

POLISH ARMY OF 60,000 NOW IN THE EAST

H.M.S. Pimpernel's 'Visitors' Book'

On the walls of the wardroom of H.M.S. Pimpernel are over 150 signatures—silent tributes to the gallantry of the crew of this Atlantic escort corvette.

They are the names of survivors hailed aboard by the Pimpernel in the North Atlantic. Every one of them on a merchant ship sunk by U-boat or enemy plane.

The names include: Chinese, Indonesians, Indians, Norwegians, Malays, and Swedes.

Two women who had been rescued from a drifting boat also signed.

INVASION ADVICE

MANY questions about the true role of the population of Great Britain in the event of an invasion were answered in the House of Commons by Mr. D. R. Morrison, Home Secretary, yesterday.

The Government was determined to implement the "fast-track" policy, he declared.

Mr. Stanley Reed (U.-Aylesbury) had said that local authorities were "seriously perturbed" at the possibility of an exodus from London and other large towns, and Mr. Morrison's reply was: "We are in touch with all the authorities concerned on this matter."

FURTHER GUIDANCE

The discussion was opened by Mr. A. P. Herbert (Ind.-Oxford Univ.), who suggested that, as some confusion and ignorance prevailed concerning the duties of civilians, a further pamphlet should be issued.

Mr. Morrison replied that such further guidance as might be desirable would be given from time to time, although not necessarily through the medium of a leaflet.

Other points in Mr. Morrison's replies were:

1. The Government intends to organize women up to the maximum use as an invasion.

2. When the ban on coastal areas is lifted, it is probable that some of the women will be sent to the coast to work in the factories.

3. The Government is not planning to remove persons who entered the country before the war.

4. It was not on his authority that the Home Office had instructed all householders to give shelter to evacuees in their homes.

5. It was not contemplated that improved shelter should be provided when invasion appeared to be imminent.

More Price Control

Knitting yarns and toilet paper prices have been controlled, says the Board of Trade.

Householders will have to exhibit notices giving the controlled prices and the maximum prices for customers' inspection.

H. SAMUEL

THE EMPIRE'S LARGEST JEWELLER

99 BRANCHES

55 UNION ST., ABERDEEN

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Reservoir of Manpower for North Africa

By LEONARD MOSLEY, "Press and Journal" Correspondent in Middle East

A GRINNING Polish major with a close-clipped beard, wearing a British warm and battle-dress buttoned tightly around him, stepped ashore from a Russian lighter at Pabevi, on the Caspian Sea, and saluted a high British officer waiting on shore. "Polish officer from Russia reporting, sir," he said in perfect English, "and awaiting further orders."

As he spoke thousands of Polish troops crammed the rails of a Soviet transport, anchored a mile away and swarms of men in lighters making for the shore raised their voices above the wind in a gigantic cheer.

It was known last night that the Russians are massing big forces to cover the southern front, and that they will put up a terrific struggle, aided by the powerful reserves they have called up and by British and American weapons.

Thus I can say with the latest addition to the Great Middle East Army of the Allies, which will form an Army of 60,000 Polish troops, that the Polish Army, arrived on Persian territory a few weeks ago.

For many months these men and women (they have brought civilian women and children with them) and more than a thousand trained members of the Polish Women's Army have been languishing in Russia awaiting the moment when they could get back into the fight again.

Most of them are veterans of battles for Warsaw, Cracow and Lublin, and have been through tough times.

Reports indicate that the morale of the troops is high. First thing they asked was when they would be equipped and be ready for battle against the Hun.

BRITISH EQUIPMENT

Most of them who came ashore in the first unit of the new Polish Army to reach the Middle East were clad in British battle-dress, though the major, who preceded them in their garden.

They were the first and best of the Polish troops who had been waiting for the moment when they could get back into the fight again.

At GILMOREHILL

When at Gilmorehill he joined the 2nd Infantry Division and was commissioned from there to the Clyde Division. Mr. Ennis said.

"He was then appointed inspector of the 2nd Infantry Division, and a half year later when war broke out he was in the front line."

Mr. Ennis mentioned that his son was living at Bearsden, where he was working for the firm of Messrs. J. & J. Ennis.

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Two Jeans Go To Jail

THE two Scottish girl war workers, Jean Addison (21), and Jean Fotheringham (22), captain operators of the St. John's Hospital, Coventry, were each sentenced to twenty-eight days' hard labour at Coventry yesterday for absconding from a Coventry factory.

Their case was reheard after another bench had failed on Wednesday to agree how they should be punished.

The girls were presented at the rehearing by Mr. S. G. Ansell, who said that they were not happy in their work and various complaints regarding wages and other matters caused discontent in their minds.

They might have been labouring under a sense of grievance or mistaken grievance and did not do what they should have done. They were now sentenced to cause no further trouble.

The chairman, Alderman Fred Lee, said that the girls had taken the law into their own hands and had broken the law.

FROM STIRLING

Jean Fotheringham's parents live in Stirling, and Jean Addison lives in Stirling, and they were both married.

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Wartime Humour



'PASSPORT TO MURDER'

A "PASSPORT TO MURDER" was found on Harold Oswald Hewell (40), aircraft worker, Hewell Road, Redditch, who was charged with murdering Joyce Dixon (27), Rowan Way Northfield, Birmingham.

Mr. Pugh, prosecuting, said that Miss Dixon and Merry, a married woman, were both working at the same factory, on March 20 they went to London for 20 days after their return Miss Dixon left home.

Her brother went to Merry's home, where Merry was found strangled. Miss Dixon was in the room at the time of the murder.

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DOLE FUND MILLIONS

THERE was nearly £20,000,000 surplus in the Unemployment Insurance Fund at the end of last year. Before the end of this year it will be nearly £16,000,000.

But anticipating hard times after the war, the Statutory Committee has decided to recommend the balance. Rather it should be retained as a nest-egg.

Last year's income was £7,600,000, and expenditure was only £1,742,788.

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PERHAPS NOT ENOUGH

The level of unemployment after the war is unpredictable, say the committee.

"If the mass unemployment which marked the aftermath of the last war is repeated after this war, even such a balance as the Unemployment Fund may expect to hold at the end of the present year might well prove insufficient to meet the needs of the unemployed."

The committee have recommended that the halfpenny in the Unemployment Insurance Fund should be retained as a nest-egg.

Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the U.S.A., has been invited to give the opening address to the Royal Society of St. George of England last night.

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Secret Statement by Premier

FUEL RATIONS

DEBATE SOON

FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVE WESTMINSTER, Thursday.

BEFORE the Government's hotly-criticised fuel rationing scheme is introduced there is to be a full-dress debate in the House of Commons.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Leader of the House, announced to-day that it is proposed "at an early date to give M.P.s an opportunity of discussing the Beveridge Report before any Order is made."

Sir Stafford is to make a statement on his Indian Independence Bill at the next sitting of Parliament and this will lead to a general debate.

Before the House went into Secret Session to-day to hear a statement on the war situation by the Prime Minister, Lord Arthur Greenwood, leader of the Labour Party, asked if after the Secret Session to-day the Government would be in mind the very strong desire on the part of the House and in the country for a continuation of this war debate.

PUBLIC DEBATE

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