

THIRD OF BRITISH HOMES RUINED

Record War Production Is Maintained Despite Bomb Damage.

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of the empire, withholding only such information as might affect the war against Japan.

Outstrip All Others'

Information Minister Brendan Bracken, commenting on the government report, cited its findings as proof that Britain's war effort has outstripped that of any other belligerent power.

Britain, he said, not only provided most of the arms and munitions for the empire, but also, through its early expenditures, helped the United States to enter the war with her industries on "something like a wartime footing."

"When the war started, we had large gold reserves in the United States," he added. "These have all been paid over and the money spent in building up American munitions industries."

Small Return to U. S.

That contribution to the United States, he said, was "a small return for her tremendous generosity to us."

Britain's production achievements also were praised in comments by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who declared that the British armies now in the field will have sufficient ammunition to fight the coming battles if present schedules are maintained.

The white paper disclosed that British war workers, living under direct attack almost continuously since the beginning of the war, have turned out about 70 per cent of the munitions produced by or made available to the British empire.

The official report showed that Britain's war spending has reached the astronomical height of \$634 per second, and that the proportion of her population mobilized for war is perhaps greater than that of any other belligerent power.

Other Statistics Revealed

Other statistics, revealed now only because the war has progressed to the point where absolute secrecy is no longer essential, included:

ONE—Britain's armed forces now number 4,500,000 men and 500,000 women out of a total population of about 47,000,000.

TWO—More than one-third of all men in the United Kingdom between the ages of 14 and 64 are under arms, and almost half the women between 14 and 50 are in the armed forces, full-time civil defense or industry.

THREE—By the close of 1943 Britain had lost 11,500,000 tons of shipping, two-thirds of the tonnage with which she entered the war.

FOUR—Casualties in the armed forces of Great Britain alone numbered 563,000 by the end of last September, including 176,000 killed; for the rest of the empire, casualties totaled 363,000, including 67,000 killed.

FIVE—One out of every three houses in Britain has been destroyed or damaged in air raids or by robot bombs, and civilian casualties up to the end of August numbered 57,298 killed and 78,818 injured.

SIX—Another 29,629 British merchant seamen were killed by enemy action and 4173 interned by the enemy since the start of the war.

Production Field

In the production field, British aircraft plants, operating under strict blackout conditions and frequently under attack, produced 10,018 heavy bombers, 2389 of them in the first half of 1944 compared with only 41 in all of 1940. Fighter plane production has now reached 940 planes a month.

In Britain's special field, ship construction, the white paper revealed that 722 major warships were built in the five war years, along with 5022 other vessels.

The statistics on merchant shipping disclosed the extent of German U-boat inroads, showing that Britain's ocean-going fleet at the end of 1943 totaled 13,500,000 gross tons, 29 per cent less than the 17,500,000 tons on hand in 1939, despite construction of 4,500,000 tons of new shipping in that time.

202,000 Homes Destroyed

On the home front, the white paper reported that 4,500,000 of the United Kingdom's 13,000,000 homes were damaged by enemy action, among them 202,000 destroyed or damaged beyond repair. The civilian casualties included 7250 children and 23,757 women killed.

The official report paid tribute to the assistance provided by American lend-lease aid, which provided 20 per cent of the British empire's munitions, but it pointed out that Britain also extended aid to other nations and incurred liabilities abroad totaling \$9,200,000,000.

WILLIAM ROSS RITES SET FOR THURSDAY

Dr. O. A. Trinkle will conduct funeral services for William C. Ross, former Indianapolis resident, Thursday at 1:30 p. m. at the Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel. Burial will follow in Crown Hill.

Mr. Ross died yesterday at the veterans' hospital after an illness of two weeks. He was 53 and had lived here 30 years prior to moving to Anderson in 1929. Mr. Ross, who was employed as a machine pattern maker with General Motors in Anderson, also held a position with the Butler Manufacturing Co., Indianapolis.

He was a member of the Marion County Masonic Lodge 35 and the American Legion, Hockett post 127. His wife, Mrs. Orma Reed Ross, survives. Others members of the family are a brother, Albert of Portland, Ore., and two sisters, Mrs. Thurman Dyer of Gideon, Mo., and Mrs. C. R. Dunn of Memphis, Tenn.

Clothe-A-Child Drive Is Given Push by 'In Memoriam' Check

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SEE QUICK O. K. FOR STETTINIUS

Senators Predict Enthusiastic Indorsement of Hull Successor.

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hopes that Mr. Hull will be able to contribute to the ultimate formation of a peace organization. In accepting Mr. Hull's resignation, Mr. Roosevelt told the veteran statesman:

"I shall continue to pray that you as the father of the United Nations may preside over its first session. That has nothing to do with whether you are secretary of state or not at the time, but should go to you as the one person in all the world who has done the most to make this great plan for peace an effective fact."

Mr. Connally told reporters he believed it conceivable that President Roosevelt might designate Hull as chairman of the American delegation to a United Nations conference, regardless of the resignation.

Seeks Successor.

Almost immediately after his nomination, Mr. Stettinius turned to the task of finding a successor for himself as undersecretary of state. It was believed that he would call upon a veteran career diplomat for the department's second highest post in view of his own relatively recent entrance into the diplomatic world.

Heading such a list would be Norman Armour, 57, head of the department's office of American republic affairs, whose 32 years in the foreign service have taken him to most major capitals of the world.

Speculation also centers on others in prominent diplomatic posts. These include William E. Phillips, 66, now the President's personal envoy to India and twice holder of the undersecretary's post; Joseph C. Grew, undersecretary from 1924 to 1927, long-time ambassador to Tokyo and now head of the division of Far Eastern affairs; Robert P. Murphy, 50, Gen. Eisenhower's political adviser on Germany; Jefferson Caffery, newly named ambassador to France; John G. Winant, ambassador to London and W. Averell Harriman, ambassador to Russia.

There is also a possibility that an undersecretary will be chosen from among the four men now serving as assistant secretaries of state—Adolf A. Berle Jr., Dean Acheson, Breckinridge Long and G. Howland Shaw.

SCHRICKER TO NAME INAUGURATION GROUP

Governor Schricker, after conferring with Governor-elect Ralph P. Gates yesterday, was preparing today to announce appointment of a new committee to handle details of Mr. Gates' inaugural Jan. 8.

Arrangements also were made during the conference for the two secretaries to the incoming Governor, Ruel W. Steele and Mrs. Madge Harrison, to visit the Governor's office tomorrow to become acquainted with their respective duties.

Mr. Steele will be executive secretary and Mrs. Harrison will be Mr. Gates' private secretary.

Mrs. Harrison served as private secretary to Mr. Gates when he was state chairman and remained as private secretary to G. O. P. State Chairman John Lauer.

She is the wife of Seaman 2-C James D. Harrison, a former deputy attorney general, who is now in the South Pacific. Mrs. Harrison and her two sons live at 3914 N. Keyes Ave.

AFL AND CIO DIFFER WIDELY

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