

# Staggering Air Losses Compel Nazi Overlords To Alter Attack Plans

## Unbeatable British Resistance Upsets Calculations of Hitler and Goering, While Counter-Attacks Make Germans Shiver

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London, Aug. 19.—The objects of German air raids on London and southeastern areas of Britain are seen here as, first, wearing down of Royal Air Force resistance; secondly, to test out the strength of British defences both in the air and on land, and thirdly, to ascertain what the cost would be in bombers and fighters if a full scale land and sea invasion were launched. The Nazis do not want another winter of war.

### Revising Plans

They have been preparing ever since France's collapse for an invasion of the United Kingdom. They assumed—as can be seen by

their propaganda which has influenced so many people in the United States into thinking Britain's defeat is possible—that British peo-

ple would make no very stubborn stand against victorious Germany, now dominating the whole Continent. They believed the numerical superiority of their air force is invincible. They convinced themselves the British fleet would not withstand their bombs. They took it for granted Britain could never prepare in time against landings of hostile troops by sea or air. Now they realize how gravely they have misunderstood the whole strategic position and they are once more revising their plans.

### Staggering Losses

Their air losses have been staggering. Five hundred machines or more in a single week and nearly 1,300 of their best airmen is a sufficient reminder they are inferior in sky fighting in everything except numbers. Nightly raids, wrecking their own oil plants, railways, aerodromes and war factories, warn them that Britain's bombers, during the coming winter, will lay much of their war resources in ruins. Not even Goering's 18,000 aircraft, the number with which the Nazis are believed to have begun the war, can for long withstand daily losses of 80 machines and more than 200 airmen. The Nazi morale must suffer, whereas the British pilots feel themselves on top of the world and are certain they have taken the enemy's measure and need only numbers to ensure ultimate victory. There is no question of wearing down their resistance.

### Cannot Back Out

What is expected to happen now is a continuation of the present attacks with greater and greater ferocity and ultimately indiscriminate bombing of the civilian population. Hitler has gone too far in his bombastic claims that Britain's defeat is imminent to draw back now. Besides the Nazi air force has always been trained as a branch of the ground army and not as a separate and distinct body. The German high command, therefore, is likely to use it before the end of September as part of its armament for a land and sea invasion of these islands. Well, Britain is ready.