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Last Night's Raids

Bombs on Dusseldorf and Naples

AN AIRCRAFT of Bomber Command attacked objectives in North-West Germany last night.

The main objective was Dusseldorf, where railways and industrial districts were heavily bombed.

The docks at Ostend and aerodromes in the Low Countries were also attacked. One of our aircraft is missing.

It was the second night in succession that our bombers were over Germany. On the previous night, after an eleven-day break, a considerable force raided Emden and other targets in North-West Germany. Some of the largest ports in Europe lie in this area.

AACHEN AND COLOGNE ATTACKED, SAY NAZIS

To-day's German High Command communique states that "British bombers last night attacked residential districts in Western Germany, in particular at Aachen and Cologne, and destroyed or damaged a number of dwelling-houses, causing some casualties among the population."

NAPLES BOMBED

Today's Italian communique states that the R.A.F. also raided Naples last night, causing substantial damage to buildings.

Bombs on Britain

Early last night a small number of enemy aircraft dropped bombs at a few points in East Anglia and South-Eastern England, chiefly in coastal districts. Some damage was caused and a small number of people were injured.

A single German plane was believed to be in the vicinity of a West of England town during daylight this morning. There was some gunfire, and a few minutes later a formation of British fighters roared overhead and disappeared in the same direction as the enemy aircraft.

JAPAN IS READY TO STRIKE
PACIFIC TENSION AT BREAKING-POINT

THE whole of the Far East has been plunged into expectancy by reports that the United States-Japan talks have reached a deadlock. Though officials at Singapore decline to speculate, it is clear that the view expressed in Manila yesterday, that "anything may happen," is fully shared.

Japan's armies in China and elsewhere have been noticeably inactive during the past few weeks, but there is every evidence that they are using the lull to take up new positions, from which, if Tokio gives the signal, they will be ready to strike quickly.

America's Demands

WASHINGTON, Friday.

Not even after the Japanese bombing of the United States gunboat Panay, in the Yangtze, in December, 1937, was tension between Japan and the United States greater than now, when new aggressive steps by Japanese would probably throw the United States into "war in the Pacific."

Until a day or two ago the United States was still disposed to be conciliatory. Then came Japan's renewed adherence to the anti-Comintern pact which the United States had suggested she should leave, and the receipt of news that even while Mr. Kurusu was stating that Japan was willing to withdraw from French Indo-China Japan was landing new troops there, and preparing for offensive action.

These developments caused a dramatic change here; they completely undermined belief in Japan's sincerity in seeking an agreement with the United States.

It is generally accepted that the document which Mr. Cordell Hull handed to Mr. Kurusu on Wednesday contained demands to Japan to

withdraw from the Axis, China, and Indo-China, and return to the "open door" policy.

Official circles in Washington are silent but unofficial observers regard Japan's actions during the conversations here as insulting and impertinent to a great nation.

Japan's leaders have this week missed the best chance they have ever had of securing American friendship by withdrawing from the paths of aggression.

Washington observers now feel that Japan must either cave in at once unconditionally, or allow relations to deteriorate until she commits national suicide in a war with the United States and the rest of the A.B.C.D. Powers.

"Be Prepared"

While pointing out that the United States-Japan conversations have not been broken off, the "New York Times" declared: "We shall be wise if we anticipate the end of these discussions and prepare ourselves for the situation which will then arise."

"The American people do not want war on the other side of the Pacific, but the American people are pledged, in the interest of their own security, to furnish aid to those nations resisting aggression, and they will continue to furnish aid to China."

The paper then warns the Japanese Government that it should not be assuming that the United States is powerless to act in the Pacific because of her present greater obligations in the Atlantic.

Senator Connally chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said to-day that the Far Eastern situation was coming to boiling point, but "it isn't going to boil." Senator George described Japanese troops movements towards Thailand as "largely bluff."

Peace Talks Continuing

Mr. Koh Ishii, the official Japanese spokesman, stated to-day, according to Tokio radio, that the Japanese-American conversations are still continuing.

Mr. Togo, the Japanese Foreign Minister, laid Mr. Cordell Hull's memorandum on the U.S.-Japan talks before the Japanese Cabinet to-day. After discussing "all phases of the talks" for nearly two hours, the Cabinet adjourned.

