

# CZECHOSLOVAKIA FIGHTS AND HOPES

(Contributed)

CZECHOSLOVAKS all over the world celebrate October 28 as the anniversary of the foundation of the Czechoslovak Republic. In one country this year this celebration will be prohibited. In Czechoslovakia. There, under the rule of the Germans the Czechoslovak people will remember this day not by celebrating, but by a general boycott of all German institutions. The streets will be empty, newspapers will not be bought, tramcars will be empty.

The members of the Gestapo, the Storm Troops and the German Army of occupation, will feel alone on the deserted streets and places of all Czechoslovakian towns and villages. Their imagination will fill the streets with angry Czechoslovak nationals eager to revenge all the cruelties, all the sentences sending Czechoslovaks to the gallows and to concentration camps. Many of them came to occupy free Czechoslovakia. How many of them will be able to leave?

In the meantime, the fight against the rule of Himmler and his companions in crime, is going on. Not a day, not a night passes without sabotage against the oppressors. Trains are being derailed, munitions blown up, grain stores burning as beacons of Czechoslovakia's approaching freedom. This fight of course demands its victims. A continuous stream of Czechoslovaks enter the torture chambers of the Gestapo. The concentration camps are filled to the limit and the hangman is never idle.

But Czechoslovaks who escaped from the Nazis are not idle either. In the first year after the occupation of Czechoslovakia there was already a Czechoslovak Army and Air Force in England,

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"But perhaps the most frequent criticism is that we are answering too many questions each time. We've now cut down the number. Another complaint is that our answers are too indirect, that there is too much talking round the point. In reply to that I'd say that whether we seem to be answering directly or not is often largely a matter of personal opinion, depending on whether we give an answer which fits in with the listener's preconceived ideas of the answer he wants to hear.

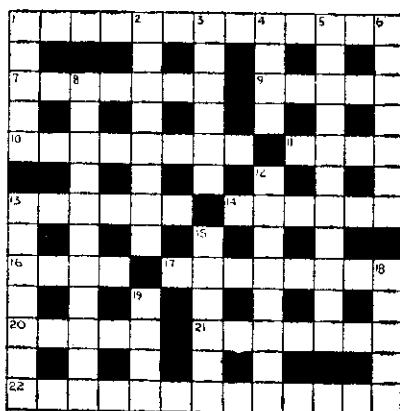
"Still, we believe that, even though we often cannot give a simple and complete answer, it is worthwhile merely to discuss the question and present several points of view," concluded Mr. Wadman. "This desire for a simple and direct answer to questions is, I believe myself, part and parcel of the great illusion of our times that there is a simple solution for everything. It's this habit of saying we could put the world right 'if only we had Social Credit,' or 'if only we got rid of the armaments makers,' or 'if only' we all spoke Esperanto.' It just isn't as easy as that, and we think that by discussing all sides of a question in these sessions we are doing a useful job for democracy as well as for Christian Order."

fully trained and eager to fight. This army proved its valour in the Middle East and gained the respect of all Allied fighting men in this theatre of war. Berlin had its share of Czechoslovak bombs, so had the rest of Germany. Another Czechoslovak Army has been established in the U.S.S.R. and has already been in action.

These Czechoslovaks fight together with their Allies, creating a new brotherhood of free men, preparing the thorny path for a really free world; a world free for all men, regardless of nationality, religion, or race.

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(No. 114: Constructed by R.W.C.)



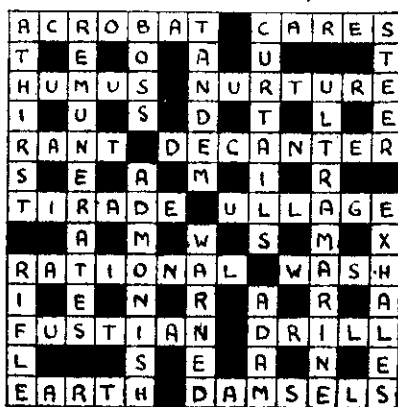
### Clues Across

1. Pigeon trainer (anag.).
7. Famous for saying "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"
9. If you pay him you can call the tune.
10. A mixture of rice and salt.
11. Air found in 1 across.
13. Settlement.
14. Word of honour.
16. Parry.
17. Graphite.
20. A French article followed by its English equivalent make this tool.
21. Harriers, for instance.
22. Cap is precious (anag.).

### Clues Down

1. Puzzle in prose.
2. Giant eel in jelly.
3. Tennyson wrote them, of the King.
4. Slap (anag.).
5. Praise me not! but play my part.
6. Near art (anag.).
8. Lace creator confused in a car.
12. A choir man knows what this means.
13. This flower begins with a scowl.
15. Clergyman.
18. It may only be a mirage after all.
19. How still waters run.

(Answer to No. 113.)



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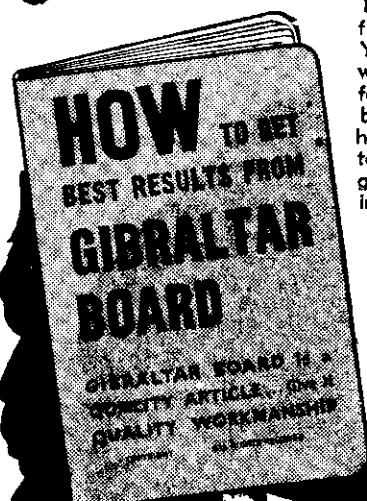
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