

BEHIND THE NEWS

BACKGROUND COMMENT
PEOPLE LETTERS

Sweden Better Prepared Than Norway To Fight

SWEDEN, pledged to defend her neutrality and her independence with arms, is much better equipped for warfare than is Norway. Her population is more than twice as great, her industrial production incomparably larger, and her army and navy better able to withstand attack from the trained German legions.

One of Sweden's principal advantages is the possession of the Bodö munition works, located in a difficult country some 180 miles west of Stockholm, and defended by important fortresses. This factory produces munitions of all kinds and is particularly noted for the efficiency of its anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns.

Far to the north, and commanding the single rail line that leads from Narvik, Norway, through the iron ore fields to Luleå on the Gulf of Bothnia, stands the huge fort of Boden, cut off from the sea and considered impregnable by the Swedes.

Boden was started more than 30 years ago. It always is heavily garrisoned and reputedly has within its rock tunnels a garrison of at least two years. Sweden will never be conquered while Boden stands, it is opined by the inhabitants who have seen it.

50,000 Recruits A Year

It is difficult to determine the actual number of men Sweden could put into the field at one time. The standing army always has been small and the navy smaller still. In 1938, 4,000 men normally. But Sweden has compulsory military training, the period of which is now eight months. It is estimated that 50,000 recruits are trained annually, and, since all trained men up to 45 years old are subject to call, it is probable that the Swedish army of 100,000 men is available for service.

Legion Branch Stages Concert

In celebration of the 13th anniversary of the Deer Lodge branch of the Canadian Legion, a concert was held in the Women's Tritium building, Thursday evening. It was the closing event in the branch's Loyalty Week program.

Those who took part in the program included: pupil of the Bormann school of music, El. Furstenberg, Miss M. J. Haggerty, Gertrude Newton, Audrey Crossley, Gertrude Smith, Elna Buchanan, Winifred Carter and Isabelle Pease.

One-act play, The Cave Man, was produced by James Aiken, M.L.A. Members of the cast were: W. S. Whitehead, Fred Long, Doris Aiken and J. Latham.

The branch will hold a special meeting, Monday, April 22, to appoint a delegate to the Dominion convention of the Canadian Legion, which will be held May 27-29, in Montreal. Resolutions to be submitted to the convention will be considered.

Plan Military Staff Lectures

A series of lectures under direction of the General Staff of Military District No. 10 is planned for April 19, May 3 and May 17 by the Western Canada Military Institute.

The annual meeting of the institute held in the Garrison Officers' Mess at Minto Armouries on April 11, decided that lecturers dealing with recent developments in various arms of the service would be of value under present conditions. Active reserve and retired officers, if expected, will welcome a program of becoming conversant with modern arms, equipment and methods.

The year's activities of the institute were reviewed by the retiring president, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Ellinthorpe. Officers elected were: Hon. president, Brigadier B. W. Brown, D.S.O., M.C.; hon. vice-president, Col. the Hon. Justice H. M. Denniston, C.B.E.; president, Lieut.-Col. M. Ash; honorary secretary, Major H. J. Haggerty; directors, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Ellinthorpe, M.C.; Lieut.-Col. A. Pridham, M.C.; Lieut.-Col. B. O. G. Morton, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Edgar, Lieut.-Col. Moore, Major F. C. Cape, Major J. Neish, Commander H. G. Nave.

Large Swedish reports, such as Stockholm, Gothenburg, Karlensborg (the principal naval base) are all heavily fortified. So is the island of Gotland. There are literally thousands of islands along the coasts and channels could be effectively mined against sea attack.

Certain parts of the country are particularly vulnerable. Particularly is this the case of the southern tip of the peninsula, near Malmö and Kristianstad. Here the terrain is flat and the crossing from Denmark requires, at the Ore sound, only about 20 minutes by ferry. There is little doubt that the Germans could, if they wished, invade this area. A drive to the north, however, would probably be met by stern resistance. The invaders would have to proceed through rugged country, spotted with deep lakes, and wherever defense lines are put up already. Towns in this section, as well as in central Sweden, are said to be protected by anti-aircraft batteries. One report is that the townsmen themselves contributed money to the purchase of these batteries.

English circles which explain Swedish resistance as a giant bluff, are beginning to believe that the British navy's blockade of the Baltic Sea has been so successful that the German fleet is being driven to sea without bombing raids or Leningrad. It is believed that the British navy's blockade of the Baltic Sea has been so successful that the German fleet is being driven to sea without bombing raids or Leningrad.

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The British Empire always had been the pet hate in the Bolsheviks. It stood squarely in the path of both world revolution and the Russian Revolution. It is the main reason why the Bolsheviks have not been able to bring about a general European war in the condition of a people who have been through 20 years of the most atrocious and senseless of wars.