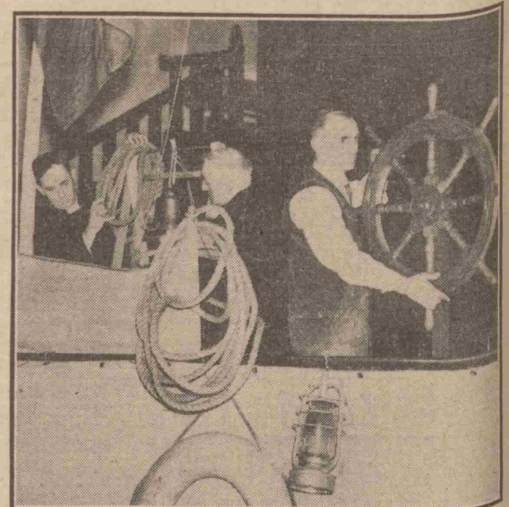
Mr. Ichi Kishi, Deputy Japanese Spokesman, said that the text of Mr. Hull's memorandum reached the Foreign Office late last night. He was unable to say "when or whether" Japan would reply to the communication.

Mr. Kishi admitted a widespread public demand in Japan for the rejection of any temporary or makeshift solution.

"Yomiuri Shimbun" states: "If the United States continues to ignore our conditions for a peaceful settlement of Pacific problems there is little or no room left for a solution."

U.S. Army Stands By in Hawaii

HONOLULU, Friday. Troops in field equipment are guarding public utilities, radio stations, bridges, and other key points in Hawaii following orders placing U.S. army units "on the alert."



Workmen transforming the rostrum at the Central Hall, Coventry, into a ship's bridge, in readiness for the seafarers' service on Sunday night.

M.P. Asks for Car Ownership Limitation

NOTICE of a question has been given by Dr. S. J. Peters, M.P. for Huntingdonshire, to the Secretary for Petroleum asking him "whether he will take steps to stop persons owning two or more motor cars from licensing both or all such motor-cars and using the petrol obtained for these motor cars in one motor car only, and whether he will have a needs test imposed in cases where more than one motor car is being used by a person or his family."

Women Can Answer Services' Plea for More Equipment

The Service man's point of view with regard to equipment was put before a gathering at the Women's War Work Exhibition at the Central Hall, Coventry, yesterday afternoon, by Colonel R. K. A. Macaulay, R.A., who has been in Malta for a year or so.

"If a soldier is asked to fight with his bare hands against a fully equipped man he won't cut any ice at all," he said.

In Norway, France, Greece, and Crete we had to give way, not before better fighting men, but because we were ill-equipped. It took Germany five years to prepare for this war, and perhaps for longer they had been making equipment. Yet some of our factories were not working 100 per cent, because they could not get the labour they needed to maintain output.

Women were to-day turning out work that a few years ago it would have been thought impossible for them to do. The Services were asking for more equipment and more men.

"We can only get more men if we can introduce more women into the factories," said he. In Libya now there was a heavy drain on our equipment, and it would be the force that could maintain itself in the field longest that would gain victory."

Nationalisation the Key to Coal Miners' Leaders

A CLAIM that nationalisation of mines would improve coal production was made by leaders of the Mineworkers' Federation, when they met a sub-committee of the National Council of Labour, at Transport House, to-day.

Mr. J. Bowman, the Federation's vice-president, declared: "The removal of the dead hand of capitalism and private interest would be one of the greatest possible contributions to the solution of the coal problem."

The Council has agreed that there should be a survey of the policy of the movement in relation to the mining industry.

Hitherto the Labour Party has held that while there could be no disagreement on the principle of nationalisation, it could not be regarded as a practical policy for the launching of legislative proposals in the middle of the war.

Jews in U.S. Want their Own Army

NEW YORK, Friday. The U.S. "Committee for a Jewish Army" has announced that it will confer in Washington on steps to form a Jewish Army on Palestine to fight for the survival of the Jewish people and preservation of democracy.

Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in Palestine, who recently arrived here, stated that the creation of a Jewish Army would require mobilisation of Palestinian Jews to defend their country and British possessions in the Middle East and of others outside Palestine to fight with the Allies on any front.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

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 5.30 p.m. to 8.22 a.m.
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sir Albert Barratt, a director of the sweet firm, died at his home at Totteridge Park, Hert's, early to-day, aged 81. He had been ill for about a fortnight.

Fog covered the Straits of Dover this morning, when the weather was cloudy and unsettled. The wind remained in the south-west and the sea was calm.

Hungarian students took part in anti-Jewish demonstrations at Klausberg University, states a Budapest despatch to the German news agency. Police dispersed the mob.

Mr. R. G. Tredgold (Rhodesian Minister of Finance), started to-day that, after two years, Rhodesian ground casualties totalled only 114, of which sixteen were killed or died of wounds, 28 died on active service, 33 were wounded, 26 were prisoners, and eleven are missing.

Two people have been executed at Nancy on a charge of being in possession of arms, says a message from Vichy.