TIMES OF MALTA

Monday, September 13, 1943.

Official night begins at 7.28 p.m. and ends 6.27 a.m.

THE DAILY EDITION SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Monthly Quarterly Dalivered by hand* 4/4 18/-By Post Daily (Local) 4/11 Longer or shorter periods pro rata. ("Hand delivery by arrangement).

Subscriptions are payable in advance and may be made by cheque or postal order. Telephone: Central 4720 (\$ lines)

FRUITS OF VICTORY

The presence of 22 vessels of the Italian battle fleet in Maltese waters turns public attention to the immediate fruits of the Italian capitulation. According to the terms of the armistice accepted by the Italian Government, all Italian naval and merchant shipping is to be placed at the disposal of the Allies, and harbours and airfields are to be held for their use irrespective of whether the German troops are in occupation or not. The wholehearted agreement of the Italian armed forces and ovilians has been gallantly shown in the struggle which has already been initiated against the Nazis by their naval units, on the sea passage from Spezia, and breadth of Italy.

Already the possession of Taranto gives the Allies a commanding naval base at the junc-Seas, within striking distance of Albania, the 'back-loor into the the enemy in Greece and the Greek Islands, from which shey have hitherto been able to exercise control over the approaches to the Dardanelles. The complete clearance of the Aegean Sea would open a vitally important. winter supply route to the embattled Russian armies through the Black Sea, and the liberation of Crete would remove a formidable threat to the short sea-route to India and the Far East, through the Suez Canal. The economy in shipping thus effected, supplemented by the new accession of Italian naval and merchant shipping to the Allied service would thus come at a period in the world war when every ton of extra shipping will be of inestimable value in hastening the final overthrow of the Germans and Japanese.

The future Allied occupa Nazi industries and communications in Austria Poland and Czechoslovakia to the same relentless destruction as the Ruhr-territory.

The political effects of the breaking of the Axis are of incalculable importance. The honourable terms accorded to the defeated nation and the no less benourable implementation of these terms by the vanquished are aspects of the Allied victory which will not pass unnoticed in the countries whose governments still bind them to the degrading Nazi chariot wheels,

The breaking of Italian resistance will be welcomed by the brave peoples of France and Yugoslavia no less enthusiastically than here in Malta; both these countries were early victims of Eascist treachery and today they may well see in the Italian debacle the signs of their approaching liberation

GORT AND HIS PEOPLE

Victory Celebrations In Valetta CITY BANDS' PARADE

BY SPECTATOR

I was on the roof of a building in Valetta overlooking the Palace Square. I looked towards the North. There was the powerful Italian Fleet riding at anchor, "beneath the guns of powerini manar fleet riding at anchor, beneath the guns of Malta." I turned my eyes to the opposite direction, and there on the Palace Square were the People of Malta, cheering their great leader Gort, the Victor of Malta. And further on, beneath the palaces and churches of Valetta, and between them and the ravaged but unconquered. Three Cities across the harbour, Cunningham's gallant fleet rode at anchor. A great day for Malta; its significance was summarized in Lord Gort's address to the people. Gort's address to the people.

LORD GORT'S SPEECH

To-morrow is the first anniversary of the official presentation of the George Cross to the People of Malta. Although to the Island I had reserved this presentation for the time, which I knew would inevitably come, when a big ceremony would stir our hearts, and help to steel our nerves, to face still greater privations in our determination to endure to the end, confident that the United Nations must finally triumph. I said on that occasion "Battle scarred George Cross Malta, the sentinel of the Empire on the Mediterranean, meanwhile stands by soldiers and civilians firm, undaunted and undismayed, throughout the length and awaiting the time when she can call awaiting the time when she can call Pass Friend all is well in the Island Fortress'."

Again on last New Year's Eve I stated "May the year which begins totion of the Advatic and Ionian morrow carry us far along the road which leads to the portals of victory. Let us go forward with confidence into Balkans. The withdrawal of 1943." Even so the events, which have Italian garrisons will seriously happened during the past 12 months. happened during the past 12 months, affect the occupying strength of have surpassed our most optimistic

BELLS OF SENGLEA

Who would have foretold on 8th September last year that the bells of the Three Unconquered Cities would ring the harbour at eagle of L'Isla, again this year, as of old, in commemo-luckily still stills. The cereagain this year, as of old, in commemoration of the great victory of 1565? Who would have prophesied that the Statue of Our Lady of Victories would again be carried in procession through the ruined streets of Senglea Invicts, and that the bells, which would ring in 1948 in celebration of Malta's National Day. would continue their joyous peals to celebrate the downfall of Italy, - the Italy who had so recently and so arrogantly boasted that Malta had been 'rubbed out''.

