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This is the home of the "Jeeps" in Ohio, where the standardised American army cars come off the assembly lines at a colossal production rate. At this plant, acres of floor space are covered with the component parts; Power units, chassis members, transmission and bodies being fitted - together in rapid sequence.

By the time Wheels and tyres come rolling down for fitting, the little battle wagons are not far off completion. From a moving production line the jeeps are assembled in their hundreds to await final check-up.

Mass production is as carefully carried out as if the Jeeps were this year's model in limousines. After road tests, they're stored for crating and ultimate shipment. Once on the railway box cars, a freight engine sets them on the first step of their journey into the war.

We are now privileged to see a Royal family reunion in America. After a trans-atlantic crossing by air - her first journey by plane - Queen Wilhelmina rejoins her daughter Princess Juliana and her two grand daughters. Before travelling to Washington to visit the President, Her Majesty takes the opportunity to see the little Princesses Beatrix and Irene. Beatrix is four, and her sister (who was baptised in the private chapel of Buckingham Palace) is nearly three.

Another regal occasion on American soil is an official reception to King Peter of Yugoslavia. President Roosevelt and members of the Cabinet afford the young monarch a hearty welcome to the United States.

Notabilities in American State life are introduced to King Peter, after which comes the ordeal by fire - fire from cameramen recording the historic meeting.