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MRS. CHURCHILL AT DUDLEY GARDEN FETE.

SV Mrs. Churchill on dais speaking.

"Ladies and Gentlemen: As I look upon this vast gathering I think to myself what is it that has brought us all here today....in this lovely setting on this glorious afternoon. It isn't only - in fact - it isn't at all - the idea of merely spending a happy and gay afternoon, though that is very, very liable in order that everybody's spirit should be cheered in wartime. This great gathering has come here to help one of the very greatest causes in the world. I mean - the organization of the Red Cross and St. John's. And I feel that Lady Dudley is a very wonderful organizer." (Hear - hear and applause.)

CU Mrs. Churchill speaking:

"Because of her charm and by her ability and by her powers of persuasion and her determination she has persuaded so many of her townsmen and villages in the neighbourhood to contribute to this great occasion. I am told that more than 20,000 are represented here in the market and have sent"

CU Mrs. Churchill speaking:

"Spread over the whole of this country through all the great cities and into the tiny cities so that there is not a - in this country - is not aware of the work we are doing and has not made its contribution. And I think that the Red Cross is a very broad-minded and wonderful organization because in the dark days of 1941 when really, we did seem as though that our backs were at the wall, then that meant there was so much to do for our own country that step forward then we took the Aid, to Russia Fund of which I have great honour to be the Chairman under their wing.

GV Mrs. Churchill speaking.

"Do you know, when I arrived here this afternoon, I was absolutely thrilled to see the wounded soldiers in blue, because I didn't know that this house was a hospital, and I want to tell you - it seems a strange thing - that living in London as I do these men whom I saw here this afternoon are the first wounded men from Normandy whom I have seen - because ladies and gentlemen - you can very really understand we don't keep men who have been wounded out in Normandy in London - so that they ~~shall be a second time attacked by the flying bombs~~ (Applause.)

SV Mrs. Churchill speaking.

"I know that we are very much warned against over optimism (laughter) but this afternoon I am on my own (loud laughter)(and applause) and away from control (laughter) though I ~~can~~ tell you, I wish I had been able)

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control (laughter) though I may tell you, I wish I had been able to bring
the control with me. (Laughter) I must tell you, by the way. that just
before I came out here Lord Dudley showed me a photograph of my husband
taken exactly in this spot under a little tent taken in the year 1928
when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer. But he looks just as nice now
(laughter) but in the photograph he did look a little younger than he
does now."

CU Mrs. Churchill speaking.

~~But~~ don't think I ought to keep you here any longer under this - sun,
but I want to tell you how happy - how very very happy I am to be here -
rejoice my heart ~~that~~ ^{and it} is a grand sight to see you ~~at~~ here on your brief
holiday for I know everyone of you in one way or another is engaged on
vital work of the war. ^{very} And so I say let us have a very/happy afternoon
and I have a great deal of pleasure in declaring this fete open. ✓

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