Again who would have dared to predict that the news would flash round the world on 11th September 1943 announcing that the great Italian Fleet would be at anchor off the shores of our unconquered Island Fortress.

Malta may well be content but in her contentment let everyone of us rememtion of all Italy will expose the ber that it still remains his or her duty not to waver or to slacken but rather to continue to work faithfully until the United Nations win their final and decisive victory over the Crooked Cross of Nazi Germany.

IN KINGSWAY

Valetta, like the rest of the Island had been beflagged for four days - since September 8. The two City Bands, had arranged a Victory March. An additional hour for the ball services was a great boon to all.

The Committees and Members of the King's Own and La Valette Band Clubs organized Victory Parades in Kingsway, and marched down the street applaured by people gathered from all over the Island. Their public-spiritedness on such occasions, in organizing these programmes from their own Club funds is appreciated by all. The same may be said for Band Clubs throughout the Island, who are foremost in these

Lord Gort again appeared on the Palace Balcony, amidst renewed cheers, as the bands played the Hymn of Malta followed by "God Save the King".

The people waited in Kingsway I had brought the George Cross with me to cheer His Excellency as he drove out of the City.

to Our Lady of Victories in Thanksgiving for the great

Victory of 1565 is also in run and the blitzed Sacristy has been

turned into a Chapel pending the restoration of the Church.

The venerated statue of Our Lady

had been taken for safety to Birkirkara but this year it was brought to this temporary Chapel

at Senglea where it lay unth the Eve of September 8, when it was

taken in procession to the Church

of St. Phi ip, which though facing

Admiral and Mrs. Kenneth Mackenzie, Mrs. Campbell visited the Church on the Eve of the

Wednesday was however the day on which the people of

Senglea, now scattered all over

the Island and of the other two

Dockyard cities of Vittoriosa and

Kospikwa congregated among the

strewn in the path of the Reli-

gious Procession as it wound its

way through streets which had

been carefully cleared of tons and

on the shoulders of the faithful, after leaving St. Philip's Church.

arrived at the Matina, a mega-phone from on board a Naval vessel in the creek, "bawled out

the news" of the unconditional

The news quickly spread and

thenceforth the procession be-

giving to Our Lady of Victories for this second great Victory over

their enemies granted to the people of Malta on the day

September 8, - the birth of Our Lady. Men and women overcome with emotion, with

tears trickling down their face

lined the route and followed the Procession to the Church of St.

Philip. It was a sac yet glorious day for these people.

As the Statue of Our Lady borne months.

Thanks-

tons of rubble.

surrender of Italy.

came a pilgrimage of

Senglea, which is now in complete rain.

LOCAL NEWS

Social and Personal ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between .Mr. Ronald S. Hind, M.R.S.G.B., Stud. Brit. 1.R.E., only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hind of Harrow, Middlesex, Hind of Harrow, Middlesex, England, and Miss Tessic Bonello, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Bonello of Birkirkara.

OBITUARY

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Paul Darmenia Supervisor at H.M. Dockyard, which occurred at his temporary residence at Balzan at the age of 58 years.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife Pauline nee Bonnici his sons Anthony chemist of the Medical and Health Department and his daughters Mrs. C. Darmenia, May and Josephine. besides many other relatives and friends to all of whom we offer our sincere sympathy. -- R.I.P.

surrender or Italy and that he

felt it was a tribute to the Maltess

people that this event should

occur on the least this of Our Lady of Victories and asking

him to communicate the contents

of the note to the people.

Father Brincat then went straight to the Pulpit and told

the congregation of the grace which Our Lady had that day ob-

tained for them. A Hymn to Our

Lady was then -ung tollowed by

The co-elerations in Senglea were made possible through the

great help which the Admiral Superintendent of the Dockyard

accorded to the parishioners in

giving them ah facilities for the

necessary adjustments to be made to the electric lighting system of

the blitzed Churches of Senglea

which have not been working for

a long time. Naval Ships in the creek also observed the usua.

custom of turning the search-

lights on to the statue of Our

Lady as it passed the Marina,

but as it was still daylight, much of the effect of the old days was

for the time being as pilgrims

from all over the Island have been

visiting the shrine as an act of Thanksgiving for the Victories of the Alies of the past few

Benediction.

