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BRITAIN PRODUCES A-1 CHUMP It might make for friendly feeling between nations to have an annual competition to nominate the "Chump of the Year," something after the fashion in which the Order of the Buggy Ride meets from time to time to recognize what Charioter C. E. McLean calls "Unusual Extinction." This year's international honors (so long held by famous Americans) would probably go to Britain's Production Minister Oliver Lyttleton for his remark that:

"The United States provoked Japan to war." Of course, that crack brought our Secretary Hull boiling out of his corner with some appropriate Tennessee epithets, and Mr. Lyttleton has hastened to explain that he did not mean his words to mean what they sounded like to other people. He was merely trying to say that the United States had begun to arm, it had showed its sympathy for Britain and those who were fighting against the Axis, but "this would not have provoked Japan if Japan had been peace minded."

Possibly it could be said with some truth that we "provoked Japan," if by that you mean that we invited attack, by being completely indifferent to the menace of their aggression in Asia and their mounting war power. Perhaps it might be said that we "provoked" them in the sense that a fly on a bald man's dome is an "irresistible temptation" to the practical joker. Why, even as late as July 25, 1941, our Mr. Roosevelt was explaining to his neighbors in Hyde Park why we should go on sending the little yellow brothers oil and scrap, in the hope of gentling their ambitions.

Mr. Hull feels the indignity more than most men because he was entertaining Messrs Kurusu and Nomura in Washington at the very hour when Pearl Harbor had begun to happen. And there is a great deal we do not know about Pearl Harbor and may never know, if Kimmel and Short are not brought to trial and given their day in court. Our British cousin did not mean what he said unkindly, we feel sure, but these are very sensitive times, and hard feelings should be averted by awarding Hon. Lyttleton the "blue ribbon" as "Chump of the Year."

SAIPAN MAY BE "DECISIVE" Many years ago a man named Crissey compiled a book in which he described "Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World" (from Thermopole to Waterloo and Gettysburg). In modern war, the struggle is seldom decided by any single battle or feat of strategy. In the present war, it may be contended that history was altered when Hitler blundered into Russia, or when Japan made the dastardly assault on Pearl Harbor, or when Montgomery swept Rommel out of Africa, or when we seized naval control of the Pacific with Midway. The successful invasion of Normandy may not end the war in Europe but it is a fine start on the last chapter. So is our dramatic attack on Saipan which may give us the key to the most vital of the Japanese outer defenses in the Marianas (next door to Guam which we neglected).

Victory at Saipan will not end the war in the Pacific, but it will hasten victory greatly because, it carries a threat which the Japanese cannot ignore—a bomber base within easy shuttle distance of the main industrial centers in Japan, a naval base from which we can cut their island supply lines completely. The attack on Saipan has already smoked out a large section of Japanese air force, and it may bring the Japanese "Grand Fleet" out of its hiding. That apparently is what Nimitz wants, but even if the Japs do not meet this challenge fully, even if they decide to sacrifice the Marianas, they will be in deep trouble.

It is interesting to note that the Japanese finally have taken Changsha, the key point on the Canton-Hankow rail route through the interior of China. This is interpreted by many observers as their answer to our steady advance through the Pacific. Their aim will be to try to force China out of the war and to develop this interior route to the Malay and Dutch India regions which they have plundered. But it may take them a long time to exploit this gain.

Meantime spectacular victory at Saipan may do much to offset our "loss of face" in China, especially if we move rapidly to exploit our gain by bombing Japan to a blister. It may be that the bold move against Saipan was conceived to offset the Jap gains in China.

This small island in mid-Pacific is little more than a dot on the map, but it may become an historic name. Once again we see

a demonstration of the importance of air and sea power, integrated with armies. But if you recall where we stood right after Pearl Harbor, you can understand that perhaps the real decision lay with PRODUCTION POWER.

Or possibly the "decisive factor" lies in the spirit of the American people, a peace-loving people who did not want any war, but had the courage for it when it came. Our greatest heritage from the pioneers is resourcefulness. Radio Tokyo complains that we do not fight this war according to conventional patterns. We have been using men and machines in ways not laid down in the texts on war which the Japanese have studied so carefully.

SSSSSSSSSS! So sorry! Little yellow men should not aspire to teach inventors of the game.

WASHINGTON LETTER By PETER EDSON (Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)

COMING: GUNS THAT 'THINK' For a preview of the most advanced forces of destruction that will be loosed in World War III, or even in World War II if it lasts long enough, tests of new weapons and new explosives now being made at the U. S. Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va., and at the big Naval Air Station, Patuxent, Md., give the best picture. A two-day inspection of these bases, arranged by Navy Secretary James Forrestal for a small group of newspaper correspondents, reveals the extent to which naval warfare at best has become a war of gadgets.

Begin right with the explosives going into shells, bombs and depth charges. The TNT of the last war was thought to be the ultimate as a force of destruction, but it has already been surpassed. It is still a highly restricted subject for discussion. The British have permitted some mention of their "R. D. X," explosive, but the Americans have something that is a much more stable equivalent. What it will do, of course, is to increase the range, velocity and destructiveness of nearly every type of thing that can be thrown at an enemy. It is only one of the new explosives under development.

