

What To Do With Atomic Bomb In Stopping Future Aggression? Ask Boyle

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—I know an old soldier, retired one World War and three international riots ago, who spends his time refighting his campaigns and keeping the mice away from his medals.

The old boy knows his trade well and loves to work out small problems like the probable daily average hay intake of Hannibal's elephants in crossing the Alps.

I called on him the other day and found him fuming—as usual—over three big maps hung on his library walls. The maps were decorated with little flags, squares and triangles—the hieroglyphics of the military. And the old boy, wearing his old-fashioned high cavalry boots, was striding up and down before them like Napoleon the day before Waterloo.

"What's up now, colonel?" I asked cheerfully. "Planning a motor trip to Long Island?"

The colonel gave me his customary glare and chomped in half a stray hair from his 1890 mustache.

"In the first map I have corrected the errors made by Grant at the siege of Vicksburg," he snapped. "The second map shows my plan for seizing New York City, and—"

"What do you want to take New York for, colonel—restore the five-cent subway fare?" I interrupted.

"I wouldn't take the place as a gift on a pewter platter," snorted the colonel. "It's just a military exercise for me. I also have worked out plans to storm Moscow, Minsk and Pinsk, envelop the North and South Poles and outflank Addis Ababa.

"Sounds like a busy afternoon. How big a force would you need to capture New York?"

"After I throw three artillery shells into Times Square," puffed the colonel, pausing to pour himself three fingers of bourbon. "I figure I could take it with a troop of spavined horse cavalry armed with sabers. The popula-

tion would have trampled itself to death trying to escape to New Jersey."

"Granted. Now what's the third map show—one of Von Clausewitz's campaigns?"

"Haven't I ordered you never to mention the name of that Prussian illiterate in my headquarters?" the colonel snorted.

"No, the third map illustrates how we would stop the Russians at the Rhine—if we have another war—by using the atom bomb."

"But the atom bomb is a strategic weapon not a tactical one," I protested. "It's for knocking out enemy cities—not enemy armies. Everybody says that."

The colonel gave me a scornful glare.

"Sonny," he said pittingly. "People at the time thought gunpowder was just a nice thing to make firecrackers with, too."

"The way to win a war with a new weapon is to use that new weapon in every way you can."

"Suppose the Soviet armies attacked. Everyone figures they'd overrun Europe while our fly boys were wiping out Russian cities with atom bombs."

"But how long would it take us then to get the Russian armies out of the rest of Europe? Five years? Ten years? But why concede in advance they can overrun Western Europe."

"Before they can hit for the English channel, son, they have to cross a big wide river called the Rhine. To cross that river their army has to mass together. And whenever they mass, son, it's my idea we can hit 'em hard with atom bombs. I don't care whether you drop the bomb on 'em or shoot it over with a big gun."

"Either way you'll cost them about five square miles of an army. And I can't think of a better way to invest an atom bomb in wartime."

It made sense to me.

"Colonel," I said, "I think I have been underestimating your gray hairs."

"What loses wars, son," he replied, "is a head with a one-track mind, whether it's on old or young shoulders."



HONORED FOR "MERITORIOUS SERVICE"—Captain Roland J. Schwartz (center), son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwartz, Roseburg, has received a citation for "meritorious service" in connection with his work in trials of Japanese war criminals. He is pictured above with Lt. Col. R. E. Vandenberg, chief of Control and Planning Division, and Major General James A. Lester, commanding general, San Francisco Port of Embarkation. (U. S. Army Photograph).

Captain Roland J. Schwartz, Roseburg resident now serving in the Army Transportation Corps at San Francisco Port of Embarkation, recently received the Army Commendation Ribbon in recognition of his "exceptionally meritorious service and superior performance of duty" with the International Military Tribunal in Japan.

Major General James A. Lester, Port Commander, presented the award to the Oregon officer at a Port Headquarters ceremony.

The citation, issued by General Headquarters of the Far East Command, stated that Captain Schwartz's work as Adjutant for

the Tribunal for the period March 1946 to January 1949, "materially contributed to the successful conclusion of the trials of the major Japanese war criminals."

Captain Schwartz, who entered Army duty in 1942, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwartz of 621 E. Douglas St., Roseburg.

McCarthy Is Elected To Head Oregon VFW

COOS BAY, June 27.—(AP)—Oregon's Veterans of Foreign Wars had their first World War II commander Saturday. He is Vere A. McCarthy of Con-

People Who Can't Speak Chinese Are Out Of Luck In Communist Shanghai

SHANGHAI, June 27.—(AP)—English—for years the secondary language of this great port city—is fast falling into disfavor now that the Communists rule Shanghai.

The stress now is on Chinese. Foreigners who have lived in Shanghai for years without learning any more Chinese than necessary to direct a ricksha boy, are now feeling the lack.

