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## CADETS

One of the problems of our Navy is to get more flyers. The Department right now is in the throes of a methodical and concerted campaign to procure naval aviation cadets. And one consequence is that it's much easier to join than it was. Formerly, you had to be well up in math before you could be accepted even as a candidate for instruction in navy flying. You had to have taken college algebra, plain geometry, solid geometry, plain trigonometry and physics. But now, the U.S. Naval Reserve announces, those requirements have been discarded. Consequently, a great many young men who used to be ineligible are now not only eligible but wanted.

CUBA

In Cuba, all is serene, the trouble apparently over. President Batista, the ex-sergeant, announced today that Constitutional guarantees have been restored. They were suspended for a short period indeed when we consider the previous history of such upheavals.

Today soldiers were removing sandbags from the presidential ~~ap~~ palace at Havana. And the military sentries protecting the President were being replaced by the usual guard of policemen. Only one of the rebellious chiefs remained in Cuba; Colonel Gonzalez, former head of the Navy; and he's under arrest. His colleagues, the now-ex-head of the army and the ex-Chief of Police, with their families, are in exile -- in Florida.

WAITER

In the federal building at Philadelphia today, a prisoner was about to be arraigned before the United States Commissioner when the prisoner landed a haymaker to the chin of the deputy marshal who had him in tow. Then he made a break for the door. Just as he got there, another deputy grabbed him, and there was a tussle until they finally made him cry "uncle".

The prisoner is a singing waiter. That isn't what he's under arrest for, though that is an idea. He's accused of having sent a blackmailing letter to Betty Grable, ex-wife of Jackie Coogan. The letter he addressed to Miss Grable called her "Dear Girlie", and asked for eighty-five hundred dollars. He warned her not to go to the cops and added, that Betty is too beautiful to mess up.

The United States Commissioner set his bail at eighty-five hundred dollars, what he had demanded from Betty.

And from Betty Grable let's switch to Hugh James.

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stood in doorways and waved greetings as we passed." He adds that they were ~~quite~~ glad to see the British because they were afraid that when the Italian troops left, the desert Arabs would loot their homes.

BILL

Congress today adopted a lend-lease amendment not sponsored by the administration leaders -- not okayed by them. It was introduced by Republican Representative Dirksen of Illinois, and provides that the presidential power under the bill can be terminated at any time by congressional resolution. The importance of this conersn a well advertised fact; as the all-out-aid-to-Britain measure now stands - Congress could not repeal it without a two-thirds vote. Because such a repeal could be vetoed by the president and it takes a two-thirds majority to override a veto.

But a resolution by Congress does not need the presidential signature, and cannot be vetoed. A mere majority vote does the trick once and for all.

Apparently, the Democratic leaders were caught napping by the Dirksen amendment; which was put to a vote in a clever political manœuvre. There wasn't much debate, the vote was taken quickly - a hundred and forty-eight to a hundred and forty-one. So the proviso becomes a part of the Lend-Lease Bill. But it remains to be seen whether it will stick. There's something tentative about it, more technical than real

# RETAKE

Previous to that, Congress had voted down another amendment -- introduced by Republican Congressman Mundt of South Dakota. This proposal would have been a substitute for the Lend-Lease idea, and would have put a limin on money to be spent in aid to Britain. It would have permitted the President to have given or lent to the British the sum of two billion dollars. The administration forces rallied against this, and it was beaten - two hundred and six to a hundred and forty-five.

LINDBERGH

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Lindbergh's testimony today was pretty much the same as he previously gave <sup>--- to the</sup> Lower House Committee then, Senate Committee now. He repeated his contentions that a negotiated peace would be the best thing, in preference to victory for either side. He denied <sup>however</sup> that he thought it made no difference who won the war. He said he believed a Nazi victory would be a very bad thing, a British victory a good thing. But he didn't believe that Britain could win, even with our help. ~~He said the war would merely be prolonged into destructive disaster. So he argued that we should stop encouraging war, and do something to promote peace.~~

Lindbergh likewise repeated his contention that ~~the~~ <sup>U.S.,</sup> ~~United States~~ air power is in a bad way, because of the amount of flying material that we've been sending abroad - planes to Britain. He declared this country could not be invaded, if we were reasonably armed. But if we deplete our stocks of armament sufficiently, we can be invaded - so declared Lindbergh.

