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DANISH 'UNDERGROUND' REVOLT

For four-and-a-half years the Danes have been fighting their war of resistance against German occupation, using their most effective weapon -- sabotage. Factories working for the enemy were burnt to the ground and German counter-measures met with strikes. A state of seige was proclaimed throughout the country. Part of the Danish Navy escaped to Sweden and those crews which could get away scuttled their ships. They lie now on the bottom of Copenhagen harbour. The Danes were then taught the Herrenvolk lesson. Numerous people were killed, arrested and brought to concentration camps. German troops and tanks swarmed the streets, - pavements were overrun in a rude exhibition of Nazi arrogance; you had to keep on the move not to be trampled to pieces. German sailors and soldiers were revelling in an excess of bullying.

The King himself was taken prisoner and spent his seventy-third birthday at "Borgenfri" Castle where goose-stepping Germans kept watch over the royal prisoner. "Do it well and do it now." The slogan of the Danish patriots. Gestapo murders are answered with an increase in acts of sabotage, more factories are burnt down. Blow and counter blow follow in quick succession and then the whole population of Copenhagen stops working. The General strike has begun. The German Commander-in-Chief declares the capital under a state of seige. Copenhagen is surrounded and cut off from the outer world. Germans patrol the streets, shooting and harrassing the population while Danish patriots build barricades. Houses and department stores belonging to Danish Quialings are burnt down without any interference from the Danish fire-brigade. For many days the general strike continued. Finally the Germans had to give in, and the strike was called off after the German High Command had agreed to the Danish claims. A two minutes' silence commemorates fallen comrades. This episode is small measured with world events, but unique in history; an unarmed population had won a victory over the Nazis.
