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Just released are these first Newsreel pictures showing three fighters being refuelled (while in flight) by a triple-feed air-tanker.

A new British invention, it is known as the "Probe and Drogue" refuelling system. The fighter noses its connecting pipe, (through which the fuel is taken) into the cone-shaped drogue, which keeps the fuel hose steady. (1) 3

And the Pilot signals that his tank is full after only three minutes.

~~The only system which can refuel three planes at once, thus increasing their range and speed, it has been adopted by the U.S. Air Force. Another tribute to British inventive genius~~

Aerial tests in America, too, with an obsolete plane, ~~which~~ guided at speed, down a ramp, to final destruction, while ^{SAFER-SLOW MOTION} film cameras film the moment of impact.

The plane bursts into flames - an occurrence the experts are trying to prevent, and so often the tragic aftermath of aerial disaster.

The test is repeated; but this time, the "guinea-pig" is fitted with a ~~special~~ device that cuts off, ~~off~~ (at the moment of impact), all possible sources of ignition. The plane crashes, the cloud of fuel vapour rises, but there's no fire.

~~Thus the risk of fire, after a crash, is lessened - another step forward in aviation safety.~~

Back to Britain - where we join a combined Services invasion exercise at Southsea, as frogmen drop overboard to deal with the beach defences.

~~High-ranking~~ Service chiefs watch the men (from the Royal Marines Amphibious School) pave the way for assault-troops, ..and defenders prepare to meet the attack.

Explosions open a path up the beach, (~~free of mines and obstacles~~) while the frog-men return to sea, to be hauled back on board, in novel but effective fashion. Operation "Runaground" is on. (3)

After a bombardment, a squadron of Naval "Attackers" soften up the defences, and the first wave goes ashore. They're men of the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, and include twenty veterans of Korea fame. The Infantry are heavily supported by Centurion tanks of the 4th Hussars.

~~Urgently-needed~~ Reinforcements come in by helicopter, which ~~hovers over the beach~~, and disgorges an armed patrol, in fifteen seconds.