

How to Cure an Appetite for Rich Fare



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Army air forces insiders are literally tearing their hair over Army plans which after the war contemplate a big ground force and a relatively small air corps.

It is being kept a top-drawer secret, but Army planners already have mapped out the relative size of the air force after the war.

Simultaneously, ground force army men are promoting the idea of a huge land army, and are pushing the idea of peacetime conscription.

Air experts meanwhile point out privately that if we are to prevent war under the United Nations security plan, we will need not a big land army, but a fast, powerful air force which can get to any trouble-spot in a hurry.

Finally the air experts point out that future development of the rocket bomb will be such that land armies may not be important in the initial stages of a war.

Note—In the army budget of 1940, one year before Pearl Harbor, General Stanley Embick, deputy chief of staff and a very competent coast artilleryman, dictated an appropriation for only six long-range army bombers—until the officers and world events forced a revision upwards.

It looks as if Justice Felix Frankfurter is going to pick the next solicitor general—The man who presents the government's cases before the supreme court.

There has been a long backstage con-

trovery over this important post. Democratic Chairman Bob Hannegan wanted Democratic Vice-Chairman Oscar Ewing to get it, and at first Roosevelt backed him up.

After that, Justice Frankfurter telephoned the president, putting in a plug for Dean Acheson, assistant secretary of state. Acheson, one of the best lawyers in Washington, never has been too happy in the state department, undoubtedly would make an A-1 solicitor general.

General Clay Bows Out Not many people realized it, but while the President and War Mobilizer Byrnes were at Malta, the chief backstage dictator of the U. S. A. was Maj. Gen. Lucius Clay, deputy war mobilizer, the man who has a great deal to say about curfews, manpower, baseball, horse racing, conversion of factories, and whose civilian powers are tremendous.

General Clay is the man now selected by President Roosevelt to be U. S. "dictator" of Germany after the armistice. General Clay is bowing out of Washington after a tough showdown fight with the war mobilization board, a committee representing business, labor, farmers and the public.

This board was created by congress to counter-balance the tremendous powers given Justice Byrnes and his office. But, as frequently happens, Byrnes, and especially General Clay, got into the habit of ignoring their civilian advisers.

Things got so sharp that the board barred General Clay from its meetings, also passed a resolution demanding a showdown with Byrnes and warning him that they were not a rubber-stamp agency. The board was not consulted on the curfew, on horse racing, or on various other moves.

Despite Byrnes's defense of Clay, insiders say that his roughshod tactics regarding civilian economy made his exit imperative. Therefore, the president decided that he was just the man to place over the government of occupied Germany.

Pat Hurley's Blues When handsome ex-secretary of war Ambassador Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley went See WASHINGTON ... Page 4

Side Glances



"Wilbur is so moody lately, since he wrote all those letters to the editor explaining Pacific strategy and General MacArthur crossed him up!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WM. E. MCKENNEY, America's Card Authority

"SYLVIA" SHOWS UP THE OFFENSE AGAIN

The open pair championship in the recent eastern states tournament was won by Jerry Friedlander and Ned Drucker. During the final session, one of the greatest hands I have ever seen came up. It seems to be ideally suited to Sylvia, the girl who does the wrong thing that somehow always turns out right.

The ordinary play is for the declarer to play low on the opening spade lead, West to win with the king and now to return a club. The declarer wins this, cashes three spades and the ace of clubs and East is hopelessly squeezed. Is there a defense to beat the contract? Well, try this. Suppose

Bridge hand diagram showing cards and a table with scores for South, West, North, and East. Includes a small table with 'Opening' and '3'.

we had Sylvia in the West? Sylvia would play low on the first spade. Now the declarer would lead the ace of spades and then lead the third spade. Again, Sylvia would play low. Now the declarer cannot lead the fourth spade; otherwise Sylvia will cash two spade tricks and without the fourth spade lead, East is not squeezed. If you want to stay up all night, I am going to tell you that, double dummy, the declarer can make a play that will now

Questions & Answers Q—What is army's new T-26? A—A tank with a 90-mm. gun and wider tracks for greater maneuverability. Frontline observers say it still doesn't match the Germans' Royal Tiger.

