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The Struggle For Crete

The Germans are using every means in their power against the British and Greek forces in Crete. The battle is reported to be growing fiercer, and we have Prime Minister Churchill's prediction that "we must expect that the fighting will continue in increasing severity."

The British Prime Minister, while stressing the gravity of the situation in Crete, is also on record as having assured Parliament that the island "will be defended to the death and with no thought of retirement."

A Fitting Tribute

One day on which party politics will be forgotten at Ottawa will be June 7 next, when the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir John A. Macdonald will be commemorated on a national scale.

Present plans call for the ceremony being held at the monument to Sir John in Kingston at 3 p.m. Eastern daylight time.

The Provinces should also join in paying tribute to the statesman who took the foremost part in the movement which made Canada a nation.

It is worth recalling, in this time of crisis, what Sir John's inspired leadership meant to the Canada of his day, and to the Canada of our day.

Fighting The Gestapo

A thirty-two-page documentary pamphlet on the Nazi Gestapo has been released for nationwide distribution to the United States by Friends of Democracy, Inc., as its answer to the question, "What would a Hitlerized world be like?"

In a letter accompanying each pamphlet, National Director L. M. Birkhead states, "Friends of Democracy earnestly hopes that this pamphlet will further strengthen your resolve to fight Nazism wherever it appears, so that the Gestapo will never take root in this land of free people."

"Government by assassination, no free speech, no free press, no rights of assembly or petition, no trade unions, relentless persecution of races

and religions, concentration camps for anti-Nazis, pogroms and purges, family life disrupted by the fear of spies."

Mr. Birkhead warns that these repressive practices represent the "organized terror that the Gestapo would impose on the United States, should the Swastika ever supplant the Stars and Stripes."

The third and most revealing section of the pamphlet deals with the activities of the Gestapo in the United States. By use of documentary and pictorial material, it shows how the Gestapo threatens German emigres in this country and pursues its work of espionage and sabotage.

Comparing "the freedom guaranteed to Americans by the Constitution with the oppression forced on Germans and conquered peoples by the Gestapo," the pamphlet declares:

"Under the Bill of Rights, Americans walk erect as free men. Under the Gestapo, inhabitants are broken, hollow men—chattels and slaves of the state. In the United States the government is of, by and for the people. In Hitler's Reich the State is the Gestapo and the people must march where the Gestapo points."

"Today's world crisis is a conflict between the civilization of free men and the servitude imposed by the Gestapo. Only one can survive."

The pamphlet is excellently printed and illustrated, and provides anti-Nazi propaganda of a most effective kind.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ascension Day, Church festival commemorating the ascent of Christ into heaven; forty days after Easter and ten days before Whit Sunday. The festival is always observed on a Thursday, hence Holy Thursday.

It is stated in the usual unofficial way that Rudolf Hess has made deposits in the United States equalling \$3,200,000. Coupled with other reports regarding the large volume of questions he is said to have answered and delivered to Winston Churchill, there is one element left unanswered. This is: "What is he trying to escape?"

An art exhibition that includes such pictures as two suns shining "because it is a very hot day," a cow milking itself "because there was no room for the farmer," an umbrella being held at right angles because the artist "likes to feel the rain" and a fifth Dionne quintuplet being thinner than the others because the artist "ran out of paint" was displayed in Montreal recently.

Hon. J. G. Gardiner sure must be counted among the optimists when he declares that out of 3,717,776 men registered between the ages of 16 and 35, no fewer than 750,000 will be enlisted for October service. He says the 3,000,000 left together with the 4,000,000 over 35 could be organized to keep Canadian industry moving at top speed.

Canada's national income was tentatively computed at \$413.3 millions in March compared with \$367.7 millions in the same month of last year. The increase of 12.4 per cent was due mainly to the speeding up of the war effort. The national income in the first quarter of 1941 was \$1,248.3 millions compared with \$1,133 millions in the same period of 1940.

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The function of Parliament is criticism. Every member is a master of some aspect of public policy; at any rate he is free to witness how policy directly affects some corner of his country. If he sees waste of materials or man-power, if he detects injustices or creakings in local governments, if he observes neglect or failure to seize and fails to report these discoveries in high quarters, he is guilty of sleeping on his watch.

Sir Douglas Haig, Earl of Ypres, died this date 1925. It was under his generalship that the Canadians in the Great War won undying fame in the defeat of the Hun at the second battle of Ypres. On Nov. 6, 1917 they, by a prodigious effort, captured the hamlets of Mosselmarth and Goudberg to the north, and finally carried Passchendaele. Four days later they increased their gains. The vital part of the main ridge, after long and bloody fighting, was in British hands, and the salient had been wiped out.

A copy of the newly revised Catholic Bible, substituting modern English for obsolete terminology, has been presented to President Roosevelt by the Rev. Harry C. Graham of New York, national director of the Holy Name Society. It was the first revision in 191 years. The President received a duplicate of a copy given to Pope Pius XII—bound in India leather and gold-embossed. Thirty-two biblical scholars, including one Irish, two English, and the rest American, have spent five years on the revision. Only the New Testament has been completed, and another five to seven years will be required for revision of the Old Testament.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Australia finds that it has 100,000 fewer children under fifteen than it had seven years ago. This discovery has alarmed the Government, and the people of Australia, and they are resolved to do something about it.

We like today's youth and think they're a big improvement on a great many older people, who seem to get stiffer and stiffer as the years go by. They are frank and honest, look at life pretty straight and aren't unduly impressed by the wisdom, dignity and gravity of their elders, which is a healthy sign at this particular epoch in the world's history.

