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Naval Action In The Mediterranean BATTLESHIPS ENGAGED Italians Believed To Have Suffered Severely

(British Official Wireless.) (Received March 30, 7.30 p.m.) RUGBY, March 29. The Italian Navy has been forced into action by British naval units, and appears to have suffered severe losses. An Admiralty communique states: "Naval operations of some importance are taking place in the Eastern Mediterranean. Only preliminary reports are available, but from these it appears that yesterday our naval forces, under Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham sighted Italian forces consisting of battleships, cruisers and destroyers."

"The enemy force scattered, but some units have been brought to action, and it appears that so far at least one of the Littorio class of battleship has been damaged and two enemy cruisers severely damaged."

"Naval aircraft and units of the R.A.F. carried out attacks, the results of which are not known. Greek naval forces are taking part in these operations."

Rafts Sighted A later Admiralty communique states: "Further information of the naval action is not available, but rafts containing Italian survivors were reported this morning by our aircraft. It may therefore be assumed that at least one Italian ship has been sunk."

Following closely on the Admiralty communique, an R.A.F. Middle East communique describes a spread of air operations from Southern Italy to the Red Sea, including heavy attacks on Italian warships in the Ionian Sea. In respect of the Ionian Sea activities the communique says: "A large formation of bombers made a heavy and successful attack on enemy warships in the Ionian Sea. Two warships and one destroyer were hit by heavy bombs. One of the cruisers stopped, emitting black and yellow smoke. A number of bombs fell close to the enemy ships."

The First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr A. V. Alexander) inaugurating Brighton's war weapons week, mentioned the Mediterranean naval action. Commenting on the fact that units of the Italian navy had been brought into action, he emphasised that that was always the endeavour of the Royal Navy.

Meanwhile further official news is awaited, and there is speculation as to the possible extent of the impairment of the Italian fleet. When Italy entered the war she possessed six battleships—two of the Littorio class and four of the Cavour class, but two more ships of the Littorio class were under construction.

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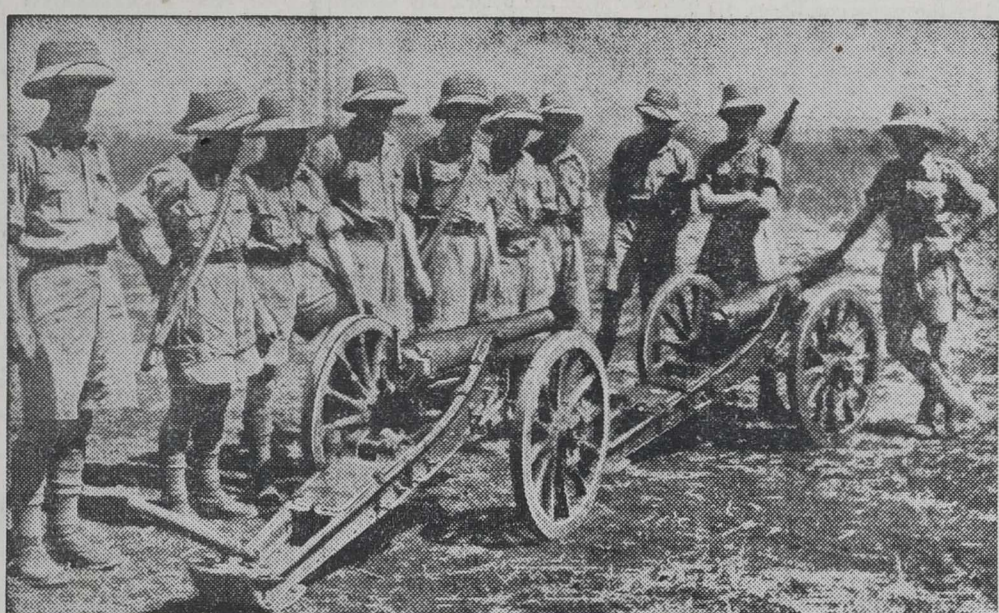
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CAPTURED IN ABYSSINIA.—Italian guns were among the vast quantities of material captured at Galabat in Abyssinia. British soldiers are seen here examining some of the booty.

GERMAN ARMY'S DEMANDS ANGER ROUSED IN RUMANIA MEAT SUPPLY Antonescu Said To Have Resigned

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 31, 0.5 a.m.) ROME, March 29.

A communique states: "Air formations throughout yesterday attacked enemy convoys, naval formations and anchored ships in the Aegean Sea by means of torpedoes and bombs."

"Two aircraft-carriers and two British cruisers were hit. One cruiser must be considered lost. Some small merchantmen were heavily hit, one of which was set on fire."

"A dispatch from the Independent French News Agency states that General Antonescu, Rumanian Chief of State, has resigned as the result of the excessive demands of General Killinger."

These are related to foodstuffs, especially meat, which General Killinger is reported to have demanded from Rumania for the German troops in Bulgaria. This necessitated rationing in Rumania, with three meatless days weekly, which incensed the population.

Passengers on the liner President Jackson reported sighting of Kobe breakwater a weather-beaten Italian warship, the Eritrea, which was seen anchored off the breakwater on Saturday, says the Associated Press. It was still there last night. She flew the Italian flag, and the name Eritrea was easily discernible.

The Eritrea is fitted for minelaying, and the sailors speculated whether she had been minelaying in Australian waters.

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Gestapo representatives are also reported to be in police stations in all main centres, including Rome. The Nazis are also posting Germans to all Ministries in Rome, beginning with the Service Department.

Pearce Breaks A Leg Champion Sculler Tries Wrestling

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 30, 6.30 p.m.) RUGBY, March 29.

Bobby Pearce, world's professional sculling champion, has broken a leg in a professional wrestling match.

Powerful German Battleship Said To Be In Pacific

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 30, 10.25 p.m.) NEW YORK, March 29.

Authoritative circles in Shanghai declare that the Scharnhorst or the Gneisenau is at present in the Pacific, giving rise to fears of an impending large-scale action, says the Shanghai correspondent of the International News Agency.

One Nazi pocket battleship remains in the Atlantic and, the German merchantman Ramses, which has been anchored at Shanghai since the outbreak of war, has suddenly departed. The Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau are Germany's most powerful naval units. Of 26,000 tons displacement, they are remarkably fast and have great hitting power, but do not carry heavy defensive armour.