At this point his testimony was oddly dramatized -

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the lights went out. Some failure of electricity had plunged the Senate Committee room into darkness. It occurred just after Lindbergh made this utterance: "If we ever are invaded in America," he stated, "the responsibility will be upon those who sent our arms abroad." And as he said that - the lights went out.

The Lone Eagle gave some elucidation of that incident of historic fame - the part he played at the time of the Munich appeasement pact. He said that after a study of the air power of Nazi Germany, he went to England at the request of United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy. He told Kennedy, and later repeated to British officials - "that the Hitler air force was, as he phrased it today, stronger than any combination of air forces that could be brought against it."

Lindbergh <sup>also</sup> today told of the opinion he formed after studying air power in Europe for several years, an opinion that reckoned with the geographical position that Germany occupied in the center of Europe. "I was forced to the conclusion," he declared, "that Germany was the natural air power of Europe just as England is the natural sea power."

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That's an aviator's viewpoint - and on it Lindbergh  
bases his conclusion that Great Britain cannot defeat Germany,  
even with the aid of the United States.

## GREEK PLANES

There seems to be some confusion in the story of the Greeks and the United States war planes. Secretary of the Navy Knox announced that Greek authorities were offered a gift of thirty used navy planes, but turned them down - because they were obsolete.

Today sources close to the White House said - No. The Greeks had not been offered the thirty planes as a gift. Because, as the statement went - "President Roosevelt isn't giving anything or lending anything now." He's waiting for Congress to give him authority to do so - the Lend-Lease Bill. So the offer of planes to the Greeks was not as a gift - but as a sale. "A purchase proposition," said the White House information. From this it would appear that the Greeks merely failed to buy what they might get for nothing later on. It is pointed out that the navy planes had been used in dive-bombing practice, and for that work planes have to be good - though the thirty in question were ready to be retired to the reserve. The opinion is expressed that they would be a valuable addition to Greek aircraft

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equipment. Greek officials in Washington said, on their part, that they had not refused the thirty - and there must be some misunderstanding.

Today we hear that pioneering work by Ford has gone so far that a new and revolutionary process of mass production of airplanes is approaching actuality. To turn them out on the assembly line, as many as a thousand a day. So what 's the big idea? What's the secret of it all?

The story goes back to last year, when a United States military plane was sent to the Ford plant for inspection and study. Next, a party of Ford engineers visited plants where planes were being constructed, and looked into the methods that were employed. In the party were Edsel Ford and Charles Sorensen, the Ford production manager. Sorensen has been a mastermind in the Ford establishment ever since the days of the Model "T." The story is that he was astounded by what he saw in the aircraft industry. It was a case of -- rivets.

One type of big bomber has four hundred and fifty thousand rivets, and they're mostly driven by hand. In the construction of a plane like that, seventy-five per cent of the work right now is by hand, and ninety-per cent of that manual labor consists of riveting. It's a slow and toilsome process. The Ford engineers were told how

the riveting was done in some parts of the plane -- parts hard to get at, inaccessible. There the rivets were clinched by the explosion of small charges of gunpowder.

The meaning of all this was clear, and the Ford people set to work to devise a new type of riveting, rapid, mechanical - not hand work. This -- to be used in conjunction with a new way to weld duraluminum, which will avoid a lot of riveting. With these novelties, Ford continues with plans for an assembly line a mile long, the same as in automobile production -- but much longer. At one end of the assembly line you start with raw materials, and at the other end of the mile long production belt -- out comes a full fledged warplane!2 Everything except the pilot.

WILLKIE

Today in the State Senate of Indiana, they took a vote concerning Wendell Willkie. ~~The~~ Republicans and Democrats were

split on strictly party lines - for and against Willkie. *Yes, it was that way. But wait - there's a twist!* You'd think the Republicans voted in favor of their candidate of last November - the Democrats against him, *wouldn't you? But no!* ~~But~~ it was the

other way round. The Democrats in the State Senate proposed a resolution praising Willkie for supporting President Roosevelt and the Lend-Lease Bill. And the Democrats all voted for the resolution of praise. The Republicans with equal unanimity, voted against it! They have a majority; *so the Indiana* ~~and the~~ resolution was turned down.

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This was a bad day for aviation accidents. Canada had a major air tragedy in the crash of a passenger liner near Armstrong, Ontario. Nine passengers aboard and a crew of three, and all lost their lives when the plane was forced down ~~and then~~ <sup>and</sup> crashed.

