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BRITAIN LOOKS UP

The nation spends an afternoon reviewing its first line of defence. With the news that fighter strength is to be doubled, the public takes comfort from power massed on the airfields. Lord Tedder, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, and dynamo of Britain's mighty air arm, greets the daring few of nineteen forty.

Speaking of one of history's most decisive battles, he says.....

"In the front line of that battle were the ground crew and air crew of the Royal Air Force. They were the few, very nearly too few, and we owe it to the present generation never again to take such risks with so few."

Today, the present generation hears a new sound in the skies, as the world scene darkens, Britain's spearhead of defence turns to the Jets.

The day of the invincible Hurricanes and Spitfires is over. The air sword has a keener blade and for those who wield it, there is the high example of those who went before.

Strength rests in the spirit of the adventurers who meet the call of every age, the air crews and ground crews which knit into that smooth running machine - the Royal Air Force. Yes, even as we knew it a few short years ago!!

A wary Britain, seeking peace, decides that these few must not climb the skies alone in facing the uncertain future.