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2 Nazi Planes Downed By Swedish Batteries

STOCKHOLM, April 15.—Two German planes were shot down by Swedish anti-aircraft batteries Sunday after they had crossed into Swedish territory and ignored warning shots from the batteries. Three German planes flew across the frontier and batteries at Storliden opened up on them. One escaped but a second was hit and crashed into a mountain and the third fell close to Grebbestad.

Regina Leads With Fast Time

A score of Canadian cities will begin Regina within the next few weeks in helping Daylight Saving Time for the summer months, giving themselves an extra hour of light for recreation and other activities in the evening.

Regina went on "fast time" Sunday, two weeks in advance of any other place in the country. It is the only city in the province which has pushed back and the city goes on Standard Time on Sept. 23.

As in 1939, no other western city will have daylight saving time for the summer months. The west joins most southwestern Ontario cities, for Galt, Brantford, Stratford, Woodstock, Chatham and London remain on standard time all summer.

A majority of the fast-time communities in Ontario and Quebec, including the metropolitan cities of Toronto and Montreal, will make the change April 28 and revert to Standard time Sept. 23.

Youth Gives Himself Up After Long Police Hunt

Apparently tired of being hunted by police Alex Skolowski, Winnipeg youth, reported to have escaped from the Portage detention home Friday evening, walked into the Vaughan st. detention home Sunday evening and surrendered to juvenile court authorities.

Skolowski was alleged to have been in the north end all day Sunday night after police intercepted a motor car on King st. and captured Fred Davis, also wanted for escaping from the north end. Both youths probably will be returned to Portage today.

RIGHT OR WRONG ABOUT PEOPLE

Why Is Insanity Increasing?

By DONALD A. LAIRD

It is a fact that somewhere around the year 1975 there will not be a sane person left in the country. Some professional alarmists have predicted that insanity will be a major cause of death in the next few decades.

It is also true that each year there are more people who are "cracked" and had to be sent to mental hospitals for special treatment. Our hospitals are packed full, but this is a result of the fact that we have a larger proportion of old persons in our population now.

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While our old folks have been increasing in number, our many research psychiatrists have been busy finding cures for mental diseases which used to be hopeless. The march of science is thus counteracting the increase of age-related stock treatments and operations on nerve pills are now

WONDERS OF THE COOL DEEP— Oceanus Pupils



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WONDERS OF COOL SMOKING— CAMEO MENTHOL Cigarettes



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What's Going On in Soviet Russia?

An Observer For 15 Years Brings Back the News

[A behind-the-scenes view of conditions in Soviet Russia and background facts on Moscow's policies toward Germany and the Russian front, as presented here by an American writer who recently returned from a six-month tour of the Russian front, as presented here by an American writer who recently returned from a six-month tour of the Russian front, as presented here by an American writer who recently returned from a six-month tour of the Russian front.]

By SPENCER WILLIAMS

INCIDENT stands out in my mind from the many witnessed during two years of residence in the Soviet Union. It took place at midnight on a hot August night, six days before the German invasion of Poland. I was in the city of Leningrad, nine days before Europe was plunged into war.

By the doors of two special coaches of the Red Arrow Leningrad Express, standing at the platform of the Oktober station, was a cluster of high British and French Army naval and air officers exchanging farewells with diplomats from the embassies and with members of foreign legation. They were members of the ill-fated Anglo-French military mission sent to Moscow in the conviction that the Allies were in earnest in their efforts for a pact with Soviet Russia.

A Russian Comedy

Twelve days only had they been in Moscow, and on the tenth day I had witnessed General Smolinski, Minister von Ribbentrop against Moscow's airport, but with arms upraised in the Hitler salute, as Soviet functionaries started cheerfully, and said off to the Kremlin in Premier Molotov's bullet-proof limousine, leaving the hitlerized condemned Swastika flag to sign a part electrifying the world.

With my inevitable, the somewhat disconcerted thought that the Allied mission was now extraneous for home. As we talked in low tones on the platform, many were asking the same question: Why had no representative of Stalin turned to voice the formal farewells, and was even this diplomatic courtesy to be omitted?

The answer came a moment before departure time when the building figure of General Smolinski, in the Red Army's deputy chief of staff, flanked by army and navy liaison officers, sauntered up with studied and almost legerisim. They bade their performance turned away with cool formality and farewell words without waiting for the train to pull out.

I happened to be standing in a shadow near the station when the starting whistle was blown. I saw the Russian half turn their heads for a futile glimpse, and they then glanced at each other and burst into laughter.

Why The Game?

Their laughter was the key to the events of the previous four months. For the comedy had been played out to the end. Why did Stalin play this dangerous comedy? Why did he assume the Anglo-French negotiations to danger, and why did he suddenly turn around and conclude the pact with the arch-enemy of Bolshevism, Germany?

They Feared Germany

German military men, in their camps in Moscow, boasted that the Red Army's Polish invasion that they could have "ruled up" the Red Army in Poland in a red carpet, and the Russians' respect for the Potsdam war machine was more than ample to make them anticipate such a result.

