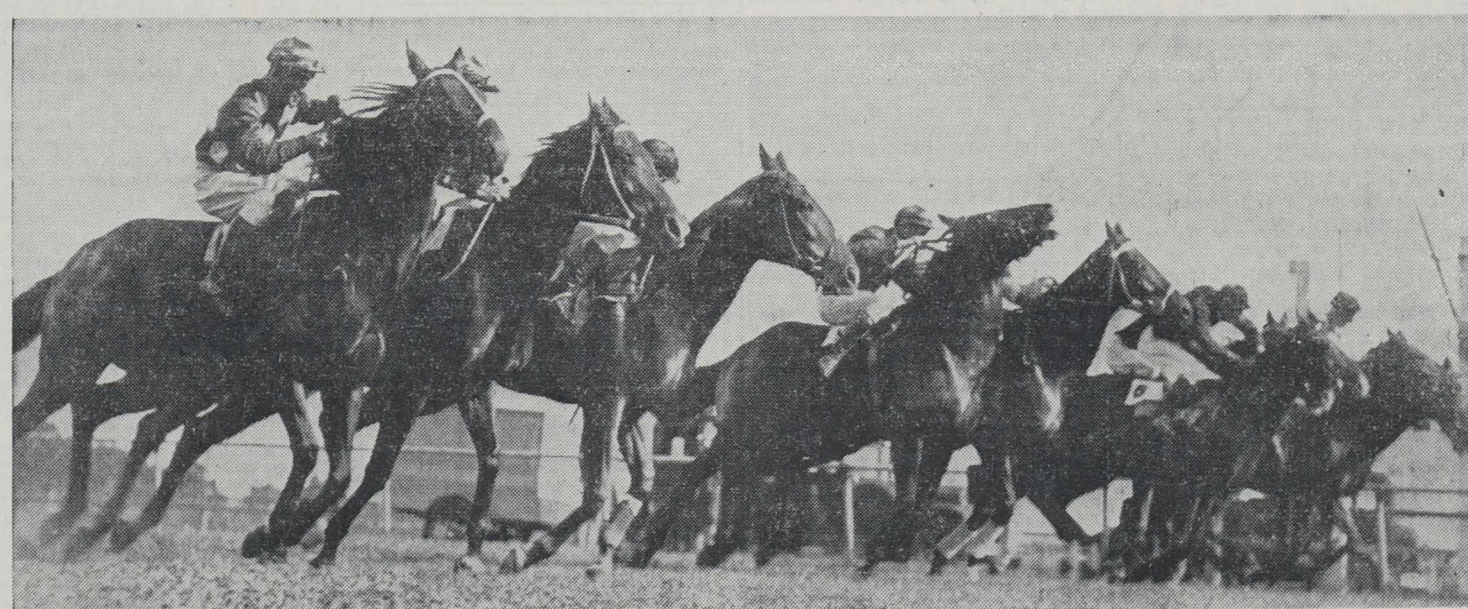
(By Telegraph—Press Association.) DUNEDIN, March 25.

The contest for the Dunedin Mayoralty will now be a straight-out issue between the candidate representing the Citizens' Association (the present Mayor, Mr A. H. Allen) and Dr. D. G. McMillan, M.P., the nominee of the Labour Party.

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HAWKE'S BAY MEETING

Hastings Hack Cup Contest On Saturday

(By The Barb)

Despite the even class of the Hawke's Bay Cup field and the great interest it is attracting at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's autumn meeting, which opens at Hastings to-morrow, it is by no means stealing all the thunder of the fixture, as the minor races are also causing no little interest.

Among the lesser lights there are several most promising young gallopers, both among the visitors and the home productions, and the meeting of the twain is being looked forward to in all the various grades with interest.

The Hastings Hack Cup, to be run on Saturday, is another race not lightly discussed, and it has every appearance of being the best of its grade ever contested on the Hastings racecourse.

By virtue of his win over the heavily-weighted Rakanui in the North Island Hack Plate on Saturday last, The Monarch's appearance is being awaited on Saturday. Owned by an ex-Hastings boy, Mr. H. B. Lorrigan, he will be here this weekend to lay down the gauntlet to the Hastings-trained entries and others.

