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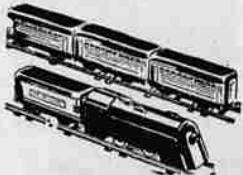
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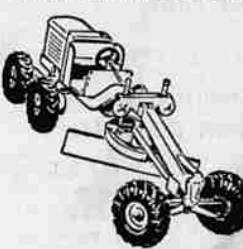
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Antique General Discourses Anent Blunders Of Military Predecessors

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—I dropped in the other day to get a quick sizeup on the international military situation from my old friend, Col. Amos Frothing, U.S.A.

The antique gent retired from active service during the Taft administration, still likes to phone an occasional word of friendly advice to the Pentagon.

I found the cunn't knee deep in his 1909 cavalry boots, sipping some 100 proof bourbon and growling at a typewriter.

"What're you up to, sir?" I asked, tossing him a snappy Boy Scout salute.

"Well, I'm writing a piece for the infantry journal that makes all histories of the Spanish-American war obsolete," said the colonel. "I've just discovered Theodore Roosevelt took the wrong path up San Juan hill."

"How interesting. I remember your last article on—?" "You mean the one in which I listed seventeen fatal tactical orders given by the Duke of Wellington at Waterloo," said the colonel, pleased. "Yes, that caused quite a stir. It was a lucky thing for Wellington that Napoleon had indigestion that day. He made 18 mistakes."

To pry the old fellow out of the past, I asked him what he thought of the present military picture in Europe.

"Stale, junior. It's static as all get out."

"Do you foresee war?" "Certainly I foresee war," snorted Col. Frothing. "That's my job."

I can foresee war as long as the human race stays as lame-brain as it is now."

I asked him when he thought the festivities with Russia would begin.

"Russia?" he said. "What makes you think we'll go to war with Russia?"

"Well, a lot of people seem to think that—"

"A lot of people probably think that nylon comes from worms, just because silk does," growled the venerable vet. "But that don't

make it so. "Look, son, you may grow old and die, and your children may grow old and die, before we have to fight Russia. There may be a war with ten other countries before that, including Germany."

"He saw my eyebrows go up. "A lot of darn fools are saying we should re-arm the Germans to serve as a buffer between us and the Russians," said the colonel testily.

"That's nonsense. I was glad to see General Bradley is deadset against that idea. Smart fellow, that Bradley—for a young man under 60."

Never Give Gun To Hun "Son, never give a gun to the Hun. I got too much respect for the Germans to think you can pay them to fight our wars. If they got guns again, they'll use 'em any dam' way they think will serve them best. They might team up with the Russians to whip us, and then turn around and lick the tar out of the Russians. In fact, that's just what I think they'd do. They don't have any inferiority complex once they start goose-stepping, you know."

"Hiring a German army to fight for us would be just like trying to employ the late Jesse James as a bank guard."

The colonel poured himself four fingers of bourbon and drank it neat.

"What about the atom bomb?" I inquired.

"Glad you brought that up, junior," he said. "I've got a small-scale model I've been testing in the bathroom. Come in, and I'll show you how it works."

I left hastily. You never can be sure that old colonel is kidding.

Collies' Reactions To Dog Story Movie Are Varied

WHITLEY BAY, Eng. (AP)—Three dogs were treated to a private showing in a movie house in this North sea town near Newcastle to settle an argument.

One dog owner said his pet enjoyed films. The others wouldn't believe him.

So three collies got a free show. They sat in a balcony and saw "Master of Lassie," starring another collie.

One paid attention throughout. Occasionally he gave what looked like a dog laugh. The second animal seemed somewhat bored but barked when the dog in the picture barked. The third went to sleep.

"The test did show that two of the dogs recognized the animal on the screen as a dog," said theater manager Hugh Evill.

"But I don't suppose we'll ever settle the argument," he added.

TRAFFIC GREETING

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—Traffic officers, brimming with the Christmas spirit, are ticketing every car parked downtown Saturday afternoons during the holiday season.