The former vessel was engaged by the Renown during the Norwegian campaign, but escaped without serious damage. She was afterwards bombed more than once by British aircraft.

BRITISH CAPTURE DIRECTION ITALIAN RETREAT MENACED LINK WITH COAST Abyssinian Capital Almost Cut Off

(By Radio) LONDON, 1 a.m.

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No Mention Of Yugoslavia SUBJECT AVOIDED Germans Welcome Mr Matsuo

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 30, 6 p.m.) BERLIN, March 29.

The Nazi Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, did not mention Yugoslavia, at last night's reception to the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Matsuo. Ribbentrop expressed the opinion that Mr Matsuo's visit would strengthen the Axis ties.

"You are visiting us at the most important time in the history of the world—namely, the final phase of the battle against England," he added.

"Germany and Italy have already won the war. The world will know it by the end of 1941. England is now isolated, while Italy and Germany have friendly relations with a large part of the world. England's alleged allies consist of representatives without their peoples. The Axis is united in a common destiny of life and death."

Mr Matsuo replied associating himself with Ribbentrop's declaration. He described the Axis Pact as a peace pact aimed at preventing an expansion of the war. Mr Matsuo concluded by toasting Hitler "in full confidence of the certain Italian and German victory."

SEARCH FOR OIL IN BRITAIN American Drilling Equipment

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 30, 8.30 p.m.) WASHINGTON, March 28.

The Commerce Department has announced that the State Department issued unlimited licences to the British Purchasing Commission authorising the exportation of petroleum and gas drilling machinery to 32 British areas.

Formerly in New Zealand H.M.S. Leith Achieves Distinction

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 29, 6 p.m.) LONDON, March 29.

The sloop H.M.S. Leith, formerly stationed in New Zealand, shot down a Heinkel bomber when it attacked a convoy in the Bristol Channel.

The crew of five were captured, one of them being badly damaged. The Leith and the convoy suffered no casualties.

SHIP'S GUNFIRE EFFECTIVE FOUR NAZI BOMBERS DESTROYED ONE LIMPS HOME

Attack On British Convoy

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 30, 8.45 p.m.) MONTREAL, March 29.

A message from an east coast Canadian port states that merchant seamen declared that four of Germany's newest long-range bombers are believed to have been destroyed in an attack on a British convoy in the Atlantic recently.

Only one of the five attacking planes was seen heading homeward after the battle, which lasted an hour. The seamen did not know how many ships were lost, but the average was less than one in 10.

"The sky was literally ablaze with gunfire. Every ship opened up with everything she had," they said.

CONTROL OF DANUBE

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 30, 11 p.m.) BUDAPEST, March 29.

According to the Hungarian news agency, Yugoslavia has stopped the navigation of German barges and shipping on the Yugoslav section of the Danube.

(Other cable news on page 5).

Attempt To Run The Blockade AXIS SHIPPING DASH FROM PORTS IN SOUTH AMERICA ONE ALREADY MISSED

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 30, 10.40 p.m.) RIO DE JANEIRO, March 29.

Three Axis merchantmen left Brazilian ports last night, apparently in a co-ordinated effort to penetrate the British blockade.

The German freighter Dresden was not reported 11 hours after sailing from Santos (Brazil) with a crew of 50. A British armed cruiser left the port some time before her.

The Italian oil tanker Franco Martelli left Recife (Brazil) with a cargo of oil and a crew of 60. The Italian freighter Frisco, with a crew of 30, also departed for Chicago.

BOMB IN AMERICAN MAILS Explosion At London Post Office

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 30, 8.15 p.m.) LONDON, March 29.

A small, unshaped bomb made from a piece of twisted lead pipe and planted in a bag of American mail exploded at the Mount Pleasant Post Office.

Little damage to the mails resulted, but police are inquiring on both sides of the Atlantic.

TWO GERMANS DOWNED AND NOT A SHOT FIRED

Fighter Pilot Tells One Of The Strangest Tales Of The War

(British Official Wireless.) (Received March 30, 7.30 p.m.) RUGBY, March 29.

One of the strangest stories of the war—the story of the only fighter pilot in the R.A.F. or any air force to bring down two enemy machines at the same time without firing a shot—was told by the Air Ministry.

The pilot with a squadron went up to fight off a big daylight raid heading for Southampton. There were two enemy bombers escorted by fighters, and the British squadron waded in to break up the formation.

"Owing to the position of my Hurricane and that of another machine of my squadron," said the pilot, "the usual breakaway was impossible, and before any other avoiding action could be taken I crashed into a Dornier 215 with my right wing. The wings of both planes broke up."

HAVOC AMONG GERMAN CIVILIANS 1000 Were Killed In Series Of R.A.F. Raids On Bremen

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 30, 7.35 p.m.) LONDON, March 29.

The Air Ministry to-night lifted the curtain on civilian damage inflicted by R.A.F. raids on Germany.

It says that the weight of the attack is increasing steadily. New types of bombers carry tremendous loads, and it is nothing unusual to learn that a plane is carrying 20 500lb bombs or one 5000lb and 10 500lb.

A series of raids on Bremen killed 1000 and injured 700, and also forced one-third of the Focke-Wulf aero works to close down.

One raid on Hanover killed 250 people, destroyed 250 houses, seriously damaged 500 houses, set fire to an aero tyre factory, which blazed for two days.

Poor Shelters Berlin has suffered cumulative damage, many civilians being killed. Berlin's weakness is the bad shelters. The majority of those killed were in cellars which collapsed.

Thirty people in one cellar were drowned by a burst watermain, and at least 30 bodies were recovered from a row of damaged houses.

The citizens of Hamburg were staggered by the damage. Three blocks of houses, each 200ft. long, and a block of flats 500ft. long were wrecked or gutted.

Cologne Battered Cologne has a similar story. There 100 fires destroyed 400 houses and also a factory, which burned steadily for three days.

SEVERAL PLANTS REOPEN PARTIAL SOLUTION OF STRIKES OFFICIAL APPEAL Rival Unions Fail To Agree

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 30, 10 p.m.) WASHINGTON, March 29.

