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## They Once Were Chums

If there wasn't such a tragic overnote in the deaths of millions, this time of the pot calling the kettle black would be amusing, in regard to the Germans in Japan.

Now comes the Nazis' little fuhrer Franz Spahn who says from his home near Tokyo that "we never got any cooperation from the Japanese government and it even failed to give recognition to Nazi party activities." And refugees reply that the Nazis in Japan hoarded food and lived well and, in fact, were very unsavory characters.

There is no doubt that if the German braggarts and the leaders of the "yellow Arayans" were shaken up in a bag, so that the color of their skin and the slant of their eyes were merged, you'd hardly be able to tell one from the other when the contents were dumped out. Spahn complains because the Japs "were even not so averse to Jews." He bemoans the fact that Nazis in Japan were kept under police surveillance after Germany fell, and that even during the height of the axis glory "the Japanese did not admit us to their confidence or seek our help."

There may be honor among thieves, if there's any truth to the old saw, but there's none among murderers. We'll have a tough time squeezing out a tear either for the Nazis who claim they got the cold shoulder or the Nips who claim the Nazis got their cold cuts.

## The Lights Should Go On

There's increasing comment these days that the lights have gone on all over the world—except in Salem. And the point is well taken. Not for many months has there been necessity for either a blackout or a dimout, and while admittedly considerable work will be necessary to re-light the lower bulbs on the city street standards it should begin at once.

Salem's downtown streets constitute a menace to pedestrians and an encouragement to petty crime. The same holds true for the capitol area—where the darkness of night cannot hide a beauty if proper illumination is in vogue. The lights should go on.

The state is going to sell \$1,000,000 in bonds for the new war veterans loan fund. With over a million already levied in taxes to secure the bond issue, it ought to be good. Even the bankers who a dozen years ago started turning down Oregon warrants will admit they are.

Now we can lay away in mothballs that term which has been overworked by orators and editors: "war-torn world." As for the world it needs to be laid away—in bandages in a hospital for a time.

England's new house of commons is to have a periscope, like a submarine. There better not be any water-tight doors or someone out of step with the government might get some bright ideas.

## Editorial Comment

### SPEED IT UP

It is hoped that better-than-usual speed is possible in the move to transfer prefabricated housing from defense plants to college camps at Oregon and Oregon State. The idea is to move the housing from the big federal atomic bomb project at Richland, Wash., to the schools of higher education, where there is a serious shortage of living facilities for married veterans.

As the situation now stands, the university and college may lose attendance of many family-vets who obviously cannot go to either of the two schools unless they can find a place to live. Effect on the total attendance is not important. What is important is that the veterans, seeking to apply their GI bill of rights educational benefits, are stopped for lack of housing.

Haste is necessary so as to permit the vets occupancy of the housing within a reasonable time after opening of the fall term at the schools. The sooner these young men (and in some cases their wives) get into school, the better.—Astorian Budget.

### WAINWRIGHT WELCOME

We are glad San Francisco is the city first to welcome General Jonathan M. Wainwright home to American, from a Japanese prison camp.

Wainwright stands not merely a solitary heroic figure but as a symbol of the men who suffered for a temporarily lost cause. And San Francisco, greeting him, speaks, not for itself only but with the voice of all America.

Among the shining figures of this war the men of Corregidor and Bataan have a unique place. They made the full sacrifice, holding the fort with no hope of their own rescue from it. Their mission was to help give an awakened America time to organize its defenses.

A parade, however spectacular, seems inadequate to express a nation's gratitude. But it is the immediate, visible means of expression. It is fitting that the people of the whole bay region come to San Francisco to be on Sunday's line of march. They will be welcoming Wainwright in the name of all America, and also will be paying tribute to the memory of the heroes who gave their lives in the first fearful days of war.

These dead are the silent legion marching in spirit with Wainwright on this memorable occasion.—San Francisco Chronicle.

## The Safety Valve

LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

### Rent Problem Serious

To the Editor:

We wonder if some of our organizations can do something to relieve the rent problem. Every day people are visiting the

real estate offices telling us the house has been sold and they have to move and what are we going to do. Some coming in from other parts of the country would like to locate here but say they can not find a place to live so will have to try some other city or town.

We hear Corvallis and other towns are buying some war constructed houses that were built in Portland and Vancouver by the government. Why can we

not do the same? We understand they are built so they can be moved. We are so in need of workers, to save the crops but no housing for people.

The city owns plenty of lots to put these houses on if they can be purchased from the government.

We suggest the chamber of commerce or some other organization do something about this. C. J. Jackson 341 State St., Salem.