Some Chinese firms whose businesses were mainly international trading, once used English almost exclusively. It is startling nowadays to telephone such a firm and get a reply in Chinese. This makes it necessary to obtain an interpreter to carry on a conversation with a Chinese manager with whom you have spoken English for years.

Letters Must Be Chinese

Letters to government agencies, and in some cases even to private companies, must now be written in Chinese, despite the fact that many of these agencies and companies are mainly concerned with foreigners and have staffs that can read and speak English better than Chinese. If you insist on writing in English, your letter must be accompanied by a Chinese translation. To insure delivery, the address must be in Chinese.

Use of Chinese in Shanghai is particularly difficult, because the Shanghai dialect is so different from Mandarin, the official language.

There are some Chinese of considerable education who can read and write two or three foreign languages but cannot write their own.

Students Demand Change

Shortly after the Communists took over, students at the American-endowed St. John's University demanded that "English be banned from the curriculum." This turned out to be a demand that English not be used as the language of instruction except in English-language courses.

The outcome remains to be seen, since it is difficult to use Chinese for instruction in advanced science and other subjects. In some sciences it is actually impossible to go beyond a certain point in Chinese; there simply aren't the words for the work.

First Sale Of Churchill Painting Brings \$5,250

LONDON, June 25.—(AP)—Winston Churchill, who paints for a hobby, put a painting on the block yesterday for the first time. It sold for 1250 guineas (\$5,250).

The signed painting, called "The Blue Room, Trent Park 1934," was auctioned to raise funds for the Young Women's Christian Association.

It was bought by the Brazilian chain of 24 newspapers owned by Assis Chateaubriand and will go to the Sao Paulo Art Museum.

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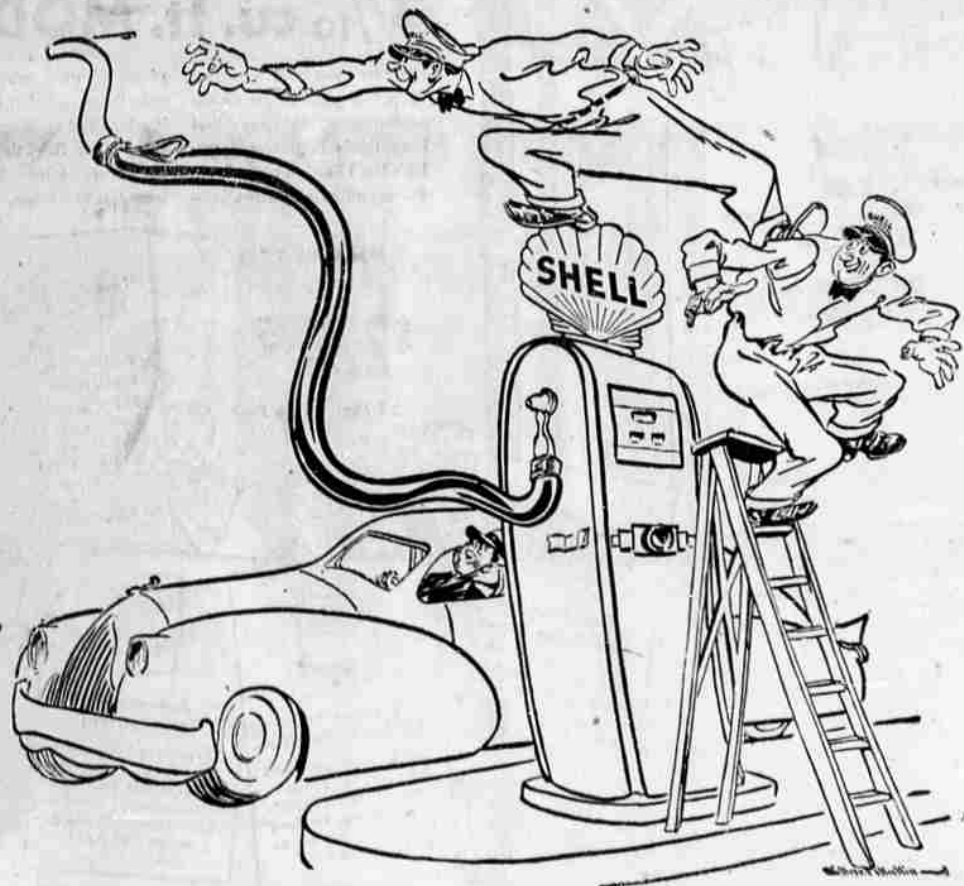
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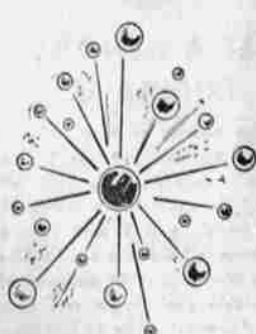


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