The Defence Mediation Board has telegraphed the Vanadium Corporation, the Condenser Corporation and the International Harvester Co., also the Unions, asking them to resume production immediately, and inviting the parties to come to Washington immediately for a discussion of the disputes.

The Allis Chalmers plant at Milwaukee, closed by a Committee of Industrial Organisation Strike since January 22, reopened to-day in compliance with the Government's demand. One-third of the normal day shift production men reported for work, and were subject to much jeering.

A settlement of the Midland Steel Products Company strike, which forced the closure of the Ford Motor Company's Lincoln plant at Detroit, and threatened to halve production in other Michigan automobile factories, has been announced.

Strikers at the Condenser Corporation (Washington) have agreed to return to work on the basis of a plan arranged by the Defence Mediation Board after a seven hour conference.

The C.I.O. United Automobile Workers have telegraphed to President Roosevelt their refusal to resume production at the Allis Chalmers works, accusing Colonel Frank Knox and Mr. W. S. Knudsen of "conspiracy with company officials to force a Government-sponsored-back-to-work movement."

Meanwhile the partial production force have resumed work, and the output is 40 per cent of normal. The International Harvester Company announces that it would reopen all its closed plants and send representatives to the Defence Labour Mediation Board next Monday.

A. L. Green, president of the A.F.L., appealed to all members to avoid strikes in defence industries, declaring:—

"The future national safety of our democratic institutions and the very existence of the free Labour movement are at stake."

No Intimidation. Mr. Mallinger said that the men were leaving their posts in five sections to prove to the company that they would not tolerate any intimidation, and "to prove that we are organised."

At Gary, Indiana, several thousand members of the C.I.O. Steelworkers' Organising Committee picketed the mills of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation to-day, barring the gates to workers who could not show union cards.

Sheriff John Knotts, of Lake County, proclaimed a state of emergency in the steelmaking district yesterday, but the deputies and policemen assigned to the plant did not attempt to interfere with the picketing. Pickets marched to the plant from a mass meeting, passing through streets lined with thousands of spectators. Workers who could not show S.W.O.C. cards were thrust aside from the gates, but no other violence is reported.

Finnish Vessel Torpedoed NO LIVES LOST Was Engaged In U.S. Trade SHOCK TO COUNTRY

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 30, 8.15 p.m.) HELSINKI, March 29.

It is officially stated that the Carolina Thorden was torpedoed off the Faeroes Islands on March 28 while sailing from Petsamo to New York. Passengers and crew are reported to have been saved.

The news has badly shocked Petsamo where it was thought that both belligerents ostensibly sanctioned Petsamo traffic.

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ANNUAL SPORTS AT RAUPUNGA
Successful Day
SLIGHT DROP IN TAKINGS
Results Of Events
Daily Mail Special Service.
WAIROA.
The Raupunga Sports Club's annual meeting was held on Saturday, ideal weather prevailing. Taken all round the entries were good. The attendance was satisfactory, but the takings were slightly down on last year.

WEEK-END PIGEON RACING
Hastings Premier Club
The Hastings Premier Pigeon Club staged races from Tawa Flat and Ormondville during the week-end. Good weather prevailed and members enjoyed good sport. Results were:
Tawa Flat Race.—F. Hayward's Miss Beverley, 3hrs. 37min. 1; G. Chapman's Alwynette, 3hrs. 37min. 45secs.; 2. H. McKain's Cycle, 3hrs. 38min. 5sec.; 3. F. Apperley's Good Hope, 3hrs. 39min. 10secs.; 4. F. Apperley's Service, 3hrs. 43min. 3secs.; 5. A. Crawford's Consistence, 3hrs. 44min. 15secs.; 6. H. McKain's Graphic, 3hrs. 44min. 38secs.; 7. G. Chapman's Imperial, 3hrs. 45min. 58secs.; 8. H. McKain's Exercise, 3hrs. 46min. 2secs.; 9. F. Apperley's Consistence, 3hrs. 46min. 49secs.; 10. Ormondville Race.—H. McKain's Rodney, 50min. 46secs.; 1. F. Apperley's Ajax, 1hr. 1min. 5secs.; 2. F. Apperley's Black-out, 1hr. 1min. 47secs.; 3. J. Molloy's Swift, 1hr. 2min. 35secs.; 4. G. Chapman's Benefic, 1hr. 2min. 12secs.; 5. G. Chapman's Arabic, 1hr. 2min. 49secs.; 6. F. Apperley's Kathbella, 1hr. 4min. 2secs.; 7. F. Hayward's Authores, 1hr. 4min. 29secs.; 8. F. Apperley's Kalka, 1hr. 5min. 46secs.; 9. J. Molloy's Stylish, 1hr. 7min. 58secs.; 10.

CAR RAFFLE AT WAIROA
Daily Mail Special Service.
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The car raffle conducted in Wairoa in conjunction with the £1,000,000 Appeal was brought to a close on Saturday evening when the drawing of the winning ticket took place.
The winning ticket, No. 5536, was held by Mrs Walck Blundell (Wellington). The car was purchased by 30 farmers and business men of Wairoa, and as a result of the appeal will benefit to the extent of about £810.

Regent
BETTE DAVIS WITH CHARLES BOYER
Following its wonderfully successful seasons at Wellington and Auckland, "All This and Heaven Too" has been acclaimed by picture patrons as one of the great pictures of recent years. Bette Davis and Charles Boyer have never appeared to better advantage. Warner Bros. have produced "All This and Heaven Too" on a lavish scale, sparing no efforts in making the brilliant, absorbing novel come to vibrant life on the screen. The film was directed by Anatole Litvak, whose deft artistry in handling deeply romantic themes is well known to motion picture audiences. From the brilliant co-starring team of Miss Davis and Charles Boyer down to the smallest character "bit" player the film has been cast with minute care. It is now screening at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

Cosy
GENE AUTRY IN "RIDE, TENDERFOOT, RIDE"
Virility, a splendid singing voice, superior riding ability, and an attractive personality have zoomed Gene Autry, famous singing cowboy along his brilliant way in filmdom. Autry's latest musical Western, "Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride" will open to-morrow at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings. In the cast are the popular comedian Smiley Burnette, with June Storey and Mary Lee. The story relates how Gene Autry became a hero to the Belmont Packing Company as a result of a freak wild executed by the late owner, who once borrowed a large sum of money from Gene's father. The Belmont Packing Company, owned by a pretty socialite, Ann Randolph, but managed largely under the direction of Donald Gregory, an unscrupulous business man who wishes to marry Ann. When Gene becomes involved in business rivalry, he wins out in an exciting climax.

