

# LISTENINGS

(Perpetrated and illustrated  
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MIDWAY ISLAND has a significant name. As the commander of the American forces said, in connection with the recent battle with the Japs, the result was so good that it is reasonable to forecast that the United Nations are midway to victory; which means of course, that the Japs are midway to defeat. Pearl Harbour might have looked like a jewel of a raid to the Japs, at the time; but have they never heard that the pearl is the jewel of tears? Pearl Harbour is not likely to be forgotten by the Americans. They are raising a force named The Avengers of Pearl Harbour who have sworn to deliver pearls—with shells. Japan is their oyster.



At least three Jap aircraft carriers were put out of action at Midway! The Jap mosquito—in spite of Jap misquote—has a bad twist in its sting. Unlike Oliver Twist every time it asks for more it will get it—in the neck. Japan has not got the skids under her yet, but there are signs of slipping. Her midget subs are manned by suicide crews. This may explain why Jap undersea craft come up for peeps and then go down for keeps.

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R.A.F. monster raids on Germany! For a long time eau de Cologne will stink in the nostrils of the Nazis. And the German people are saying more than, "Drat these flies!" Mr. Roosevelt has warned the Japs that the use of gas will bring swift retribution. A good idea to drop national safety posters for their benefit—"They gassed, and this is what happened." And "Lest you regret! Don't gas!"

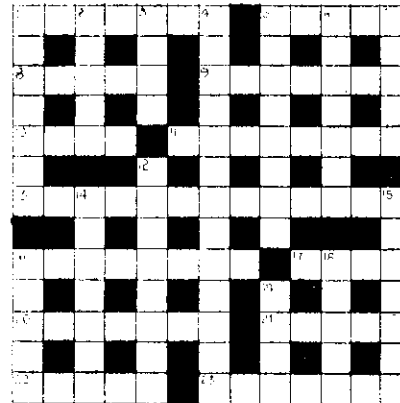
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Hitler visited the Finnish leader, Field-Marshal Mannerheim, to wish him many happy returns of the day. Mannerheim could hardly return the compliment because Hitler has already had his day.

## THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

(No. 104)

(Constructed by R.W.C.)



### Clues Across

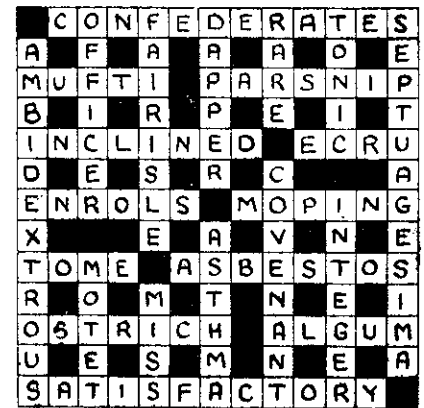
1. Pay Phil (anag.).
5. Using tact I am silent.
8. A recent recipient of the George Medal
9. Bat in hand.
10. Free to make a knot.
11. I told Ray skilfully.
13. Schubert composition.
16. Charming.
17. Remainder found in 22 across.
20. The bean is 21 across.
21. Synonym of 20 across.

22. With 17 across I perform ceremonies.
23. An industrious insect is upset before a mountain range.

### Clues Down

1. Commonplace.
2. This should never be felt with the thumb.
3. Mesopotamia.
4. Famous violinist.
5. Strangely enough this is a bird, not a rodent.
6. Formless.
7. Toady (anag.).
12. There are several among these clues.
14. Go it, man! (anag.).
15. All tear towards the side.
16. An Orkney sea fowl found also in a dying fire.
18. An Arctic duck.
19. Ruth is upset.

(Answer to No. 103)



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