There was not only uncertainty of the Red Army's strength, under and inexperienced leaders, that dictated caution to a dictator whose caution ever has been extended only by craftiness. Russia's entire economic life had been increasing its output of gear for the effects of the great purge, which wiped out all westernized intelligence and initiative. Industry, trade, distribution and transport have not only been covered the ground lost through the loss of qualified leadership but have even retrograded further some cases.

Above all is the dull apathy of the masses. The modern machine is now helpless to shake the Russians who were not only European war in the condition of a people who have been through 20 years of the most atrocious and senseless of wars.

More Than He Wanted

The Allies, refusing to sanction Stalin's plans to extend his hegemony over the Baltic States and Finland, had nothing to offer him except the prospect of a Russian victory. The German pact fulfilled his immediate need to be able to maintain a nominal neutral position in a European war. He wanted—reappointment with the Third Reich, which would open the gates to a return of German technique and equipment currently required by flagging Soviet industry. If no agreement was resulted, Stalin figured he would still gain by this pact by achieving his goal, which he had set when he "arranged" his Berlin embassy in 1939.

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Illusions About Russia

The illusions which persist in Russia's aims made Stalin's task easy. He was assured that the Finns surprised him by offering resistance (eventually) to the oriental mind in the Kremlin. Allied circles fell heavily for the prospect of a Russian victory, which they had assumed to be reasonable. Stalin knew that because of Russia's internal situation he may avoid, at all costs, becoming involved in a fully-fledged war. He did not believe any force existed

From The Times TODAY

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British Exploits in Mine-Laying Point to New Secret Weapon

Navy Shows Readiness For Any Job

By COL. FREDERICK PALMER (U.S. Military Expert)

(By Cable and Leased Wire to The Tribune)

LONDON—As Londoners, especially the Home Guards guard today, looked up at the old Admiralty building they could hardly yet grasp the full significance of the recent naval operations, which have few parallels in the world's history, but none in the swiftness with which modern war has been possible, but possible only with such prompt and expeditious coordination in a plan to meet an emergency.

It ought to be the professional admiration of Admiral Sir Dudley Bader, chief of the German navy forces, addressing as the result must have been to the British fleet. It is not only the fact that more mines have been laid than it must also be considered where those mines were laid.

How was that accomplished? Throughout the Great War the Germans held undisputed sway in the Baltic, which for war purposes, was practically a German lake. The Kattegat, beyond the Skagerrak, meant the sound—waters so narrow that they permit ferries to run from Sweden to Sweden—formed a narrow exit to the Baltic, which the Germans were prepared to have barred against any naval advance while this time Hitler had scattered elsewhere his fleet, and in the strength to the German fleet of 1914.

Challenge Germany

With Denmark virtually an enemy country, the British had their opening. They could challenge Hitler's position in the Baltic. In the five days of Hitler's invasion of Norway, scapover has struck its seven miles from the Baltic boundary of Lithuania, across the Baltic and Norwegian coast to Narvik.

Mines are being laid the length of Germany's Baltic coast. Danzig where Hitler halted that terrific secret all-dredging operation. The British plan a general offensive drive means he will have to do a lot of mine sweeping or otherwise his merchant and troop ships will be sunk before it is told. This lesson, however, is written clear in these few minutes. The British plan to fight in the Baltic, which is a better decision than the one they have made. It is not a bluff, and it cannot be provided in a hurry.

Hitler's thirteenth, most threatening victory or Paul Goebbels' New mines the first time the last of the British coast are countered



Against the "Neilon Touch."

four or five years. And the battle-ship had another part in the fighting at Narvik, but generally cast for pounding enemy battleships into the sea. With no enemy ships or big guns to gain them, the long-range fire of battleships and cruisers can stand off and outmatch batteries which the Germans can employ and hold during their retreat. The Norwegian forts, which they seized.

The Neutrals Are Watching

With far superior accuracy and more volume than the British planes can blast a way for landing of Allied troops. And the Allied troops are going at the business of the war with the prospect that they will place the German garrisons in northern and central Norway before the first of the Norwegian soldiers.

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Learn From The Finns

By DONALD YAD (Chicago Tribune Press Service)

STOCKHOLM.—The Norwegians have quickly put into effect the tactics learned from the Finns at the battles of Salla and Suomussalmi and fighting on the north Lapland front.

Holed In Sweden

Nowhere has news of the British landing been reported so heartily than in Sweden, where it is believed the German army has yet struck enough to establish in Norway to spring an attack on Sweden.

Blinkers On Italy

Italian newspapers say the Times Rome correspondent reports that Italy is going into the war and Italians themselves are beginning to believe Mussolini's decision may rest upon the result of the present operations in Norwegian fjords.

