ROAD TO LENINGRAD NOT FIT FOR MAN OR BEAST

Usually free-wheeling Germans find this road toward Leningrad from the northeast a muddy one. Official German photo portrays one of many difficulties encountered by invaders in epic-battle for heroically defended second city of Russia.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

GERMANY ABOLISHES THE BIBLE

The Ottawa Bible Society reveals that sales of Bibles in Germany dropped from 250,000 in 1939 to 68,000 in 1940. Berlin and Vienna are the only cities where the distribution of Bibles is now permitted.

This is hardly surprising. How could the Germans display any inconsistency in their policies of pillage and rapine; in their godless acts of murder and destruction. The only surprising thing about it is that Bibles still can be distributed in Berlin and Vienna, although no doubt this is in diminishing numbers. Perhaps those who receive the Bibles are at once placed under suspicion.

In the Bible there always is to be found something to solace the sad at heart to give strength to the worried and weary; to give the real meaning to life on earth. The Nazis would not want too many Bibles in Germany because it might lead to great confusion in the minds of Germans who are still not convinced that the Nazi creed is the only one.

The Germans, in their devilish drive for world domination, offer to their subjects no room for hope, for solace, for charity; no room for persons of good will; for those whose minds do not run to the Nazi pattern. So Germany cannot allow free circulation of the Bible. People might read there that the way of the unjust, of the transgressor, of the cruel and oppressive, is a hard way. They might become doubtful. It would be too bad for Hitler if a great many in Germany became doubtful.

—Ottawa Evening Journal.

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FARM EFFICIENCY

Pigg is pigs' is not a good wartime motto for farmers. The present emergency creates an extraordinary demand for fodstuffs which rules out any blind dependence on what Providence may choose to produce from the fields. It requires a stepping up in production both in quantity and quality, and this fact is recognized by action taken by governments both here and in the United States.

The Dominion Department of Agriculture is engaged on a campaign to improve the quality of Canadian eggs. The American Department sets out on a house-to-house canvass of the farms, to put over a campaign having as its object the fitting of 1942 crops to wartime needs.

To the layman, and perhaps to many farmers, an egg is an egg. But, as the Dominion authorities point out, there are graduations of quality in such products, just as there are fruits and vegetables and grains. With Britain appealing for more and more eggs, the government does well to issue practical instructions whereby, through proper rearing, housing and feeding, hens can be made to produce a higher quality.

There must be more specific planning of farm production. The time has, temporarily at least, gone by for farmers to gear their output to the exigencies of local or district markets which they can determine by personal observation. They must prepare to serve distant consumers, and they must turn for advice and guidance to the authorities who are acquainted, through study and negotiation, with the needs of Britain.—Windsor Daily Star.

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HE WENT FOR A WALK

William Gallacher lone Communist member, lost his temper in the British House of Commons the other day, called Prime Minister Churchill a blackguard and accused him of lying, and left the House still fuming. Reports say he went for a walk. When he returned to the House he apologized to the speaker and the the House and asked for complete withdrawal of his remarks about the Prime Minister.

The point in this repeated story is that Mr. Gallacher went for a walk.

There's nothing like going for a walk when a man loses his temper and makes a fool of himself. The walk clears his head and brings him back to rationality.

—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

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EDUCATION KEPT UP IN BRITAIN

When the heavy German bombings of Great Britain destroyed schools among other buildings, education was disrupted for the time being. However, by this time 96 per cent of the children taking elementary classes are rceeiving full-time instruction.

And, satisfactory progress has been made in restoring upper educational facilities.

It is good that the schools are being continued. The children of today will be the men and women of tomorrow and it is highly important that their education be not neglected.

VISITING CHICKENS

Why does a chicken cross the road? Usually to get in the neighbor's garden. A Kansas City woman was sick of having visiting chickens in her garden. She pushed them into a taxi and drove off to police headquarters. Police held the chickens until their owner showed up and promised to keep them on the right side of the road.

—Sault Daily Star.

IT WILL NOT

Victory will not be won by driving a car 60 or 70 mile an hour with the letter V stuck on the rear window—Petrolia Advertiser-Topic.

