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THE WAR AT SEA!

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, speaking at a Luncheon given by the English-Speaking Union, pays tribute to the magnificent work of the Royal Navy -

"Today it faces the threat of invasion, backed by an attack by Surface ship, attack by Submarine, the attack of the E. Boat, and the attack of the Mine, new and varied and deadly in their character, moored and magnetic... and by the new and powerful modern threat of both bomb and torpedo, launched from aircraft.

I hope I may be forgiven for saying (I think I shall be) that it cannot be too strongly stated on the other hand, that with the present threat to all Free Peoples, occasioned by the ruthless assaults of the totalitarian dictators, the British Royal Navy is today not only defending the life-line, but it stands between Dictatorship and free peoples in the Western Hemisphere.

We are thus resisting air attacks on this Island. Sea power will eventually encompass the destruction of the enemy, and I hope that the Royal Navy may look for even greater co-operation in this decisive sphere in the fight for victory and freedom, from our friends overseas. "