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Austria no longer exist.

These are the first actual pictures received from Austria following the fall of the Schuschnigg Government and the advance of the German troops. The scenes from Graz are typical of what happened all over the country when, the face of Europe was changed ---- when Austria lost her independence, and became a state of the German Reich in a swift and spectacular coup by Hitler.

Later, in Linz and Salzburg, the appearance of the swastika made it clear that there was to be no armed resistance to the oncoming German troops, and soon the streets echoed to the tramp of marching feet --- the Army, and Brown shirts and Black Shirt guards. The Seventh Army Corps from Munich moved on ~~to Linz and Salzburg~~ to occupy strategic positions throughout Austria. In the streets of the capital --- in Vienna --- there were scenes of enthusiasm, and from the balcony ~~the~~ of the Chancellery Dr Seyss-Inquart, the man appointed by Hitler, ~~waved back~~ *saluted* in answer to the greetings of the crowd. At night, along the famous Ringstrasse, a torchlight procession marched. In one night the city that had ^{once} been the capital of a great empire became a provincial town of Germany.

What is our position in Britain to-day? Mass meetings have been held in Trafalgar Square, and the Prime Minister has made a statement in the House of Commons; both make it clear that Britain's duty is to herself. Britain must be strong, and even the present re-armament programme must be speeded up. An appeal to employers and workers of all kinds will be made to co-operate in the time of national emergency.

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Shadow factories where the production of aircraft is proceeding must be able to produce at greater speed than hitherto. Production of armaments in all departments must be increased by national effort. . . . not to take part in war, nor to interfere in the wars of others, but to preserve ^{the} peace of our own Empire. These are the guarantees of our national security --- our independence ----- demanding expenditure down to the last shilling if necessary, ~~and perhaps sacrifice from every man and woman.~~

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Home Secretary, has called for a million Air Raid workers. Here again it is no alarmist call, but a wise determination to be prepared. The Home Secretary said that the more disturbed is the Continent of Europe, the more urgent it is for us to make every possible preparation against the most dangerous form of modern warfare. If Britain is prepared, then air raid terrors will be less formidable.

British Morale and the personnel of the Empire's fighting forces are second to none. Our soldiers and sailors and airmen are unrivalled, but without the implements of war they would be helpless. ~~Warfare~~ ~~Warfare~~ A nation's fighting strength to-day depends almost as much upon the skill of the engineer and the scientist, as it does upon those who carry arms. The spirit of Britain, backed by all the weight of armaments that she is capable of producing, will guarantee the safety of our people, not only ~~today~~ now, but also in the future. If a sacrifice is called for to provide those armaments --- those aeroplanes and guns

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and tanks and battleships that comprise the grim paraphernalia of war, then let us make that sacrifice. What sacrifice could be too great to make in exchange for security, the safety of our homes and our own people?

Your Safety!