Enemies From Within

Dealing with Nazi methods of securing friends in neutral countries need to play a major role, the Times says in every European country—men like the Norwegian traitor prime before-hand to prepare for a Nazi invasion. They are heads of an organized body of trained secret agents, spies and propagandists and they are temporarily given office when the Swedish friends delivered Narvik to the Germans, others showed Germans the way to Oslo.

The Purges' Toll

The growing threat of Allied intervention in Finland and of a military diversion in Southern Russia played an important role in the Kremlin's decision to purge its army. The purges have cost the lives of thousands of officers and men.

No Price Rises

PARIS.—The French government has announced that no price rises will be permitted in France.

Tulips Anyway

PARIS.—The famous Holland tulips have been sold at a record price in Amsterdam.

Arbitrary

MICHAEL NELSON

The funeral service for Michael Nelson, of 552 Henry Ave., who died Monday at his residence, will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Kerr's funeral home, with burial in Brookside cemetery.

Right or Wrong About People

By DONALD A. LAIRD Ph.D., Sci. D.

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FRANCIS H. WIGHAM

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MRS. HENRY OATLEY

Mrs. Henry Oatley, 64, of 358 Kensington St., died Monday in St. Boniface hospital. Burial will be at 2 p.m. today in the funeral home of the Rev. H. B. Duckworth, with burial in Brookside cemetery.

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ELIZA CUE

Eliza Cue, 81, died Monday at her residence, 185, Mary's road. Her husband, Frank, died in 1914. She was a native of Ontario and had been a resident of Manitoba 41 years.

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CANTBERRA.—On the ground of maintaining the rights of the High Court of Australia, the Pans constitution. Right of trial by jury is inadequately protected, he said.

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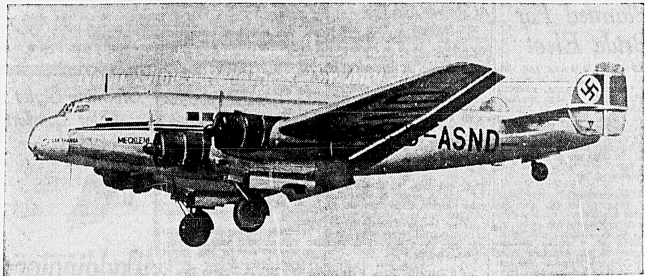
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BEHIND THE NEWS BACKGROUND... COMMENT... PEOPLE... LETTERS...

War Turns Into Race—Anglo-French Sea Power Vs. German Air Force



This Junker transport carries 40 passengers in addition to crew. The Germans must depend on these planes to take their troops to Norway, now that the British navy is mining their waters and blasting their ships.

By THOMAS M. JOHNSON

THE race between Anglo-French sea power and German air power is running a spectacular heat above the narrow seas that separate Denmark from Norway. On it carry across enough German troops fast enough...

his daringly mined, according to British claims. Can that naval power keep these mines blocking Germany by sea? Above the mines soars air power. Can it carry across enough German troops fast enough? The planes being used are reported as mainly Junker transport company on a test flight in Hawaii. No one knows how many planes of her total from 15,000 to 20,000 Germany using or can use in this air force.

Here it is impossible to tell how many troops she has ferried. Equally important is how much artillery and ammunition she can ferry to support these troops against enemies who can transport and supply by sea, unless, of course, German submarines and planes sink the ships, or mine-sweepers clear the mine fields that have clogged the seaways to Oslo and forced Germany to depend on her air ferries.

What's Going On In Russia?

German Ambitions and Soviet Weakness

[This is the third of a series of five articles giving a behind-the-scenes view of conditions in Soviet Russia and background facts toward Moscow's policies toward Germany and the Allies, by an American writer who has recently resigned as Moscow representative of the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce of New York, after serving three years.]

By SPENCER WILLIAMS

[LONDON—Historians record that a thousand years ago the strife-ridden leaders of a mass of semi-barbarous Slavs, who poured into the eastern European plains, dispatched an appeal to Harik, chieftain of the powerful Varangians to the west. "We have an expensive, rich country but there is no order in it. Come and rule over us."

never succeeded in getting along for any extended period without foreign technical experts. Stalin, like Peter the Great, whom he admires as a model, has opened the gates. Already the Germans have played a dominant role in the upbuilding of Soviet Russia. German experts gave the infant Red Army training and guidance. If the pupil has failed to measure up to its model, the German war machine, this is not the fault of the instructors. Russia remains Russia, whether called imperial or Soviet. The Red czar is unable, like his ambitious forerunners, to forge a reliable military weapon for use against a first-rank power out of the heterogeneous Soviet masses, of whom it still can be said, "There is no order among us." There emerges once again only a human stevedore which strikes terror into superstitious and underserving critics abroad or awails the illusion of wishful thinkers about Stalin's Russia.

