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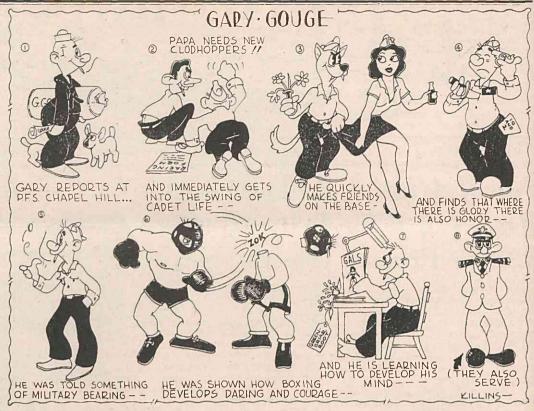
More than 25,000 military pilots have obtained civil pilot certificates through an accelerated Civil Aeronautics Administration inspection program during the past five months, T. P. Wright, CAA Administrator, reports. More than 2,000 military pilots are being examined weekly by CAA inspectors, with the 3,000 mark being hit two weeks ago. The civil certifications are made possible through simplification of CAA rules announced last November.

Round-the-World Flights

Pan American Airways has indicated that 11 passengers have made reservations for round-the-world flights when and if they are made by the company. PAA stated that such a world encircling trip would be made via Lisbon, Cairo, Calcutta, Tokyo, Seattle and back to New York—a distance of 21,-000. Flight time would be 88 hours. According to PAA, "the cost would be approximately \$700, less than the present round-trip rate to Europe." This would amount to about 3.3 cents per mile, considerably under the present domestic fare level.

4,800 Planes in December

Total procurement of aircraft and related equipment for the Army and Navy in 1945 will be one-sixth below the plans based on a two-front war, chiefly as a result of reductions throughout the Army Air Forces program, Fred M. Vinson, director of War Mobilization and Reconversion, said in his



The Lighter Side ...

Overheard at a dance: "And furthermore, that is not one of the four freedoms." * * * * *

An Ensign and a Lieutenant (jg) were seated in a cafe. Across the way sat a Seaman Second Class with a beautiful blond. They (the gold braid) wanted to meet the gal, but they didn't know how to get around the sailor without pulling their rank which they didn't want to do. Finally the Jaygee wrote a note and sent it to the sailor by a waiter. The note read, "I believe that I studied with you at Yale, and the Ensign believes he studied with you at Princeton. Please come over and straighten us out."

The Seaman replied by return note, "I didn't study with the Ensign at Princeton, nor did I study with you at Yale. But I did study at the National School of Taxidermy, and I'm taking care of this pigeon myself."

July 1 report to Congress and the President.

Regarding aircraft, he stated that "in December, 1945, we shall be producing 4,800 planes—2,600 Army and 2,200 Navy—as compared with the 6,700 planes—4,600 Army and 2,100 Navy—last January."



Seabee youngster: "Daddy, gimme a nickel to buy an ice cream cone?"

