

WORLD NEWS:

The Palace of Culture and Science, Russia's gift to Warsaw, looks down on the Polish capital's National Day parade, celebrating the anniversary of the first liberation of Polish soil from the Germans.

Grim reminders of Hitler's almost complete destruction of Warsaw are still to be seen, but the Poles are a determined people, and their capital is rapidly regaining its position as one of Europe's most beautiful cities. And it's not only their buildings that look good!

This float symbolizes the youth festival Warsaw has been staging this year, while this one bears the word "Peace" in many languages. With sincerity on both sides, may that peace become truly world-wide.

Off Malta, the passenger ship, "Star of Malta", has run aground off the Grand Harbour. Returning from Syracuse, she struck a rock in thick morning mist. An admiralty salvage vessel stands by, while naval divers assess the damage, and bring out waterlogged mailbags.

One life was lost, but prompt action by small boats in the neighbourhood of the stricken ship prevented what might have been a far worse disaster.

Here's an aircraft which is almost disaster-proof - the new American transport "Pantobase", which can take off and land pretty well anywhere. Lightweight hydro-skis can be lowered in flight for landing on water, and snow and ice.

The wheels, above the skis, act as shock absorbers.

The 'plane's belly is watertight. With the wheels up and the skis down, she's ready for a trial takeoff.

By eliminating the usual massive "flying boat" hull, she retains the advantage of an orthodox transport. She's tough and spacious, with a wide loading ramp in the tail. Water, land, snow or ice, the runways are all the same to the "Pantobase"!