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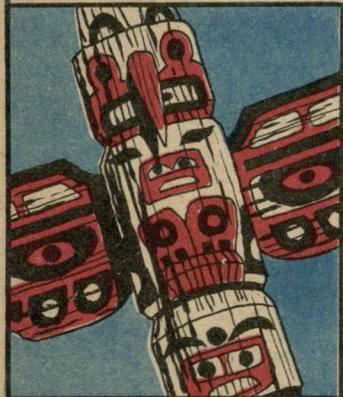
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# BUSH PILOT

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HI! I'M SLIP SUMMERS, BUSH PILOT IN ALASKA! MY PARTNER, SWEDE LARSEN AND I ARE GOING TO RELATE MANY OF OUR ADVENTURES, IN ALASKA AND ALL BASED ON TRUE EXPERIENCES OF OUR AUTHOR, LLOYD JARMAN. NOW, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET SOME OF THE FOLKS WHO'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN OUR ADVENTURES MANY TIMES!



**SWEDE LARSEN**  
SLIP'S MECHANIC AND RIGHT-HAND PAL! A PAL WITH A VERY ADVENTUROUS CURIOSITY AND INTEREST!



**POP SELLERS**  
OLD POP'S BEEN A TRAPPER IN THE YUKON AND ALASKA MOST OF HIS LIFE...



**CURT COSTOFF**  
A VILLAINOUS PILOT, WHO TRYS TO TAKE OVER SLIP'S OPERATION IN ALASKA!



**HERMAN KRINGLE AND HIS DAUGHTER KRIS...**  
OPERATOR OF THE TRADING POST, WHO ARE SLIP AND SWEDE'S GOOD FRIENDS!

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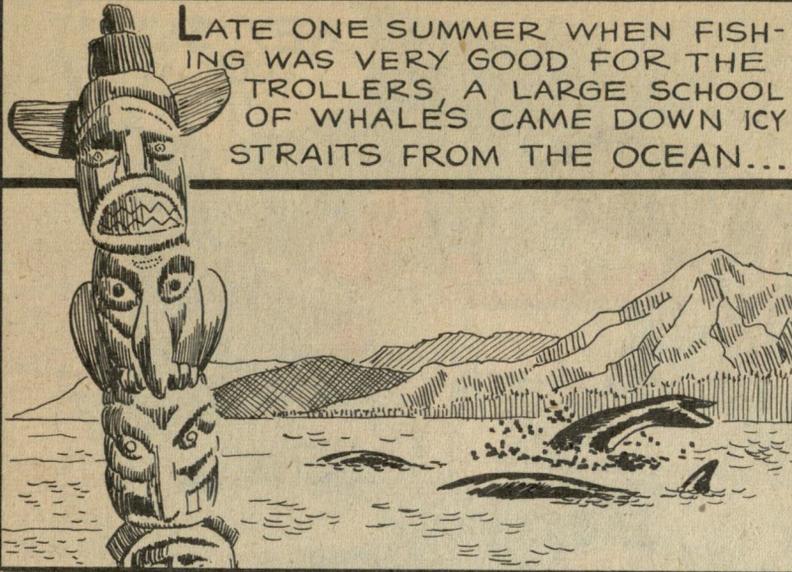
A ROUTINE FLIGHT OVER ICY STRAITS BECOMES A HAIR-RAISING ADVENTURE FOR SLIP AND SWEDE! A STORY REMEMBERED AS...



# WHALE CHASE

AT ICY STRAITS.....

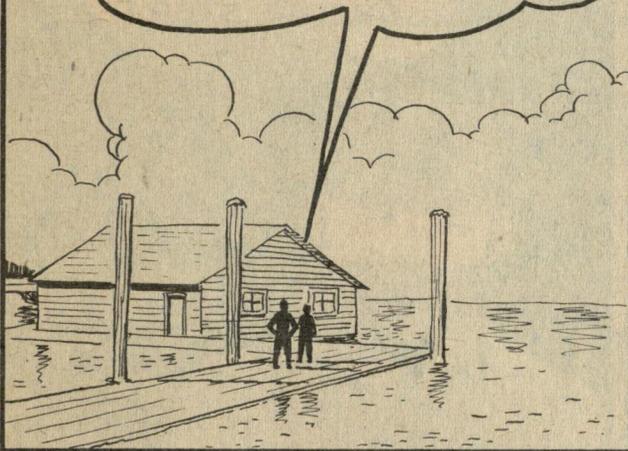
LATE ONE SUMMER WHEN FISHING WAS VERY GOOD FOR THE TROLLERS, A LARGE SCHOOL OF WHALES CAME DOWN ICY STRAITS FROM THE OCEAN...



SAY, SWEDE, THE CANNERY AT ICY STRAITS JUST CALLED IN AND SAID THAT A BUNCH OF WHALES ARE...



... STILL GIVING THE TROLLERS A BAD TIME UP AT POINT ADOLPHUS...



...THEY WANT US TO COME UP AND SEE IF WE CAN GET THEM AWAY FROM SHALLOW WATER...



YEAH, YOU KNOW HOW THEY ALWAYS SOUNDED WHEN WE FLY BY... I'LL BET WE COULD HERD 'EM RIGHT DOWN THE STRAIT!

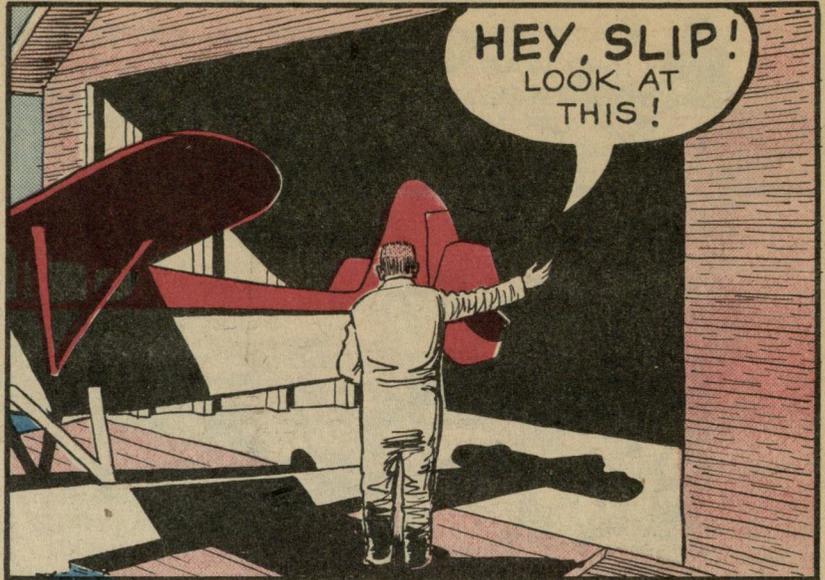


HOW ABOUT GIVING THE SHIP A QUICK ONCE-OVER AND STICK THE GAS TANKS... I'LL WANT ABOUT THIRTY GALLONS IN EACH WING TANK...

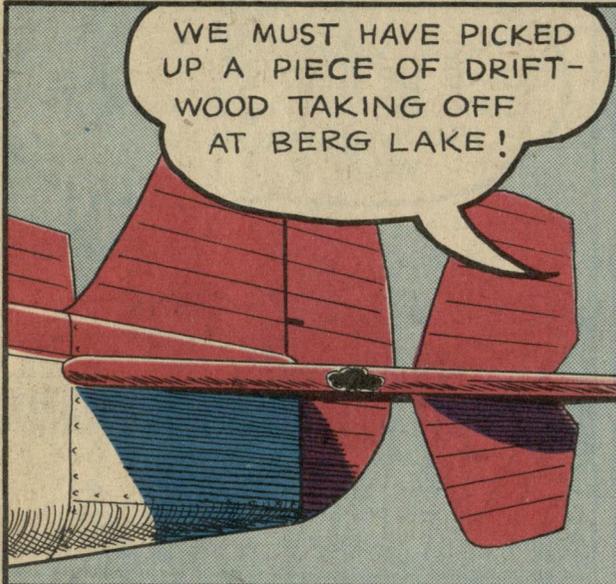




...THEN IF WE HAVE TO DO ANY FANCY TURNS LOW OVER THE WATER THE SHIP WILL BE LIGHT ENOUGH TO HANDLE EASY!



HEY, SLIP!  
LOOK AT THIS!