THE HURDLERS

The jumpers are rather a mixed lot, which does not help to clarify the situation. Limbogh, last year's Grand National winner, has not been in work any length of time as he has only resumed light work. Also he has not in the past raced at his best when fresh, but he represents class, and often horses of his grade carry the day because of their superiority and not because of their fitness.

Contact is a neat jumper, but respiratory trouble has prevented him from fulfilling earlier promise. He has in the past come in a couple of days before a race meeting and laid up to win.

Lady Stella is another good fence, but she too is being kept in the dark. She has done her preparation on the roadsides at Clive and Whakatu. Last Sunday she sneaked in and had a school over a couple of hurdles to please her owner-trainer, Mr. E. A. ("Buck") Jones, who has her in great nick.

Malacca is a newcomer into this department and his private reputation is high, while Dobham is also said to be promising. Queen's Dream has her share of "puddin'", Opho has been doing his preparation in Waioa, from where he also arrived the other day.

Thus the hurdle race consists of dark horses.

THE HACK SPRINTERS.

The hack sprinters contain some most promising material, and by this time next season quite a few of them will be found near the top of the handicap in open company.

Roon is definitely a good flier, but gives the impression of wanting a race. Will one race be sufficient to bring her back to her best? Sunny Knight has fully recovered from his cold which prevented him attaining his true form in recent starts.

His third at Wellington should go a long way in seeing him No. 1 on both machines to-morrow. Kinneff, from Gisborne, is a most orthodox galloper and pretty to watch.

Lady Ex is coming back to her best, but six might be too short for her. Flying Spy and Grandchase should have benefited by their Awapuni trip, and dressed in their Sun trip, and dressed in their Sun trip, and dressed in their Sun trip.

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(By The Barb)

The final gallops for Thursday's races at Hastings saw many sent out against the watch with two or three impressive time trials. The course proper was used for the big gallops, and the weather was fine order. Although after breakfast it was cutting up a little on top, the horses were not getting far into it.

Where not specified the following gallops took place on the course proper.

Isis (P. Atkins) and Support (J. Forsyth) were the first to be sent against the watch. Jumping away together, Support took the lead by advantage, and on the outside all the way had little difficulty in disposing of the Leighin filly at the end of the half mile, in the very fair time of 55secs. Support was well supported, a decided consideration in to-morrow's maiden event.

Proven (W. L. Aitken) was too good by a length and a half for Condie (J. Campbell) and Rang Lama (G. Phelps) over four furlongs which occupied 51.

In From the Beach. Vane Love (S. Paramore) just in from Waimarama was matched with Siegal (L. Barnett) over half a mile, but the latter was a little too experienced for the "country lass" to arrive home first in a shade worse than 52secs.

Diana Terrix (R. Marsh) the Hawke's Bay Cup had for a galloping companion the Hastings Hack Cup entrant, City Song (W. J. Mudford) and after taking 38secs for the first three furlongs completed the three-quarters of a mile in 1.20, but Diana Terrix was pulling double all the way down the straight.

The two backward juveniles, Re-compensate (G. Phelps) and Gay Rona, were not out to break records when they clocked to register 52½ for the half mile.

Author, who will be ridden in the Hawke's Bay Cup to-morrow by R. G. Howell at 11½, was content with a couple of rounds of pace work on the sand track.

Uganda (S. Paramore) and Valcony (P. Atkins) just broke 51 for half a mile when finishing together. Nearing the winning post Uganda was going the better, but the filly came again solidly to get up and share the decision.

A Mediocre Effort. Lambour (W. J. Mudford) and Oragon (G. Stowe) after running the first five furlongs in 51½, completed the mile in 1.43 with Lambour two lengths ahead making the winning post. From a time point of view it was not an impressive trial. However, Lambour, a poor track worker, went a little better than usual.

The Jumpers. Chequers (B. Kowhai) and Dusky Boy (L. Lewis) were associated in a schooling lesson over seven hurdles. The former for a novice went promisingly, while Dozie Boy went in his usual businesslike style. They ran 1.44 for the once round.

