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"We shall fight on the seas and on the oceans; we shall fight on the beaches; we shall fight on the landing grounds, in the fields, in the streets and in the hills. We shall never surrender."

To date we have deliberately refrained from making any mention in our columns of the North Island-South Island controversy, but circumstances have at last forced it upon us.

Recently a conference of municipalities was held at Christchurch, and the subject of inter-island relations was cussed and discussed at considerable length. The Mayor of Christchurch said. "It is evident that the South Island is united in an attempt to further its claims." It is obvious that a serious situation is developing, and that the South Island is prepared to fight to the last ditch - presumably the Avon.

We feel impelled here to state that our attitude in this conflict is entirely impartial, (Continued on back page)