THE WAR - WEEK — Commentary on Current Events

Two Invasion Riddles Considered: Invasion of Europe and England

There is very great danger that the Nazis may force their way into the Caucasus, thus jeopardizing the Allied position in the Middle East and the whole Mediterranean zone. The gravity of this situation calls for a major distraction to relieve the pressure on the Red armies. Would a general invasion of Western Europe be the answer? Mr. H. G. Wells, the British writer says:

"Today, we have command of the sea, we have the submarine problem well in hand, and we have mastery of the air. That means a more or less complete blockade is possible. But it means something far more effective than that. It means immense and decisive striking power. The German conqueror today is in an almost precisely parallel position to Napoleon at his culmination. He has spread himself out on an immense frontage exposed to our attack and he cannot tell from hour to hour where he may not be attacked.

Germany now enters upon a new phase in her final war. She will, I guess, try to dig in on the Russian front. Will the Russians let her? She may make a last hysterical rush at England, but the pincers are closing in on her.

Manifestly we ought to have everything planned and prepared, including a local revolt at every point from the White Sea down and into the Baltic and round the French and Spanish coast—where Franco may at any time get off on the German side of the fence—and down to Dakar. We ought to have three or four expeditionary forces hovering ready for separate or collective action, embarked, ready for a descent at any one of the thirty or forty possible weak points.

If this hovering counter-attack is ready for the enemy, what will he be obliged to do in reply? He must detach how many men, how much material, to be ready to meet the coming blow? Far more than we shall need. We can select our point of attack calmly, easily, and we can strike, land and establish ourselves—at one place or at several places. Jerry must scurry from one point to another along his immense front to meet these enquiring thrusts. He must do it in great force. He must maintain forces on his Western Front as large or larger than those he has entangled in the bear's grip to the east.

I do not think that the much talked of invasion of Britain can happen now. There may be a raid but I doubt if it will be much of a raid. On the other hand, I cannot believe that all these invasion manoeuvres which are going on over here do not prelude an invasion of the Continent. I am convinced that presently, and the sooner the better, one of these sham-fight manoeuvres will just turn round and strike at the neck of Denmark, or Brest, or Bordeaux, or Trondhjem, or Murmansk or Morocco, or, after the Iran fashion, to safeguard us against further fence-sitting, in Spain."

Invasion of Norway

Both the location and the people of Norway favour a British invasion. Raids have already been successful there because the Norwegian Fifth Column is the most daring and best organized in all Nazi held territory. In the north the Norwegians were never beaten by the Germans, neither were they discouraged. Their resistance to the invaders has been so active that it was necessary for the Germans to import 70,000 men to garrison that region.

Invasion of Finland

Russo Finnish peace feelers might indicate that the Allies were laying a groundwork of a fifth column in Finland to tie in with a possible landing in Northern Norway. With the possession of Northern Norway and Petsamo in Northern Finland the way would be cleared for a supply route to Russia around the North Cape, the White Sea ports of Murmansk and Archangel. Petsamo is a strategical point for another reason. Near the city is one of the few significant nickel deposits outside of International Nickel's Sudbury mines which produce 85 per cent. of the world's output of nicke.

Invasion of France

Heavy raids on the French coast could be made without great risks. It might be possible to establish beachheads in sufficient strength to permit of extensive operations. The Germans would then probably be compelled to divert troops, tanks and war planes from the Eastern front to prevent the raids from developing into major operations.

Invasion of England

The other invasion question, the invasion of Britain by the Axis powers, might be answered by the fact that Germany has been forced to remove many troops from France and the occupied countries to the Russian front. There only remain about twenty-five divisions in all the occupied countries and these are made up mostly of raw recruits and older men. It would seem impossible for Germany to reorganize her military machine in time to attempt an invasion of England before the bitter gales of winter have gripped the English Channel and the North Sea.

London The Citadel

But it should be remembered that the threat of invasion is always present. Britain simply cannot afford to weaken herself too much. She is the final citadel in this fight for freedom. Lord Beaverbrook said: "I am confident, no matter what happens in Russia — and the Russians are giving a superb account of themselves — that Hitler will strike at us. I believe this because he cannot get peace anywhere except in London. There is no use his trying to get it elsewhere, and there can be no peace for Hitler as long as London stands."

