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ROCKETS AID TAKEOFF—Flame and smoke spurt from rocket takeoff units under wings of this B-25 medium bomber in experiments with heavy plane loads on short runways.



'TOPSY' STILL FEELS SPRY—"Topsy," 53-year-old elephant in the Franklin park zoo, Boston, sits up and entertains youthful visitors, going through a routine of tricks that belie her age and bulk.



INDIAN OXEN RESCUE JEEP—Sgt. F. W. Baker of Baltimore watches as natives with a yoke of oxen pull his mired jeep out of the mud near Aizawl, India.



REUNION IN LONDON—Fred Astaire, American stage and film star, is welcomed by his sister Adele, Lady Cavenish, his former dancing partner, on his arrival in London to entertain at an American Red Cross club.



NEW TANK AND 'WEASEL'—A new M-24 light tank and the new amphibious cargo carrier (right), the "water weasel," are demonstrated in casualty drill at Aberdeen Proving Ground.



BIG TUBE—This giant electronic tube, when completed in the Bloomfield, N. J., Westinghouse war plant, will melt a tin coating on ship steel to form a mirror-smooth plating.



BUSY LETTER WRITER—All those flags mean relatives in the service—her husband, four brothers and a dozen cousins—to Lena Mitroevich, pretty welder in the war plant of the Warren City Mfg. Co., Warren, O.



'MISS EVERYWHERE'—That's the title conferred on Jan Strale (above), a favorite pin-up girl whose modeling work has taken her to all of the 48 states.



GARDENER—Pretty Peggy Diehl examines produce of her victory garden which she hopes will win for her in the "green thumb" contest of the National Victory Garden Institute.



LONDON SPRINKLER IN FRANCE—A water cart belonging to the London borough of Bermondsey lays the dust at a Spitfire dispersal point somewhere in Normandy.



SPEARING SOUTH SEA FISH—Seabee Robert Lamm, ship's cook first class from Charleston, W. Va., uses the sling-propelled spear with which he fishes in the Southwest Pacific. It will kill sizable fish at 12 feet under water.



DUAL-ROTOR HELICOPTER—The Platt-LePage XR-1 helicopter, experimental Army model with two rotors, hovers above Wright Field, O., headquarters of the Army material command.



FIGHTERS' FAVORITE—Olga Bogach, 22 of Rosindale, Mass., winner of several beauty contests, exhibits the fan symbols of her choice as their cover girl by the 318th Army fighter squadron stationed in Italy.



NAZI REPAIR HANGAR TAKEN—Damaged and partly repaired German planes crowd this hangar at an airfield captured by the Allied Seventh Army in the Moselle area of France.