WE MUST HAVE PICKED UP A PIECE OF DRIFTWOOD TAKING OFF AT BERG LAKE!

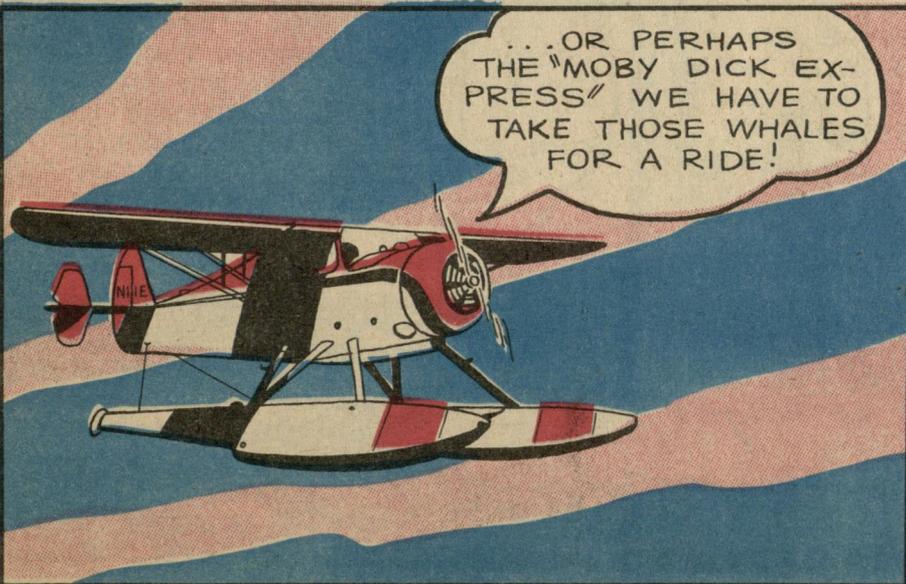
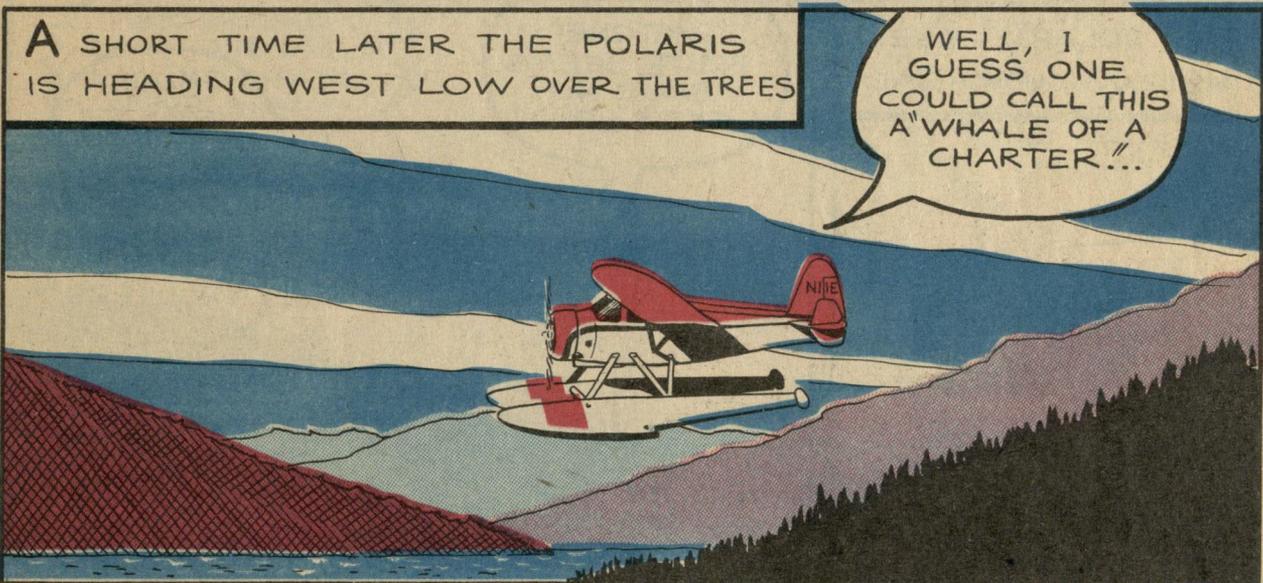
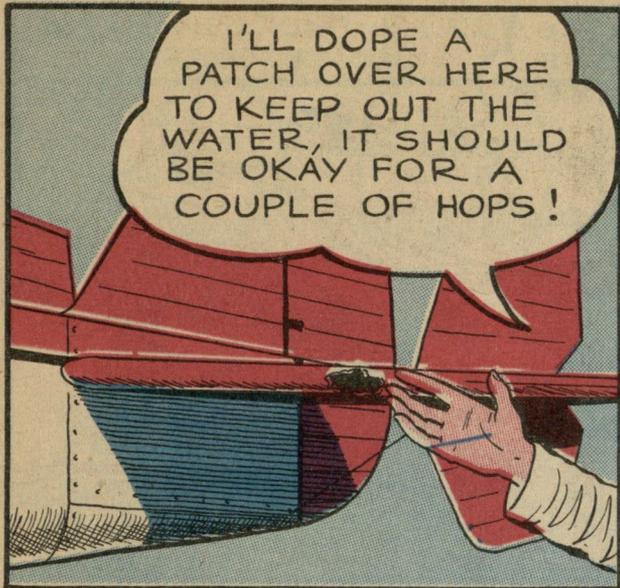


WE RAN THROUGH A LOT OF IT AS WE WERE GETTING UP ON THE STEP!



YES, I FELT IT ON THE CONTROLS...

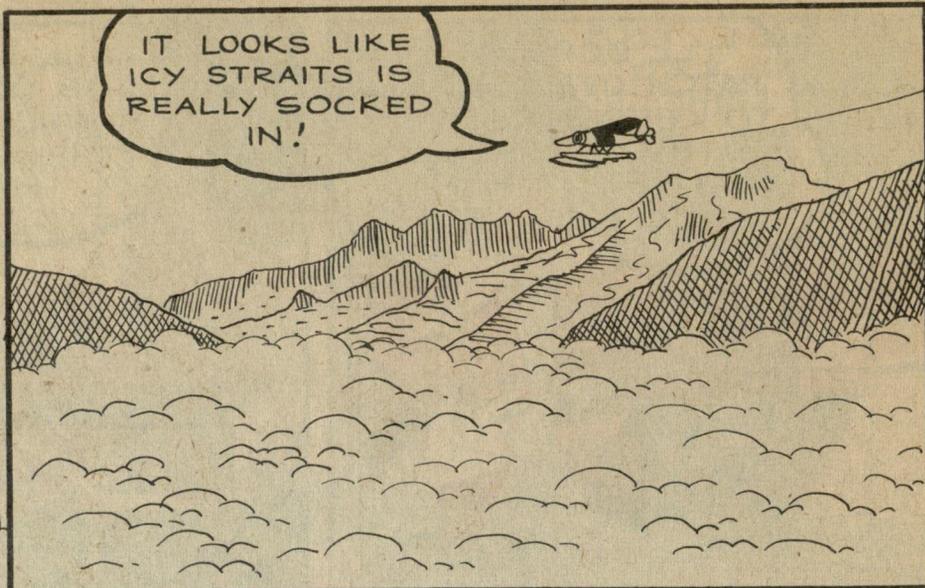
... BUT I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT AFTER WE WERE IN THE AIR AND THE SHIP TRIMMED OUT OKAY!



THE BROAD  
EXPANSE OF ICY  
STRAITS IS AL-  
MOST FOG-COV-  
ERED AS THE  
PLANE WINGS  
OVER.....



IT LOOKS LIKE  
ICY STRAITS IS  
REALLY SOCKED  
IN!



THE POLARIS FLIES  
IN LOW OVERHEAD..

