HOLLAND MOBILISES AGAINST RESTLE

Along the Datch and Belgian coastline is fought a battle on the beaches. Troops, and even schoolchildren, are mobilised to wipe out the invader. Glouds of Colorado beetles (beading for England - but forced back by cross-winds) come down on the sands. Inland, the Low Countries' summer crop is faced with total destruction. Swarming across from France, hordes of plant killers threaten the Continent with a potate famine. Every insect and each of its eggs must be destroyed - if the plague is to be wiped out.

Grim witnesses of the beetle's deadly work are acres of reveged plants. Only a ceaseless watch can prevent similar destruction in Britain.