Then today <sup>a U.S.</sup> ~~an~~ army flying fortress was reported missing in

the Far West. And a railroad foreman phoned the information that

he had seen a big airplane crash on the top of a mountain in <sup>Nevada</sup> ~~the~~

~~valley.~~ Here's the latest: - a search party has found the wreckage of the bomber <sup>today</sup>

On Long Island two army pursuit planes collided in the air.

Both fell crashing to the earth. The pilot of one was killed.

But the other airman succeeded in bailing out. He floated safely to earth.

DESK

There's no end to the marvels of this wonderful era of ours. Take this newest bit of magic - which might be called, "first aid to the untidy executive." You know, the fellow whose desk is a litter of what looks like rubbish - letters waiting to be answered, important contracts to be signed, and even an old necktie. Then - in comes a still bigger executive. He sees the desk looking like a trash pile, and forms an unfavorable opinion. "Sloppy fellow, that!" he thinks - and maybe the million dollar deal is off.

They have a cure for all that at the National Business Show, which in New York is displaying all the latest gadgets for offices. One is a new invention to aid the sloppy executive with the rubbish heap for a desk. No, the new device is not one that simply sweeps the accumulated <sup>ion</sup> ~~trash~~ into an ashcan. <sup>checks and all.</sup> It's more subtle. You press a button, and lo and behold - a secondary top raises up and slides into place a few inches above the former desk top! It's neat and trim, and shiny - the perfection of a well kept desk. So, when the imposing visitor is announced, <sup>Mr. G. Horace</sup> ~~Mr. Untidy~~ Sloppo need not worry. Presto, chango, and his desk makes him appear to be

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the neatest executive in the business world.

Of course, it may all seem to be a little phoney, but you know how things are in business. Anyway, it's not as phoney as passing confederate money<sup>!</sup> which reminds me - have you noted that remarkable piece of news in the papers today? At North Tarrytown, New York, some guy passed a fifty dollar confederate bank-note. Not only that, it turned out to be a counterfeit confederate bank-note! After which the band will rise and play "Dixie". ~~But, since we haven't any band here, let's hear Hugh James.~~

MUSIC

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A terrifying vision was presented to a helpless world today, a vision of fiendish music. Imagine a concert, a sonata with the following cast of musicians:- Hitler playing the piccolo. Stalin tooting on the trumpet. President Roosevelt playing a banjo. And Mussolini singing! How would you like to hear that - the diabolical discord? Each one performing a different tune.

This frightful symphony is suggested by a scientist <sup>of</sup> ~~in~~  
~~tones~~ ~~music~~ — Dr. Arthur T. Cremin, Director of the New York School of Music. He announces that he has devised a system of fitting the right musical instrument to the right temperament. What he calls - "certain basic rules governing the instruments for which people are fitted according to their individual personality and background." And here are some of the Professor's conclusions. The piccolo should be played by tense and nervous people - Hitler is of that type. Heavy and stolid personalities like that of Red Dictator Stalin, are best adapted to the trumpet. The Professor remarks that President Roosevelt belongs in the category of people with quiet habits, like

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stamp collecting. The best instrument for them is a mandolin, guitar or banjo. The florid temperamental type - Mussolini is of that kind. They're best suited for singing. — *sour notes*  
*I'll bet.*

So there you have the torturing vision! - Hitler *tootling*  
~~whistling~~ on the piccolo - a goose-step type of tune. Stalin playing a trumpet - those proletarian blues. President Roosevelt strumming a banjo - "Democracy, I love you," And Mussolini singing - something ~~almost~~ *off key, and flat.* ~~operatic.~~ ~~The right opera would be that~~  
~~old one, "L'Afrikana", which is about Africa. The counterpoint~~  
~~would be terrific.~~

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To this ensemble you could add some other musicians.

Joe Louis, for example, playing ~~the~~ organ. That's the instrument, says the Professor, for athletes like the Brown Bomber.

Affectionate persons, he declares, should make music on the accordian. But I don't know what any affectionate person

*the above named*  
would do in ~~that~~ orchestra.

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With all due modesty, I think that I myself should have a place in the concert. I'd play the drums. The Professor says that drums are the right instruments for timid souls.

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And that's me. The more timid the soul, the louder the banging should be. So bring me that base drum. f 5-2 Wt 11

As for Hugh he plays one handsomely for Blue Sunoco every night.

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