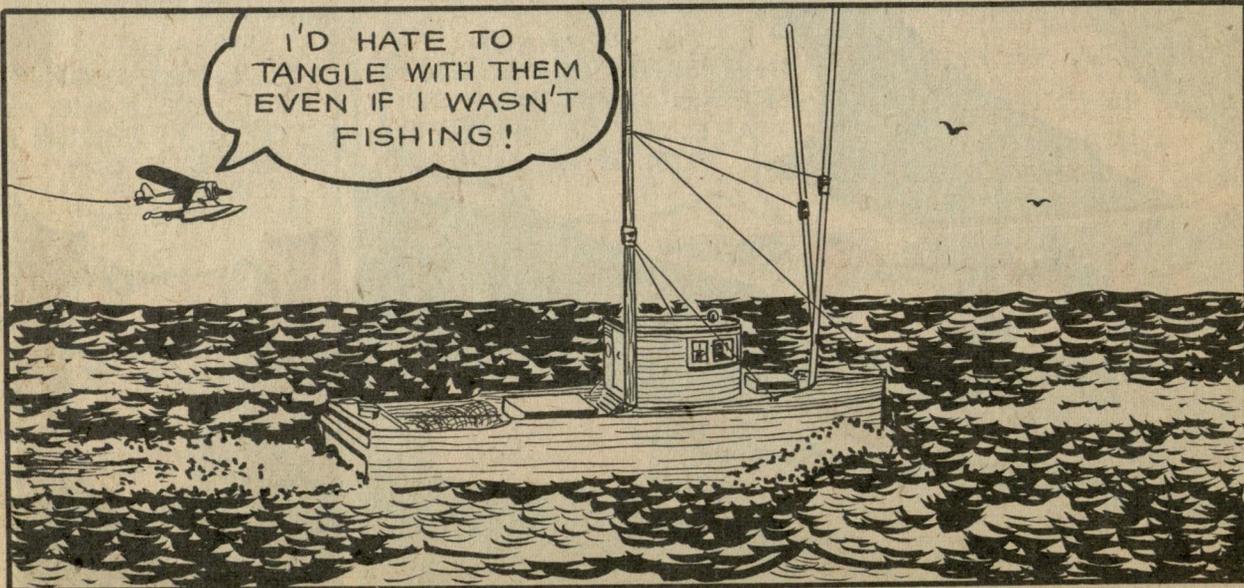


THAT ONE  
BRUTE SEEMS  
ABOUT 40  
FEET LONG!

ONE  
SWIPE  
OF THAT  
FLUKE COULD  
SURE WRECK  
ONE OF  
THOSE  
TROLLERS!



I'D HATE TO  
TANGLE WITH THEM  
EVEN IF I WASN'T  
FISHING!



MEANWHILE, ON THE LEAD TROLLER BELOW...

LOUIE!  
LOOK ABOVE  
THE GLACIER!

IT'S A  
PLANE!  
YEP, BY  
GUM - IT'S  
SLIP!



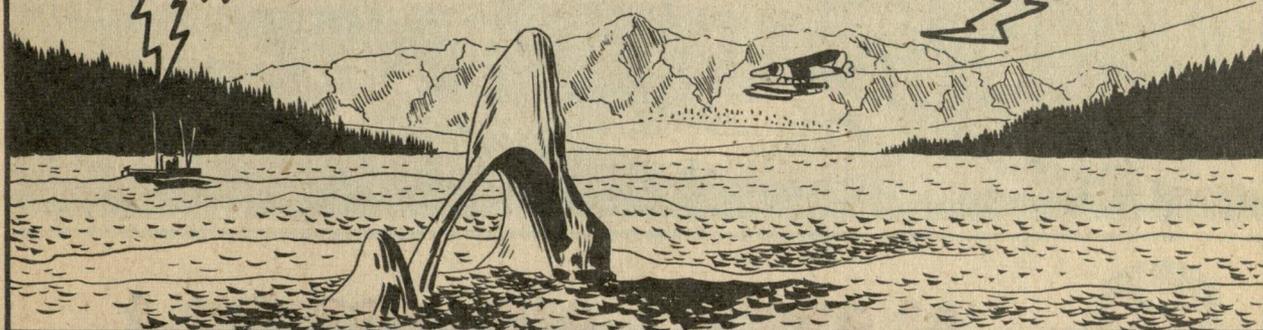
AND BACK IN THE AIR...

SWEDE, GET THE LEAD  
BOAT ON OUR RADIO AND  
SEE IF WE CAN DO SOMETHING  
TO HELP... I'LL LOSE  
SOME ALTITUDE!

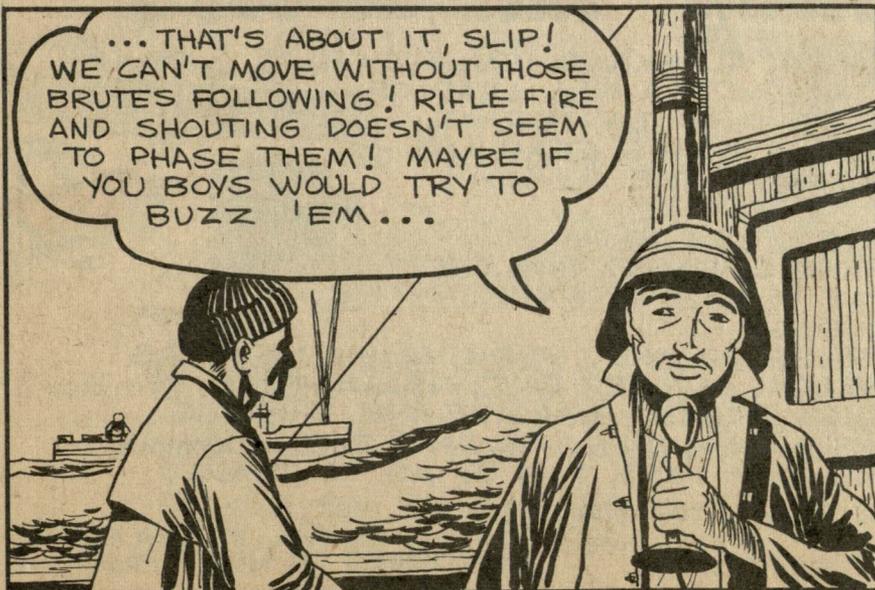


TROLLER ONE  
TO N-ONE-ONE-E!  
TROLLER ONE TO  
N-ONE-ONE-E!  
DO YOU READ  
ME? OVER...

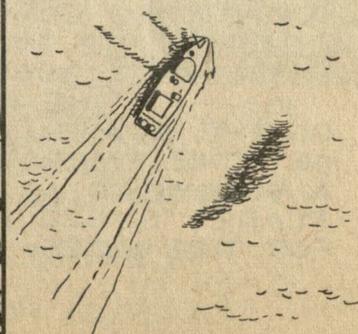
NAN-ONE-ONE-  
EASY TO  
TROLLER ONE!  
WHAT'S WITH  
THOSE WHALES  
LOUIE?



... THAT'S ABOUT IT, SLIP!  
WE CAN'T MOVE WITHOUT THOSE  
BRUTES FOLLOWING! RIFLE FIRE  
AND SHOUTING DOESN'T SEEM  
TO PHASE THEM! MAYBE IF  
YOU BOYS WOULD TRY TO  
BUZZ 'EM...



AS THE CAPTAIN  
TALKS TO SLIP  
ON THE RADIO, A  
BLACK SHADOW  
APPEARS BELOW  
THE SHIP, AND...



...SUDDENLY THE LARGEST OF THE WHALES ROCKET'S SKYWARD, SHOWERING AND DRENCHING THE HELPLESS FLOUNDERING TROLLER...

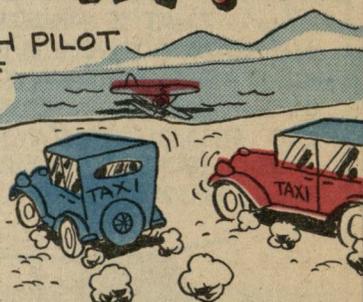


## ALASKA AIR-ODDITY!

AT SEWARD, ALASKA IN 1931, BUSH PILOT ALEX HOLDEN, WITH A FULL LOAD OF PASSENGERS, HAD LANDED AT RESURRECTION BAY WITH HIS SEAPLANE AND WAS TAXIING TOWARD THE BEACH!

