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July 1940.

Dear Lord Noel-Buxton,

I am sending you a little pamphlet on the present political situation. I realise you are a busy man, but I would be glad if you would read at least the proposed Declaration of Rights on pp. 81-7 and the Memorandum on propaganda on pp. 101-114

I believe the country is suffering enormously from the pointless ambiguity of its propaganda abroad, and I think that if this Declaration is adopted as a statement of our War Aims, it will assert the position of an awakening Britain as the defender of a new free order throughout the world, provide an effective reputation of the "British Case" as stated by Lord Halifax and Lord Lloyd, and rescue us from the evil reputation of our past association with Franco and reaction generally throughout Europe.

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I suggest that this Declaration can be adopted at once by your party organisation, and urged upon the Foreign Office as an official statement of the national intentions. I will be only too glad of an opportunity of discussing any difficulties that may occur to you, and in any case I ask you for a definite statement of your intentions in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

H.J. Wells

A. Buxton (3)

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Close Season For Bishops

May I make a plea for sanity in this problem of paratroops and parashots? Ever since the Germans were reported to have dropped paratroops disguised as clergymen on Holland, respect for the cloth has in some parts of the countryside given way to odium and suspicion. Parsons are eyed narrowly in lanes and stalked over fields by sportsmen with rook rifles. A rural incumbent of my acquaintance, who is in the habit of cycling round his parish, feels that he is nearer to martyrdom than any Christian since the days of Nero—and this in a district where he is known. Imagination shrinks from the probable fate of a visiting bishop. Rustic intuition would at least diagnose his hat as a portable wireless transmitter and blow his head off.

I suspect the sowing of this suspicion is a shrewd blow in the Nazi war against religion. It is particularly unjust, as it was the Bishop of Chelmsford who originally proposed an L. D. V. Corps unavailingly some months ago in his Diocesan Gazette.

F. N. Boyd, Lexden Road, Colchester.

Short-Sighted Democrats



I agree with the Declaration of Rights. So would most other people if they bothered to read it. But that is the trouble. While Wells is pointing out the advantages of the carefully framed Declaration, Conservatives, Liberals and Labourites and the rest are busy putting blinkers on themselves so that they shan't be able to see anything but the immediate problems facing them.

P. M. Hastings, Hamilton Ave., Ilford.

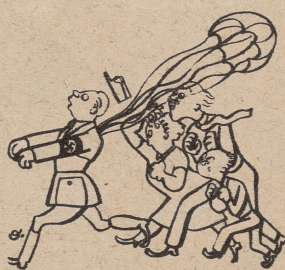
Our Last Invaders

Should Hitler manage to drop paratroops on our soil, this would not be our first invasion since 1066, as some people appear to think. In 1545, during the reign of Henry VIII, a French fleet landed two thousand soldiers in the Isle of Wight. Other landings were made in Brighton and along the Sussex coast. Henry took command; our southern shores were manned, and the French fleet, after a careful examination of our coast, wisely returned to France, leaving behind sixty thousand prisoners.

Even in those days they had their Haw-Haw. Francis I, of France, in a letter to his rival, the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, boasted that he had captured the Isle of Wight, Southampton and Portsmouth!

H. O. Miles, 31 Watling St., Canterbury.

Linguistic Defence



Your "Ready French" (May 18) with its directions for pronunciation, have caused a fearful epidemic of grimacing in our family, what with pushing our faces this way and that way. In the event of Nazi paratroops landing in Regent's Park, we shall go out in a body and talk French at them. To hear us talking the language of our allies would bewilder them, and the faces we pull should do the rest.

S. R. Kenton, Regents Park Rd., N.W.3.

Sour Grapes?



You write of the Fossett Family Circus (May 18) as if it were a very extraordinary thing for an entire family to be in the business. On the other hand, when one considers the difficulties of training oneself for circus life in ordinary home surroundings, and almost certainly in the face of parental opposition, it is surprising to me that anyone manages to break into this foolish profession.