State
THRILLING EXPLOITS FILMED
In the most famous and colourful of all screen roles Tyrone Power brings to thrilling life the exploits of a celebrated bandit in his latest starring picture, "The Mark of Zorro," at the State Theatre, Hastings. Boasting some of the most spectacular action and sword play the screen has seen, Power's role is crammed with hard-riding, furious fighting, ardent romance and highlighted by an unforgettable realistic duel with Basil Rathbone. According to all reports Power scores the greatest triumph of his career. Featured with Rathbone at the head of the brilliant supporting cast is lovely Linda Darnell as the fairest senorita in Old California, who gives her love to Zorro. Spectacularly filmed "The Mark of Zorro," also features Gale Sondergaard, Eugene Pallette, J. Edward Bromberg, Montagu Love, Janet Beecher, Robert Lowery and Chrispin Martin.

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6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news, 7.30: Breakfast session, 9.0: "Musical Bon-Bons", 10.0: Devotional service, 10.20: "For My Lady", 10.45: "Fris and Fashions", 11.0: "The Evening Programme", 7.40: Paul Robeson Orchestra, 8.0: Albert Sandler and his Orchestra, 7.56: Light Opera Company, 8.31: "Thrills", 8.45: "The Lunchbox", 9.0: "The Evening Programme", 9.15: N.B.S. newsreel, 9.25: Alfredo Campoli and his Singing Orchestra, 9.31: Nino Martini (tenor), 9.37: New Mayfair Orchestra, 9.43: Millicent Phillips (girl soprano), 9.49: Harry Horelock and Orchestra, 10.0: Music, mirth and melody, 11.0: B.B.C. news.

2YA WELLINGTON
6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news, 7.30: Breakfast session, 9.0: Morning variety, 10.10: Devotional service, 10.20: "For My Lady", 11.0: "Our Natural Heritage and What We Are Doing With It", 11.15: Melody; Comedy Rhythm, 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news, 2.0: Classical hour, 3.0: Broadcast French Lesson for Post-Primary Schools, 3.30: A.C.E. talk, 3.45: Music of the Stage, 4.0: Voices in Harmony, 4.15: Nat Shilkret Orchestra and Variety, 8.0: Children's session, 5.45: Dinner music, 6.15: B.B.C. news, 7.0: News, 7.15: "Britain Speaks", 8.12: Chamber music, 8.58: Station notices, 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel, 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary, 9.25: "Voices in harmony", 9.39: "Surfeit of Lamp-reys", 10.4: Dance music by Lauri Padilla's Ballroom Orchestra, 10.40: N.Z. Forces Overseas, 11.0: B.B.C. news.

3YA CHRISTCHURCH
6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news, 7.30: Breakfast session, 9.0: Morning melodies, 10.0: "For My Lady", 10.20: Devotional service, 10.45: "Our Natural Heritage and What We Are Doing With It", 11.10: Light orchestral session, 11.30: Popular tunes, 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news, 2.0: Film music and some humour, 2.30: A.C.E. talk, 3.0: Broadcast French Lesson for Post-Primary Schools, 3.15: Classical music, 4.0: Melody and rhythm, 5.0: Children's session, 5.45: Dinner music, 6.15: B.B.C. news, 7.0: News, 7.10: The Garden Expert, 7.46: Studio programme by the Woolston Brass Band, Mrs F. Nelson Kerr (contralto) and T. D. Williams (bass), 8.58: Station notices, 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel, 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary, 9.25: Chamber music, 10.0: Music, mirth and melody, 11.0: B.B.C. news.

4YA DUNEDIN
6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news, 7.30: Breakfast session, 10.45: Devotional service, 10.49: "Our Natural Heritage and What We Are Doing With It", 11.0: "For My Lady", 11.20: From the Talkies; Favourite Ballads, 12.0: Lunch music, 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news, 2.0: Opera, 3.0: Broadcast of French Lesson for Post-Primary Schools, 4.30: Cafe music, 5.0: Children's session, 5.45: Dinner music, 6.15: B.B.C. news, 7.0: News, 7.10: Evening Programme, 7.44: Olga Haley (soprano), 7.57: Reginald Foot (organ), 8.0: The Returned Soldiers' Choir, 8.58: Station notices, 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel, 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary, 9.28: "The Woman in White", 10.0: "Night Club", 11.0: B.B.C. news.

5YA NAPIER
7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news, 7.30: Breakfast session, 11.0: "Our Natural Heritage and What We Are Doing With It", 11.20: From the Talkies; Favourite Ballads, 12.0: Lunch music, 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news, 2.0: Opera, 3.0: Broadcast of French Lesson for Post-Primary Schools, 4.30: Cafe music, 5.0: Children's session, 5.45: Dinner music, 6.15: B.B.C. news, 7.0: News, 7.10: Evening Programme, 7.44: Olga Haley (soprano), 7.57: Reginald Foot (organ), 8.0: The Returned Soldiers' Choir, 8.58: Station notices, 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel, 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary, 9.28: "The Woman in White", 10.0: "Night Club", 11.0: B.B.C. news.

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"Forty Thousand Horsemen" at the Regent Theatre, Napier, a Charles Chauvel production, is destined to make the Australian Light Horse in Palestine live again. In stages emphasising a fantasia of fun and frolic, in colourful Cairo, the hilarious initiation of Gyro into the fascinations and fluctuating fortunes of two-up; the stark stolidity of the Light Horse in their trek across the soulless sizzling sands to avenge a British crisis; in the muffled thunder of hoofs of the "Forty Thousand Horsemen."
There is romance in the desert, too—adroitly introduced, at a water-hole and cleverly sustained by Grant Taylor as Rod Gallagher and Betty Bryant.

