

LEASEHOLD OF FREEDOM.

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The hatchet of old Anglo-U.S. misunderstandings was finally buried at No.10 Downing Street when Britain and America signed documents leasing naval and air bases to the United States. The Prime Minister and Mr. Winant were the chief signatories. Less than two hundred years ago rulers in Downing Street alienated America. British fortitude plus Churchill's fighting spirit paved the way for the new partnership. Now for first pictures showing the positions of the naval bases. On Newfoundland, northern outpost in the United States ring of eight defence bases, landed the first American soldiers. Uncle Sam gets going in the strategic sites acquired from Britain in the deal for fifty U.S. destroyers. These Paramount pictures show barracks under construction for the garrison troops.

Bleak Newfoundland is within easy flying range of Iceland, probably first objective of any German attempt on the United States. Iceland is already garrisoned by British troops, to forestall the Nazi invasion which threatened last summer.

Another mid-ocean keypoint is Bermuda. Here, too, a United States defence base is being rushed. These exclusive pictures are the first from the island. U.S. Army and Naval engineers are on the job, and in a simple ceremony, Old Glory was raised for the first time. The British Governor-General turned the first sod. Surveyors marked out land sites. Already a stepping-stone for U.S. bombers being flown to England, Bermuda will have both land and seaplane bases.

And the first U.S. Navy planes arrive - sentinels in the growing ring of defence.

U.S. bases in the Caribbean. Antigua, St. Lucia and Trinidad. Paramount News cameraman made an aerial inspection aboard a Navy patrol plane. Below is St. Johns, Antigua base. The flight - an everyday routine to carry U.S. diplomatic mail - next goes over Barbados, also important in the defence of the Panama Canal Zone.

Below, the base site, Trinidad. And even on these flights, keen navy eyes see convoys, notice all that moves on American seas.

From northern Newfoundland, to Bermuda - through the islands of the Caribbean American defence-bases are becoming reality. The U.S. Army, Navy and Marines draw a ring of steel -- protection for the Good Neighbour hemisphere of the Americas.

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Across to the White House from Congress a messenger took the Lease-and-Lend Bill the moment it passed. President Roosevelt immediately signed, virtually a signature on the death warrant of Hitler's Germany. A measure without precedent in international affairs became law.

Mosquito-boats are under construction, to fight U-boats.

Curtiss, name to conjure with aviation, devotes its entire Buffalo plant to production of fighter-planes for the war zone. Bombers too are on the assembly belt. The flood of aircraft rolls with gathering speed into the R.A.F. Twelve-thousand bombers for Britain is the first figure demanded by President Roosevelt. Neither Germany's long lead nor German production can stand the pace. Glen Martin extends his bomber factory, himself O.K's the plans and exhuses his workers to top-speed production as the new plant goes up. And in addition America must build planes for herself. Fighters for Britain on one side; U.S. planes on the other....So in Downing Street, Britain-America, America-Britain is the key stone of democratic diplomacy. The signing of these historic leases announces a real new world order.

John G. Winant and Winston Churchill attest an agreement between free peoples, nations slow to anger but inflexibly determined to see it through.

The Ambassador and three technical experts signed for America.

Lord Cranborne, Dominions, and Lord Moyne, Colonies, signed with the Premier. The war gives our two countries a common purpose. We stand together in a friendship that augurs well for the future of all mankind.

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OFF-STAGE VOICE---"DEFENSE FOR THIS HEMISPHERE"

1. ~~First~~ *Now 4 ft pic showing +*
(TITLE) *naval bases.*

2 to 14. ~~Defense bases for America.~~ Newfoundland, northern outpost in the United States ring of eight defense bases, ~~gives~~ *outpost* its first American soldiers. Uncle Sam gets going in the strategic sites acquired from Britain in the deal for fifty U.S. destroyers. These Paramount ~~News~~ pictures show barracks under construction, for the garrison troops.

