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# LISTENINGS

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## Africa Speaks Again

THE Western Desert has awakened for the third round. The first went to Wavell, the second to Hitler, and the third—well, there's no harm in thinking what we think.



water. An army used to move on its stomach, now it moves on its gas-trek juices. The spirit of war is as much high-octane as high morale; and Adolf needs all he can get of both in Russia.

As Wickham Steed recently broadcast, Hitler must always go on. If he stops he falls. That's the worst of getting drunk for power or pleasure. You have to keep on your feet or fall on your face. Unless Adolf can hand Moscow to Berlin with appropriate noises he just has to stay out in the snow, with no one to love him and nowhere to go. And there will be a paucity of celerity-soup on Rommel's Libyan menu.

It is unlikely that Adolf can rely on Muss. for much. Muss. has bitten the dust of Africa and the taste is still on his tongue. But Adolf, in his desperation, may try to awaken Musso. to a sense of irresponsibility. We can imagine the correspondence:

"Dear Muss,

Pull up your socks and be a Caesar again! Remember! While there's life there's hope.

Yours fitfully,  
Adolf."

"Dear Adolf,

Caesar didn't wear socks. That may be the trouble with me—I was socked. And you're wrong about life. It's 'Where there's hope there's life.'

Yours lifelessly,  
Muss."

"Dear Muss,

Don't quibble. You know how busy I am—absolutely snowed under! I can judge how desperate I must be when I ask your help. Bring your navy out of salt pickle and try to teach them that the toast of the service is not 'Bottoms up.' If your navy could sink the British fleet and your army could keep its toes pointed at the enemy we would be O.K. in Africa.

Yours, Adolf."

"Dear Adolf,

If my navy could sink the British fleet I would not be

Yours, Muss."

So it looks as though, when Africa speaks, it will not be in Italian. And, if British grit goes for anything, it won't be in German either.

One certainty is that Libya is not another Crete. American "Tomahawks," in British hands, are descending on square-heads. "Hurricanes" are doing all that hurricanes are meant to do, and "Spitfires" are spitting lead into the Luftwaffe's eye. Down below, the British sand-hoppers and caterpillars can swap punches with the enemy without worrying about the roof falling in. Meanwhile, the Mediterranean sea-dogs are lobbing their hardware into the Axis bread-basket and re-addressing enemy supplies from Libya to Davy Jones.

The Germans are hard hitters and it will not be another Roman holler-day for the Allies; but they are giving General Rommel something to write home about. Supplies will be his chief headache. With the boys-in-blue busily stocking Davy Jones's locker with German-made goods it is reasonable to expect that the general will soon be thirsting for more than

## Leaders of the Empire

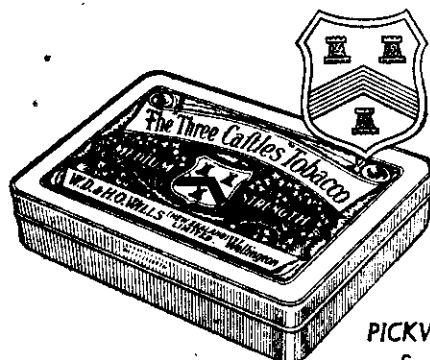
### Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham

Served with distinction at Gallipoli and in the famous Dover Patrol in first World War. Through his great ability rose rapidly to Rear-Admiral. In quick succession he became Admiral Commanding Destroyers, Admiral Commanding Battle Cruiser Squadrons, and then Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet.



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## Changes In BBC News Broadcasts From ZB Stations

A RE-ADJUSTMENT of BBC news broadcasts over the ZB stations was announced last week by C. G. Scrimgeour, Controller of the Commercial Broadcasting Service. The change follows a careful study of the presentation of overseas news, which, it is considered, suffers from several handicaps, not the least of which is undue repetition, this being due partly to the fact that full news sessions, headline news, newsreels, and commentaries are all available on several Empire transmissions.

As from Monday, December 8, the ZB stations will broadcast "headline" news only at the following times:

6.0 a.m.	12.15 p.m.	6.15 p.m.
7.0 a.m.	1.15 p.m.	8.0 p.m.
8.45 a.m.	4.30 p.m.	11.0 p.m.

The broadcasts at 1.15 p.m., 4.30 p.m., and 8.0 p.m. are additions to the current schedule, and are taken direct from London. The nine news broadcasts will give the news in headline form, but items of special importance will be broadcast in their entirety, even if received at other than the scheduled times.

Announcing the alterations, Mr. Scrimgeour stated that the Commercial Broadcasting Service was fully aware of listeners' interest in the BBC news, but was satisfied that they preferred frequent broadcasts of the short headline type to a repetition of full bulletins. He felt sure that the three new sessions would be much appreciated by listeners.