The tickets actually are Christmas greeting cards. Police Chief B. A. Hershey bought 15,000 of them.

Records indicate that the first drive-in motion picture theater was built near Camden, N. J., in 1933.



CELEBRATES 81ST BIRTHDAY—John Nance Garner, former Vice President of the U. S., celebrates his 81st birthday by shelling pecans at his home in Uvalde, Tex. He was in good spirits, having brought back from his recent hunting trip eight pairs of frog legs, several fish, one turkey and plenty of venison.

Boy Scouts Seen As Key To Japan's Rehabilitation

By JERRY O'BRIEN

AP Newsfeatures

SPOKANE, Wash. — George Imal, national field secretary for the Boy Scouts of Japan, has enrolled at Whitworth College as a freshman in social work. This is the second time that Imal has been a college freshman but today he's a lot more optimistic about his own and his country's future than he was when he first tried college six years ago.

He was in his second month at a Tokyo university in 1943 when the Japanese draft swept him into a Naval officers training school. Then as a 17-year-old cadet Imal said he was certain that Japan could not win the war and that he would surely be killed in action. He says he was so sure that he volunteered to be a Kamakaze pilot "to get it over with."

But the Japanese turned down his request to fly a suicide plane and in May, 1945 he was commissioned an ensign in the Emperor's navy. Before he could be assigned to a ship the war was over.

Imal took off his ensign's uniform and burned it in accordance with occupation orders. But in a few months he put on another uniform—that of the Boy Scouts of Japan and at 23 became the national field secretary.

Imal says the scouting program in Japan is poorly organized but could be a great help in rehabilitation of the country. "The younger generation in Japan didn't have a good education because of the war," he said, "and most of them at present don't care what happens. I want to help remedy this."

He hopes to take executive scout training in New Jersey and in London after graduating from Whitworth and then return to Japan to train future Boy Scout leaders.

Imal first became interested in scouting in Honolulu where he attended grade school and learned English. He recalls that as a member of Honolulu troop 36 he helped form an honor guard for Franklin D. Roosevelt when the late President visited the islands in 1935. When he returned to Tokyo for high school he remained active in Boy Scout work.

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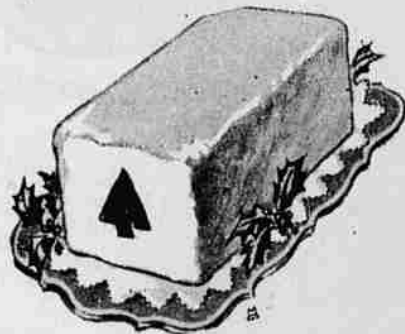
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Greek Letter Societies Urged To Erase Bans

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The national interfraternity conference has recommended that college Greek letter societies wipe out any existing barriers to membership based on race, religion, or nationality.

The precedent-making decision came 24 hours after the group's executive committee had decided not to take up the issue. The standing vote was 36 to 3.

This meant that 19 of the 58 societies did not vote on the resolution, the most controversial issue of the session.

The action was a victory for a group of undergraduates who have no vote in the conference of graduate fraternity officers. Students interfraternity council leaders from New England and "big ten" colleges prevailed on delegates to revive the bias issue after it was excluded from the program.

Alexander Goodman of Baltimore, executive secretary of Phi Alpha Fraternity, introduced the measure for them, but it did not get through as offered.

As adopted, the statement recognized that many fraternities do not have and never have had restrictive clauses in their charters; also, that the question of

membership is one for each fraternity to decide. But it goes on to recommend that the fraternities which do have selective clauses "consider this question in the light of prevailing conditions and take such steps as they may elect to eliminate such selectivity provisions."

The more strongly worded resolution offered by Goodman would have provided that the conference recommend that fraternities "repeal and abolish"

any by-law or constitutional provision which discriminates "against any college student because of his religion, race, color or creed."

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