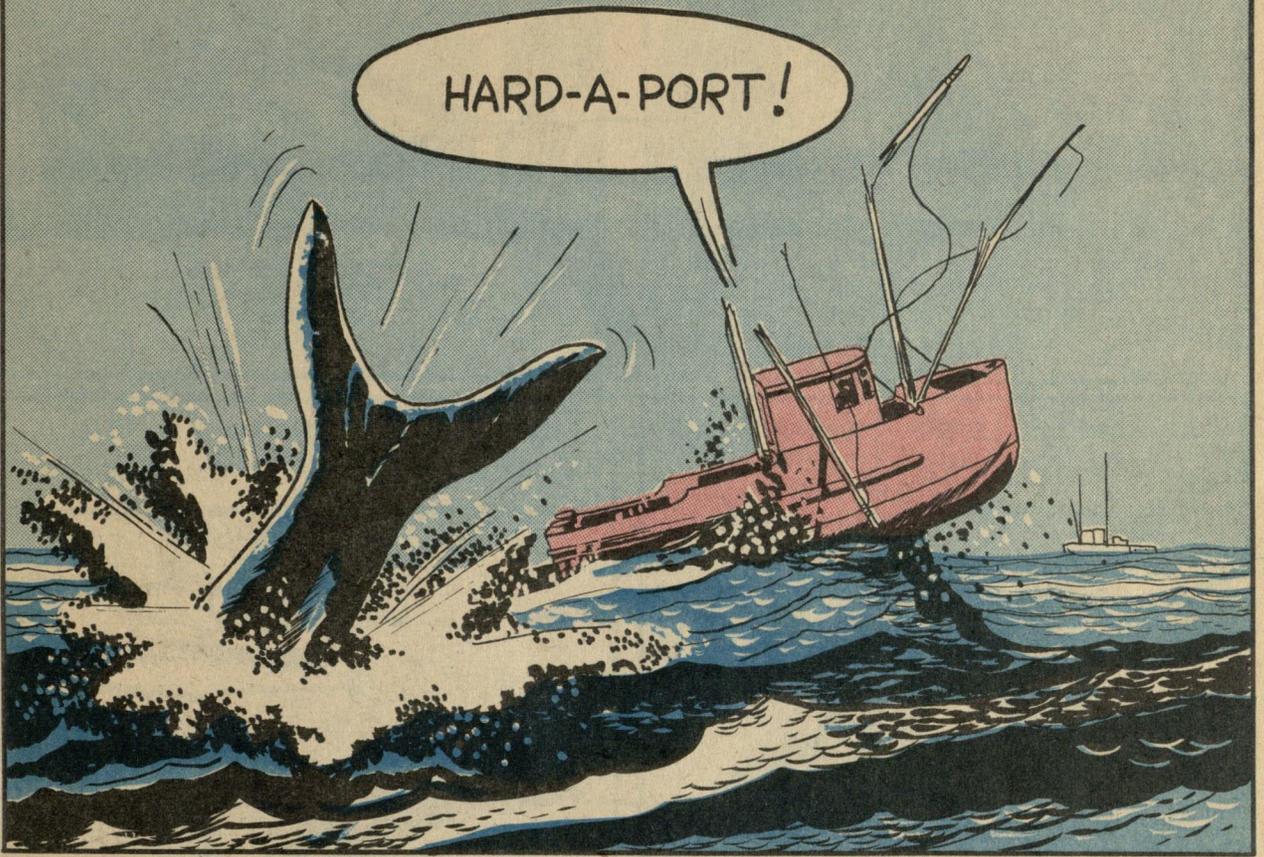
TWO TAXI-CABS FROM COMPETITIVE COMPANIES RACED FOR THE BEACH TO BE FIRST IN LINE FOR THE PASSENGER BUSINESS!

THE DRIVER OF ONE, PARKING HIS NEW CAB ON THE GRAVEL BEACH, JUMPED OUT, NEGLECTING TO SET THE EMERGENCY BRAKE! IMAGINE THE DRIVER'S AMAZEMENT AS HE WAS RUNNING TOWARD THE INCOMING PLANE, TO SEE HIS CAB PASS HIM BY AS IT HEADED FOR THE WATER!

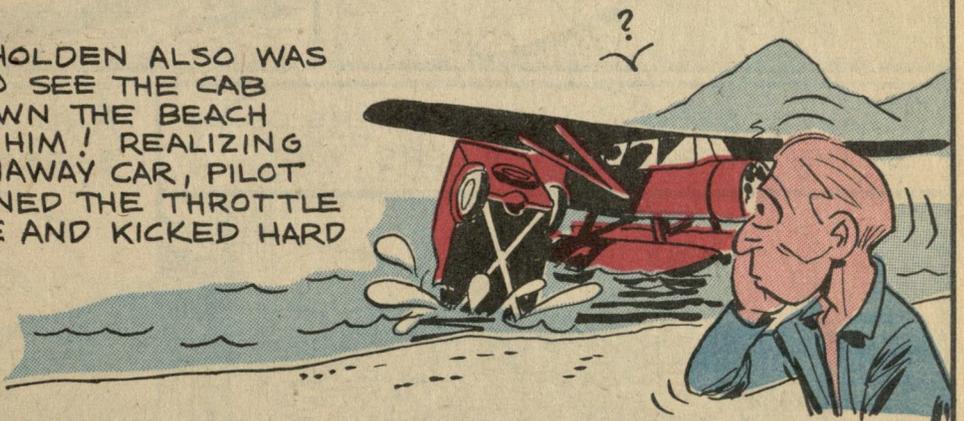


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HARD-A-PORT!



PILOT HOLDEN ALSO WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THE CAB HURLING DOWN THE BEACH DIRECTLY AT HIM! REALIZING IT WAS A RUNAWAY CAR, PILOT HOLDEN OPENED THE THROTTLE OF HIS PLANE AND KICKED HARD RUDDER!

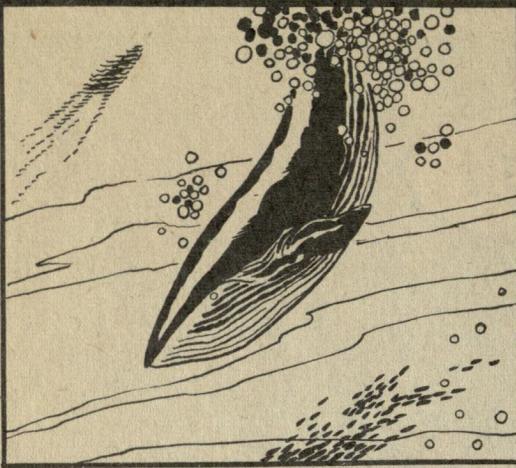


AS THE PLANE TURNED, THE CAB CRASHED INTO ONE OF THE FLOATS AND PASSING UNDER THE WING STRUT, DISAPPEARED IN DEEP WATER! HE BEACHED THE DAMAGED PLANE WITH NO INJURY TO HIS PASSENGERS!

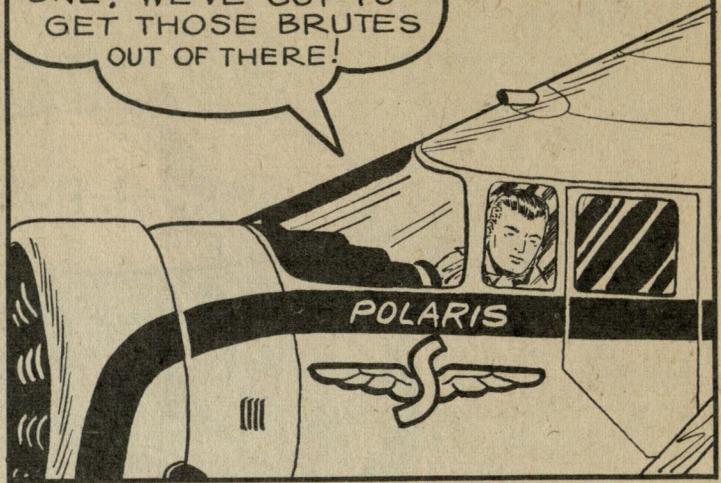
THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN COLLISION BETWEEN A SEAPLANE AND A TAXI-CAB...

IT HAPPENED IN ALASKA!

THE WHALE CRASHES INTO THE WATER AND SOUNDS FAR BELOW THE TROLLERS...



