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landowners and industrialists who wanted the Baltic States to join the Axis Powers. These semi-Fascist governments were overthrown in all three states. The new governments broke away from the policy of the collaborators who had preceded them. They felt that small states were not very safe in a warring world, so decided to join the Soviet Union. In subsequent elections which eye-witnesses say were conducted honestly, 90 per cent of the voters in all three countries voted for union with the Soviet Union.

E. RYAN (Kilbirnie).

#### DOMESTIC HELP

Sir,—I feel that a proportion of girls and young women who might turn to domestic employment are put off it by the frequent letters in the Press from mothers who tell of drudgery, want of outside interests, lack of happiness or even of satisfaction in caring for husband, children, and home. These letters arrest attention, and influence others. I have lived and helped in households where the parents seem happiest surrounded by the family, and engrossed in work and the interests of home, which far from narrowing them down, have exactly the opposite effect. I have met kindly consideration from the parents, and the vociferous company of the children, and pet dogs, and the bubbling welcomes of the baby, have made work worth while.

SPINSTER (Portobello).

#### A Time to Keep Free

ON his return from one of his many conferences, Mr. Bevin is reported to have expressed the wish that he could be granted a sort of universal passport and allowed to get into any train or ship and travel wherever he wished. Were Mr. Bevin to become a listener to 2YA each Tuesday at 7.15 p.m. he would find himself able to relax in his armchair, and have the world brought to him instead. Such, at least, is the object of *Passport*, an up-to-the-moment talks session which begins on July 8 with Stanley Bond's "People and Politics in France" (see *Things to Come*, page 4). Each week a speaker will deal with one aspect of life in a country of which he has special knowledge. He will seek to present listeners with a picture of things as they are in that country but will not attempt to draw comparisons or intrude his own theories. The subject and speakers to be heard will not be announced in advance, the idea being that the most interesting and up-to-date material which comes into the hands of the Talks Department before the actual hour of the programme will be used.

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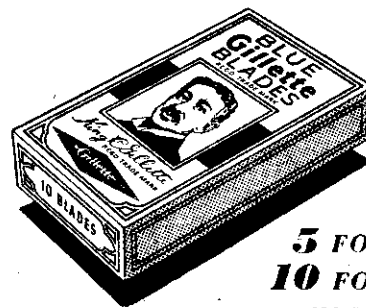
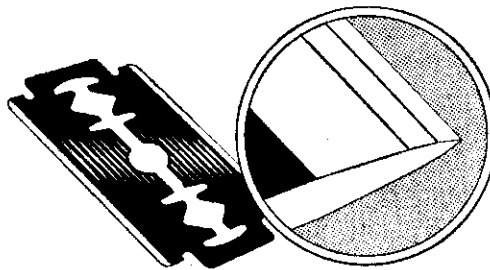


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