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Migratory Routes

Last week I told my readers something of banding and this week I wish to continue. When a bird is banded it is liberated with an aluminum band on its foot, on which is stamped a serial number and a return address. If the bird is shot or otherwise killed the shooter returns the band to Ottawa or Washington. This is known as a recovery. On a large map the point of banding and the point of recovery are marked and a line drawn between the two points. This line is the approximate migration route of the bird, particularly important when the recovery occurs the same season as banding. Eventually a great number of recoveries are recorded and the migration route of the species is worked out.

With the waterfowl it has been discovered that these migratory routes fall into four main areas across the country and these have been designated as flyways. Thus migration routes are individual lanes of bird travel from breeding grounds to winter home, and flyways are those broader areas into which many migration routes blend or come together in a definite region.

The Atlantic flyway starts in the north and follows the coast south to Florida. Another migratory route of this flyway starts at James Bay, crosses Ontario to Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, and by two routes reaches the Atlantic coast in the vicinity of South Carolina. The Mississippi and Central flyways start in the Mackenzie Delta and follow down the Great Plains to the Gulf of Mexico. The Pacific Flyway starts in Alaska and the Mackenzie Delta and follows the Pacific Coast to Mexico. Except along the coasts, the boundaries of these flyways cannot always be sharply defined, particularly in the northern part of the interior, for the reason that—broadly speaking—all the country from Nebraska north to the Artic coast is one great breeding ground that is used by many species of migratory waterfowl. From about latitude 45° southward to the Gulf coast, however, these flyways are fairly well marked, and it is within this region that most of the sport shooting takes place. The status of the ducks and geese in the different flyways, therefore, is of great interest not only to naturalists but also to sportsmen.

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The Book Shelf

THE STORY OF BABAR THE TRAVELS OF BABAR BABAR THE KING

By Jean de Brunoff

Not many books, written for children, give real enjoyment to the older person who, perforce, reads aloud to the rising generation; but the grown-up, with "the heart of a child," will get as much pleasure out of these three stories as will the children for whom they were written.

They are the continued story of the elephants Babar and Celeste, all their elephant friends and a dear little old lady who loves elephants.

The illustrations, full of homey touches and subtle humour, will gladden the eyes of the grown-ups as well as of the youngsters. The skilful use of clear, flat colour and strong line drawing, achieves an amazingly graphic effect, free from confusing detail. Such illustrations cannot fail to have a favourable influence on the child's art education.

The Story of Babar; The Travels of Babar; Babar the King . . . by Jean de Brunoff . . . The Macmillan Co. of Canada . . . Price each . . . $1.50.

SCOUTING . . .

Boy Scouts continue to take an important part in the various drives of the National Salvage Campaign throughout the Dominion. On one Saturday some 3,000 Scouts of Montreal and environs collected 250 tons, with the proceeds of which was purchased a mobile tea canteen for the Salvation Army. The canteen is now serving military units of the district on route marches, or during field days.

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Wolf Cubs and Boy Scouts of Nakina, Ont., gathered a full railroad car load of scrap metal. From the returns they sent $70 to the Toronto Telegram's Fund for British War Sufferers.

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A two days' and a night's fight with a forest fire that threatened the settlement of Five Rivers, N.S., won high commendation for Boy Scouts of the 1st Milton, N.S. Troop. According to the Liverpool Advance, only those on the fire fighting line realized how critical the situation was, but the Scouts carried on throughout the night, and "took it like men."

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A $2,000 ambulance was purchased by the subscriptions of the Boy Scouts of Scotland and presented to St. Andrew's Ambulance Association.

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Like the Boy Scout organizations of other countries overrun by the Nazis, the Germans have now banned the Boy Scouts of Norway.

Abyssinia's rulers claim to trace their descent back to King Solomon.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT — By Fred Neher

"I've been invited out for dinner tonight!"

REG'LAR FELLERS—Figures Don't Lie — By GENE BYRNES