Economic Vassalage

When favored by balmy political winds, the Germans, equipped with an understanding of Russian psychology and temperament, showed a rich harvest of Russian trade and industry. History threatens to repeat itself now for the Germans.

The almost complete elimination of foreign specialists, the madman Yezhov (former OGPU chief) was terrorizing Stalin with fantastic tales about foreign espionage in 1937-38, accelerated toward economic and industrial deterioration which began in 1936. Russia is a pendulum country, swinging from extreme to extreme. It is the turn of foreign specialists to come back to restore order.

The Germans expect to have the field to themselves. It is one of the prizes in Hitler's willingness to come to terms with the Communists in this as the rebuff of the Fuehrer's boast of what the Germans could do if they had the Ukrainians and the Uralis. The economic vassalage of Russia, not military conquest, is now the goal. What basis the Germans have confidence in their ability to handle Soviet industry by making it

From The Times TODAY

[News and comment on international events from the London Times of this date and called from The Tribune's London Bureau.]

LONDON, April 17—Oslo stumbled to German and to domestic treachery and not to the invaders' arms, says The Times' diplomatic correspondent. No minimum was set, no declaration of war made, simply armed forces, following the methods of thug and burglar, were despatched to Oslo and as they were landing, the Norwegian government was confronted with demands not to resist, but to allow its country to become the slave of the Nazis.

The ostensible excuse for all this was the obvious fact that the Allies had intended to occupy Narvik and other places in Norway. The plan had been to stop at various points by the method of a thug and burglar, and to allow its country to become the slave of the Nazis.

Example of the treason comes from a naval station at Horten on Oslo Fjord where a crew of the Torpeden kjold were ordered to go ashore and disappear in neighboring waters. Treachery also caused the surrender of Faerøer fort on the east side of Oslo Fjord. The commander ordered the white flag hoisted, saying he had no ammunition.

Who German warships got to Tromsø so easily is explained by the fact that Norwegian ships, forced small Norwegian vessels to shield them from guns of the forces of Axelton, Narvik could not fire on their own countrymen. The Norwegian arms are still disconcerted from betrayals, but is determined to fight on.

It is in the south that they need speedy Allied help, says The Times' diplomatic correspondent. "In their view it is a race against time."

The Germans are now raiding into Norway. They threaten to cut off the line of communication of troops, says The Times' Stockholm correspondent, because a Norwegian traitor assured the German garrison at Hæzra that the train carried Norwegian soldiers. Deep snow in this district, however, is likely to make advances by stronger forces difficult.

Nazi troops are continuing to land at Tromsø by air, coming evidently from Denmark, which the Germans are using as a military base. During the fighting near Kongsvinger the Norwegians are reported to have driven 50 Germans into the Glomma river, where all were drowned.

These is much anxiety in the Balkans because of Italian naval exercises off Albania. Discovery of a German agent and spies in Slovenia, fear that Hitler is plotting against Yugoslavia, the Nazi demands for the right to police the Danube and presence of armed Nazi river boats near Vienna.

The Germans are trying to treat captured officers and crews of German submarines as honorable prisoners of war. Germany has stated the American ambassador in Berlin her intention of subjecting a similar number of captive British officers to imprisonment "and similar harsh treatment."

Col. J. H. Woods Will Give Convocation Talk

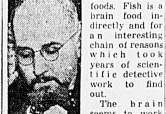
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RIGHT OR WRONG ABOUT PEOPLE

Is Fish A Brain Food?

By DONALD A. LAIRD

YES, this eating of sea food is good for brains. Being very precise and scientific, it must be said that fish do not nourish the brain directly in a way different from other foods. Fish is a brain food indirectly and for an interesting chain of reasons which I will discuss in a few days.



Dr. Laird

The brain seems to work best when it is in a b o d y which has an adequate amount of thyroxin, produced constantly by the thyroid gland situated in the neck, just below the Adam's apple. When the thyroxin is low for any reason, the brain becomes sluggish; in fact, the entire body becomes sluggish.

When the thyroxin is up to par, then the old thought machine hums along smoothly at top speed. A few pinhead-sized differences in the amount of thyroxin seem to make quite a difference in intellectual ability. It helps the thyroxin factor in our necks keep up the needed production of thyroxin, which is done by supplying small amounts of iodine. Thyroxin centres around iodine. This essential iodine has to come from the foods eaten. We can't help it along by painting our necks with tincture of iodine from the medicine chest, but might make the neck smart but would not be a smart thing to do.

It reminds us of the rhyme about the house that Jack built. Here is the fish that supplied the iodine that went into the thyroxin to make quite a difference in intellectual ability. Fresh water fish are enjoyable eating, but usually do not have ap-

preciable amounts of iodine, but sea fish, all sea foods, as a matter of fact, are among nature's best sources of iodine; and, without which, I repeat, the brain does not much, they are brain food. But, like needing a rabbit for rabbit stew, first we must have a brain to feed.

