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Notes and Comments

Unemployment Insurance Books

Many workers are careless about the keeping of their unemployment insurance books, says Mr. Edmunds, an official of the government department.

Trouble is it is not quite so simple to draw on that unemployment book. There are twists and turns, and too many employees are made to carry that book who will never benefit because they have steady employment all the time.

"We Always Have a Crop."

It is an old tradition to say that there is never a crop failure in the district surrounding Stouffville. Somehow the locality manages to escape the extremes of drought and storm, and so no one ever is able to say that the farmers are cleaned out of everything.

Just now some sections of Ontario are mighty forlorn looking because the farmers couldn't get in their crops last spring owing to incessant rain. Stouffville district managed to get dry spells that enabled the farmers to crop their lands, and some of the finest grain fields you wish to set eyes on are to be seen all around us.

We are living in the midst of a wonderful garden country. Look north, south, east and west and the same luxuriant crops may be seen. However, as great riches bring great responsibilities, heavy crops bring hard work, toil and sweat.

But we are thankful for it!

Sane Analysis on Second Front (The Boston Monitor)

Remembering that the urging of a second front in Western Europe goes back to the summer of 1941, it is easy to understand the impatience of the layman in Britain and America as he sees the Nazis driving to Stalingrad.

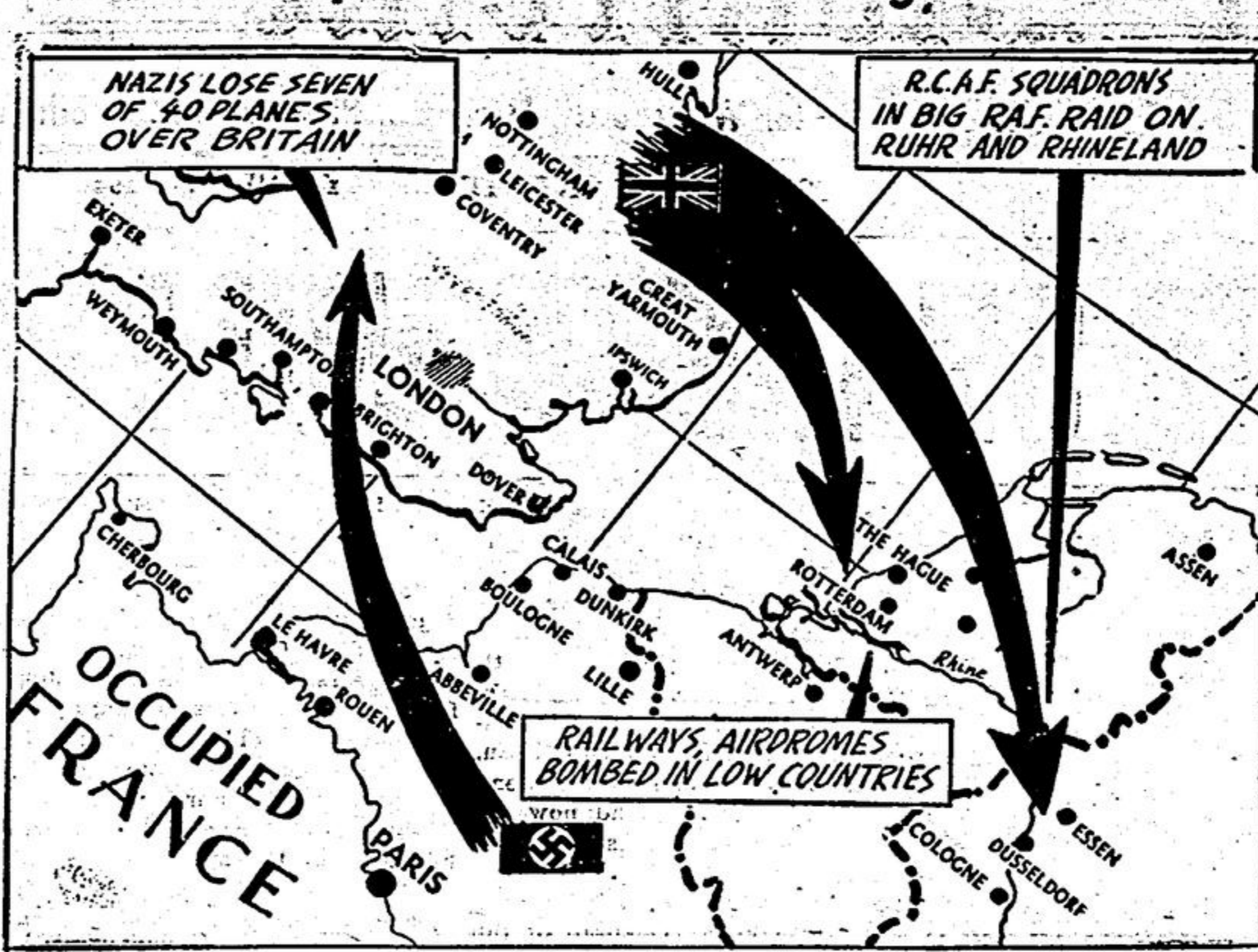
Undoubtedly, the risks of landing a British-American force in France or Norway have been carefully calculated. One key to them is in the air, literally and figuratively. For the clearest prerequisite of any invasion attempt is an umbrella of air power.