[Bleak Newfoundland is within easy flying range of Iceland, probable first objective of any ~~Axis attempt at this continent.~~ *German attack on the United States.* Iceland has long been garrisoned by British ~~and Canadian~~ troops, ~~for Nazi bombers are~~ *3 4 5 still +* only 3 hours away. So British guns guard the stepping stone to the western hemisphere.

Magi in the threat last summer.

15 to 24. Another mid-ocean keypoint is Bermuda. Here, too, a United States defense base is being rushed. These exclusive pictures are the first from the islands. U.S. Army and Navy engineers are on the job, and in a simple ceremony, Old Glory ~~is~~ raised for the first time. The British Governor-General turned the first ~~stone~~ *corner*, and ~~the~~ vast American project gets underway. Surveyors mark out land sites. Already ~~ferry boats for~~ *4* ~~US~~ bombers being flown to England, Bermuda will have both land and sea plane bases.

25 & 26. And the first U.S. Navy planes arrive---sentinels in ~~our~~ growing defense ring.

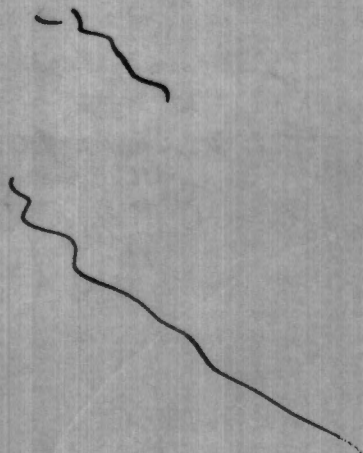
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27 to 37. U.S. bases in the Caribbean. Antigua, St. Lucia and Trinidad. ~~Our~~ Paramount News cameramen makes an aerial inspection aboard a Navy patrol plane. Below is St. Johns, Antigua base. The flight--an every day routine to carry U.S. diplomatic mail---next goes over the British Barbados, also important ^{in the} defense of the Panama Canal Zone.

38 to 41. Below, the base site, Trinidad. And even on these mail flights, keen navy eyes see convoys, notice all that moves on American seas.

42. From northern Newfoundland, to Bermuda---through the islands of the Caribbean. American defense bases are becoming reality. ^{TUS} ~~Our~~ Army, Navy and Marines draw a ring of steel---protection for the good neighbor hemisphere of the Americas.



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OFF-STAGE VOICE---SPEED--LEND-LEASE
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1. Title.
 2. War aid for Britain and Greece begins with speed and drama. Minutes after its final approval the historic lend-lease bill is signed by President Roosevelt. Five minutes later, the President approves the first transfer of war material.
 8. Three thousand miles away, King George gives personal welcome to America's new Ambassador, John G. Winant. Britain hails lend-lease aid as a Magna Carta of faith. A British harbor sees four more over-age American destroyers. Under the ~~new~~ new bill, 620 million dollars worth of war ships and merchantmen may be provided.
 15. America acts with speed? In Washington, our cameramen visualized real rush days for Navy and War department employees....
 19. Speed to build planes for Britain. A new factory for Glenn Martin's bombers is one of many to be built. President Roosevelt asks for 12,000 bombers, to help Britain carry the fight against the Axis totalitarians. Our lend-lease aid will require spending seven billion dollars, the President tells Congress.
 29. Fighter planes. In the Curtis Buffalo plant, fast P-40 pursuit planes are made ready for shipment overseas. Two and a half billion dollars worth of American-made planes are ordered under the lend-lease bill.
 37. Ready now is vast power for Britain. U.S. cruisers of the Omaha class are reported to be slated for immediate transfer.
 40. Flying fortresses for Britain. Some were reported to have taken off only minutes after the President signed the lend-lease bill.
- ~~Mosquito boats are under construction~~ *and after 2 days of flight* useful craft in Britain's fight against Germany's spring war on vital convoys. America acts fast under its new law defending freedom!