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Next: Should we try for accuracy or speed?

New Moffat Electric Ranges Are Presented

The new line of 1940 Moffat electric ranges was introduced at a sales presentation in the Royal Alexandra hotel on Tuesday attended by Charles Moffat, Western Canadian sales manager, from Vancouver; Norman Moffat and J. Hayes, sales promotion manager, and E. D. Pellerin, Moffat range designer, all from Toronto. Jack Wheatcroft, of Electrical



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THIS IS Arthur Jones

A "Scrap of Paper"



"The Kingdom of Denmark and the German Reich will in no circumstance resort to war or to any other form of violence against each other."

This photo was made in Berlin on May 31, 1938. It shows German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop (left) and Danish Foreign Minister Helvig Zahle (right) signing the German-Danish non-aggression pact. Article of the pact appears in inset.



Germany Invades Denmark

On April 9, 1940, less than a year after Germany and Denmark used a non-aggression pact, Nazi troops invaded and took over Denmark according to the Germans. "Invaded" is from the Allies. Well-drilled in the operation, German landing parties like this one came ashore in small boats, captured important Danish points without resistance.

Twenty-five years ago

April 17, 1915 OTTAWA—Canada has secured \$80,000,000 worth of contracts for shells, according to the report of the shell company reported by the minister of militia last fall. A German aviator has bombed Greenwood, near London. LONDON—Because Britain refused to treat captured officers and crews of German submarines as honorable prisoners of war, Germany has stated the American ambassador in Berlin her intention of subjecting a similar number of captive British officers to imprisonment "and similar harsh treatment."

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SNAP MAKES BLACK HANDS WHITE

WHEN the call came Arthur was a junior clerk earning a modest salary... he lived with his Mother and contributed weekly to the upkeep of the home. Arthur had a pretty good time... his friends were fine young fellows like himself... eager, energetic, buoyant with faith in the future... the kind of fellows who will fill positions of responsibility in the Canada of tomorrow. Arthur had simple tastes, good friends and a sincere faith in God. His love of country and the principles of democracy came as naturally as his respect for father and mother. Arthur Jones enlisted to defend these things! Now he is in England... soon he may be in France... soon he will be living a fantastic reality far, far removed from that simple life he knew at home. Soon, dirt, mud, danger, excitement, exhaustion will crowd upon him... and to him; as to thousands more like him, will come the hunger and the necessity for relaxation... for momentary escape. In these hastily-matched moments of relaxation the influences about Private Jones will form his character—make him a better or a worse soldier—a better or a worse man—a better or a worse citizen in the great future which awaits Canada—after the war.

The Boys depend on the Y... the Y depends on YOU

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BEHIND THE NEWS

BACKGROUND COMMENT PEOPLE LETTERS

A Commentator The Nazis Would Ban—

Italy Was Not Ready In August—But Now?

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

ROME—In August when Hitler's march into Poland was a signal for the opening of the European war, Mussolini was not prepared, politically, militarily, economically or psychologically, to take part in the war. In particular Italy was not psychologically prepared to take part in the war on the side of Germany.

Nothing whatever can be reported in Italy which does not go back eventually to the person of Mussolini himself. Those who have seen him recently report that he is vigorous, still spry and still boisterous. He appears to bet his "pro" at tennis. He appears in public less than he. The magnetic power of the popular leader is still there, but it is not being exploited to the extent that it once was.

Duce's Regime Intact

On the other hand, his regime is intact. To be sure, there is more anti-Fascist feeling than one would guess from the outside world. This means that the anti-Fascist feeling is being kept under restriction and impatience with the suppression of all criticism. Interestingly enough, this is discernible among the intelligent and educated youth in Italy, but it has lived its entire life under the present regime.

A part of this youth, who would deny that it is anti-Fascist, nevertheless feels that the Fascist regime has passed the revolutionary stage and can now afford more liberalism.

I am told that the heroes of this section are the great leaders of the Italian Fascist movement, particularly Mussolini, who represents the flower of the Fascist movement. This part of the youth is also anti-imperialist, socialistically inclined, but anti-Communism is still in support in the more liberal branches of the Church. The Church, as everybody knows, is anti-Nazi, pro-Polish and for the rights of small nations.

Inner Conflict

Furthermore, there is the outbreak of the war a considerable though unpublicized conflict going on inside the Fascist movement. The Fascist militia had a force of over 700,000 men. As the army of the party they enjoyed privileges not possessed by the regular army. They were, indeed, the pampered children of the regime.

The common soldier was getting the equivalent of 3 or 4 cents a day. The Fascist militia, on the other hand, were paid from 10 to 15 lire a day, or from 20 to 40 cents. The army, quite naturally, did not like this, and a tension developed between the regular militia which, in a far less acute degree, resembled the tenor of 1934 between Capt. Thompson's "Troopers and the German Army."