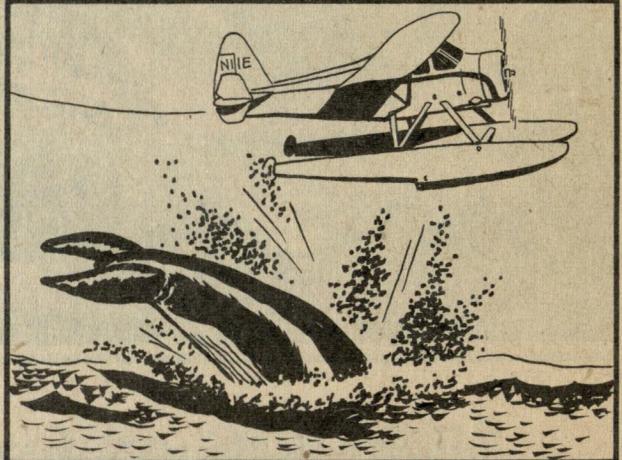
BROTHER!  
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!  
WE'VE GOT TO GET THOSE BRUTES OUT OF THERE!



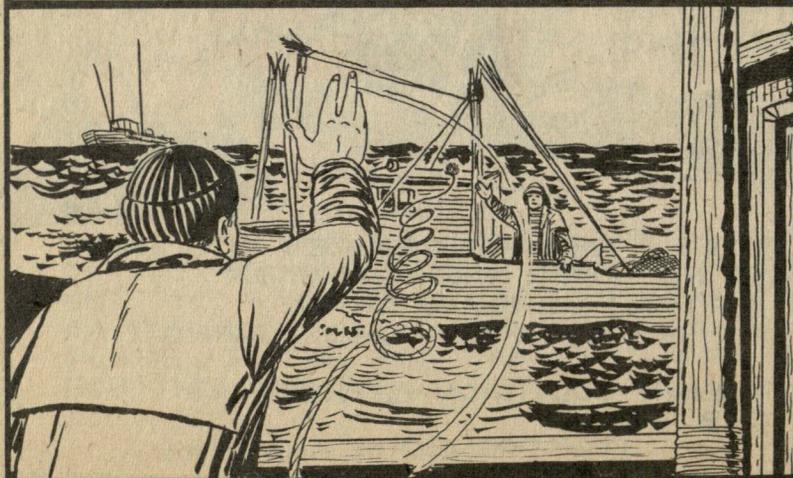
LET'S TRY AND BUZZ THEM!  
HERE WE GO!



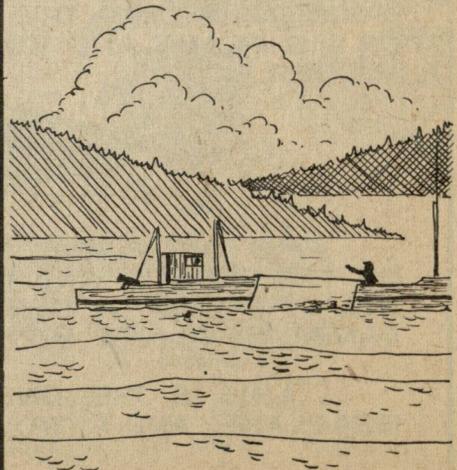
THE WHALES SOUND AS THE POLARIS ZOOMS IN ON THEM...

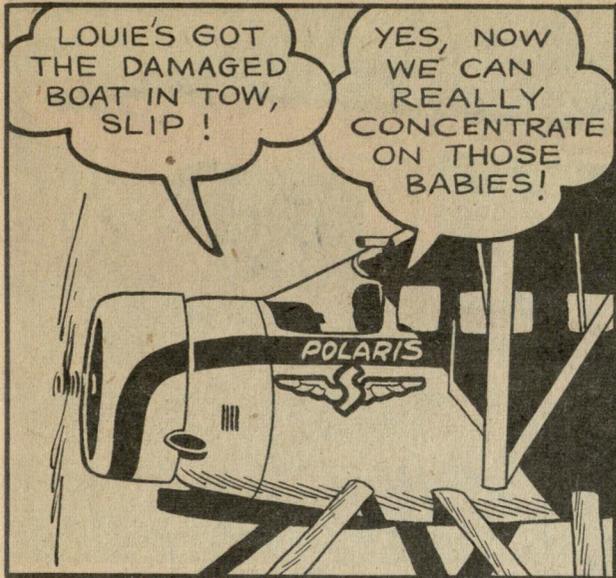


MEANWHILE THE OTHER TROLLERS COME TO THE DISABLED TROLLERS AID...



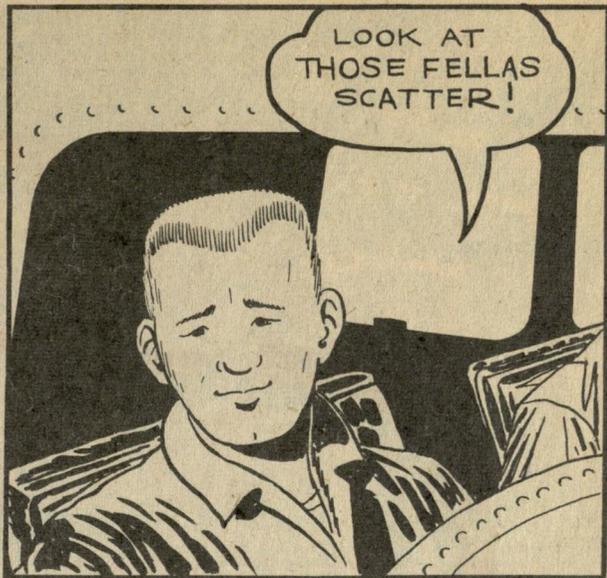
AND TOW HER TO SAFETY....



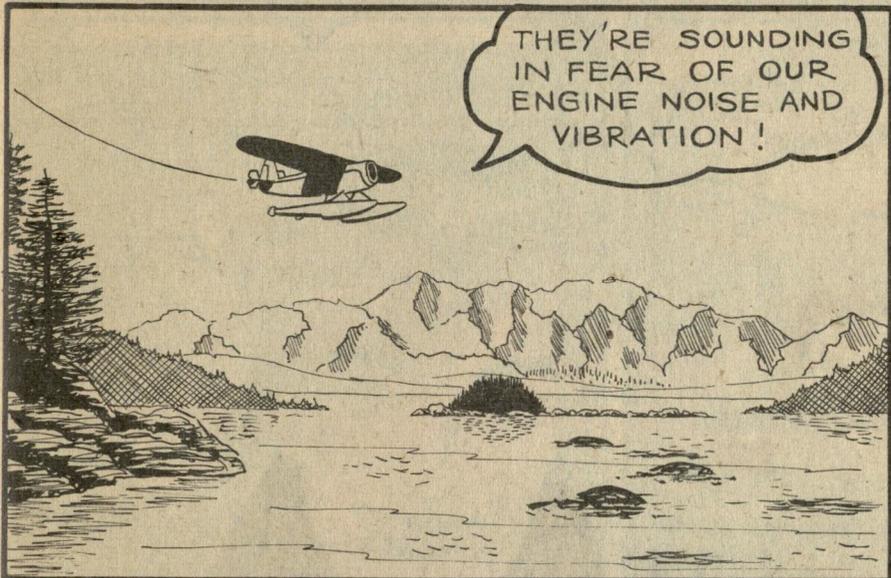


LOUIE'S GOT THE DAMAGED BOAT IN TOW, SLIP!

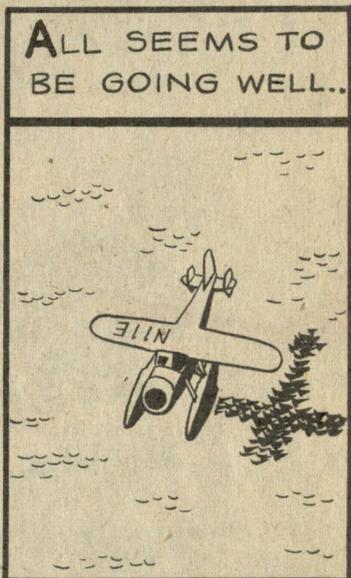
YES, NOW WE CAN REALLY CONCENTRATE ON THOSE BABIES!



LOOK AT THOSE FELLAS SCATTER!