It is such control that British-American forces need for crossing the Channel and opening a second front on the Continent. The R.A.F. and the American air force of still undisclosed size now organizing at Irish and English bases probably would be able to place an umbrella over a crossing and even extend it inland for fifty to a hundred miles under present conditions.

That is the big question in Washington and London when the risks are calculated. Clearly, the longer British-American air power is built up and the farther East the Nazis are drawn, the smaller are the risks in the West.

We trust, too, that London and Washington are thinking not only of risks but of potential advantages from a second front. It has always been Berlin's nightmare. It would help not only the Russians, who undoubtedly would counterattack simultaneously if Nazi air power moved West, but the Allies in Egypt.

Map of Last Week's Big Raids



Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for August 2 ABRAM: A PIONEER IN FAITH Golden Text—"Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." Gen. 15:1.

No one person, apart from the blessed Son of God Himself, occupies so striking a place in human history as Abram the Hebrew. (Gen. 14:13) or, as he was later known, Abraham, the father of the faithful.

In the life of this man we see what great things God can do when He finds a man who is content to be subject to His will and who values His truth above all else. Abraham became not only the father of many great nations, and specially of the nation of Israel, but he is even today the recognized spiritual sire of untold millions who throughout the centuries since have, like him, dared to believe God.

Verse 2—"I will make of thee a great nation." Such, indeed, has been the nation of Israel, and its history is not yet finished. It will be greater in the not far-distant future, when restored to God and the land of Palestine, than ever it has been in the past.

Verse 3—"I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." This promise has never been abrogated. There is blessing still for those who show kindness to Abraham's seed and the curse of God abides upon those who persecute Israel.

Verse 4—"Lot went with him." Abraham's nephew Lot was a follower, but never seemed to realize his personal responsibility.

Verse 5—"Into the land of Canaan they came." This was after the death of Terah, when Abraham, in response to the call of God, acted on his own initiative, leaving Haran and going on to the land of God's choice.

Verse 6—"The plain (or oak) of Moreh." This was about in the center of Palestine. There, surrounded by the Canaanites, whose land he was to inherit, Abram dwelt as a stranger.

Verse 7—"Unto My seed will I give this land." This, like the rest of the covenant, was unconditional promise and admits of no repeal, for God's gifts and callings are never to be repented of.

Verse 8—"He removed... pitched his tent... and... he builded an altar." Between Bethel (the house of God) and Hai (ruins, speaking of this ruined world) Abraham is found with a tent and an altar.

Verse 9—"Going on still." From place to place he went, as it were, surveying the land promised to him and to his seed, but which he was never to possess actually, during his own lifetime.

Verse 10—"A city which hath foundations." Abraham looked forward to a place in the city which John saw long afterward, coming down from God out of Heaven; the eternal home of the redeemed, and the capital of the Kingdom to be set up when Christ returns.

Verse 11—"Sara... judged him faithful who had promised." Abraham's wife Sarah shared with him in the hope of the promised Seed. Though natural conditions seemed to make the fulfillment of God's word altogether unlikely, they both knew that with God all things are possible, and so their faith was rewarded in due time, and Isaac was born, that through him the covenant-line might be carried on.

Verse 12—"Therefore spring there even of one... as good as dead... as the stars... and as the sand... innumerable." God is the God of resurrection, who delights to manifest His power when all natural expectation is at an end.

The Editor's Mail

Dear Sir:

May I be permitted space in your paper to make an appeal for free transportation for our soldiers, sailors and airmen, whom I feel sure are entitled to it since they are expected to risk their lives in order that these methods of transportation will be secure for us.

GOVERNMENT HELP 90,000

Canada's federal civil service is now at or near the 90,000 mark (double the prewar figure) and is growing at the rate of almost 1,500 a month, according to figures compiled by The Financial Post on the basis of latest official information.

The Canadian Bandmasters' Association will hold a convention at Newmarket on August 8 and 9. Seeing who they are there should be no discordant notes sounded.

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