

Clearing mines

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Norfolk: Clearing mines from this beach between Mundesley and Overstrand does seem rather late. However, in 1947, the War Minister closed it rather than risk the lives of service personnel.

Since then, the mines are being washed up on other beaches. So now, with commendable courage, the Sappers are doing the dangerous job. Over four hundred mines have already been destroyed.

Soviet plane

Following their satellite success, the Soviet Union announces another staggering ~~achievement~~ ^{achievement}. The world's biggest airliner ^{the Tu 114} capable of carrying 230 passengers.

Incorporating all the luxuries of a "flying hotel" the plane has a fully-equipped restaurant (to seat forty-eight) and the food comes up from the kitchens, by lift...

Powered by four turbo-prop engines, the T.U. 114 can fly from Moscow to New York in ten to twelve hours - charging little more than railway fares.

Fire ladder escape

Germany: At Karlsruhe, they're testing the world's biggest fire-escape. ~~It~~ ^{It} can rescue people trapped up to twenty floors above the ground.

Fortunately, firemen are used to heights. This is what it looked like to the cameraman...

~~The escape can be extended to its full height in three minutes.~~
THERE'S A LIFT IN RESCUE OPERATIONS.
~~designed to save the fireman's legs.~~

~~down to its full height in three minutes.~~
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LAST ITEM OF NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Motor Cycle trial

* France: Only a keen motor-cyclist goes to Paris to get stuck in the mud. But Britain was strongly represented in this Six Mile Cross-Country Trial - staged just outside Paris... By the way, in this sport - once you stop - you're penalised...

British riders came first and second - with Brian Martin taking the top honours. No wonder - they get lots of practice riding along English roads....