

## BELGIUM ACCLAIMS CHURCHILL

Seldom has any statesman from Great Britain received so magnificent a welcome on the Continent as the people of Belgium accorded to Winston Churchill. Accompanied by his daughter Mary the man who led our country to victory drove in triumph through the crowded streets of Brussels.

(Angl kid) ~~At the University~~ Mr. Churchill spoke of Belgium's fortitude during the years of oppression. Proceeding to Brussels University he was cheered to the echo by the students - young men and women who grew up under German occupation and for more than four years opposed the enemy by all the ingenious means in their power.

The queen Mother of the Belgians sat next to Mr. Churchill when the University granted him the ~~honorary~~ degree of Doctor of Laws. The ex-Premier paid a tribute to the work of the underground movement, of which most of the students <sup>dg</sup> ~~were~~ members.

Then to the Hotel de Ville to receive the Freedom of the City. The Grande Place was thick with enthusiastic people when the distinguished leader of the British Commonwealth at War acknowledged their salutations from the balcony. The historic V-sign, which Winston Churchill popularised throughout the Free World, was formed by children as he watched.

Antwerp strove to outdo Brussels in the fervour of its welcome as the former Prime Minister passed through ~~the city~~ on his way home. ~~Here~~, <sup>at</sup> the Stock Exchange, Mr. Churchill was made a freeman. He reminded his audience that in forcing the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ of the Scheldt ~~after the capture of Antwerp~~, British and Canadians suffered 40,000 casualties. After receiving the magnificent diamonds as mementos of ~~his~~ visit the elder

statesman and his daughter boarded the cruiser Bellona. It is as gratifying to Britain as it must have been to Mr. Churchill himself that throughout this three-day tour of the little country that was twice overrun by Germany its gallant people should have vociferously acclaimed the grand inspirer of victory. Winston Churchill's proud name is indelibly inscribed on the scroll of world-freedom.