Contact (E. Deslandes) and Royal Stuart (B. Kowhai) were given the same task, and the manner they skipped over the first four or five furlongs suggested that the riders must have had an important date, as although both were stopping at the finish, they ran three seconds faster than the above pair. Contact over-reached at one of the obstacles to inflict a gash in one of his forelegs, which may prevent him from starting in the first race to-morrow.

Plastre, the Hawke's Bay Cup candidate, and Phyto, who arrived on Monday from Wellington, were out yesterday morning doing light work.

Unlikely Starter. One of the fancied candidates for the Hawke's Bay Cup, The Ring, unfortunately developed ligament trouble on Sunday, and it is not known definitely if she will be able to start at the meeting. This is most unfortunate for the owner, Mr. Denis Douglas, as his mare was in great heat. In fact, she was never better in her racing career, and must have had a great chance in the Cup, a race she was successful in winning last year.

Australian Track Notes. Beau Vite's Condition Pleases Critics. United Press Association—Copyright. (Received March 25, 7.0 p.m. SYDNEY, March 25.) Beau Vite made it apparent that he will be in his best form for the meeting with High Castle in the Rawson Stakeshill next Saturday by galloping over seven furlongs at Randwick this morning in 1.29. The flags were 70 feet out from the rails, and the performance therefore was most impressive.

Beau Vite ran the last six furlongs in 1.17½, the last five in 64, and the last four in 51sec. By comparison his sectional times equalled the best of the morning.

Yaralla, the brilliant and undefeated two-year-old, took 50½ for four furlongs.

Gold Salute's five furlongs occupied 65sec., while High Castle, galloping in company with Ensign, took 1.19 for six furlongs.

Proud Fox covered his six in 1.19.

RACING FIXTURES. March 29—Waimate R.C. March 30—Richwood Hunt. April 3, 5—Wanganui J.C. (at Awapuni) April 4, 5—Whangarei R.C. April 5—Otatau R.C. April 5, 7—Westport J.C. April 12—Taspeka County J.C. April 12, 14—Auckland R.C. April 12, 14—Wellington J.C. April 12, 14—Wairarapa R.C. April 12, 14, 15—Riverton R.C. April 14—Beaumont R.C. April 14, 15—Canterbury J.C. April 19, 21—Avaldale J.C. April 19, 21—Geymouth J.C. April 26—Reefton J.C. April 26—Waverley J.C. April 26—South Canterbury J.C.

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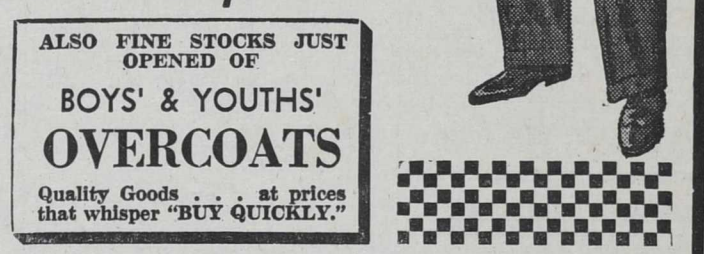
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BIRTHS
DEAN.—On March 23, 1941, at the Rathbone Maternity Hospital, Wai-pawa, to Muriel, wife of H. R. Dean, R.N.Z.A.F.—a daughter.

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REMEMBER E.B.L. Cycling Club Dance, Oddfellows Hall, Hastings, Wednesday, 26th. Phil Walden's Band. Waikato Competition. Prizes for best Couple. Subs. 2/-, 2/6.

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DEATH
THOMSEN.—On March 24, 1941, at the Waipukurau Hospital, Johannes, of Makaretu, aged 90 years.
The funeral will leave his late residence, Makaretu, following a service which will commence at 11 p.m. to-day (Wednesday), March 26.

PUBLIC NOTICES
THE RAUPUNGA SPORTS CLUB will hold their annual sports at Raupunga on SATURDAY, MARCH 29th.
Mr STEWART, Secretary.

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HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL OLD PUPILS' ASSOCIATION (Inc.).
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association will be held in the ASSEMBLY HALL, at the School TO-DAY (Wednesday), 26th MARCH, 1941, at 8 p.m.
Business:
Annual Report and Accounts.
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J. J. MILLAR, Secretary.

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