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The American Ambassador went to Whitehall, where Cabinet Ministers awaiting him included Lord Halifax and Mr. Selwyn Lloyd. Mr. Whitney came to unveil a statue of the great Elizabethan, Sir Walter Raleigh. Legless here Douglas Bader listened to a tribute to the man who was responsible for the expedition that established Britain's first colony, Jamestown, Virginia, 350 years ago. Elizabeth's successor James the First executed Raleigh. In those days that was any courtier's occupational risk.

Here's the biggest development in tyres since the invention of the inner tube. An Italian firm demonstrated the idea in London. Let out the air and you can remove the detachable worn-out tread yourself, and put a new one on. The tread shown here wasn't worn, but that makes no difference. Assuming you have put on the new tread, you blow up the tyre and they're locked, inevitably, by pneumatic pressure. It's claimed the tyre will stand two sets of new treads, maybe more.

Another improvement; these tyres allow for fitting tungsten studs, for gripping icy roads, thus eliminating skids. You don't use the studded-treads always, just fit them in bad weather.

There's no stepping model airplanes. In Czechoslovakia they're just about the most popular hobby. The National championship held in Prague drew competitors from all over the country.

The jet model won the honours. At 120 miles an hour. Hardly the sort of thing to amuse the baby in the nursery. The poor old bi-plane simply couldn't compete.