

As, EXPECTED, At the first American naval manoeuvres and landing operation in Spain --- ~~as expected~~, all on shore were disposed to be friendly; but offshore they received rough treatment. One landing ship struck a sandbar --- but on the following day the sea had calmed down and the exercise proceeded according to plan. The object of it was, to demonstrate to Spain, how American support in the defence of Western Europe, would land equipment and supplies, and set up an air base. ²⁴/~~4~~ The first phase concluded with planes coming in to land on the temporary airfield. ⁶⁻⁷ Mission accomplished ⁸/~~2~~

HAITI PRESIDENT.

At the White House in Washington --- President and Mrs Eisenhower had a warm and smiling welcome for another President. It was, the President of Haiti, with his wife..... from the only negro republic in the western hemisphere. They are on a tour of the United States and Canada.

DUTCH HEAVYWEIGHTS.

Dutch cheeses, were used as counterbalance, in a contest at Utrecht, to find the heavyweight champion of Holland. This ⁶ gentleman, although he weighed over twenty-two stone, came second. ⁹/~~4~~

Mr Van der Zward was the winner..... tipping the scale at well over twenty-seven stone. ⁴/~~8~~ As he seemed undernourished, they presented him with ~~little~~ ^{cheeses and} whipped cream. ³/~~1-2~~ ~~But the prize was a bicycle.~~