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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

In Bridgnorth - ancient Midland town known to all who have worn air-force blue - a ceremony unique in the history of the R.A.F. From the Mayor of Bridgnorth, the Royal Air Force receives the highest civic honour to be conferred on a military force - the Freedom of Entry. It is an acknowledgment of services rendered and admiration sustained - the town's gratitude to the airmen and airwomen who have manned - for more than 10 years - one of the R.A.F.'s best-known stations.

Below Bridgnorth's coat of arms, the men of the R.A.F. parade their newly-won honour.

Japan

Emperor Hirohito goes to Shikoku Islands for a tour of post-war reconstruction in Japan's southwestern islands. Most of those in the crowd who cheer him get their first glimpse of their Emperor, since in pre-war days, when he was considered divine, it was a sacrilege even to look at him.

It's quite a change but the Japs seem to like it.

New York

Sir Basil Brooke, prime Minister of Northern Ireland, is met by Irish-American pickets when he arrives in New York for a ten-week visit. Unperturbed by the clamour, Sir Basil says that in the United Kingdom, too, people are free to speak as they like.