B. D. Morgan, Oakley St., Chelsea, S.W.

French With One or Two Tears

When I learned French, I learned to say, *je suis, tu es, il est*. Yes, I know why you omitted it. But anyone who goes to see a French talking film, basing his knowledge of the language on your declension of the verb *être*, is going to be rather puzzled by the appearance of a hitherto unmentioned pronoun. After all, it is used, and you could translate it by "thou." Without it, how are you going to explain away the fine old verb, *tutoyer*? And if you read through the "h's" in the French dictionary you'll find a surprising number of words where the "h" is aspirated.

Mrs. J. D. Aunan, Yorkshire Street, Oldham, Lancs.

Self-supporting Lovelies



The pictures of the lovely young ladies in "The New Swim Suits Arrive" (May 18) were a welcome break in a weary world, but why are they all leaning to the right at an angle of 60 degrees? They looked as if they were falling down, and one longed to turn half the pictures round the other way so that they were supporting one another. Why did you do this? Was it to remind us that we live in an unsettled world?

Colin Baker, Pride Hill, Shrewsbury.

Mr. Noel-Baker—A Correction

In his article in PICTURE POST this week, Mr. H. G. Wells says: "We have read speeches and articles by Mr. Lloyd George advocating a peace settlement now. Mr. Noel-Baker sings the same tune." Judging by all Mr. Lloyd George's recent declarations, Mr. Wells would not appear to have very strong evidence for what he says about him. I think he can have no evidence at all for what he says about me. I am certain that peace is impossible, and that no negotiations could, or should, be begun while Hitler keeps his troops and police in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Norway. I have never written or said a single sentence in the last twelve months which is inconsistent with this view.

Philip Noel-Baker, House of Commons.

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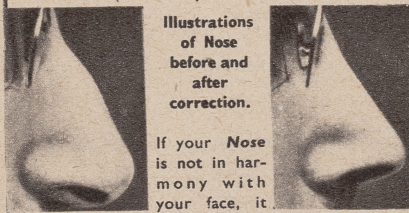
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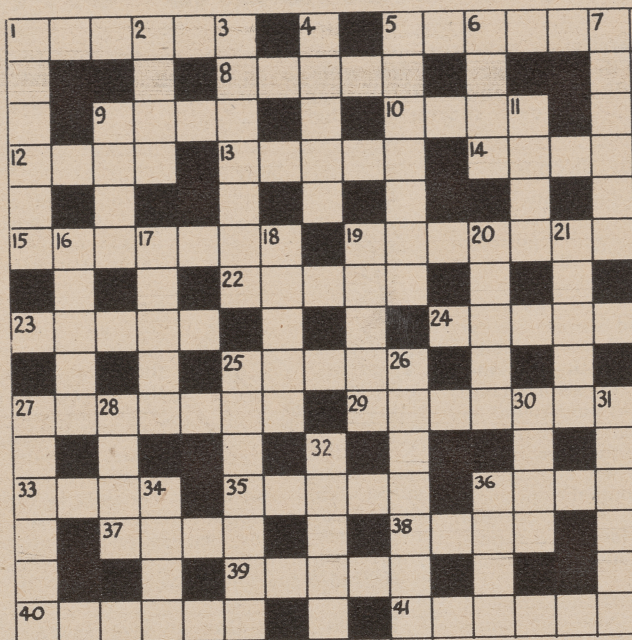
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- DOWN**
- If she turns round she looks the same (4).
 - Back room? (4).
 - Day at the sales (7).
 - Fruit for a very charming damsel (5).
 - Will make things go farther (7).
 - Not brand new (4).
 - Arrange something to sit on (6).
 - Couple, but it only sounds like half in France (4).
 - To steal in a shop, and an impossible