Mayfair
COMEDY AND SPY DRAMA
A frothy comedy to suit all tastes, "Cheer, Boys, Cheer" starring Edmund Gwenn and Nova Pilbeam is at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier. The story opens with Ironsides Brewery out to secure control of its smaller rival, the Greenleaf concern which enjoys the twigs advantages of an excellent bitter and a useful chain of lucrative hotels. Edmund Gwenn is an irascible Ironsides, while C. V. Frances gives polished portrayal as Greenleaf. Nova Pilbeam and Peter Coke are capable romantic leads. The associate feature, "Traitor Spy," starring Bruce Cabot, is a thrilling espionage drama.

State
RETURN OF LAND DUE SOON
Landowners holding land of any unimproved value of or in excess of £500 are liable to furnish a return to the Commissioner of Taxes on or before April 11.
Neglect to furnish returns at the prescribed time not only renders taxpayers liable to prosecution but also in many cases for considerably more tax than would otherwise be payable. The Land and Income Tax Department cannot assume that mortgages are owing, and in the absence of a return the assessment is made as though the land were unencumbered. The tax assessed in these cases may be in excess of the amount which would be payable if the return had been furnished.

CROQUET MATCHES AT NAPIER
Draw For Games: Play Starts To-morrow
The North Island Croquet Council's silver buttons competition, open to all clubs in the Hawke's Bay Association, begins at Napier at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.
The draw is:
A Grade (best of three games): Hastings v. Port Ahuriri; v. Napier, Omarunui, and United.
B Grade (best of three games): Port Ahuriri v. Havelock; Napier v. Omarunui; United v. Hastings; Kia Toa v. Wairera.
C Grade (single game): Kia Toa v. Wairera; Hastings v. Napier.
All players not drawn for play to-morrow are to be at United lawns by lunch-time.
United lawns, A Grade: Hastings v. Port Ahuriri, lawn 1; Omarunui v. United, lawn 2.
Napier lawn, No. 3, B Grade: Port Ahuriri v. Havelock, lawn 1; Port Ahuriri v. Havelock; Napier v. Omarunui, lawn 4; Hastings v. United, lawn 5.
Waipara lawns, C Grade: Kia Toa v. Wairera, lawn 1; Hastings v. Napier, lawn 2.
Refreshments will be available on all lawns.

HITLER AND YOUNG NEW ZEALAND
A striking example of young New Zealanders' opinion of the Nazis was given on Saturday afternoon when, at a Hastings theatre during the showing of a "coming attraction" slide bearing a close-up of Hitler's face and the title "Hitler, Beast of Berlin," the children in the audience greeted it with jeers and boos. The din continued as long as the slide was screened, but switched suddenly to grateful cheers as the smiling Joe E. Brown appeared, announcing his forthcoming picture, which had the title of "Champion Chumps."

B.B.C.
6.0 a.m.: News, 7.30: Religious service, 8.30: Music of Britain, 8.45: News, 10.45: News, 11.0: "Questions of the Hour", 12 noon: News, 1.45: Listening Post, 1.55: Starlight, 1.45: Headline News and Views by J. B. McCoshy or Lindsay Fraser, 2.0: Music of Britain, 2.45: "To-night We Present", 3.15: "At Your Request", 3.30: Newsreel, 4.30: News summary, 6.15 p.m.: Programme announcements, 6.15: News, 6.30: "Questions of the Hour", 6.45: Starlight, 7.45: "Music of Britain", 8.0: Headline News and News Commentary, Cyril Lakin and P. E. G. Bayley, 9.15: "To-day We Present", 9.30: Radio Newsreel (Pacific edition), 11.0: News.

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EXPECTED ARRIVALS

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail. Your Own Morning Paper. MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1941.

GERMAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

If the report that one of the famous German warships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau—the successors to the Imperial vessels which were disposed of by Admiral Sturdee in the last war—is in the Pacific is correct, it is probable that Germany intends to carry the war at sea further than sporadic commerce-raiding.

"THE WAR IS WON"

If Mr Matsuoka has travelled all the way to Berlin to listen to speeches by Herr von Ribbentrop and to drink toasts to an Axis victory, he has wasted a lot of time. He could do the same thing more comfortably at home.

AN EPIDEMIC QUESTION

A report of an outbreak of "summer sickness" in Hawke's Bay was published in the "Daily Mail" last week. It was followed by a statement by the Medical Officer of Health in Palmerston North which was issued by the Health Department in Napier and, together with a local doctor's comment, occupied rather more than a column in Saturday morning's paper.

Personal

Mr S. D. Kamau, who has spent about 16 years in Shanghai, has arrived at Auckland and will return to his home at Bridge Pa to-morrow.

Mr C. H. Williams, Taradale, has been informed that his son, Mr R. Williams, has been selected by the South African Government for special engineering service. He was the holder of a lieutenant's commission in the infantry and has now been drafted to the Royal Engineers with the rank of captain at the request of the British Government.

Out of 32 applications, Mr G. A. Thompson, M.A. Dip. Ed., has been selected as principal of the Timaru Technical College in succession to Mr F. L. N. Tuck, who has accepted a teaching appointment at Hamilton. Mr Thompson has been for many years assistant master at the Wanganui Technical College and for the last three years has been responsible for the supervision of the evening classes.

