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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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Not By Defense Alone

Recent despatches from Great Britain emphasize the fact that the men who are getting ready for the long-threatened Nazi invasion are looking beyond that event. Mr. Churchill, in a recent broadcast, gave expression to this when he said that Britain and the Empire must prepare for battle "not only for 1941 but for 1942, when the war will, I trust, take a different form from the defensive."

This is a very necessary reminder. It is too easily assumed, because the assumption is a comforting one, that if the Germans fail in their threatened direct attack on the British Isles, then they are defeated and have lost the war. We must be prepared to take a more realistic view. The Nazi war machine may crash suddenly and unexpectedly, but it is more likely that after fighting a victorious defensive battle we shall have to carry the war to the Germans and beat them on their own ground.

In Canada too, while speeding up arms production and air and military training, we must not lose sight of the fact that this is a "total war." Our present efforts are a bagatelle compared with what can and must be done when the whole resources of the nation are harnessed to the task.

The Farming Problem

Quoted by one of the western members of Parliament the other day, during the debate on the budget, was a pamphlet issued by the Alberta wheat pool. It dealt with the story of wheat, but it also contained a succinct summing up of the agricultural problem generally. That problem, it stated, lies in the fact that, while more than three million of the population of Canada live on farms, agriculture receives less than 10 per cent of the national income, and its share has rapidly declined during the past ten years.

Benito Mussolini born this date, 1883. He founded Fascism, March 23, 1919 at a time when Italy was in the throes of a revolution due to unemployment and discontent. He initiated a youth movement to lead the rising generation to have a pride in country, race, and national ideals. His association with Hitler has landed him at war with the nation which has ever proved to be Italy's best friend and customer.

Too Many Chores
Administration of civil aviation, meteorological and radio services, broadcasting and Trans-Canada Air Lines have been taken away from the Department of Transport and vested in the Department of Munitions and Supply headed by the Hon. C. D. Howe.

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Supply is by all odds the biggest job in Canada at the present time. It is a job made unwisely burdensome by Mr. Howe's failure to separate policy-making from administrative responsibility, and place control of supply under a qualified industrial administrator.

The added burden of Trans-Canada Air Lines, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, civil aviation, meteorological and radio services should certainly not be left for Mr. Howe to administer as well.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The bulk of the hay has been saved in good condition and farmers are pleased, especially as efficient farm help is getting scarcer.

Rapid progress is being made with both airports, and labour seems plentiful so far for all purposes.

Not so many foreign cars as usual are seen about, thanks, no doubt, to U.S.A. passport restrictions.

The fact there are to be no galas and festivities during the vice-regal visit next month is being regretted by the social set and stores alike, for business is never better than when Government House is humming.

It is now announced that in order to ensure an adequate supply of British Columbia herring, arrangements now are under way for conferences in British Columbia between Dr. B. H. Finn, deputy minister of fisheries, and representatives of all sections of the herring industry.

Soldiers are not to be allowed to vote at forthcoming by-elections for Federal vacancies because the Government are unwilling to spend the necessary effort and money to make the soldier vote possible. In this they are more considerate of the public purse than were the Government of this province in connection with the plebiscite.

"Fifth Columnists" worm their way into the most vital parts of national defence and do their deadly work. A welder who cut the wires of seven public telephones on the outskirts of London was sentenced at Old Bailey to seven years' imprisonment. Police said the man, William Guthridge, 28, was a former member of the British Union of Fascists and was engaged in vital admiralty work when arrested.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The crew of marplots and shambledowns who made the ill-fated Republican delegation the joke of the Philadelphia convention by miscalling every man and missing every boat is likely to wreck the Wilkie campaign in the rubbery and unscrupulous and blundering and unscrupulous and blundering work on the part of the plain voters of the party. These party workers ought to be sent to the organization of their own.—Chicago Daily News.

Let none of us in this land be weakened or misled by the delusion being carried on as to the struggle of Great Britain for the upholding of all that we hold sacred in our life. The British will never surrender. The English-speaking nations, our own among them, will not be overcome by the Hitlerian despotism. God is on the side of justice and human liberty, but God requires the aid of every citizen for our own help. We may not sit supreme, and refuse to face facts, and expect God to work a miracle for us.—Bishop Mangin of New York.

The advance toward a science of our engineering accelerates, says Advertiser and Sealing. "The oven-fresh smell of your store-bread may be due, in part, to kitchen aromatics in the wrapper. Many other food products and cans have wrappers which heighten natural flavors. The odor engineer. Your 1940 automobile comes lighter in the which your upholstery odours are. Your clothing need no longer stink of strange chemicals when coming back from the cleaner. The dollar bills in your pockets smell fresher than many of the banks spray them with a perfume before putting them back into circulation. Almost every hour of your day has been made more fragrant than it was only ten years ago."

Vincent Sheehan has a topical anecdote in one of his recent articles. He says it is rather popular in Italy. It seems that a citizen every day went to his favorite newsstand in Rome, bought the first paper he saw, and read it away. He did this every day for quite a spell. One day the curious newsstand asked him why he just glanced at the front page and then tossed it aside. "I replied that the man, "But said the vendor, "the death notices are inside." "The one I am looking at," said the man, "will be on the first page."—Victoria Times.

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Patronage Abuses

(New Glasgow News) Charges of disgraceful abuse of party patronage in Canada's war effort, involving the shameful waste of public money, have been made in the House of Commons by Hon. R. B. Hanson. He has stated that in the Maritimes, air fields have been located in impossible places, that contractors with the most pull have been awarded the contracts, and that men seeking work on the projects had to be equipped with letters of recommendation from the Liberal machine.

In peace time such patronage is one of the baleful effects of party government. The party now in power is by no means free from the taint of ill-savored memories. Under W. L. M. King the Liberal party dodged the Customs scandal and returned vaingloriously to office on a trumped-up constitutional issue. Under W. L. M. King the party went down into the muck of the "Hull" scandal, the Beathorn scandal, and it is not necessary to believe that Mr. King was aware, in either case, of what was going on. He was, however, the pure and immaculate front for a party that has wallowed in political accommodations.

Hanson's charges with the answer he has given to the demands for national government. It will not suffice to say that "it was elected, wasn't it?" It is no answer to these charges that he was trusted by a majority of the electors at the last election. He must forget elections and remember that the position he occupies places upon him responsibility for the good government of Canada.

It might be possible to believe that the patronage reported from the Maritimes is contrary to explicit instructions of the government. Against that belief is the knowledge that a form of patronage is actively being practiced in the government. It is not the whole patronage mess should be cleared up, not only the movement toward the taxpayer's of this country deserve.

Hitler's French Tools

(Sydney Post Record) If a mystified world needed any proof that the French Government of Herr Adolf Hitler, it was furnished yesterday by the outrageous conduct of the French Government. Dalsider, whose Government declared war on Germany last September, Mr. Dalsider's arrest, which has been announced by the French Government, is a clear indication of the French Government's attitude toward the German Government. The French Government has been mad enough to declare war on Germany, and yet it has arrested a man who has done nothing but help Germany.

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Unwilling Aids
(Moncton Transcript) American correspondents report that Spain is being filled by sword-rattling German officers and that the swastika is any day more in evidence in Spain than in Germany. The Spanish themselves, say the correspondents are very loath to become involved in another war. They are very ready to have the ownership of Gibraltar remain where it is.

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KILLS MOTHER-IN-LAW
CAPE TOWN.—(CP) — Found guilty of strangling his mother-in-law, John Samuel Tate, a colored man was sentenced to death.

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