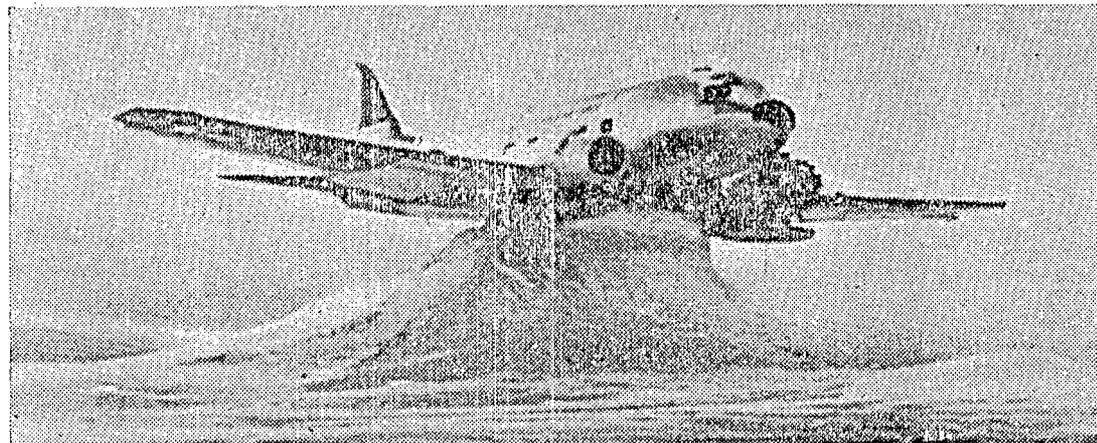


THIS WIDE WORLD

Plane on an ice mound . . .



Ice-bound in Alaska—but it is only the shell of a United States plane which made a forced landing on the ice five years ago, while on the way to a weather station at Point Barrow.

SCHOOL IN THE SUN

A flight to Gibraltar will start the Easter term for boys of a school at Gosforth, Cumberland. Then they will travel to Estepona, in sunny southern Spain, and carry on normal school routine.

They will live in a hotel run by an Englishman, who met their headmaster last winter and suggested accommodating the whole school for the Easter term. They will find a private beach, heated swimming pool, and boating.

. . . Plane in a tree top

An American's small plane ran out of petrol while he was flying over woodlands in New York State not long ago. He aimed for the tallest tree and made a landing in the branches like a bird. Neither he nor the only passenger, his nine-year-old son, was injured.

But that was where their good luck ended. How were they to get

the plane itself down? The local police, firemen, the owners of the wood, and the airport where the plane was kept all disclaimed responsibility. Contractors offered to get it down for what the owner considered the "crazy" price of over £350. Gloomily he now faces the job himself—with the help of any kind friends available.

SOUP-KITCHEN IN A LAND OF FAMINE

Famine in Kenya has been much in the news. Here CN brings you an on-the-spot account from someone who has been hard at work saving lives in the smitten area. He is Malcolm Lawrence, a Y.M.C.A. secretary working with the Christian Council of Kenya.

AIRBORNE CAR

People near Melbourne must have rubbed their eyes the other day when they saw a car flying through the air pursued by another on the ground. The flying car was in fact a balloon, shaped like a car for use as an advertisement, which had broken from its mooring.

The pursuing motorist was a passing farmer. He managed to grasp the trailing rope and towed the balloon back to his farm.

Twopenny shave

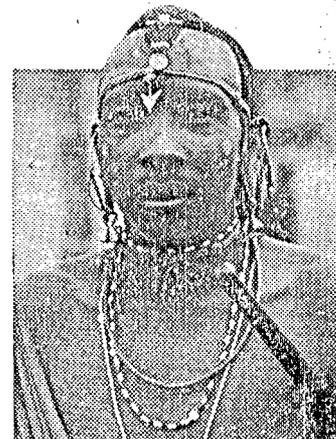
Men waiting for trains at Japanese stations can now shave themselves with a public electric razor for 10 yen (twopenny). The rotary blades are sterilized by a lamp after each use. Similar shavers are also available in restaurants.

RAILWAY ROUND THE GROUNDS

The thousand children of an orphanage near Budapest are to have their own railway. Complete with locomotives and coaches, it will run for a mile round the grounds. Except for engine drivers, the staff will consist of the boys and girls.

OUR purpose, he writes, was to visit one of the soup-kitchens set up by the Christian Council of Kenya to help in famine relief.

This particular soup-kitchen was at Kisamis about 50 miles south of Nairobi in the country of the Masai tribe. The Masai are very arrogant, proud, and backward, scorning cultivation and Western civilisation. They move over the land, from water-hole to water-hole, with their flocks of inferior cattle, on whose blood and milk



A Masai warrior

they depend for food. The area has suffered two years of drought followed, now, by floods.

We arrived at Kisamis and found the four Africans who look after this little outpost soup-kitchen. We watched the people coming in—ill-clothed, shrivelled creatures, the children clinging to the backs of their mothers.

The kitchen is at present feeding some 860 men, women, and children. But when it was set up a month ago only 100 people came forward because the food—meat powder and maize made into a thick porridge and looking like milk—was strange to them.

It was also found that malnutrition and malaria and dysentery were greatest among the children and mothers. Tribal custom decreed that the warriors should be fed first, then the young men and older boys, and lastly the women and children.

Working wonders

The team has done wonders in teaching Masai how to prevent such disasters in the future by their own self-help, and showing them that it is essential to feed the children first, then the mothers, and the men last.

But the country still faces a national disaster, and help from outside—in gigantic form—will be needed.

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