Mr J. Jolley, headmaster of the Paki Paki School, who will leave this morning on transfer, was given a surprise farewell by the pupils on Friday. Regrets at Mr Jolley's departure were expressed by Mr G. Johansen, and the departing master was handed a leather attache case and a wallet for his son, Ian Jolley, by Miss Audrey Johansen. Miss Emma May presented Mrs Jolley with a crystal vase and Miss Betty Gardiner handed her a bouquet. On Friday night Mr and Mrs Jolley were the guests of the Maori community at Paki Paki, when suitable presentations were made.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr and Mrs Lolley and child (Wellington), Detective Ward (Wellington), Mr R. Robertson, Mr L. O'Neil (Pahiatua), Miss Souther, Miss Watson (Auckland), Mr and Mrs J. Fison (Waipukurau), Mr R. Talbot (Wanganui), Mr I. Hood, Mr W. Dennis (Gisborne), Mr F. Morrison (Waipawa), Mr T. Bell (Carterton), Mr A. Gamm (Trentham), Mr H. Rae, Mr A. Jackson (New Plymouth), Mr T. Hamblin (Hawera), Mr A. Bowen, Mr T. A. Smith (Taunanga), Mr M. Hansen (Masterton), Mr T. Baker, are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs J. H. V. Loader (Taihape), Mr and Mrs J. Simmons (Waipukurau), Mr J. B. Niven, Mr L. Salt, Mr A. W. Rushbrook, Mr W. Baxter (Wellington), Mr and Mrs F. McPhail, Miss Jessie McPhail (Taunanga), Mr and Mrs J. B. Molison (Hamilton), Mr T. F. Byrne (Opouiti), Mr R. Abraham, Mr F. Hodgson, Mr R. Miles (Ohakea), Mr A. H. Smith, Mr D. Donald (Gisborne), Mr A. R. Hansell (Palmerston North) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs C. Mitchell, Miss C. Fitzgibbon, Mr H. C. South, Mr and Mrs E. G. Lane (Wellington), Mrs J. Williamson, Mrs R. C. Beale, Mr J. A. C. Meredith, Mr F. Paterson, Mr H. Wiggins (Auckland), Mr F. Tollerton, Mr and Mrs McCrobbie (Gisborne), Miss J. Warren (Dunedin), Mr and Mrs J. Stevenson (Tuai), Mr and Mrs McCrobbie (Malacca, S.S.), Mr W. E. Sturrock (Otago) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr A. R. Horne (Hamilton), Mr K. Andrews, Mr C. Woodward, Mr E. McNulty (Gisborne), Mr L. H. Fraser, Mr W. Tumpenny (Hastings), Mr A. E. Silverwood (Wellington) are at the Clyde Hotel, Wairoa.

Mr Burson, Mr Jones, Miss Phelan (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs Johnston, Mr Williams, Mr Stacey, and Mr W. E. Sturrock (Auckland) are at the Wairoa Hotel.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Youth Injured

Suffering from shock and slight injuries he received in a fall yesterday morning, a 16-year-old youth, Robert Macdonell, Southland Road, Hastings, was admitted to the Memorial Hospital. His condition last night was not serious.

Back To Camp

The khaki of Territorials and "mounteds," and Air Force blue predominated behind the windows of three large south-bound service cars lined up in Hastings yesterday. It was their first back to camp after, in most instances, a brief week-end's leave.

Women's Baseball

The first women's baseball matches ever played at Timaru were watched by a large crowd on Saturday. The principal match, South v. North Island, was won by South, 10-6. The full seven innings were played and they provided exciting play.—Press Association.

Jockey Injured in Fall

When Royal Stuart fell in the first hurdles race in the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's meeting on Saturday the rider, S. Anderson, was thrown heavily and suffered concussion. He was admitted to the Memorial Hospital, Hastings. His condition last evening was stated to be not serious.

Unwanted "Patient"

The antics of an unwanted "patient" who wandered into the Out-patients' department of the Napier Hospital on Saturday afternoon were brought to a sudden end when one of the nurses on duty communicated with the police, who removed the alleged offender to the lock-up. It is understood that a sequel will be heard in the Napier Magistrate's Court this morning.

Company Meeting

A marked expansion in the company's business was revealed at the annual general meeting of the Dominion Key Registry Co. Ltd., which was held in Napier. The trading surplus showed a considerable improvement and a dividend as recommended by the directors was declared. The following directors were elected: Messrs E. H. T. Dunn, T. J. C. Gurr and L. M. Newman. Mr J. Anderson was re-appointed auditor.

Gunners Wanted

Voluntary enlistments of 1st N.Z.E.F. Gunners, and married men trained as gunners since the Great War, are now being made by the 2nd Field Artillery Regiment, N.Z. Territorial Force. The Regiment Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel R. S. McQuarrie, D.S.O., M.C., wishes all ex-Gunners who would like to do their bit again to call or write to: R. H. G. 2, Field Regt. N.Z.A., Bungle Street, Wellington (Phone 56-644). Artillery Barracks, Main Street, Palmerston North (Phone 7215). Artillery Barracks, Owen Street, Napier (Phone 2646).

Builder's Death

A link with the rebuilding of Napier is severed by the death of Mr Alexander Bryan at Gisborne on Saturday. Mr Bryan, who was 60, came to Napier immediately after the earthquake from Christchurch. He was engaged in the erection of a number of buildings presenting peculiar difficulties. When the State housing scheme was started in Napier, he secured a number of contracts at Maveva. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. The funeral will leave his late residence 30 Lighthouse Road, Napier, at the conclusion of a short service commencing at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, for interment at the Park Island Cemetery.

Taranaki Centennial

Taranaki's celebration of 100 years of European settlement was opened yesterday with special thanksgiving services. In the morning children attended a service in Fukekura Park and in the afternoon a citizens' service was held near the Memorial to the first settlers erected at Ngamotu Beach close to where they landed on March 31, 1841. The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) and the Minister of Internal Affairs (the Hon. W. E. Parry) are visiting New Plymouth for the celebrations. The Prime Minister unveiled a memorial to the Rev. Charles Creed, first minister of religion in Taranaki, who was waiting on the beach to welcome the arrivals on the William Bryan, the first colonist ship. The Governor-General and Lady Newall arrived by plane yesterday.—Press Association.

Breakfast Table. A Boy's Estimation. I don't say I am perfect, Nor make one wee mistake, But I can beat my mother When it comes to slicing cake.

MINISTER MAY BE APPOINTED

U.S. Representative in New Zealand. United Press Association—Copyright. (Received March 30, 6.30 p.m.) WASHINGTON, March 29. The Assistant Secretary of State (Mr Sumner Welles) at a Press conference said that the appointment of a Minister to New Zealand was being considered.

U.S. Representative in New Zealand

Mr Welles disclosed that Mr C. E. Gauss had arrived in the United States from Australia, and was proceeding to Chungking soon. Mr C. E. Gauss was Consul-General at Shanghai before he was appointed to Australia.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS: CLOUDY AND COOLER. The following is the "Daily Mail's" special forecast for the Hawke's Bay area: Wind: Moderate south-easterly, freshening at times. Weather: Cloudy with drizzle at times in the north. Moderate temperatures. Moderate but slowly rising seas.