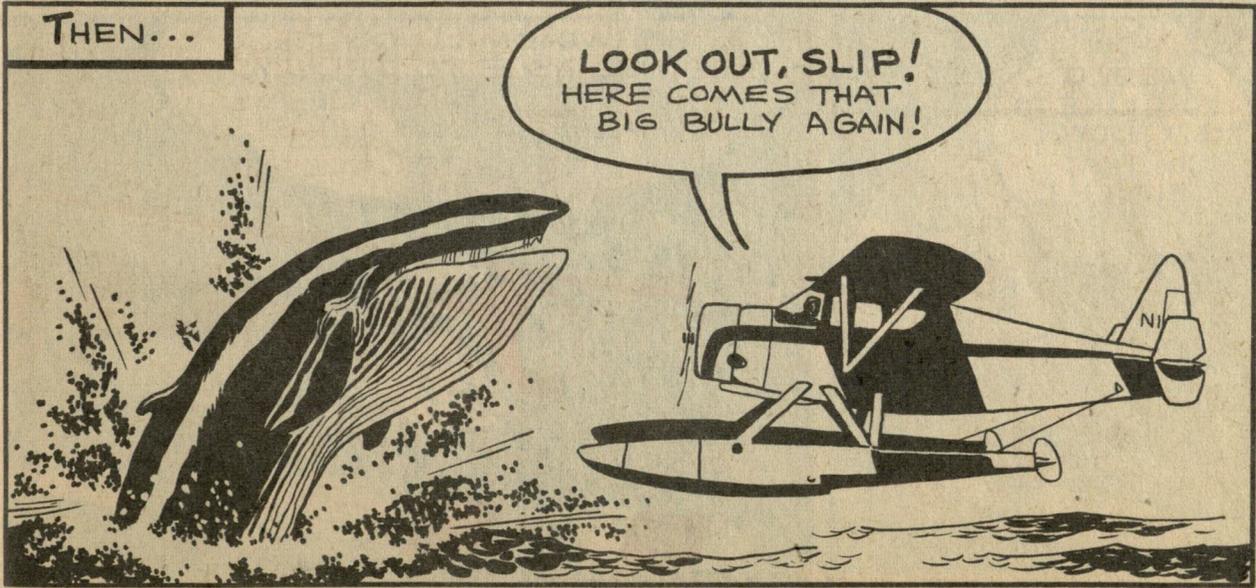


THEY'RE SOUNDING IN FEAR OF OUR ENGINE NOISE AND VIBRATION!

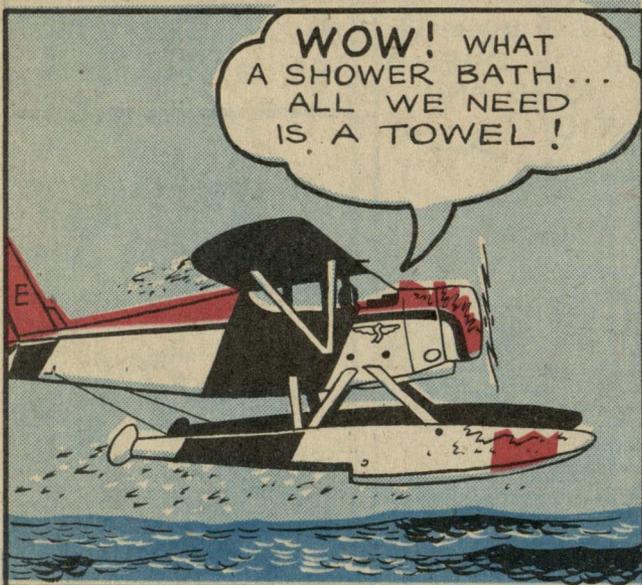
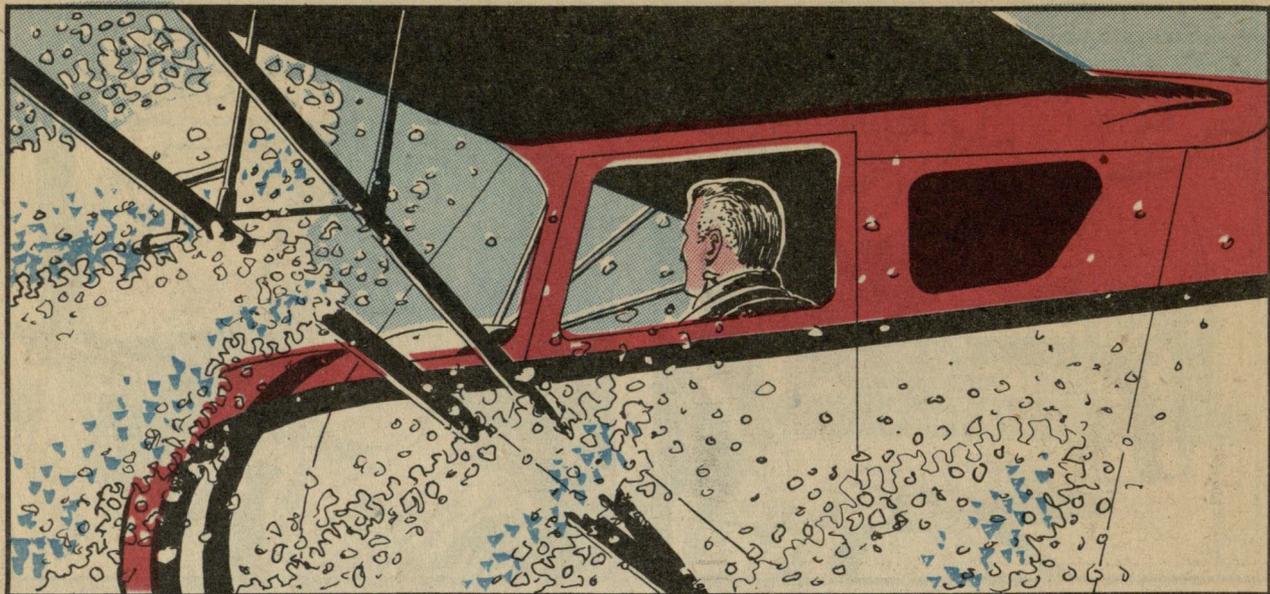


ALL SEEMS TO BE GOING WELL..

THEN...



LOOK OUT, SLIP! HERE COMES THAT BIG BULLY AGAIN!



WOW! WHAT A SHOWER BATH... ALL WE NEED IS A TOWEL!



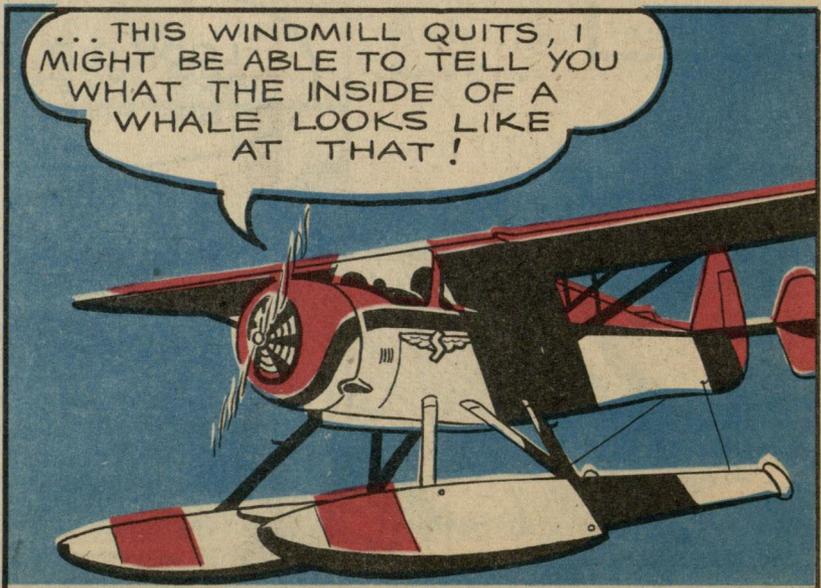
WE DON'T NEED TOWELS..

...WE NEED LOTS OF AIRSPEED AND A WATERPROOF ENGINE...



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIT DOWN ON THAT BUNCH!

I'M NO JONAH, BUT IF...



... THIS WINDMILL QUILTS, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO TELL YOU WHAT THE INSIDE OF A WHALE LOOKS LIKE AT THAT!

**SLIP'S PLANE SWOOPS DOWN...**

... 30 FEET  
OKAY, SWEDE?