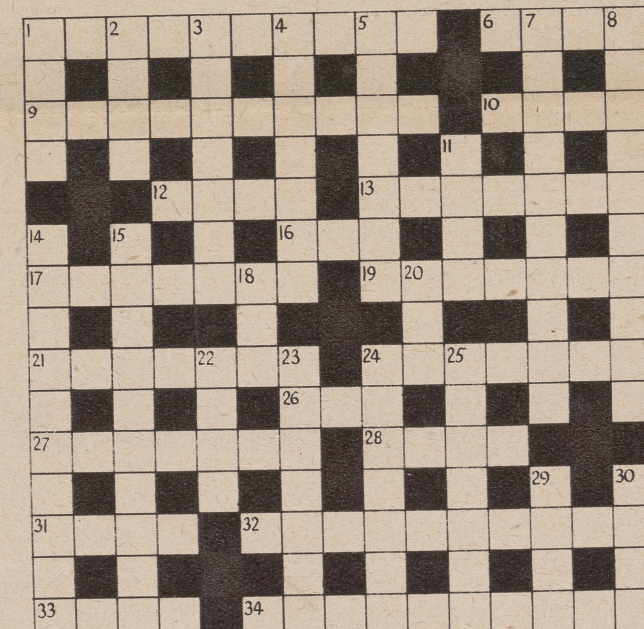
- thing to steal in a shop (4).
- Call up, but scarcely on the phone (5).
- The fire is not put out when it does this (5).
- Clothes assumed on rising? (Hyphen 3 and 2).
- Neckwear for the gardener? (5).
- Some people won't stand this, but children love it (5).
- A popular change of linen in Russia (5).

- Encouragement in a tug may appear in a train (7).
- A Herts town with some internal irritation (7).
- Smaller than a trunk suggests what to do to it (6).
- Alexander the Little (4).
- A school of note (4).
- There are any number in Shakespeare (6).
- The design I get in is clear (5).

- FAIRLY EASY**
- Become dim—or deaf? (4).
 - Vessel that fills half Brighton (4).
- ACROSS**
- If a nail comes under it, it's likely to be damaged, not sold (6).
 - If you draw them, you go home; if you stir them, you go faster (6).
 - Occurrence that starts the day before (5).
 - Literary composition (4).
 - Good winding-up dance (4).
 - Not exactly miserly, but not far off (4).
 - There's often a bust up there (5).
 - What one eats and drinks in a legislative assembly (4).
 - Ring off first and then you'll get her (7).
 - You couldn't term this a dignified exit (7).
 - If stopped, go on all the longer (5).
 - Not quite so fast there! (5).
 - Kind of vegetable gift none want to receive (5).
 - Drink for strikers? (5).
 - A foggy simile (two words, 3 and 4).
 - Brought up to scratch? (7).
 - May cook a count's dinner (4).
 - Spring shade (5).
 - Drill does (4).
 - Far from excited, but still it may be (4).
 - One of Nature's weapons (4).
 - Me? I was miles away at the time! (5).
 - Just a spot where the traveller used to get it (6).
 - How things do alter when it gets dark! (6).

RATHER HARDER

- ACROSS**
- Hitler often is in his speeches—anyhow, he's enough to make a cat so (10).
 - Part of a metal cover (4).
 - Quality you'd expect to find in a bounder? (10).
 - This school possesses tone (4).
 - Bit of furniture that goes so far yet not so far (4).
 - It's given in a nutshell, though its final instalment fills a large volume (7).
 - The part of 8 down that means study (3).
 - Beef tin (anag.) (7).
 - The highest, and the inexperienced driver may do it (7).
 - Chaffing less noisily (7).
 - Got me an anagram, this car gadget (7).
 - The sorry part of cruelty (3).
 - It's disgusting to make a noise about nothing before a large number (7).
 - Station, possibly full of taxis (4).
 - German river (4).
 - Science of eating (not necessarily light meals as you'd imagine from its start) (10).
 - Looks both ways (4).
 - Man who struck me as a mere youth (10).

