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No letup in industrial production on behalf of the Navy is anticipated with the cessation of hostilities in Europe, the Navy Department announced last week.

In contrast to the Army's, the Navy's aviation procurement program faces only slight modification. This year the Navy is purchasing approximately 26,000 aircraft. The decline in estimated eventual requirements, due to the end of the European war, is 941 planes, or less than 4 per cent of the total figure. More than half of the 941 had been cancelled before the actual German surrender. Last month the Navy extended its procurement program into the final quarter of 1946, letting orders of half a billion dollars for aircraft.

### Carrier Growth

The tremendous accretion to U. S. Naval power between the tense days of early 1942 and the present was described recently by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal at the christening of the super-carrier, *USS Franklin D. Roosevelt*.

"In February, 1942," he said, "we had in the Pacific Ocean four carriers—and by October of that same year the number was reduced to one. That was typical of the thinness of the line by which we held our long extended communications in the Pacific and it was typical of the slender margin by which we held that pivotal point in the Pacific war, the Island of Guadalcanal. Today we have in the United States Navy a total of 26 carriers. We have in addition to those a total of 65 escort carriers."

### Versatile Helicopter

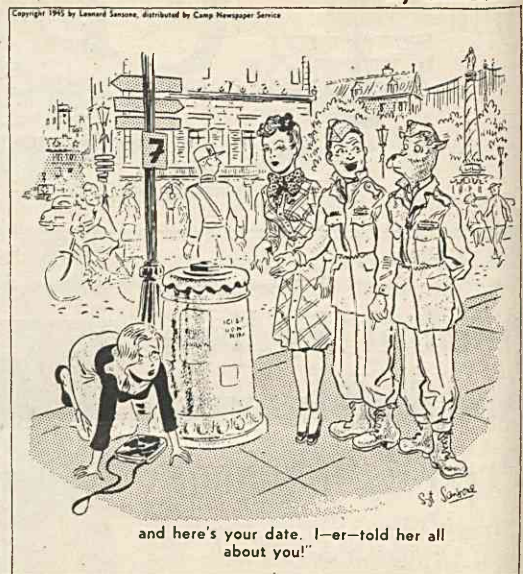
One flight characteristic of the helicopter often overlooked is emphasized by Grover Loening, one of this country's helicopter experts. The ability of the helicopter to hover is spectacular but not too useful for normal purposes and its forward speed is nothing to attract attention, but, points out Mr. Loening, the helicopter is the only aircraft yet devised whose pilot can safely change his mind after he once gets down near the landing strip, and back up or ascend vertically to get himself out of a jam. Any aircraft with that ability is considered worth a lot of engineering headaches in the development stage.

### Postwar Air Trips

Most of the personal plane trips in the immediate postwar era will be between 50 and 200 miles, while for longer distances it

### The Wolf

by Sansone



### Photos Most Popular Gift

The most popular gift sent to Navy men overseas is found to be photographs of their families and friends. And the most unpopular gift? Candy!

A survey made by the Navy Mail Service shows that, of course, Navy men prefer above all else to receive letters, but in the line of gifts the ten chosen in the order of their popularity are: photographs, canned snack foods (such as olives, sardines, nuts, etc.), books, writing cases or portfolios, service watches, good pipes, pens, engraved identification tags, waterproof wallets, cigarette lighters.

The list of most disappointing articles to find in a package from home, in the order of their unpopularity, are: candy, cake, cookies, fancy shaving kits, and cigarettes.

The reasons given for the unpopularity of these gifts were that the food is usually inedible upon arrival; that there is no way to carry and stow the fancy toilet kits, and that the Navy men are issued an ample supply of cigarettes.

Voice on phone: "John Jones is sick this morning and won't be there for muster."

Chief: "All right. Who is this speaking?"

Voice: "This is my bunkmate."

She used to be the belle of the town, but somebody "tolled" on her!

will be easier to take airlines, in the opinion of William Burden, Assistant Secretary of Commerce. Mr. Burden contrasts this with the length of auto trips, 95 per cent of which are less than 50 miles long.

## The Lighter Side...

Deb: "I wear this gown only to teas."  
S1c: "When?"  
Deb: "Not when... whom?"

Satan: What are you laughing at?  
Junior Devil: I just locked a woman in a room with a thousand hats and no mirror.

Sailor: That surely is a thin dress, I can see your pink undies.  
Gal: Wrong again, that's my sunburn.

A colored artilleryman, back from France, was explaining it to a group of admiring Harlemites: "Ah opens the big gun, ah puts in a big shell. Then ah closes the gun, pulls the triggah, steps back and says, "Mistah Hitlah,—recount your army!"

The automobile motor pounded, finally stopped. "I wonder," mused the sailor, "what that knock is."  
"Maybe," said the Blonde, "it's opportunity."

Prunella: "Tell me, my handsome sailor, how did you learn to kiss so divinely?"  
Sailor: "I'm the guy who blows the bugle."

Who comforts me in moments of despair?  
Who runs fingers lightly through my hair?  
Who cooks my meals, darns my hose?  
Squeezes nose drops in my nose?  
Who always has a word of praise?  
Sets out my rubbers on rainy days?  
Who cheers me up when I'm depressed?  
Who scrubs my back when in the shower?  
And wakes me at the proper hour?  
Who helps to keep me on the beam?  
And figures in my every dream?  
I do.

Sweet Adeline: Bottle hymn of the Republic.

### Male Call

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



### And He Used To Welcome Cover

