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## TRIPOLI!

Here are the exciting scenes in Tripoli as the advance elements of our superb 8th Army rumbled through the streets of the Capital of Mussolini's lost African Empire. A motly collection of Tripoli's mixed population watching the entry with almost friendly interest. Italian civilians come out to see the Army of Occupation arrive. Correspondents have remarked on the gushing attitude of the Italian Police and officials, while the population go out of their way to ingratiate themselves.

On a mast by the Port the Union Jack is run up, adding to the long line of British flags which fly for fifteen hundred miles back to Egypt. In the Piazza d'Italia, the principal square in Tripoli, a long line of tanks which have paused for a moment in their victorious advance.

At a crossroads, just outside the city, the Vice-Governor of Libya, the Prefect of Tripolitania and the Mayor of Tripoli meet General Montgomery for the formal surrender of the city. The rich braided uniforms of the Italians failed to impress the Commander wearing his battledress, the familiar tank beret and two sweaters of different colours. His orders are that the life of the civil population continues, but that any treachery, espionage and subversive activity will be severely dealt with.

At midday, General Montgomery made a formal entry into Tripoli. Standing in his car, the 8th Army Commander drove through the crowded streets. Few Generals are so beloved by fighting men as Monty is by the conquering 8th Army. It is now that we bring you the actual sound of the bagpipes recorded by the B.B.C. over direct transmission as men of the Gordon Highlanders, discarding battledress for their kilts, paraded with splendid dignity through the city.

## CAIRO.

Interwoven into this historic period are the Prime Minister's travels abroad. Casablanca to Cairo; a night flight of around 2,500 miles to the British Embassy for more important discussions. Fresh from his talks with President Roosevelt, Mr. Churchill confers with Mr. Casey, Lord Lampson, and the Service Chiefs, several of whom are accompanying the Premier on his journeys to unexpected places.

## TURKEY

While the world was making wild guesses he turned up in his big plane in Turkey. The start of two days of earnest discussion at Adana. Representing His Majesty's Government, Mr. Churchill came as guest of the Republic. At a railway siding, the two official trains are drawn together for the conference. Not for the first time has a railway coach been the scene of history. Although subjected to many stresses and strains, Turkey has never

wavered in her loyalty to the British Alliance.

Close secrecy surrounds the dramatic meeting of the Prime Minister with President Inonu. But while Nazi Ambassador Von Papen was on a ski-ing holiday, Mr. Churchill and his advisers were hard at work in friendly consultation with the Euzkati Turkish Statesman. Von Papen's gabbling in the snow started an avalanche in Berlin which howled him clean onto the mat in front of Adolf Hitler. The Adams Conference has had a wonderful reaction in Britain. While it has been suggested that it reflects a crucial deterioration in Germany's position, we are keenly awaiting any major issue it may bring about.

### CYPRUS.

From Turkey, the Prime Minister was transported in his Liberator bomber to Cyprus. The significance of this visit was immediately recognized, for it was here that the foundation of Anglo-Turkish ties was cemented 18 months ago.

Addressing a meeting of leading Cypriots, Mr. Churchill said :- "The United Nations represent the strongest group of human beings that has ever been marshalled in arms in the history of the world".

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Tripoli supplied the answer to a wondering world, once again mystified as to the whereabouts of Mr. Churchill. As his black-painted plane **COMANDO** came to rest at Castel Benito aerodrome, Mr. Churchill stepped forward with outstretched hands to warmly congratulate General Montgomery for his splendid achievement. A victory which had altered the whole character of the war.

In the picturesque setting of a grassy enclosure bounded by eucalyptus trees are 2,000 officers and men, assembled to receive the thanks of this great man who confidently put his trust in the 8th Army. In his speech to them Mr. Churchill spoke glowingly of their brilliant achievements. He referred also to the relief which they must feel in seeing trees and grass and plentiful water after the harshness of the desert. When he had finished he began to walk away, but General Montgomery called for three lusty cheers. And one more!

A brilliant sun shone down on Tripoli, as down the wide Piazza packed with troops, came the staff cars at the start of the great parade through the city. A wonderful moment in which men of the 51st Highland Division and all the heroes of Libya were represented. And let the New Zealanders never be forgotten in this moment of praise. As the Prime Minister took his place on the saluting base, there came again the stirring music of the pipes which echoed round the world. Once more the microphones caught their sound and broadcast it to the four corners of the earth. The mile long parade went swinging through the streets.

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