Our Lady Of Victories

CELEBRATION AT SENGLEA

the Birth of Our Lady, was for the first time since the beginning of the war with Italy, again celebrated this year to the City of

The Parish Church dedicated Kenneth Markenzie, C.B.E., Our Lady of Victories in Admiral Superintendent H.M. banksgiving for the great Dockyard informing him of the

ruins of Senglea to celebrate this traditional feast of Our Lady, of the effect of the old days was The Beland Band of Zejtan, the Maria Mater Grazia Band of Zabbar and the De Paule Band of Pawla played and flowers were of Victories, where it will remain for the time being as pilgrims

The Feest of Oar Ludy of Victories (II-Bambina) which is

FROM MY PARROT

Married Daughter. "I wish you'd learn not to drop your aspirates. father. You never hear Claude doing it. Self made-man "Pity 'e isn't as careful with 'is vowels --'es got I.O.U.'s lying about all over the place."

NOTICE TO VINTNERS

Commercial vintners are a quested to apply on Tuesda September 14 instant, to to Office of Agriculture, Schor Gozo, to withdraw permits it the murchase of citagonial. the purchase of citae acid.

The attention of public weig ers is again drawn to para. 5 Wine (Control of Production a) Restriction of Shipment, Reg tions 1943, whereby public weigh ers must forward to the Direct of Agriculture a duplicate co on a special form of note weight within five days of d

of weighing.
Such special forms are obtain able from the Office of Agric-

REQUIEM MASSES

On the initiative of the Students the Course of Medicine and Surgery Low Requiem Mass with Holy Co munion for the late Mr. George P Ph.C., late medical student, at University Church, Valetta, on Wedn day, September 15, at 7.45 a.m. The tendance of relatives and friends v be greatly appreciated.

TO THANK

Messrs. Vincent and Fran-Portelli and family wish to that all those who in any way ba shown them sympathy in the recent bor avement through t death of their mother

Calling British Forces in Malta' will appear in tomorrow's paper.

TROPS THEATRE Par
Treday and Tomorrow
Tyrone Power in
"THIS ABOVE ALL"
Shows at 6 and 8 p.m. daily
Sundays and Festas: 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.

COMMAND HALL THEATRE Vale

Command Fair, Merchants Street
To-day
2, 5.30 and 7.30 p.m. Cinema Shows
J. Stewart and J. Arthur in
YOU (AN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU
Officers 2/-: Other Ranks 1/Services and Lady Guests only.

CRYSTAL PALACE Theatre Floris

To-day
Richard Greene in
"KENTLICKY"
Shows: Weekdays at 2 and 7 p.m.
Sundays and Festas at 10 a.m.,
2, 5 and 7 p.m.
Prices of Admission 1/6 and 2/-

CARLTON THEATRE Tel. Sliema To-day and To-morrow
Jane Withers in
"BOY FRIEND"
Shows: 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. daily

COLISEUM THEATRE Valetta 4

Part 1 Latest Caumont British No Part 2. J. Payne and M. O'Hara i "TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI Shows at 10 a.m., 1, 3, 5.30 and 7.30 p.m.

ODEON THEATRE BAT DAILY DANCING from 6 to 10 p.m. GRAND SPECIAL DANCE ON SUNDAY

ST. GEORGE'S THEATRE

" NEUTRAL PORT " ws: Weekdays at 5.30 & 7.30 p Sundays and Festus 10 a.m., 2, 5.30 & 7.30 p.m. Admission 1/2 and 1/6

TRIANON THEATRE Ham To-day and To-marrow D. Lewis and J. Ellison in "ICE CAPADES"

Weekdays at 5 and 7 p.m. Sundays at 10.30 c.m. 2, 5 and 7 p OBPHEUM Theatre, Tel. Sliema To-day and To-morrow George Formby in "GET CRACKING" Shows at 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. Sundays and Festas Matinee at 10 a

Birkirk

ROXY THEATRE To-day E. G. Robinson and P. Lukas in

MAJESTIC THEATRE Tel. Sliems 68

VERNON SERVICES To-day and To-morrow
F. As aire and G. Rogers in
TOP HAT

Show-: 10 a.m., 3, 5 and 8 p.m. Admission 1/- & 2/-Servicemen only. MANOEL THEATRE Val. Cen. 4090

To-day
Part 1. Before the raid
Pare 2. Eddy Cantor in
"FORTY LITTLE MOTHERS"
Shows: 10 a.m., 1, 3, 5.30 & 7.30 p.m.
Prices of Admission 1/6 and 2/6

REX THEATRE
To-day & To-morrow
Lloyd Nolan in
"CHARTER PILOT"
Weekdays: 2, 5.30 and 7.30 p.m.
Sundays: 10.30 am... 2, 4,
6 and 8 p.m.

To-day