

ZOO AND LONDON DAMAGE.

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The London Zoo in Regent's Park has been one of the many non-military victims of Hitler's air attacks. But quite obviously the morale of the inhabitants is no more near breaking point than it is anywhere else. This is the end of an era. But presumably after the war we shall build a new zoo fit for here ~~where~~ ^{animals} to live in.

~~The animals~~ are most philosophical about it, although the debris is a bit of a nuisance when they take their exercise. But the hippo doesn't take any.

In the meantime the Zoo citizen army has turned to with a will to clear up the mess; Dr Goebbels would like these pictures to prove that we're ~~surprisingly~~ short of petrol. The cockatoo came out to act as a sort of fireman, just looking on. But with all this bobbing about he didn't know if he was Alert or all clear. It hasn't been found necessary yet to call in the pioneers. But they get all the help they need.

Another famous peace time spot that had a bomb on it was the Centre Court at Wimbledon. I mean to say --- the Centre Court! But here's a picture that cheers up everybody except the residents actually ~~existing~~ living there. A Heinkel brought down in a back garden in Hornchurch. I think it's a job for the garage, old boy. Of course they have a sentry on duty --- and the R.A.F. sing that song about come into the garden Maud and shut the gate.

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Now let's have a look round the west end of London. Here's an old bit of bomb damage in Oxford Street --- but the rest of the bazaar looks all right, doesn't it? ~~There's nothing~~ There have been a lot of reports about Marble Arch not looking any too good --- but but it still doesn't look any too bad, does it? And if you can tear yourself away from what's happening to Mussolini in Greece you can see that Piccadilly is still taking nourishment. When we show the world that London is far from being a city of ruins, we like to prove that our pictures are up to date, for the benefit of the suspicious. These ~~pictures~~ provincial buses cruising the ~~streets~~ streets are all the proof needed. Another famous landmark in London is Kensington Palace --- that has suffered now a certain amount of damage, but the main building is still intact.

And yet another example of Germany's indiscriminate bombing -- the home of those veterans of other wars..... Chelsea Hospital. We are a peace loving nation at heart. But such examples of barbarism rouse us all to a furious anger which will ~~not~~ ~~drive~~ drive us on until all these horrors are avenged.