

Reference: 3/PPDT/T42

1. BOMBING AND AIR-RAID SHELTERS IN LONDON
2. DICK'S VISIT TO NORTHOLT AERODROME
3. REPORTS FROM THE FRIENDS
4. REPORT FROM SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S DEPUTY

(1940)

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[DZHCN][i].

I was in the CITY yesterday. A large number of roads are closed up garbled] fires continue [to burn][a]. There are many blitzed houses in WHITEHALL ROAD, OLD STREET and HOLBORN. Bombs have demolished houses next to the War Ministry. Traffic and the Underground have been partly disrupted.

In the evenings I have seen many people standing around good shelters waiting for them to be opened, since they are opened only if there is an alert. Now the people quickly take refuge in a shelter, which was not the case previously.

I was on NORTHOLT Aerodrome during an alert; fighters are located (as I reported earlier [ii]). After the alert a squadron of Spitfires took about 15 minutes to take off and form up, after which they flew off to LONDON in open formation. About three or four squadrons remained at the aerodrome. The pilots sat in and beside their aircraft - the engines were not started.

The British FRIENDS [DEUZUYa][iii] have reported that warships with anti-aircraft guns have been stationed in the THAMES near the docks, which has not happened before. They have also reported that during a visit by a British ship to the EAST END (which has suffered badly from the SAUSAGE-DEALERS' [DEBNIKI][iv] bombing) the person in charge [1 group unidentified] suggested to the latter that he should drive off quickly because of the throng of people [1 group garbled] to take the law into their own hands with violence.

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The deputy to the MASTER of the METRO [KHOZYAIN METRO][v] has reported that parts of the VICKERS Aircraft Factory at WYTHRIDGE have been molished by the SAUSAGE-DEALERS.

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es: [a] Inserted by translator.

[b] "The aerodrome" has obviously been omitted here,

ents: [i] JOHN: Unidentified MOSCOW addressee 6th July 1940 - 16th September 1940.

[ii] See LONDON's No. 943 of 26th August 1940 for the previous visit to NORTHOLT Aerodrome.

✓[iii] FRIENDS: members of the Communist Party.

✓[iv] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.

✓[v] MASTER of the METRO: the Soviet Ambassador.

[vi] DICK: Covername of unidentified LONDON signatory and addressee between 6th July 1940 and 11th October 1940.