

Night Show.
Feb 23rd

FIGHTER PLANE.

At San Diego, California, the U.S Navy ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ demonstrated the first of its carrier-based all jet-propelled fighter planes - the F.J. One. ~~The F.J. One~~ Said to have a speed of more than five-hundred-and-fifty miles an hour; ~~is~~ the Navy's first all jet fighter, for carrier operation. ~~The~~ The Navy has previously used jet propulsion as an auxilliary take-off aid for conventional propeller type aircraft. Now it is putting these all-jet fighters into operation. The new fighter planes, however do not take-off by jet propulsion. They are shot into the air by catapults, which are now standard ~~equipment~~ ^{equipment} ~~fitting for~~ all U.S carriers. ~~this system~~ ^{jet} Enables the greatest number of aircraft to be ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ airborne in the shortest possible time.

The Navy ^{now} has a full squadron of these ~~jet~~ ^{jet} planes ~~out~~ on the West Coast, but as yet they have not ~~XXXXX~~ made any landings on the deck of a carrier - a ticklish

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procedure with such a high speed craft which has a power unit identical with that of the Douglas Skystreak which holds the present world speed record. ~~But~~ ^{we are told} landing experiments will soon be made - when ~~our~~ Navy pilots ^{get} ~~have~~ got the feel of F.J. One. - The floating airfield for the landings ^{will be the} ~~to be our~~ giant aircraft carrier U.S.S. BOXER, now in San Francisco Bay.

"FISH" HASSELL

Old time airman "Fish" Hassell sends me word from Iceland where he is building an international airport. "Fish" has a problem that he wants you, and me, to help him solve. But, first, let me tell you a little about "Fish" Hassell whom I last left in a snow bank in Labrador, in the final year of the war.

I told a little about it at the time, how "Fish" and the legendary old-time aviator and airplane builder, Eddie Stinson, were pals. Eddie, who became ^{\friendly/}~~friendly~~ with John Barleycorn, finally cracked up in a plane. Ever since then "Fish" Hassell has been worrying about him. "Fish" is certain that Eddie is now in Purgatory -- paying the ~~price~~ price. So, each year, Colonel "Fish" Hassell goes on the wagon, New Year's Day and stays on until Easter, doing penance, or as "Fish" puts it:

carrying the cross so that my poor friend Eddie will be closer to the Pearly Gates."

It was Easter Sunday just two years ago when a group of us flew into the snowy airport at Goosebay Labrador. Colonel "Fish" Hassell in command there had just completed his penance and he insisted on giving us a reindeer steak banquet.

Now he writes me from ~~IX~~ Iceland as follows:

"Today I received through the mail post-marked ~~Rxxxxxx~~ December twenty, a Christmas card from some youngster by the name of Joe Spieker, and it was addressed, "Mr. Santa Claus & Helpers, One Hundred East North Pole, Fairy Land 20, Iceland." With this descriptive address it reached my desk, and I would appreciate it writes Fish Hassell, "if through your song and dance, you would mention that Mr. 'Mr. Santa Claus' who is now sojourning in Iceland,

received this card and would like to have Joe's address so he can answer.

"How^W did the Icelandic Post Office Department happen to direct this envelope to me? On Christmas I played Santa Claus to six hundred and fifty Icelandic children of the village of Keflavik. From this I presume the postal authorities felt that I was the proper person to receive this card, and now I want ~~am~~ you to help out old Santa and get on your squawk box and holler so little Joe can ~~xxx~~ hear you."

If Little Joe or any of his friends happen to be listening, and will drop me a line I'll put them in touch with my genial friend up ^{in Iceland.} ~~there in the Arctic~~
And now our genial friend Nelson.

orders from the high command of the Arab military organization in the Holy Land. ~~Re~~ This from the same who Hussein Khalidi, /had protested earlier in the day that he had no idea who was responsible.

The Holy City tonight is split into two camps. One is controlled by Haganah, strongly fortified. The other patrolled by Arab nationalists. With both Jews and Arabs now in uniform.

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In London the police announce that Scotland Yard has just foiled an attempt to blow up His Majesty's Colonial Office. ~~Re~~ A telephone call came in about three o'clock conveying the warning that the building was to be blown up in three minutes. The warning by a voice with a foreign accent.

A moment later a girl operator found, behind a letter box in the hallway, what appeared to be a box of candy. With wires running from it. She screamed; and men from Scotland Yard arrived.

of which obviously would arouse the Arabs and further imperil our access to that vast Arabian oil field.

Word from Palestine that normal activities are just about paralyzed, with the Sunday death estimated at fifty-six dead and a hundred and sixteen wounded. The ancient ^(road) ~~road~~ to Jaffa is ~~xxxx~~ blocked by Haganah, barbed wire barricades across the road. Also, Haganah has erected fortifications - dragon's teeth barriers -- around the various Jewish quarters in Jerusalem.

The Palestine Post, Jewish, announces editorially that all confidence in the British has gone. At the same time, British engineers have lent Haganah bulldozers and other hauling machinery to tear away the rubble from the recent explosion, the destruction from which is reported greater than the July Nineteen Forty Six King David Hotel disaster.

One reason for the increasing hatred of the British, on the part of the Jews is that the Arabs are wearing uniforms somewhat similar to those of the British. One result of this was that when two large ~~trucks~~

military trucks and an armored car appeared in front of road blocks the Jews had erected they were allowed through. A few minutes later both trucks blew up. Four five-story-buildings were engulfed in a sheet of flame, and the explosion demolished six small hotels, the offices of three Hebrew newspapers, fifty restaurants, and hundreds of shops and stores.

all of which are obsolete, ^{and}, the development of new building material^s. To bring all this about, the

President ^{today} asked for special powers, ^{including} priorities ~~to~~ in order to stimulate the construction of housing.

throughout the entire country, ^{a strike} to last indefinitely.

Late ^{this} ~~in the~~ afternoon police guards were withdrawn from the headquarters of the National Socialist party, presumably ~~upon~~ the orders of President Benes himself. So far he has resisted the attempts of his Minister of the Interior to carry out a putsch. Officials of the National Socialist party went back into the building and addressed the crowd ^{and there} ~~in the streets below~~ ~~from the balcony where they were~~ cheers for President Benes.

In spite of ^{the} ~~his~~ firm attitude ^{of Benes} the Reds ~~have~~ ^{are making} ~~are~~ arrests throughout Czechoslovakia, including six national socialist leaders. They ^{These} ~~have~~ ^{have} also raided the offices of the Catholic Peoples Party, ^{arresting} ~~and arrested~~ ^{one leader there.}

GERMANY

For several months, Soviet soldiers have been crossing the border from the Russian zone into the American zone in Bavaria. ~~They have been~~ raiding the Bavarian ~~fm~~ farmers, seizing ~~gm~~ food from them, also illegally hunting wild game.

We learn of this only today through the latest report of ~~Lieutenant~~ General Lucius Clay, American military Governor in Germany, ^{who tells of} ~~He published the fact that~~ ~~there has been~~ a sharp increase in the number of ~~these~~ border violations.

Elsewhere, German border police have been illegally ~~entering~~ entering the state of Hesse, in the American zone. There, upon instructions from the Russians, they have arrested people ⁱⁿ the American zone. Apparently the only thing that General Clay could do about it was to complain to the Soviet liaison officer.