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This Curious World

Large cartoon illustration with text boxes. One box says 'THE WORLD WAR ALREADY HAS COST THE UNITED STATES SEVEN TIMES AS MUCH AS DID THE LAST WORLD WAR, WHICH WAS THE 1918-1919 WORLD WAR, AND WHICH WAS FOUGHT TO END ALL WARS.' Another box says 'A PYTHON IN A LONDON ZOO WAS FITTED SUCCESSFULLY WITH A GLASS EYE.' A third box says 'WHERE'S ELMER?' and 'ANSWER: In Mexico, about 150 miles west of Mexico City. NEXT: The first woman to wear silk stockings.'

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

Class of '35, Vasar, postponed what would have been its tenth reunion and substituted for the clan's gathering a questionnaire sent to all members with such to-the-point queries as "Weight?" "Color of hair?" "Wrinkles?"

That's a patriotic solution in these times when the girls shouldn't be encouraged to take train trips, buy a lot of new clothes to impress each other, and shoot the works at beauty salons getting themselves in shape for a sharp inspection by their old classmates.

And it ought to be just as satisfactory as a real reunion. For the reason women really go to them is to look each other over, and then go home feeling satisfied because they haven't let themselves go "like Ethel," or "become dull like Mabel," or "crisply efficient like Doris," who has a high-powered

career. They can do just as much comparing by sitting down and studying the answers to the questionnaire. Of course they'll discount some of the answers with "If Susie doesn't have a single gray hair, I'll bet she is having it touched up." Or, "Liz puts on a good front, but I'll bet she isn't as happy as she lets on—married to that Jim Smith who always had a roving eye." But then they would do that if they saw each other in person.

Of course it should have been compulsory for a recent snapshot to have been attached to the questionnaire—not a studio snapshot but an honest snapshot. Just to keep the girls honest. And to give each of them the right to feel the years had been kinder to them than to some of the others.

Then the questionnaire solution would have been fully as satisfactory as a reunion.

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Translations of office of war information's Japanese language leaflets dropped over Japanese lines in southeast Asia and on Japan proper by army air force bombers and carrier-borne naval aircraft give a good idea of the psychological warfare now being waged against the Japanese.

First approach is through a newspaper, or rather a news sheet, a single, magazine-sized page giving all the hot war news denied the Japanese people by their own government's censorship.

Typical of the stories played up are these: Japs attacked in rear on Philippines. With maps to show where Jap convoys have been sunk and what the losses were.

B-29's raid Manchuria. With quotations from Tokyo radio to lend credibility to the claims of damage inflicted.

Hundred thousand tons of bombs dropped on Germany. Pointing out that 30,000 airmen took part in around-the-clock raids on "Japan's last ally" and letting the idea sink in that such things might be in store for Japan.

the photographs for the protection of their families. But, says a translation of the message printed on the reverse side of the leaflet, "Look at their peaceful faces. . . . Their breasts are filled with the glorious hope of becoming pillars of the Japan of tomorrow, freed from the grasp of the militarists."

Surrendering Japs are offered plentiful food, clothing, sweets and cigarettes with full protection of their identity. To build up the good-treatment idea, one leaflet shows a sketch of a smiling army medical officer, a captain, below which is a sketch of a Jap soldier, his wounds bandaged, sitting on a bed and writing a letter. The caption of the leaflet is, "My new feeling towards Americans," with the explanation that these are the words written by one of "you" (Japanese) comrades, now recuperating in an allied hospital.

"Until the recent disgraceful event (of my capture)," reads the soldier's letter, "I had been taught to picture Americans as devils wearing masks of gold. Since then, however, I have had to drive that feeling about Americans out of my heart. . . . It was meeting Captain Paul XXX, the American army doctor who looks after our ward, that made me change my feeling. . . . He treats us with a humanity which transcends all barriers of nationality or race. He is a man close to a god."

Another effort to break down the "hate feeling" which is a major obstacle to the acceptance of all American ideas, was put into a New Year's greeting card, with a picture of a Jap maiden in native dress. The caption says she is embarrassed at wearing growing-up style of hair dress for the first time.

