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YOUR WORLD IN NINE MINUTES

At Strasbourg, by the Rhine, General Charles de Gaulle makes his bid for power. To a France, seething with political unrest, the former Chief of State issues a call for reforms. He hopes that a campaign against the new constitution will bring him power at the head of a strong government.

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In Strasbourg, at least, the General's popularity has not waned. He remains the most powerful single individual in France today.

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Officially de Gaulle retired from politics last September. Now he is back in the political limelight.

A weary France awaits his next move.

In Holland our cameraman on the look-out for food contrasts with Britain, reports on one of the most important of Dutch industries. Before 1939 Netherland poultry breeders were famous all over the world. Today they are working overtime to increase their depleted stock. Each month 18,000 eggs are hatched.

New flocks of pedigree laying hens have been planned with an eye to a growing export market. Britain's Food Ministry has so far failed to renew orders for Dutch eggs which expired two months ago. Over here, with dried egg breakfasts still the rule, Holland's surplus egg supply could make the housewife's task much easier.

From here the cases of eggs go to the distributors. This is the scene in Holland. Remember it, as one egg per week perhaps comes your way.

In a London gym we pay a call on Miss Hercules, Britain's super strong woman. Her name is Joan Rhodes. During the day she is a mannequin. In her spare time she tries her hand at P.T. exercises and ju-jitsu. Broad shouldered like Joe Louis, 26 year old Joan has the perfect waist measurement. She's graceful and good to look at but she is also tough.

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Tearing a two inch thick, 1300 page telephone directory is one of her hobbies.

Wrestler Mickey Wood is Joan's teacher and she's a fast learning pupil. She knows just what to do. Anybody else want to get fresh?

American flyers Oden, Sallee and Reynolds are off on a record breaking round-the-world air trip.

Reynold's bombshell with the crew of three takes off from the Roosevelt airfield on Long Island. To start the 45,000 mile trip the plane flies over the Hudson river and the towering skyscrapers of Manhattan.

America's round-the-world fliers attempt another record. After this it'll be the turn of the rocket propelled plane.

Here (in the harbour at Gosport) lie all that remains of two famous yachts - the Endeavour I and II. Their story began in 1934, the year Britain took up a racing challenge in the America Cup. The first Endeavour kink up kink was beaten by America's Rainbow. In 1936, the second Endeavour took up the challenge. She lost to the U.S. Ranger. Today, their racing careers are over. At Gosport where the story began the two yachts come under the auctioneer's hammer.

In pre-war days, the British challenges for the America Cup (held by the United States since 1851) hit the headlines with Test Matches and Wimbledon.

The annual race of the millionaires between old Tom Sopwith and the Vanderbilts ends in this sale of a great tradition.

In London, from America, is Henry Wallace. Once Roosevelt's Vice President, he resigned from the Truman Cabinet. To Britons Wallace represents the America of Roosevelt. A question is put to him by journalist Kingsley Martin.