**GULP**  
ANY CLOSER  
AND I COULD  
PICKUP SOME  
CRUSHED ICE!

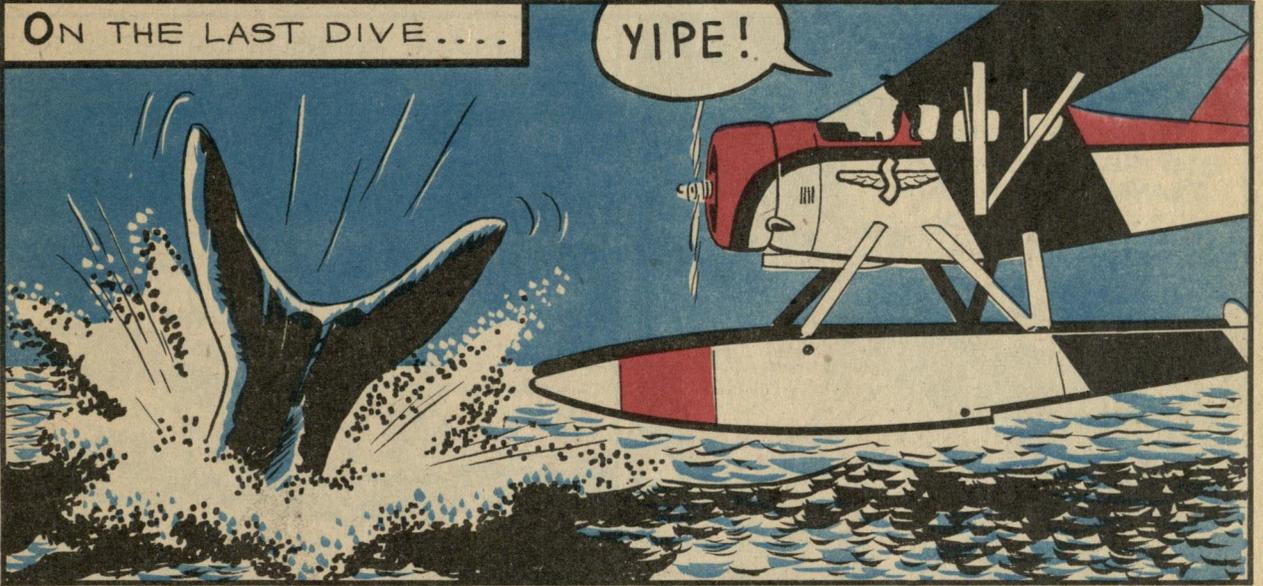


**... MAKING SEVERAL DIVES  
AT THE WHALES!**



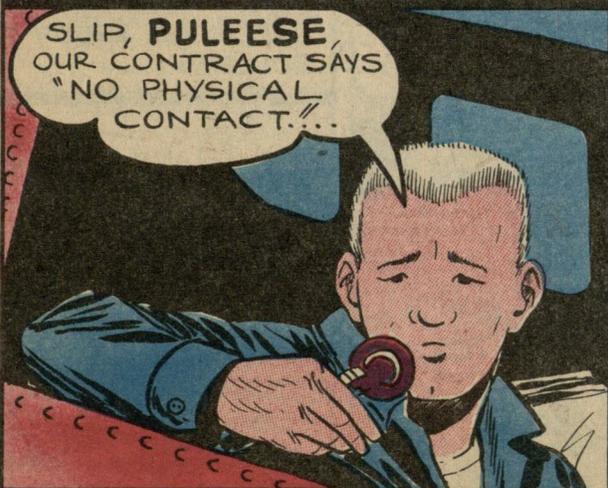
**ON THE LAST DIVE....**

**YIPE!**

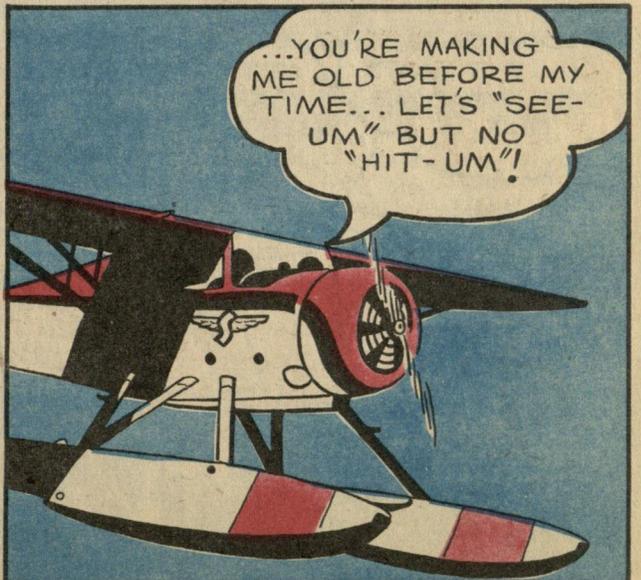


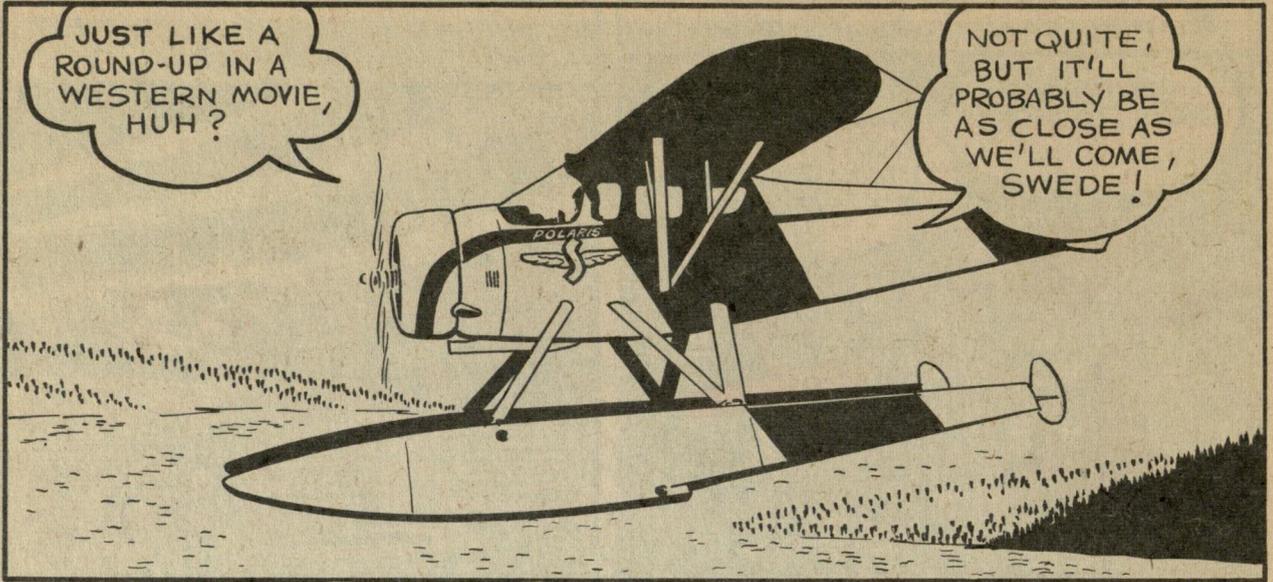
**THE PLANE BANKS... BARELY  
GRAZING THE MIGHTY FLUKE!**

**SLIP, PULEESE**  
OUR CONTRACT SAYS  
"NO PHYSICAL  
CONTACT..."



...YOU'RE MAKING  
ME OLD BEFORE MY  
TIME... LET'S "SEE-  
UM" BUT NO  
"HIT-UM"!





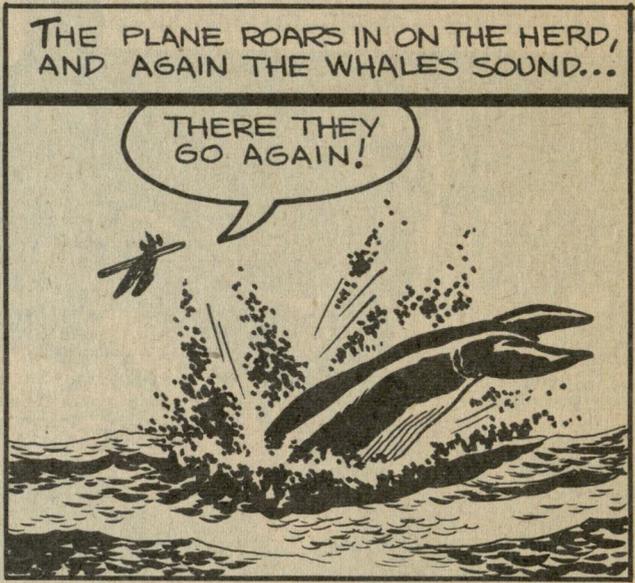
JUST LIKE A ROUND-UP IN A WESTERN MOVIE, HUH?