## The Air May Clear

Admiral Kimmel, whose name has been sullied for years with the blame for Pearl Harbor, is on solid ground when he opposes a court martial at the present time. The tragic episode, which since 1941 has been laid almost solely to Kimmel and General Short, now is in the open with the myriad of "you did's" and "I didn't's" and until the air clears with the congressional investigation now underway there is little chance of pinning down the facts.

It is probable that even Admiral Kimmel would not claim to be entirely blameless, but any admission he might make now would merely be fuel to the fires of those who would shout down their own part in the holocaust. Kimmel and Short have been denied a hearing for years. They were sent to the military disgrace of oblivion and left there. And with increasing evidence that there are plenty of others who merit some share of the blame, the two major scapegoats can be accorded at least some consideration. Their punishment, warranted or not, has been and is continuous.

## The Roundup

"Ride 'er, cowboy" days are on at Pendleton and the west once more attracts its own. Come another year, and it will attract a lot more than its own, too, as their 34-year-old event rides out its history.

There can be but slight competition for attendance between the roundup and our own state fair. The former's scope is limited. And this year there's no competition at all. Regardless, the roundup is an institution, a western institution, an Oregon institution. It's a worthy counterpart to the legends of pioneer days and as such provides this state with invaluable promotion in competition with the resorts of the east. It is just one more attraction which makes it mandatory that Oregon don its best clothes for the coming year which will find the tourist influx far more than a trickle.

## Interpreting The War News

By JAMES D. WHITE  
Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Prince Fumimaro Konoye is a blue-blood who obviously would much rather play golf than politics.

But twice he has served as premier at critical times—first when Japan began war in China and next trying to soften American indignation at what Japan was doing there.

His blood is so blue that he has actually refused the premiership at other times. Emperors are traditionally chosen from among five families, of which his is one. He is tall and dresses well. Japanese used to say insomnia made him wake up at least ten times every night and that each time he would take a different kind of sleeping pill. When politics got too hot for him he would jump into bed, pleading a cold.

Konoye was up and around today, however, telling Associated Press correspondent Russell Brines that he thought he could have avoided war with America in 1941 if the Japanese military had let him. He indicated that in a way he was glad Japan surrendered last month because this would mean the end of the military, which he said didn't always keep the government informed of what was cooking and often got the empire in hot water.

Here are some of the things Konoye has said and done in the past.

In 1937 he formed the coalition government which in July found itself immersed in an undeclared war in China. Konoye says he tried to stop it. On August 29, 1937, he said:

"Japan's one course is to beat China to her knees, so that she may no longer have the spirit to fight."

And in September, Konoye's cabinet announced a program designed to organize Japan as a totalitarian state. Japan joined the axis, but 1938 found Konoye resisting militarist efforts to pass a law authorizing Japan's total mobilization for war.

It was Konoye who gave the empire its famous slogan, "a new order for greater east Asia."

Konoye's cabinet fell, and was followed by a series of military groups. By 1940 he was back, and he said:

"Should the United States continuously refuse to realize the true intentions of Japan, Germany and Italy, and come to challenge them by regarding the alliance as a hostile action, it becomes natural that they will engage in a battle."

In 1940 he abolished political parties in Japan. Konoye now claims that when his 1941 cabinet fell in October he "knew that was inevitable but I did not know how or when it would come."

He had wanted to talk to President Roosevelt personally, he said, and war minister General Tojo had approved. But he said Tojo had been gathering power since the army had put him in as war minister the year before. By the time Tojo got to be premier in October, Konoye told Brines, his attitude had changed.

Konoye added that Japanese industrialists and the conservative navy had opposed war with the United States.

He did not explain how the navy was persuaded to make the strike at Pearl Harbor except to suggest that it had its share of fanatic young officers.



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## Not Apt to be Fired for Asking

## The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

NOT IN OUR STARS, by Josiah H. Greene (Macmillan, \$3).

The milkman is the hero of this novel, which secured the \$2,500 Macmillan Centenary award for Sgt. Greene, native of Duluth, graduate of Brown and formerly on the Providence Journal.

Taking as locale a growing metropolitan dairy farm, Greene marshals all the people in the community, shows what they eat and drink... mostly not milk... where they live, whom they love and how, whom they hate, how they earn their living, how they carry on the labor-management conflict.

It makes agreeable reading. There are pages and pages of conversation, and numerous dramatic incidents such as strike threats, fire, theft, love, sex and murder.

It's more agreeable than convincing, however. For instance, the conversations differentiate people as to their ideas but not as to their characters, so that while you learn what they think you don't learn what they really are. Freda Ellis is incredibly innocent for a girl of 16, Ida Heim incredibly malicious, Charlie Dann incredibly evil.

This novel is all things to all men. Do you believe in labor? Then here it is and here is the dirty deal it gets but also the way in which it balks management's noble intentions. Do you believe in management? Then here it is, too, and here is the dirty deal it gets from employees but also the way it deceives and strives unscrupulously for domination in its field.

