

WEST FORGETS BLITZ TO CHEER PREMIER.

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The Prime Minister's intended private visit to the West Country was turned into a triumphant progress the moment he was recognised. Mr. Churchill visited Bristol in his capacity of University Chancellor, to confer honorary degrees on the Prime Minister of Australia and the American Ambassador.

Daughter Mary, Mrs. Churchill and the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Winant, all caught the infection of the Prime Minister's good spirits. Into the University went principals and spectators of the academic ceremony. To the leaders of democracy in arms scholarship was paying its tribute.

Professor Lewis, Dean of the Faculty of Law, presented Mr. Winant to the chancellor as a worthy recipient of a degree.

After the American Ambassador, the Prime Minister of Australia was presented, to receive the same honour. When the degrees were conferred Mr. Churchill delivered his address.

The Prime Minister's speaking voice is known the world over; few people can have heard him singing before.

From the scene of learning, with its atmosphere of the past, the statesmen returned to the reality of the world to-day - to the undaunted city of the West, tested in the night fires of total war and not found wanting. Bristol cheered to the echo these leaders of the English-speaking world, Mother Country, Dominions, America, united against the Nazi enemy.

(TOP VIEW) Mr. Churchill and his party went on a short tour of the city's ruins. Only the previous night Bristol had one of its worst raids. The people came up smiling, as they have often done before.

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Mr. Menzies took home movies of the Prime Minister and Mr. Winant among the ruins. To several people Mr. Churchill said "We Shall Give It'em Back."

Going further West into South Wales the Prime Minister experienced another almost royal welcome. He praised the Civil Defence Workers who have nobly risen to many a testing occasion in the past months. Like Bristol, Cardiff and Swansea have their ruins. The deep scars of the night raider disfigure large areas of those cities. In aid of the relief fund the Premier bought a flag, and it didn't take a pretty face to persuade him.

The enthusiasm spontaneously generated wherever Mr. Churchill appears in this island is the tribute of a determined people to a wise leader who has his teeth in the enemy and will never let go. He comes of fighting stock, descended from the greatest soldier in British history, and he himself has one of the qualities of the born general - the good-fellowship that commands the love and confidence of those he leads.

The 'hats off' mood, even when the news isn't too good, denotes unshakeable faith in victory. Bravo Wales, was the Premier's tribute to those who cheered. In this united kingdom an unconquerable people is valiantly led towards the goal of victory.

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(CHURCHILL'S SPEECH)

LV. "I go about the country whenever I can escape for a few hours from my duties and I see the damage done by the enemy's attack. But I also see side by side with the devastation and amid the ruins glad, confident and smiling eyes gleaming with the consciousness at being associated with a movement that has far higher and far wider than any human or personal issue. I see the spirit of an unconquerable people. I see the spirit bred in freedom, nursed in traditions which have come down to us through the centuries and which will enable us most surely at this ~~turning~~ turning point in the history of the world, to bear our part in such a way."

SV "That none of our race who come after us will have any reason to cast reproach upon their sires."

SV CHURCHILL:

My Lords, My Lord Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen we have to-day
 admitted to the Roll Of Honour to the University (LENS) (some figures of the
 highest possible) distinction.

CU CHURCHILL:

"The American Ambassador who has come to these shores at a
 time so vital to the British Commonwealth Of Nations for the English
 speaking world at for the cause of humanity is a man ?
 so appropriately said whose whole life has been spent in preparations
 for the causes for which he is now called upon in a position of great
 responsibility and influence to sustain (LENS) I have had the privilege)
 to (LV) and the pleasure.. Since Mr. Winant reached our Country in
 spending quite a large proportion of my days with him and I must assure
 you all of the strong feelings of uplift and encouragement, strong
 feelings of the grandeur, of the imperishable character of our cause
 which association with him ^{raises} places in my breast and of others who have
 (LENS) come (into close contact with him. He is the interpreter).....

GV CHURCHILL:

".....of the great Republic to us and he is the interpreter
 and friend sending back his messages of across the Ocean to them.
 Another distinguished representative of the United States who ^{is} are with
 us to-day, Mr. Harriman. Through the Ambassador we make another tie
 with the illustrious President of the United States and with the represent-
 ative of that vast community at a time when great matters of consequence
 to all the world are being revolved. (LENS CHANGE It has been to me an
 honour which I feel)

".....stands out in my (Latin)... of office here as
 Chancellor to confer this degree upon Mr. Winant.

SV CHURCHILL:

3 [It is indeed a marvellous fact that Australia and New Zealand
 who are ~~are~~ separated from us and Europe by the great ocean spaces
 should sent their manhood and their wealth upon this world cause. (LENS
 No law of the Constitution CU No bond nor treaty obliges them to
 spend a shilling or to send a man. Yet the whole strength ? of those
 communities responds moves with an efficiency, a thoroughness and and
 alacrity which is not to be ~~2~~ ^{attained} with the harsh and rigid methods

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upon which other Empires have been constructed.] We welcome Mr. Menzies here. He has sat these months with us in Cabinet. He has given us wise counsel, he has seen every aspect of our life here at home"

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