NAPIER WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the Government recorder (Miss G. Hutton) are as follows:— Dry bulb temp. 63.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 58.0deg. Maximum temp. 70.8deg. Minimum temp. 50.0deg. Grass 44.8deg. 1ft. underground 66.8deg. 3ft. underground 68.8deg. Sun 10.3hrs. Rain Nil. Cloud 3. Wind S.E.2. Visibility 8. Humidity 65 p.c.

HASTINGS WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows:— Dry bulb temp. 62.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 59.0deg. Maximum temp. 74.6deg. Minimum temp. 53.0deg. Grass 49.0deg. 1ft. underground 65.0deg. 3ft. underground 68.0deg. Sun 10.3hrs. Rain Nil. Cloud 2. Wind S.E.2. Humidity 65 p.c.

DOMINION FORECAST

General situation: An anti-cyclone extends across the Tasman Sea and New Zealand to the Chatham Islands, while a depression is developing near Kermadec Island. Forecast—Winds: over the North Island moderate easterly to south-easterly prevailing and becoming fresh in northern Hawke's Bay and over the Auckland province. Elsewhere light to moderate and variable breezes continuing with westerly directions predominating. Seas—New Zealand waters: Becoming rather rough on parts of the east coast north of Castle Point. Elsewhere slight to moderate. Eastern Tasman Sea: Moderate to fresh south-easterly to southerly winds in the northern portion with moderate but slowly rising seas. Light to moderate winds from a westerly quarter predominating in the southern portion with slight seas. Weather: Scattered drizzle continuing in the Gisborne-East Cape area and later developing in parts of Auckland Peninsula. Continuing fair to fine elsewhere, although morning fogs are likely on the east coast. Temperatures mild.

To-day's Diary

HASTINGS. The Theatres: "All This, And Heaven Too," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "The Mark of Zorro," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "Law and Disorder," and "Ride the Underfoot, Ride, Cosy," 2 and 7.45 p.m. NAPIER. The Theatres: "The Return of Frank James," State 2 and 8 p.m. "Forty Thousand Horsemen," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m. "Traitor Spy" and "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

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Weather For Bowling

WEEK-END GAMES Napier And Hastings Clubs RESULTS IN DETAIL

Bowling was continued in fine weather conditions on Napier and Hastings greens during the week-end, when there were again several interchanges of visits.

Results in detail from both centres are as follows:— NAPIER CLUB Under ideal bowling conditions five rinks from the Napier Club visited the Havelock North Bowling Club's green on Saturday.

The following cards were handed in, Havelock North names being given first: Heywood, Biggar, Heenan, Cummins, 19; Reyling, McCorkindale, Kilpatrick, Cooke, 17.

Jack Bygum, Panckhurst, Flanders, 20; Fullard, W. Dockery, Rowe, Renouf, 24.

Sims, Tunnicliffe, Rush, Leicester, 15; Armitage, Cameron, McGlashan, McLaren, 30.

Maudie Brookes, Hay, J. H. Holl, 13; Eaton, Stephens, Wellett, Thomas, 24.

E. Joll, Clarkson, Lilley, Anderson, 20; Hart, Harland, Bear, A. P. P. Thompson, Watson, O'Leary, Tucker, 21; Painter, Coombs, Wilson, 20.

KIA TOA CLUB The green was in excellent order and many interesting games resulted. The Campbell Buttons changed hands when the holders, Chadwick, Griffiths, Nicholl, A. Ross (16), were defeated by West, Ritchie, Paul, M. Parkhill (20).

Other games resulted:— Hart, Goodall, Keast, W. Ross, 22; Johnston, Dug Fearn, Hendry, W. Harris, 19.

Carroll, D. Frame, Watkins, Somerville, 27; Patterson, Tabling, Burfield, Michaelson, 24.

Sieley, Charles, Graham, Simpson, 16; Soppitt, R. Campbell, Murray, Sykes, 14.

Barr, Roe, Palmer, Burge, 15; Loach, Logan, R. Harris, Goodall, 13.

Pidgeon, Cooke, Parkin, Rigby, Godber, 12.

Stanton, Ingram, Head, 13; Haggitt, J. Campbell, Brinsley, 19.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS MEET IN BIG ATHLETIC CONTEST

Hawke's Bay Athletes At Napier; Many Records Are Broken

Hundreds of secondary schoolboys and schoolgirls from the area between Wairoa and Dannevirke competed in the fourth annual inter-secondary sports at McLean Park, Napier, on Saturday afternoon.

Some of the competitors put up efforts which augur well for the future of athletics in Hawke's Bay. Some measure of the high standard of performance can be gauged from the fact that during the afternoon 15 records were equalled or bettered.

There were some very fine runs throughout the day, notable among them the duel between Moore (Dannevirke) and Surgenor (Napier) in the 220 yards race in which the Napier boy was able to head his opponent only at the tape.

Another good performance was put up by Spackman (Napier) who broke the senior mile record of 15sec. The senior half mile record of 4-5sec. The senior half mile record was won by Goodwin (Napier), his winning jump being 5ft. 3in., a record.

A Hastings boy, Goldstone, was also responsible for a record—breaking run in the intermediate 880 yards race in which he outdistanced the opposition to win easily, while in the 440 yards Crawford (Napier), won comfortably, breaking the previous record by 2sec.

The key to the results is: Waipukurau High School (W.H.S.), Napier Boys' High School (N.B.H.S.), Dannevirke High School (D.H.S.), Wairoa District High School (W.D.H.S.), Hastings High School (H.H.S.), Napier Girls' High School (N.G.H.S.), Waipawa High School (W.H.S.).

100 Yards Junior Girls.—J. Rawston, D.H.S., 1; E. Maye, H.H.S., 2; J. James, W.H.S., 3. Time, 13sec. 100 Yards Intermediate Girls.—D. M. Wrightson, H.H.S., 1; A. D. Stuart, N.B.H.S., 2; J. King, N.B.H.S., 3. Time, 12-4-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles, Intermediate Girls.—J. King, N.B.H.S., 1; A. D. Stuart, N.B.H.S., 2; J. King, N.B.H.S., 3. Time, 18-2-5sec. Second heat: Wrightson, H.H.S., 1; A. D. Stuart, N.B.H.S., 2; J. King, N.B.H.S., 3. Time, 18-2-5sec.