To few men is it given, to become a legend will very much alive. Air Marshal Billy Bishop, V.C., is one of the few. The first Canadian pilot to win the Victoria Cross in the Great War, and "the most brilliant aerial duellist the world has known," he perhaps more than any one man brought to the attention of the world the name of Canada, and the which seems to be the heritage of Canadian youth.

Lady Violet Bonham-Carter's appointment as a governor of the BBC recalls to mind (a correspondent writes) the devoted Eastern rebellion and visited the wounded rebels in hospital wearing a green tie. Asquith ignored him, but Lady Violet took him on and made the most amusing speech of the election.

Imagine prisoners of war digging their way out of a camp for nearly three months and none of the guards knowing anything about it. They say the tunnel was eight feet high. Think of the amount of earth that must have been removed in that operation without any of the guards seeing anything about it.

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Let us get down to brass tacks, as the Americans say. This is a war in which the dictators have everything to win and the democracies have everything to lose. It is a fight for the survival of the free people who receive no quarter nor would quarter be worth having if it were offered, for its acceptance would entail the loss of freedom along with a lot of other things without which life would have neither purpose nor value.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of general interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

A PROPHECY BEING FULFILLED

Sir, I notice in a recent issue of your paper that a Canadian who had recently returned from London and had marked the death and destruction there, remarked that the Germans seemed to delight in killing. This recalled to my mind a prophecy made by Heine, when he was a refugee in Paris, having been driven from Germany for speaking his mind on German atrocities of his day.

Heine wrote as follows: "Christianity—and this is its highest merit—has in some degree softened, but it could not destroy that brutal German joy of battle. When once the leading talisman of the Cross breaks in two, the savagery of the fighters—the senseless Berserker fury of which the northern poets sing and say so much—will gush up anew. That talisman in Germany was decayed and the day will come when it will pitilessly collapse. The old stone gods will then rise from the silent ruins, and rub the dust of a thousand years from their eyes. Then, with his giant's hammer, will at last spring up and shatter to bits the Gothic cathedrals."

Is there not here trenchant truth, and uncanny foresight? Had responsible statesmen throughout the world seen with as clear eye as this brilliant libertine refugee, this German Jew, and acted accordingly might it not possibly have been much better with the world today than it is?

I am Sir, etc. (Rev. Dr.) FRANK BAIRD Chipman, N. B. May 16, 1941.

Union With Britain

(Letter in New York Times)

Last June through Winston Churchill the British offered to join the French in a union. The French Cabinet, although on the verge of despair and paralysis, voted the proposal down by three votes only. Let us make a similar offer of a Conservative Union with Britain now, before it is too late. Nothing could encourage them more. Nothing could be more disheartening to the Nazis, the Fascists and the Communists. We could do more to insure victory for the democracies, neither could anything do more to secure lasting peace after victory. Without an American and British union established as the foundation of a world union of the democracies, to be joined later by the South and Central American republics, France, could not peace could in reality be more than an armistice.

Let the American people call upon the President and Congress to invite the United Kingdom, Canada, Eire, the Union of South Africa, Australia and New Zealand to form with us a provisional Federal Union, modeled broadly on the United States Constitution. This is the Federal Union plan devised by Clarence K. Streit in his recently published book "Union Now With Britain." Let us try this path to victory and lasting peace before it is too late.

The Poet's Corner

Honor and shame from no condition rise; Act well your part, there all the honor lies. Fortune in men has some small difference made, One flaunts in rags, one flutters in pride. The cobbler aproned and the parson gownned, The friar hooded and the monarch crowned. "What differ more," you cry, "than crown and cow?" I'll tell you, friend: a wise man and a fool. You'll find it once the monarch acts the monk, Or, cobbler-like, the parson will be drunk. Worth makes the man and want of it the fellow; The rest is all our leather and prunella. —Alexander Pope.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR "The world today needs a clear, challenging, ringing faith in a few fundamental things. We see darkness instead of light, but during the past twelve months more so than during the past two generations, there is becoming a clearer realization of the simple fundamental rules of life." —Dr. R. C. Wallace, principal of Queen's University, Toronto.

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Interpreting The War

The battle of Crete is attaining such proportions that it appears to be a major Nazi move against Britain on the confused checkerboard of the struggle in the east. There is a tacit German admission in the mounting fury of the air-sea assault that possession of the Greek island is vital to Nazi grand strategy. Unless they capture it or effectively neutralize it, the Nazi leaders may have great difficulty in converting the war in Iraq or the Franco-British clash in Syria into a major threat to British Mediterranean and middle eastern lines.

TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES

Covering Canada from sea to sea, the planes of the Trans-Canada Air Lines fly more than 5,000,000 miles a year. The trans-continental runs from Halifax on the Atlantic, to Vancouver, on the Pacific, linking en route the important cities of Montreal, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, North Bay, Winnipeg, Regina and Lethbridge. Charlottetown and Summerside, Prince Edward Island, are joined to Montreal by TCA service; there is a TCA line from Toronto to New York, and other from Toronto to London and Windsor, and TCA planes fly between Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton. Connecting services operated by other companies cross the Strait of Georgia from Vancouver to Victoria, fly from Regina to Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and North Battleford, up into the mining territories of the north and on to the Arctic, and reach down into the United States. Travelers and mail's crossing the Atlantic by British Overseas Airways are carried across the continent by TCA.

In 1940, TCA carried nearly 1,000,000 pounds of mail, one hundred thousand pounds of express and 55,000 passengers. The national air service has become a vital

artery in the Dominion's social and economic life. Yet it has been operating little more than two years.

Our Most Important Department

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