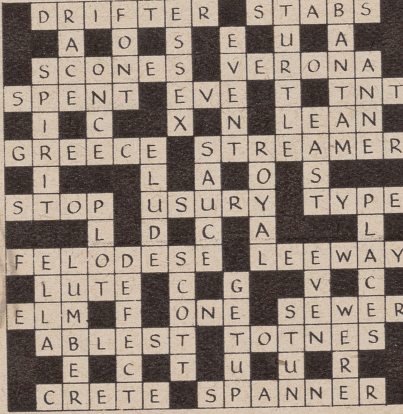
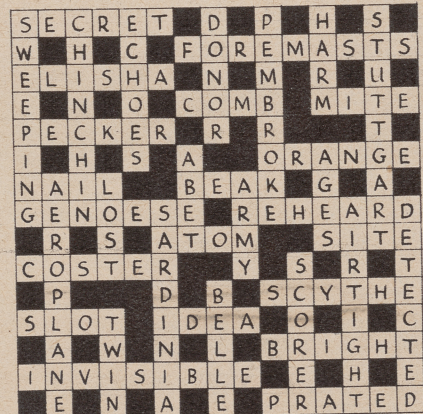


- while describing the story not heard on the stage. (Two words, 4 and 3).
- This isn't quite right (7).
- A change produces a nice tan when no longer younger (7).
- His business is looking up (10).
- Satisfied to begin

- Slack now, but a rare sticker with two more letters (4).
- People who run away with the don's braces (10).
- Can a man like this ever be really fed up? (10).
- Tavern (3).

- Eggs (3).
- They certainly smelt it (4).
- If it's thrown at you, throw it back at once! (7).
- It makes me tired (7).
- Italian craft (7).
- This wine contains water (4).
- Changes colour without blushing (4).

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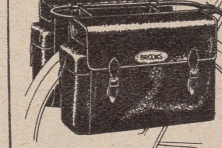
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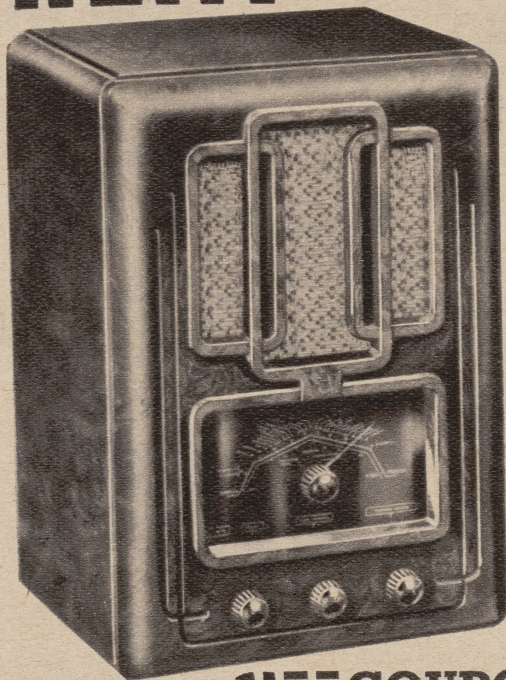
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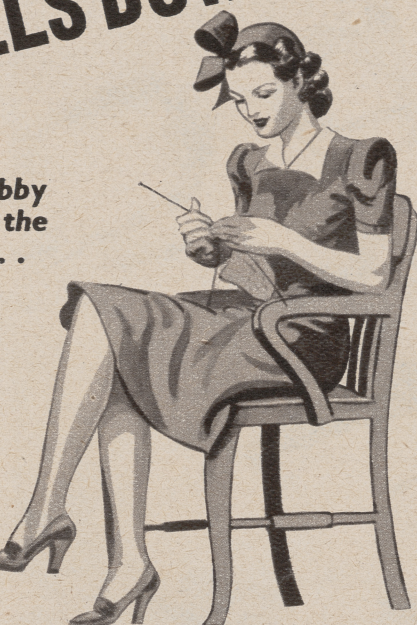
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