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NEWS FLASHES.

London: Five U.S. Airmen receive medals.

In the Home Office, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presents medals to five American Air Force men (among them Major Perkinson) for their gallantry during the East Coast Floods. Staff Sergeant Kilpatrick, who is awarded the George Medal, struggled from his home at the height of the storm to warn his neighbours that the flood was nearing. Then, swimming in the raging water, he rescued eighteen people from almost certain death. As long as the memory of the East Coast disaster remains, Britons will recall with gratitude the selfless heroism of these men.

Bus crashes through brick wall.

Near Cannon Street Station, a London bus hangs over a 20 ft drop. No passengers were aboard, only the conductress and driver. Turning at the end of its route during the rush-hour, the bus swerved across the pavement, and crashed into a brick-wall fringing a bombed basement. Luckily no pedestrians were passing at the time, so casualties were nil.

Colorado: President Eisenhower holidays.

President Eisenhower takes a week off-duty, high in the Colorado mountain country. At Byers Peak ranch, his every word and move is noted by eagle-eyed reporters and photographers. But Ike's used to that sort of thing - and nobody's going to stop him from getting in a spot of his favourite recreation.

A nearby trout stream beckons angler Ike - so, of course, the rowhounds go along to.