NOT QUITE, BUT IT'LL PROBABLY BE AS CLOSE AS WE'LL COME, SWEDE!



MINUTES LATER...

THERE'S OUR BIG FELLOW AND HIS PLAYMATES AGAIN! LET'S REALLY SCARE THEM!



THE PLANE ROARS IN ON THE HERD, AND AGAIN THE WHALES SOUND...

THERE THEY GO AGAIN!



LOOK SLIP! LOUIE'S BOATS ARE HEADING OUT...

LET'S MAKE SURE THOSE BRUTES DON'T FOLLOW!

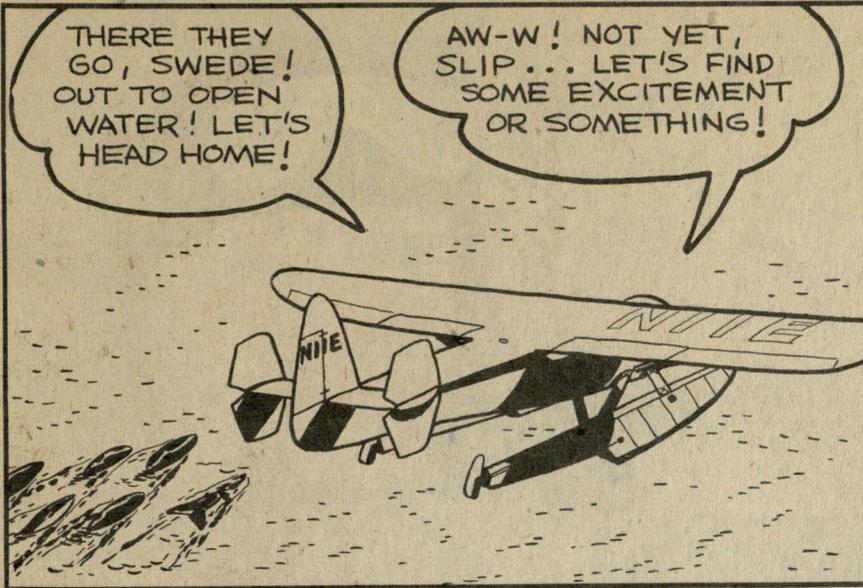


THAT THEY BLOW, SLIP!

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE JUST MILLING ABOUT NOW! LET'S MOVE THEM AGAIN!



AGAIN SLIP'S PLANE SCREAMS IN ON THE HERD, AND AGAIN THE HUGE HERD SOUNDS...



## PROFILE!

## CLAYTON SCOTT...

Clayton Scott  
Seattle, Washington  
OX-5 Club  
Governor

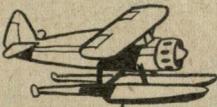
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It is difficult to do justice to the courage, perseverance and fortitude of the pioneers of Bush Pilot flying, who first pierced their way through a wilderness. To dismay them the volcanic plains and mucky swamps stretch beneath them and mountains pile up to the clouds.

Clayton Scott realized the ultimate dream of every American boy by learning to fly. Piloting the OX-5 Jenny and OX-5 Waco 9 at Pearson Field in 1926 was a good start. A year later his first flying job came when he joined the Seattle Flying Service whose base was the old sand lot behind what is now the well-known Boeing Airplane Co. Plant #1. Brimming with physical and mental energy he flew the OX-5 Travel Air on wheels and floats.

During 1929 Scotty played an important part as Chief Pilot in the development of the Gorst Air Transport; flying the Seattle-Bremerton run known as the "Seattle-Bremerton Air Ferry." They used the Loening Air Yacht Amphibian, 7 passenger, with Wright Cyclone Engine, 525 h.p. That year during a 90 day period a fantastic number of 10,000 passengers boarded at Seattle Pier 3.



In May 1929 by completing the first commercial flight across the Gulf of Alaska, landing in Cordova, he made another step in aviation history. (From "Juneau to Cordova"). This same year and through 1930 while based at Ketchikan, Juneau and Cordova, he made trips for Gorst Air Transport in Alaska, adding charter trips. Scotty always put on a one-man show which fascinated the Alaska people and the world. In his busy life he always found time to dash off to the cool mountain streams to fish and to shoot big game, usually taking a visitor along.

During the years 1930, 1931 and 1932 he set an example of a strenuous life which few men could emulate and was much admired as an independent Alaska Bush Pilot flying all types of chartered trips anytime, anywhere. United Air Lines next claimed his services as Co-Pilot from Portland to Salt Lake City, flying the Boeing 247 Transport.

Making a boyhood dream come true is no insoluble problem if faced wisely and courageously. By degrees Scotty shaped a vague . . . day-dream into practical reality by becoming personal pilot in the fall of 1933 for W. E. Boeing, founder of the Boeing Airplane Company, a Boeing Flying Boat, later replaced by a Douglas Dolphine Amphibian and last a Douglas DC-5. In June 1941, Scott left Mr. Boeing's employ to join the Boeing Airplane Co. as test pilot, flying all types of Boeing planes: B-17's, B-29's, B-50's, KC-97's, commercial Strato Cruisers, XKC-135 jet tankers, B-52 Bombers plus the latest 707 jet Transports.



HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED THE FIRST OF OUR ADVENTURES, AND THAT YOU'LL KEEP WATCHING FOR MORE OF OUR BUSH PILOT TALES!



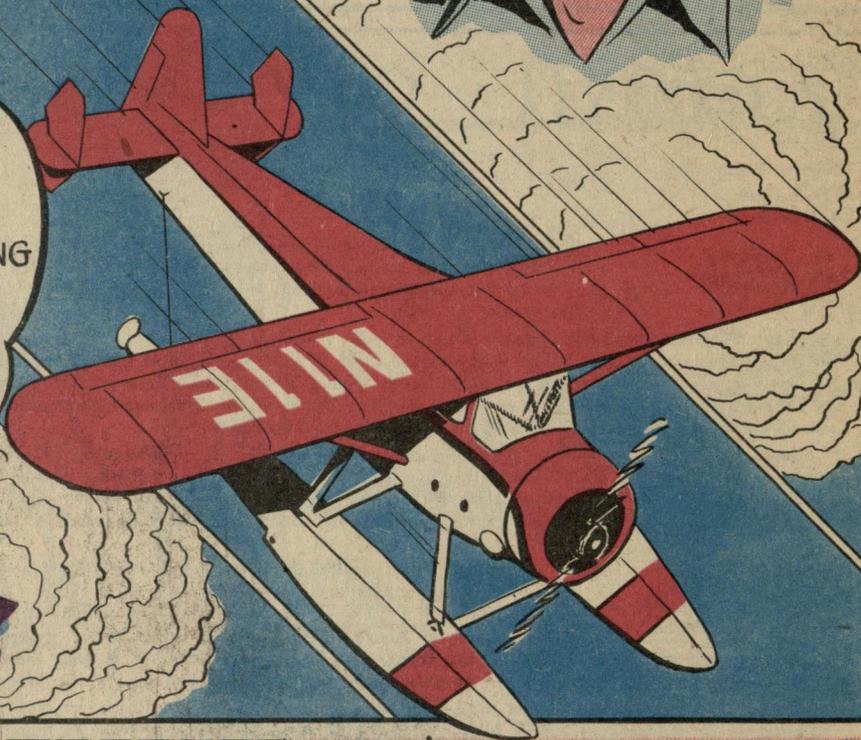
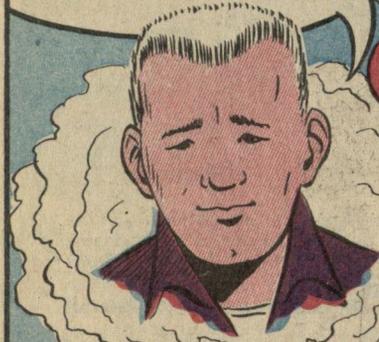
BOB CLARK

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