200 Yards Hurdles, Senior Girls.—J. King, N.B.H.S., 1; A. D. Stuart, N.B.H.S., 2; J. King, N.B.H.S., 3. Time, 20-2-5sec. Second heat: Wrightson, H.H.S., 1; A. D. Stuart, N.B.H.S., 2; J. King, N.B.H.S., 3. Time, 20-2-5sec.

300 Yards Relay, Junior Girls.—H.H.S., 1; N.G.H.S., 2; W.H.S., 3. Time, 39-3-5sec. 300 Yards Relay, Intermediate Girls.—H.H.S., 1; N.G.H.S., 2; W.H.S., 3. Time, 39-3-5sec.

440 Yards Relay, Senior Girls.—D.H.S., 1; H.H.S., 2; W.H.S., 3. Time, 59sec. 440 Yards Relay, Junior Boys.—H.H.S., 1; N.B.H.S., 2; D.H.S., 3. Time, 55sec.

660 Yards Relay, Intermediate Boys.—N.B.H.S., 1; H.H.S., 2; D.H.S., 3. Time, 76-2-5sec. 660 Yards Relay, Senior Boys.—N.B.H.S., 1; H.H.S., 2; H.H.S., 3. Time, 74sec.

800 Yards Relay, Senior Girls.—E. Grant, B. Walker, N.B.H.S., 2; R. Bond, D.H.S., 3. Distance, 32ft 1in. Long Jump, Senior Girls.—Rutherford, H.H.S., 1; Findlay, D.H.S., 2; B. Little, H.H.S., 3. Distance, 4ft 11in.

High Jump, Intermediate Girls.—H. German, Waipawa H.S., 1; L. Timens, Waipawa H.S., 2; Thompson, H.H.S., 3. Height, 4ft 4in. High Jump, Senior Girls.—G. Goodwin, N.B.H.S., 1; R. Ramon, H.H.S., 2; Grant, D.H.S., 3. Height, 5ft 3in.

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Napier In Good Position

SATURDAY'S CRICKET Hastings Dismissed For 126 FOUR DOWN FOR 146

Senior players were conspicuous by their absence in a cricket match, Napier versus Hastings, begun at Napier on Saturday. Hastings batted first and compiled 126, Newdick making 41. G. Stanford took four wickets for eight runs off three overs.

Napier opened with Butler and Brown, who attacked the bowling from the start and put on 58 for the first ten wickets for 146, Rowe having taken all wickets. Details are:—

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers, showing runs and wickets. Includes names like H. Hawthorne, P. Richardson, W. Spence, etc.

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Guardsmen's Sports

TE REINGA UNIT Gathering Held At Ruakituri FUNDS BENEFIT

Daily Mail Special Service. RUAKITURI. Ideal weather favoured the Te Reinga Home Guard sports meeting held on the parade ground at Ruakituri station on Saturday.

The entries generally were good, and judging by the success of the meeting the Home Guard funds should benefit to an appreciable extent. Results:—

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PRIME MINISTER'S WARNING REGARDING DAIRY INDUSTRY

Restriction On Butter Exports Creates New Problems, Says Mr Fraser

Commenting on the reported statement on the restriction of butter exports by the Minister of Marketing (the Hon. J. G. Barclay), the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) said in an interview to-night that clearly New Zealand had to exercise the utmost care in reorganising its primary production in accordance with the external marketing prospects.

The warning of the restrictions placed on meat could not be ignored. It was true that advice had been received from the United Kingdom that the maximum effort should be made to organise the production of cheese, the demand for which was likely to be much better than for butter.

"I should like to add," continued Mr Fraser, "that the Government has made full representations to the United Kingdom authorities on the marketing position, and a reply has been received to-day in which the British Government states that it fully appreciates the consequences of the curtailment of our meat exports and that it is considering proposals which the New Zealand Government has placed before it for meeting what must be regarded as a common problem.

No Temporary Policy "Until we know what the United Kingdom has decided upon it would be futile on our part to lay down any specific policy for dairy production except in one respect, and that is the desirability of switching over further from butter to cheese.

Difficulties In South CHEESE PRODUCTION Special Problem For Canterbury DAIRY CHANGE-OVER

By Telegraph—Press Association. CHRISTCHURCH, March 29. Expressing doubts as to whether the dairy industry in Canterbury could swing any further from butter to cheese production, the chairman of directors of the Central Dairy Co. (Mr. R. Nairn) said this morning that the position had been foreseen by his company.

"Canterbury is hardly in the position to turn over to cheese production," he said. "In Canterbury we have to face the problem of a large number of small suppliers, with cream collections over a widely-scattered area. I cannot see how we could reorganise collections to overcome this difficulty; in fact, it would be almost an impossibility."

Another point was that Canterbury butter production was only sufficient to carry the province over for half a year. From February onwards winter supplies of butter were drawn from Kalkoura and the West Coast.

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N.Z. BUTTER FOR BRITAIN

EXPORT RESTRICTION EXPECTED "OUTLOOK BLACK"

Fresh Difficulties Ahead By Telegraph—Press Association. CHRISTCHURCH, March 29. The New Zealand Government has been advised by the Government of Great Britain that the butter market will be the next to be restricted by export difficulties, the Minister of Marketing (the Hon. J. G. Barclay) said to-day.

The outlook for sending goods away from New Zealand was not good. In a recent cablegram the Government had been advised by Britain that the outlook for lifting butter in New Zealand was black.

Cheese Is Wanted "Apparently Britain can take all the cheese we can produce," added the Minister, "but the chances of shipping butter are slim. This probably means that a further request will be made to the farmers to change over from butter production to cheese.

"The Government intends to cable the British Government to obtain fuller information as to what is required, so that a definite statement can be made and the farmers can be told what they will be required to do."

The Minister is visiting the South Island to investigate the position arising from the restrictions in the export of meat. He will hold a discussion with back-country farmers at Timaru on Monday.



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