

WHAT'S IN THE AIR?

WORLD WIDE ACTIVITY.

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Since Germany came out into the open with facts--
--and figures concerning her Air Force, the whole world--
--has buzzed with rumours and speculations.

The buzzing was sufficient to fill War Office corridors--
--with important-looking people running about with important
looking documents, and the--
--press front pages with stories, which, curiously enough,--
--almost agreed, in spite of varying shades of political
opinion. You are now seeing some of Germany's little lot,
which is said to total something like two-thousand first-line
machines. (PAUSE),

France has also been increasing her air strength--
--to run level with her neighbour. Reports of giant armoured
'planes, capable of carrying heavy guns, fighting crews, and
supplies--
--of every conceivable kind of--
--destructive bomb have been rife, but--
--all made for defence ! Never by--
--any chance for attack - - which is very satisfying to know.
If one doesn't think too much about it. Who is expected to
be the aggressor isn't actually mentioned. Everybody apparently--
--being considered by the others as a possible starter. Italy
has not--
--been lazy in the matter.

Here are some of her fifteen-hundred or so being inspected,
and nobody will deny that it looks to be a formidable bunch.
Russia can double this lot, and then have a few left over.

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America's spectacular shows rather prove--
--that her air efficiency has been well-
--looked after. Here is a sequence which may foretell the
future--
--if the governments of the world mislay their--
--sense of moral responsibility. (EFFECTS).
(EFFECTS 4 SHOTS).

These developments have caused our country, with its--
--less than one-thousand first-line 'planes--
--to lift its bugles and blow "Britain awake, salute the--
--recruiting sergeant", or words to that effect, and
increase its total of--
--machines to fifteen-hundred--
--by 1937, and its air personnel by 23-thousand officers and
men. If pending conversations with Germany should be
successful, these numbers may be somewhat reduced.

But in the meantime, the youth of Britain is
responding, as ever, to the national--
--call, enrolling for the new air squadrons, and as
ever, as they sign, they smile. Holders--
--of shares in aviation companies also--
--smile, but these are the--
--fellows to consider. Great chaps ! So let's keep--
--the air fit for heroes to fly in !