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The official Navy Department viewpoint on the importance of Naval Aviation in the Naval organizational structure was given by Secretary Forrestal at a recent press conference.

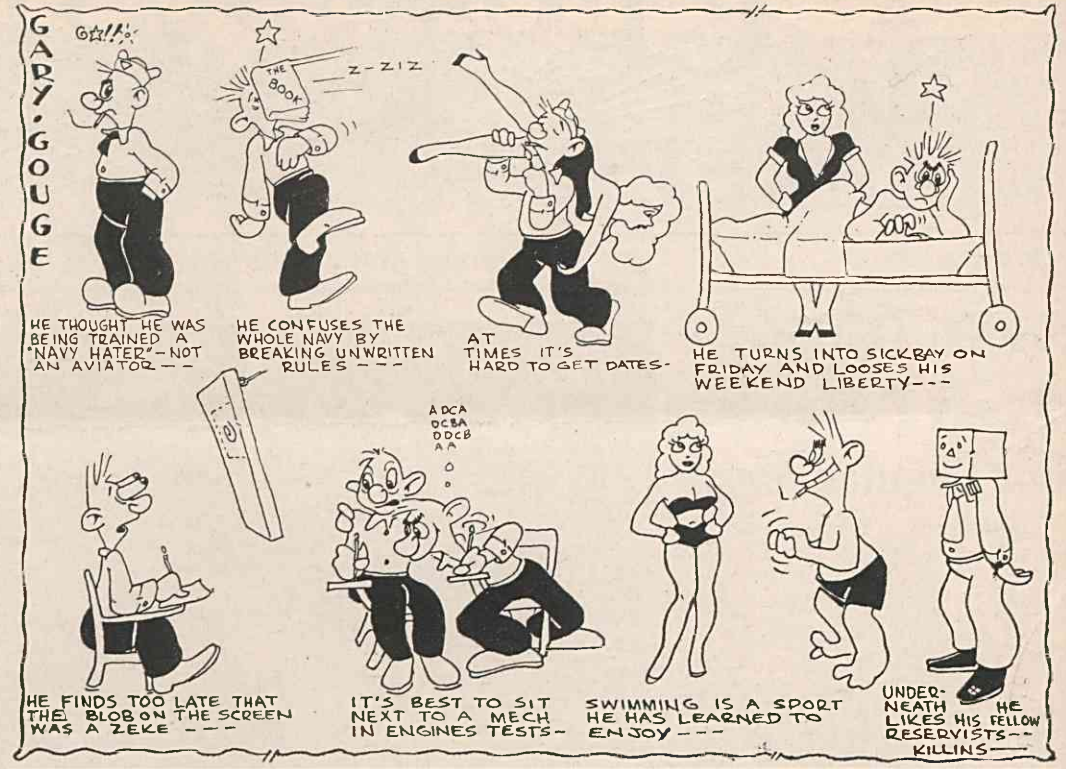
"I look forward to the time after this war," he said, "when Air will be 60% of our strength, in terms of both men and material.

"That situation is developing all the time; more and more people are concerned with aviation, and the actual fact is that the Navy is becoming an Air Navy. It is becoming that by the natural evolution of its activities and the natural reflection of the increasing preponderance of Air in our activities. In other words, the difference between the Air Forces and ourselves—an evolution which will come, I think—is this: the leading commands of the Navy will be occupied by men who deal with air in one form or other."

Armament Change for Hellcats

The Navy's F6F Hellcats, carrier-based fighters flying from the Fast Carrier Task Force against Japan, now are carrying two 20 MM aircraft cannon and four .50-calibre machine guns instead of the former standard armament of six .50-calibre guns. This modification in armament was adopted to suit the changing assignment of the Naval Air Force as the war nears the Jap homeland.

The 20 MM shell has greater destructive



The Lighter Side...

A WAVE got on a crowded bus. When a wan looking sailor started to get up, she pushed him back in the seat and said she preferred to stand. He started to get up again and she pushed him back. Finally he yelled, "Now, listen, mate, I passed my stop two blocks back—let me out!"

Biggest post-war problem: Who goes back to the kitchen?

Sure I like you, but save your maneuvers for the Navy.

WAVE: "Did I ever show you where I was tattooed?"
Boy Friend: "No!"
WAVE: "I'll point it out sometime when we're passing the place."

power than the .50-calibre bullet and is thus adapted to use by fighter planes attacking ground installations such as railroads. In earlier phases of the war, when the carrier pilots were breaking up the Jap air force in the Central Pacific, the Philippines and the Ryukyus, the airmen favored the six .50-calibre machine guns because of their fast firing rate and because their lighter weight enabled the fighters to carry a large amount of ammunition.

Here's what the little dog said after he had walked through the tobacco patch. "Does your cigarette taste different lately?"

"Why aren't you working?"
"I didn't see you coming, sir."

A visitor to an asylum asked an inmate his name.
"George Washington."
"But the last time I was here, you were Abraham Lincoln."
"That," said the man sadly, "was by my first wife."

He was so used to having things done for him, he up and married a woman with three children.

She wed him for life and later discovered he didn't have any.

"Where are you going, my pretty mith? Pleath don't path me by."
"I'm on my way to danthing thcool," she said as she heaved a thigh.

The three great menaces on the highways these days, according to authorities, are drunken driving, uncontrolled thumbing, indiscriminate spooning. To put it briefly: hic, hike, and hug.

"Going out tonight?"
"Not completely."

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Global Strategy—So Round; So Firm...