"The fighting spirit you have shown during the old year was worthy of Japanese heroes and has won our respect," says the New Year Japanese pin-up girl type of greeting. "We can call each other friends." Since we cannot extend personal greetings, we take this means to extend our New Year wishes.

EVENING OBSERVER'S PROGRESS PROGRAM IRRIGATION—Complete the Grande Ronde Valley irrigation project. LA GRANDE — A city of 10,000 — Extend the city limits.

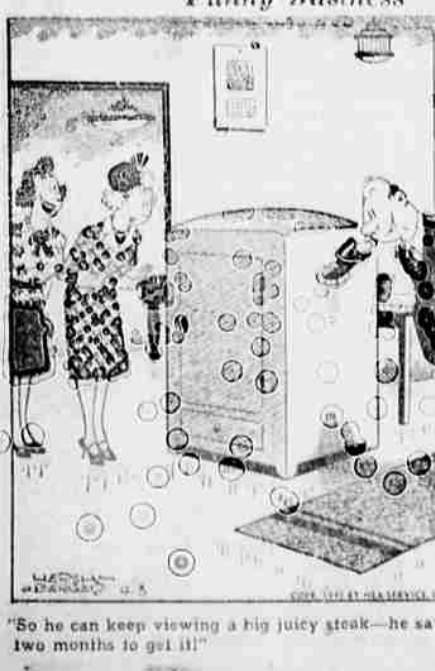
TODAY'S TEXT And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.—Corinthians 2:3.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY Censure is the tax a man pays to the public for being eminent.—Swift.

Debt to Society The well-worn phrase about "paying a debt to society" takes on new meaning in the case of the several hundred inmates of three prisons who have volunteered as "guinea pigs" in testing new drugs to combat malaria.

Their volunteer duty will extend beyond that of the soldiers who bared their arms to the anopheles mosquito in Walter Reed's search for the malaria carrier. For these men will not only contract the disease, but will submit to experiments with potential remedies whose properties and correct dosage are as yet imperfectly known.

Funny Business



disease. It is significant that these prisoners are promised nothing beyond the best of care. They take full responsibility for all consequences. They are offered no special privileges, commutation of sentence, or other reward. They are simply, in the best and truest sense, paying their debt to society.

A Big Job

When William M. Jeffers stepped down as rubber director, it was with the assurance that the rubber problem had been licked. Japan's greatest triumph, the conquest of virtually all our sources of natural rubber, had finally been neutralized by our swift development of a synthetic industry.

That was encouraging, and true as far as it went. But today, though the rubber problem is licked, the tire shortage is more acute than ever. Scarcity of cotton and rayon cord, carbon black, natural rubber and manpower, together with constantly increasing military demands, has made the situation more critical than ever.

Into this spot steps John L. Collyer, president of the B. F. Goodrich Co., as special director of rubber programs. And with all respect to Mr. Jeffers and his successor, Colonel Dewey, it is comforting to know that an experienced executive from the rubber industry is now in charge.

Mr. Collyer has been in the industry for 23 years. He was one of the leaders in the pre-war movement for a government-sponsored synthetic rubber program. He has served as adviser to the state department in international rubber conferences in the past two years.

It is a tremendously important job that Mr. Collyer has to do, and it must be done quickly. But we think the job is in good hands, and we wish him luck.

SO THEY SAY

The way has been hard and the hardest part of the march is yet to be made. In view of the bitterness of opposition to date, this is a grim outlook for the future. But it is a realistic one. We have nothing to gain by feeling ourselves.

—Marine Commandant Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift. If we are going to have a great expanded foreign trade we've got to lower tariffs and other trade barriers all over the world. —Assistant Secretary of State Archibald MacLachlan.

These people suffered little unless they happened to be bombed out. German homes are full of coal and the German people well fed. —Lt. Robert G. Packer of Brooklyn, N. Y. in Remagen sector.

What the allied forces have accomplished during 1944 will stand for generations as a warning to dictators to "beware" the fury of a patient man. —AAF Gen. Henry H. Arnold.