Fundamentally the whole story is built on a false basis, for the owner of the dairy, which represents an investment of several thousand dollars, does not get a cent of profit.

It's a two-edged sword, but instead of cutting both ways, it cuts neither way. Greene swings it stanchly but doesn't even raise a welt.

Probably the world is as he pictures it, good and evil mixed. That means in substance lack of conflict; it reduces life to an unrelieved neutral tone. If in the night all cats are gray, Greene gives us a recognizable gray cat. But the novel should put color into cats. Greene is right in theory, wrong in effect.



HONOLULU (AP)—The trouble with being a newspaper man is it's like having dandruff—you can't get rid of it and you always wear it on your sleeve.

When Morley Warren walked into the office, officially he looked like Specialist 2/c Thomas M. Warren, which is the moniker he holds under coast guard auspices.

But his old friends at Albuquerque, N.M., where he used to beat a typewriter to death for the Associated Press, would recognize the gleam in his eyes. He was Morley of the old by-line days because he had a story.

And when a newsmen's in that shape, all you can do is aim him at a typewriter and turn him loose. So what follows is strictly Morley Warren's story and the management assumes no responsibility.

The "Fubar Maru" is back from the wars.

Less picturesque known as the LST (landing ship, tanks) 71, she is a battered, war-scarred veteran of six Pacific invasions and more than two years at sea.

She is manned by a coast guard crew that looks like the military edition of the "Dead End Kids" and skippered by a two-fisted, poker-playing Tammany Hall Irishman named named Thomas A. Ruddy.

The greatest present ambition of Ruddy, also a veteran of the first world war, is "to get back into a derby and checkered suit."

The LST 71 acquired the name "Fubar" (key letter of the expression "fouled up beyond recognition") and Maru (Japanese for ship) at Okinawa.

That label was hung onto her by Lieutenant Ruddy's favorite passenger, a marine major who let Ruddy ride his tank during the Okinawa invasion.

"And what an invasion," says Ruddy. "I thought I'd surprise the major and put a case of cold beer in the tank."

"What does he do but come out for battle wearing kid gloves and orders the confederate flag flown from the tank's radio antenna."

"Then, off we go against the

enemy — me working the beer with a dry-ice fire extinguisher and the major proud as hell with that flag, which sure enough gets shot off just as soon as we hit the beach.

"What an invasion!" It was also at Okinawa that the unorthodox "Fubar Maru" was fondly nicknamed "Task Force 71" after she had to drop behind the invasion convoy the first day out of Ulithi. She steamed on, alone and unescorted, to Okinawa.

"Hah," snorted Ruddy on that occasion, "we don't need an escort anyway. This ship's got the best crew afloat, bar none—and I said bar none." He brought his ham like fist down on his desk with a crash.

"Take Taylor," he shouts, referring to his youthful executive officer, Lt. (jg) Eugene E. Taylor of Wyandotte, Mich. "He's rated as one of the top ten anti-submarine men in the navy and coast guard and I said top ten, not top ten per cent."

Ruddy also boasts that not a man on his ship's been court-martialed since he's been aboard and that they all have unusually high ratings.

"If they freeze one rating," he declares, "we dig out another. That kid in the ship's office had been striking for yeoman for almost two years when I came aboard. So they freeze yeoman's rating. So I make the kid a carpenter's mate." He grins.

Although that system—strictly adapted from Tammany's methods of rewarding the faithful one way or another—pleases the men of the "Fubar Maru," it doesn't always bring buzzards from headquarters.

"Most of the correspondence I get from Washington," comments Ruddy, begins: "You can't do this, however..."

Ruddy's crew set a record for speedy unloading of LST's during its six invasions. His gunners knocked down two Japanese suicide planes during unloading at Okinawa.

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## IT SEEMS TO ME

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clerks, waitresses, elevator girls, milkmen and laundry drivers? These are generally of the class whose wages rates were slowest to rise. In a real sense they broke the news of war to the great American public; and in the majority of cases they rendered assistance to the shopping public. Many a time a clerk warned his customer that the merchandise offered was ersatz. Often he went to great lengths to meet customer requirements in the face of dwindling stocks. He and the merchandise buyers have fought battles for consumers, with manufacturers, jobbers, government agencies.

Confess, you who are quick to criticize store clerks—how many times did the clerk lay aside a white shirt for you, hide it back in the office until you called? Or phone you that some scarce merchandise had just arrived? And what about the butcher who when you asked for bacon, said

"No bacon today," — but you found a half pound of it mysteriously in your market basket when you left the store, with the red points neatly abstracted from your ration book? How many times did you wink to a clerk and have him come up with a pack of cigarettes?