There was also popular hostility to the role that very young Hitler played in the regular police, the Carabinieri, whose actions were considered irresponsible.

What's Going On In Russia?

Picking the Heirs of Stalin

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Alike In Ruthlessness

Zhdanov, 43 years old, looks like a tough foreman or a gang of stevedores. At the sessions of the Supreme Soviet in the Kremlin I observed that the Red czar always had Zhdanov at his elbow, whispering in his ear. They are alike in their ruthlessness, their ignorance of the outside world and their ambitions. They speak the same language.

The Russian-German pact was also unpopular in Italy and not only offended the people but the turn-about-face of Germany could not easily be followed by Mussolini because of the Spanish war. It must be remembered that Hitler's participation in the Spanish war was largely by means of material. Very few Germans went to Spain under the banner of freeing Spain from Communism. Many Italian men died in Spain, and their mothers, stationed in Italy, were waiting for them to return from Italy in mourning today.

Furthermore, Germany is not traditionally popular in Italy. The German-speaking people of Austria—and that now means Germany—are traditional enemies of Italy.

The great friends of the Italian Fascist movement were English and French and Polish. German poets do not live or die for anything but Germany. Nor has Berlin offered any inducements to the patriots as London offered a haven to Mazzini. These are imprudent things that nevertheless play a role in a country as continually conscious of its history as Italy.

Get him to express himself and you will find that the average Italian considers the German to be a barbarian—descendants of the war-barbarians who were expelled from Italy by the Romans. But he is dealing with them.

The Fascist party has been reorganized. The office of the Chief of Staff and of the Secretary for War has been divided. The Fascist militia has been incorporated with the army, one regiment of five units.

And the pay of the militia and of the army are being equalized at one lira a day. The Carabinieri, the regular police—has been "purged" of most of the youth under the age of 22. All this increases the strength, popularity and prestige of the regime.

The German-Russian pact is being played down in Italy, as Goebbels has Hitler wanted to be able to announce a Rome-Berlin-Moscow axis, he has been disappointed. But it is quite in the cards that some commercial agreement will be concluded between Italy and Germany, for there will be nothing new about this. Italy was one of the first countries to recognize Moscow and had far-reaching commercial agreements with her as far back as 1925.

Parrotting Berlin

The press is conducting a pro-German and anti-British and anti-French campaign of unimpaired consistency and zeal. Furthermore, if Germany is unpopular with the masses, the Great Britain. Sections are more recent than the anti-French-German oppression of pre-1914. The Italian press and the German press are playing down Hitler's role in the photograph of M. Reynaud and Sumner Welles as played up simultaneously and abroad. In the same words in the Italian and the German press, the co-ordination of propaganda is being emphasized.

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The Italian Goosestep



This Italian imitation of the German goosestep is paralleled by Italian imitations of German anti-British propaganda.

From The Times Today

[News and comment on international events from the London Times of this date and cables from The Tribune's London Bureau.]

LONDON, April 18.—British troops in Norway are extending. Apart from the bombardment of Stavanger aerodrome and bombing of Trondheim, there has been no fighting in the British zone, and as reported from Stockholm, it is apparently only a question of days before the Germans in northern Norway will have to give way to British attack.

Trondheim is the centre of German Nazi activity and the invaders are busily fortifying it. The main line of the railway from this Atlantic port to Stockholm on the Swedish frontier is held by a thin line of German troops, thus cutting Norway to the north. The Norwegians, who are everywhere, are making a stand against a shortage of gas, munitions and transport. They are making a stand inland from Trondheim, but the guns of the fortress of Hegra are now silent, though the Norwegians continue to hold it. The defence of the fortress region in the southern part of Norway has been almost abandoned. Troops there have crossed into Sweden and have been interned.

More Treachery

More evidence of treachery comes from every batch of Norwegians who have taken refuge in Sweden. One Norwegian captain is said to have been shot by a Swede when he was ordered to surrender. The rifles sent out to some Norwegian units were found useless through sabotage. German spies have been found in Norwegian uniforms.

U.S. Exports To Russia

All industries in Germany-owned Norway are coming to a halt. In many places it is reported in many places that Chief Jonas Lie, whom Quisling nominated as minister, is in justice in his puppet government. The Norwegian army is holding well around like Moscow and in Helsinki they have hit back furiously.

Who Are The Rivals?

Who are the rivals of this man who may wear Stalin's mantle? Molotov? No. He lacks all the qualities of leadership. He is an orderly administrator, an industrial expert, but he lacks the spark of leadership. He is a man of letters, but he is not a man of letters. He is a man of letters, but he is not a man of letters.

Twenty-five years ago

April 18, 1915

LONDON.—The British destroyer Herald, carrying up the British flag, was on a scouting mission for over 10 miles, farther than any British ship has yet gone. A heavy fire was encountered, but the Herald was not hit. The battleship was not hit. The battleship was not hit.

