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FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF GERMAN INVASION OF BELGIUM

On the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the German invasion of Belgium, (May 10.) M. Antoine Delfosse, Belgian Minister of Justice and of Information, has made the following statement:-

"Four years ago today, the German Reich perpetrated against Belgium the most iniquitous and most savage of aggressions, despite her solemn engagements.

"And for four years Belgium has been engaged in her unequal but unflagging struggle against a ruthless enemy by whom she is oppressed, plundered and tortured.

"We celebrate today's anniversary with a sad heart, for it evokes the sacrifice of the thousands of patriots who have fallen for the salvation of the Motherland, and the appalling distress of our martyred people.

"But we also greet this anniversary with pride and hope; pride in the admirable resistance of a nation which unanimously refuses to be subdued by the Nazi yoke; and hope in an early Allied victory which will restore our independence and our happiness in peaceful Europe."

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