True there have been snippy smartalecks, ignorant of common courtesy, who were "drafted" to wait on customers. But there has also been an army of faithful servitors who have been loyal to their store and to the great American public, trying to serve both with fidelity under the trying conditions of wartime.

How many times have these people whose wrath rose over some petty slight by an immature girl behind a counter, ever said a double thank-you to the clerks who have worked to maintain store standards of service to customers? We need to be more discriminating in our blame, and more prompt with our praise when we talk of the great army of folk in the service trades who have dealt with the great American public in wartime, kept them fed and clothed and shod, sold them war bonds, and out of wages rarely swollen by wartime prosperity bought bonds, contributed to war chests and Red Cross, and helped keep the home institutions functioning.

## Silverton Woman Dies Thursday

SILVERTON—Mrs. Mille Buell, 52, a resident of Silverton for the past 42 years, died at her home Thursday.

Mrs. Buell was born in North Dakota, December 5, 1892, and married Arthur Buell here in 1910.

Surviving are the widower, a daughter, Mrs. Lester Olson of Salem; a granddaughter; her mother, Mrs. J. Harris and a brother, Jens Fokald, both of Ridgefield, Wash.

Funeral arrangements will be made later from the Ekman mortuary.

## Dick Hendrie Hi-Y President

Officers and advisers of Salem's three Hi-Y chapters this week elected Dick Hendrie their council president for the coming year, named Charles Robins vice president and Dick Close as secretary.

Three major projects planned for the fall are the "Hello Day" gag sale at the high school, a traditional first-day get-acquainted activity, an assembly for all boys the second week of school to acquaint them with the Hi-Y organization and offer them membership applications and the sale of the programs at all home football games.

Hi-Y officers from 16 different schools of this area will meet in Salem on October 14 for a special training session of leaders and officers. Everett Harding, assistant area executive, will be here from Portland to assist with the class. Dr. Lawrence Riggs of Willamette university will be layman in charge of it.

## Passports Issued

PORTLAND, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Passports for pleasure and business trips abroad again are being issued by the department of immigration and naturalization here. Several have been issued for Europe, Asia and Central and South America, an official said.

## Scaling Prices Raised

PORTLAND, Sept. 13.—(AP)—An increase of two cents per 1000 feet over the present maximum price of 13 cents a 1000 feet for scaling and grading logs in the Pacific northwest was approved yesterday by OPA, effective Sept. 17.

## Tuna Hauls Scarce

ASTORIA, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Tuna hauls were scarce here yesterday, but gillnetters opening the fall season reported takes equal to last year. Fishermen averaged 1700 pounds from the lower Columbia river and one gillnetter from Altona delivered 4100 pounds.

## Stevens

Impressive, displaying 10 brilliant diamonds in 14K gold.

## CAL POLICE ACCUSED

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Investigation of two Sacramento police was underway yesterday after James E. Spears, 29, Portland, accused them of taking money from him. The men, both temporary patrolmen, were suspended while the investigation continues.

## MORSE CHANGE SUGGESTED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The senate republican committee today recommended transfer of Senator Morse (R-Ore) from the interstate commerce committee to the committee on naval affairs. The proposal will be voted on at the party conference Saturday.

## CALIFORNIAN KILLED

FLORENCE, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Arthur Hart Spencer, Los Angeles, was killed near here by a falling tree while inspecting timber operations, it was reported yesterday. Woodmen said they thought he had left the area before they began felling timber.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Since our win-the-war luncheon 3 months ago had such sensational success, I suggest a win-the-peace luncheon immediately!"

## 9 Exhibitors Enter Displays

Nine exhibitors entered their tuberos begonias in the display at the YMCA Thursday night, showing from one to twelve different arrangements of the flowers.

The display was a feature of the regular meeting of the Salem Men's Garden club and will be on exhibit at the Y until Saturday.

C. L. McDonald presided at the business meeting in the absence of president H. L. Slaver and introduced W. L. Menke of Portland who showed slides of many specimens of tuberos begonias.

Jim McGilchrist, member of the club, outlined the steps necessary to take care of chrysanthemums during September and told how to produce outstanding blooms.

Exhibitors at the meeting were R. G. Warren, D. A. Schulze, S. Raynor Smith, C. A. Kells, W. Frank Crawford, Harold Elbert, Iufer Nursery, Jim McGilchrist and John Mitch of Lebanon.

## CONSTRUCTION STARTED

EUGENE, Sept. 13.—(AP)—First building of several costing \$400,000 was begun today at the Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers plant here. A feed mill, storage building and plant will be built this fall, and an egg storage unit next spring. Manager C. G. Keeney said

Advertisement for Stevens jewelry featuring diamonds and gold. Text includes 'Impressive, displaying 10 brilliant diamonds in 14K gold.', 'Rare beauty and distinction.', 'Extended Payments', 'STEVENS & SON', '339 Court Street'.