

Churchill's Memoirs Reveal His Slogan and Plan to Meet Invasion

By the Associated Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Winston Churchill reveals in his war memoirs he planned to use the slogan "You can always take one with you," if German soldiers had landed on English soil.

Most of the third installment of the second volume of his memoirs in Life Magazine is devoted to the British and German preparations for the invasion of England which the Nazis planned for September, 1940.

The volume also is being serialized by the New York Times.

"I have often wondered what would have happened if 200,000 German storm troops had actually established themselves ashore," the war-time Prime Minister writes.

"The massacre would have been on both sides grim and great. There would have been neither mercy nor quarter. They would have used terror and we were prepared to go all lengths.

Calculated on Horrors.

"I intended to use the slogan, 'You can always take one with you.' I even calculated that the horrors of such a scene would in the last resort turn the scale in the United States."

But, he adds, Britons maintained their "buoyant and imperturbable temper" and "were not even dismayed."

"They defied the conquerors of Europe. . . . This was a time when it was equally good to live or die."

Hitler's admirals and generals drew up detailed plans to land 13 divisions on the southeast coast of England in "Operation Sea Lion," the cross-Channel invasion, Mr. Churchill writes.

But he emphasizes the differences between all the Nazi military services as to the size and scope of the invasion.

"It is impossible to resist the conclusion," Mr. Churchill says, "that the German Army did not want to entrust its men to the German Navy for the 22-mile Channel crossing."

Nazi Plans Outlined.
The former Prime Minister continues with this account:

The Nazi Navy proposed to make a narrow corridor across the Channel, protect it with long-range guns firing from France, wall it off with mines, and defend it with hordes of submarines.

But the army demanded that more men and equipment be put ashore at once than could be transported through such a corridor.

Hitler himself umpired the dispute between his military leaders, finally ordering a compromise plan. But in the crucial days of early September, with the two weeks of the best invasion weather at hand, the Fuehrer himself kept postponing the D-date until "Operation Sea Lion" was abandoned.

Recalls Greatest Fear.
Mr. Churchill says his greatest fear in preparing invasion defenses was that the Germans would get tanks ashore which could not be stopped by the poorly-armed home guards who would be the only forces available at many points.

To meet this situation, he pressed energetically for development of a "sticky bomb" which would stick fast to a tank when dropped on it or placed against it.

"We had the picture in mind that devoted soldiers or civilians would run close up to the tank and even thrust the bomb upon it, though its explosion cost them their lives. There were undoubtedly many who would have done it."

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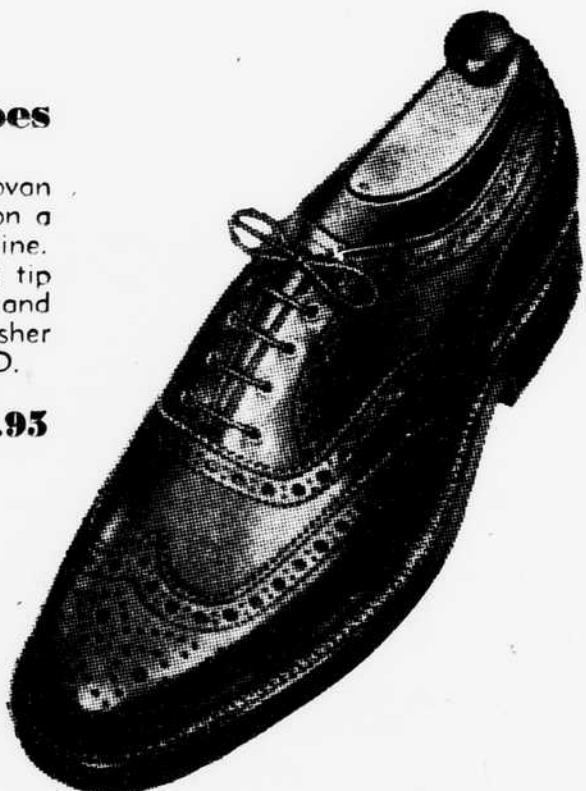
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