Russia are disclosed in statistics published here—far greater in amount than were sent before the war to all Soviet ports coming largely in this contraband traffic through Vladivostok.

The Italian press continues to mock at the British campaign in Norway as "a fatally risky operation." The policy of striking up Italian anger against the Allies continues and Ronald Cross, minister of economic warfare, has bluntly told Mussolini that he wants to be treated as a neutral he must behave like one.

Not By Economics CHICAGO—Germany's economic weaknesses are not sufficient to defeat her, Dr. Klaus Brandt, internationally known expert on foodstuffs and raw materials, declared Tuesday before the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. A refugee, he is now economist for the Food Research Institute at Stanford university.

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BEHIND THE NEWS ... COMMENT ... LETTERS ... PEOPLE ...

The Netherlands Steps Down Hard On Would-Be Nazi Traitors Dutch "Fifth Column" is Having Sorry Time

By VICTOR BODKER (By Wireless and Licensed Writer to Tribune)
AMSTERDAM.—It is found that in the Netherlands the country's Dutch Nazi leaders have focussed attention on how the country is dealing with the problem of German sympathizers and the steps being taken to insure its integrity and neutrality.

Ad in Code
All the information I have been able to gather about Mussert and his movement has convinced me that it is not to be taken too seriously. The Dutch Nazis are treated contemptuously by the Dutch people as a whole.

There is reason to believe that certain number of Dutch army officers have Nazi sympathies and that the recent "purge" of the higher ranks of the army, beginning with the commander-in-chief, General Keyserling, was mainly due to Queen Wilhelmina's determination to rid the army of all those

come when The Netherlands has to face a German invasion. It would be found that a great number of Dutch fanatics would be helping the aggressor. But it is claimed these fanatics are all known and would be put safely under lock and key before they could do any damage.

Not Inspiring
Mussert, founder of the Dutch Nazi party, can scarcely be called an inspiring figure as a leader. He is short and corpulent and he rather fancies he looks like Napoleon especially with a look of baldness falling over his forehead.

Physical Culture Clubs
By government decree the wearing of any uniform except those officially recognized is forbidden. This means the disappearance from the streets of the Dutch Nazis' black shirts and riding breeches.

What's Going On In Russia?—
Workers Fight Brought the Purge
Yet little mention of the "happy life" caused Soviet citizens to make very faces. At the beginning of 1940 they were obliged to obtain virtually every item of food, except bread, and furs.

The Lovely Coffee Tin
Household articles are non-existent. During the January cold spell, Russian acquaintances of mine, who was well stocked up with useless rubles, told me that, although he had an oil stove, he could not use it because he had no kerosene for it.

The Myth Of An Advance
Shortages of goods and food do not imply the result of the Finnish war. They were aggravated by the war, but the tendency had been observed long before.

The Life To Come
The answer to why such Soviet predictions have been taken to the Soviet masses 22 years after the Bolshevik revolution. For a score of years the Russian people have been buoyed up by promises of a better life to come, ranging from more material advantages than enjoyed in capitalist countries to the promise of a life of plenty.

Twenty-five Years Ago
From the Files of The Tribune
April 19, 1915
LONDON.—The British lines in northern France have been pushed forward three miles after a week's fighting.

Letters to The Editor
Is It The Proper Time For A Vacation?
To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir.—We are informed that the Prime Minister is taking a three weeks' holiday in the United States during the next few days.

Y.M.C.A. The Boys depend on the Y ... the 'Y' depends on YOU
Here the name "Arthur Jones" is used as a symbol ... any boy on service today ... the Army, Navy or Air Force. His experiences and needs, however, are common to all.

Right or Wrong About People
Why Are Public Schools Empty?
The Spanish And Italian Press
To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir.—I am always reading your thoughtful editorials and appreciate them but I never expect to read in them what you wrote Monday, April 15, regarding Spain and Italy.

The Norwegian Fronts
British troops, having made contact with the Norwegians, more confidence has been gained in the Norwegian army and it is now being sent to the northern part of the country.

Cancelled Mortgage
BEELIN.—Because he cancelled mortgage on a house in Karlsruhe near the Siegfried Line at the outbreak of the war, Dr. F. Ruh, director of an industrial enterprise in Karlsruhe, was placed in a concentration camp, according to the organ of the German Schutz Staffeln, picked Hitler guards, and of all

To Impress The Duces?
German lies about extensive damage to the British fleet caused by their aircraft are evidently designed to impress other powers with the idea that our superiority at sea will be neutralized by aircraft.

Wanted: A Man
The boys depend on the Y ... the 'Y' depends on YOU
The Y.M.C.A. is now appealing for funds to carry on this work—\$103,000 is urgently needed NOW—and to the Canadian public the 'Y' turns with faith and confidence that we shall not fail those who are giving so much to preserve for us the democratic way of life.

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