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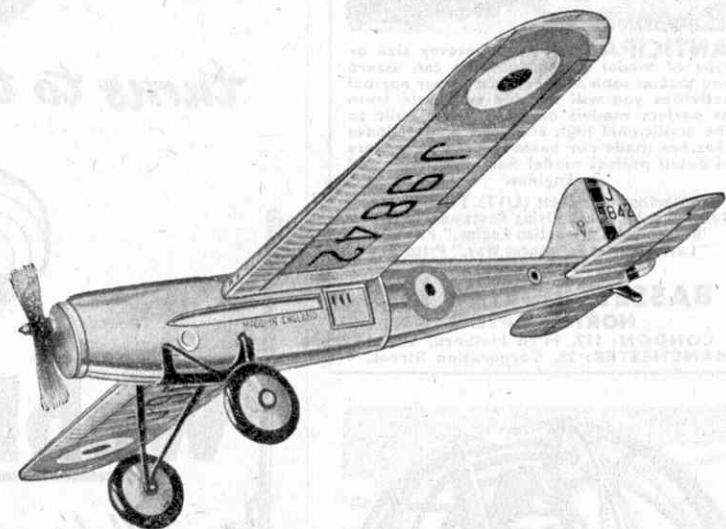
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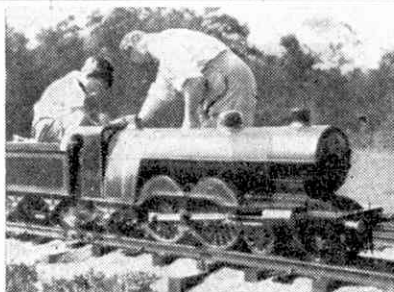


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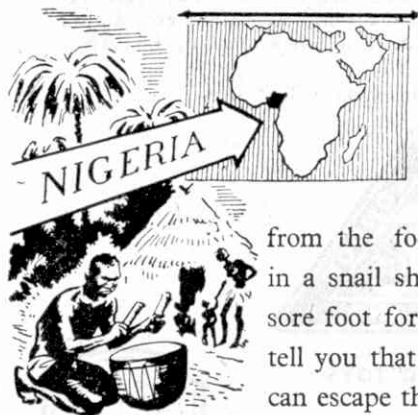
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## With the Editor

### Our Greatest American Friend

The death of President Roosevelt probably revealed to most of us for the first time how much this great American

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- Franklin D. Roosevelt

### A "Bevin Boy's" Day's Work

To-day a letter has come from a reader who is a "Bevin Boy" engaged in coal mining, Mr. W. A. C. Smith, of Broomhill, Glasgow W.I. He describes his day's work, and I am sure readers will find this interesting.

"I work," he said, "in a pit near Armadale, in West Lothian and live in a hostel there. I am on the day shift—7 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. with a break of 20 minutes at 9.40. To get to the pit I have to travel about five miles from the hostel by bus. Arriving there I enter the pithead baths and change into my working clothes. I then walk leisurely to the lamp cabin and receive my lamp, after giving its number, and then climb the

steps to the pithead where the cage is. After descending in the cage we report to the firemen who tell us where to go.

"Recently I have been working at one of the coal faces near the pit bottom. Arriving at the almost straight "run" which leads to the coal face I deposit my jacket, thermos flask and lunch. My job is bringing out a "rake" (usually

10 hutches) of loaded hutches and returning with a "rake" of empties.

"I sit waiting for 10 loaded ones to collect. They are brought out singly the short distance from the coal face, and after seeing that they are coupled up, I attach the cable, which is run off a haulage motor, and signal to the motor man to start the haulage. I follow behind the "rake" and when it reaches the end of the "run" the haulage is stopped. From here the hutches are taken singly up a steep incline by a different type of haulage. By this time 10 empties will have collected and, taking the cable from the loaded "rake," I attach it to the empties and signal the haulage to start. Following these in, I go through the same performance all over again. Of course everything does not go smoothly every time. Often the leading hutch in the loaded "rake" will leave the track and the result is a glorious smash!"

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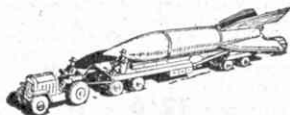
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