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North Carolina

America tightens up her home defence with a vast training exercise involving 62 giant transports and a division of airborne assault troops. Crack paratroops are thrown in to create a second front inside a base presumed to have been seized by an Aggressor. Apparently Uncle Sam isn't trusting anyone.

As if you hadn't guessed - the Aggressor crumbled under the air attack.

London

At Waterloo, the "local" takes to wheels, as Britain's nationalised railways open the first travelling taverns. With oak beams, settles and that "oldy-worldy" atmosphere, the tired business -man can in future pretend he's already in his country pub. An extra attraction - no licensing hours. The railways simultaneously step-up dining comfort for travellers. Previously accustomed to an ounce of seat with every meal, diners can from now on be assured of four-star hotel efficiency.

Pennsylvania

This is America's largest family. In Pennsylvania, honours come to 79-year-old William Peter, an American father, grandfather and great-grandfather all in one. He has 18 children, 80 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, 116 all told. But he couldn't have done that on British rations.