Tests are being made with new powders that are not only smokeless, but conceal the flash at the muzzle when big guns are fired. This is a highly important development. In night action, the tell-tale flash of a main battery is the worst giveaway of a ship's position.

Rockets Come in Various Sizes and Shapes Rockets, which have caught the public fancy to such an amazing degree, are now in production and in use in a variety of shapes and sizes and from special purpose mounts. Recent Navy communications have revealed the use of rocket barrages fired from landing craft in the southwest Pacific, and in the sinking of a Nazi submarine in the Atlantic by planes firing rockets.

Against submarines, the rocket projectile is of exceptional advantage in that the rocket gives the shell head continued driving power under water. Having all the destructive force of three and five-inch shells, rockets can be fired without recoil. Mounting a five-inch gun on an airplane is today unthinkable. Rockets on planes, however, can be fired in pairs or in salvo to give from two to 10 times as much fire-power as could be obtained from a single five-inch gun, and without the extra weight or strain.

Adding more guns and more rockets to aircraft and surface vessels is only one of the means of increasing the firepower which each plane and ship can throw against an enemy. Every effort is being made to increase efficiency and size of each weapon.

Problems of Faster Firing Being Solved The normal rate of fire of a 50-caliber machine gun, for instance, is 750 rounds a minute. That is 12 rounds a second, but even so, aircraft traveling 30 miles an hour, five miles a minute, 400 feet a second, stand a good chance of missing each other in the intervals of one shot for every 30 feet or more of travel. The problem, then, is one of making the machine guns fire faster and it is being solved.

The 20-mm. cannon likewise seems destined to be stepped up in efficiency—first by twin mounting, second by installation as a packaged gun to be hung from the wing of a plane.

This is only the beginning of what will probably be an era of automatic weapons of sizes that used to be considered too big for destroyers, for the tendency is to make every weapon bigger, better, faster. Five hundred-pound bombs are still effective, but the ratio of 4000-pound bombs goes up and up and up. Advances in control of all these new weapons have kept pace with improvements in the weapons themselves. Here is where the real gadgetry comes into play. There are bombsights and the original Norden and Sperry models cannot do complex thinking machines which solve mathematical problems faster than mechanical gunnery devices can execute the answers. Details about these fantastic things will probably not be revealed until after the war.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

SATURDAY NIGHT IN SEATTLE I told Ivan, the elevator boy at the hotel where I'm staying while here in Seattle, that I was going down town. It was Saturday night and I wanted to see some of the things I'd heard happened in a big city on Saturday night. Not that I wanted men to carve each other with knives or use the street as a shooting gallery, but just the same, if they were bound to carve and shoot, well I'd like to be there when it happened. It would give me something to tell the folks about at the Pumpkin Rollers' Ball when I got back home.

"Oh, Ma'am," exclaimed the deferential Ivan, "you'd best stay right here in the hotel. You might get as fat as the Skidroad, and no one is safe on the Skidroad on Saturday night." There was real concern in his voice.

"Don't you worry about me, Sonny," I assured him. "I'm safe anywhere. Not from choice but necessity." For I've found by experience that gray hair and curves in the wrong places are greater protection than a police escort.

So I went down town but never got as far as the colorful and blood-shedding Skidroad. There was too much human interest stuff on 4th Avenue. Humanity swept through the streets in a steady torrent with at least four men to every woman; and at least four service men for every civilian. Also there was an MP and SP for every four soldiers and sailors. I'm told that Seattle is the most thoroughly policed city in the United States. I found no disorder and certainly saw no carving or shooting.

Yet I was engulfed with pity. Pity for the thousands of young things so hungrily searching for a good time. I could see the girls were thinking, "Time is short! The boys may be gone tomorrow!" And the boys, "Time is short! Tonight may be the last time I'll ever see a girl!" So there was carving and shooting after all. Time was steadily hewing away the hours. Time relentlessly snipped off the minutes.

And may God forgive us if we sit in judgment on these youngsters. The things they do are done in desperation; are frantic grasplings at the straws of happiness in this mad flood of life we've turned loose on them. The thing for us to do is to get down on our knees and pray for our own immortal souls, making sacred vow that THIS MUST NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS By MARIAN LOWRY

GULLION-VICARY WEDDING IN OKLAHOMA Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vicary of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ardelle Vicary, to Pvt. Gordon Wright Gullion, son of Mrs. Wright Gullion and of Dr. O. R. Gullion of Eugene.

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The Rainbows will be in all the larger stores of the business district to sell bonds and with the purchase of each bond will present the purchaser with a gardenia corsage. Chase Gardens have lined up the gardenias for the occasion.

Miss Janet Tugman as worthy adviser heads the Rainbow workers, and among those assisting are Misses Mary Rouse, Beverly Wolf, Elaine Fredrickson, Gerry Ann Gaylord, Jane Carlyle, Beverly Clark, Helen Huestis, Virginia Bailey, and Mary Keen.

The girls will start their activity at ten o'clock Saturday morning and will sell the bonds throughout the day.

Similar "gardenia days" in other cities have proved real boosts in the sale of bonds, and the Lane county fifth war loan drive committee is featuring the day here, too.

AUXILIARY MEETING Auxiliary to the Railway Clerks met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. George Ash, for an evening at cards. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Frank Bowers.

Veterans Seeking Rooms in Armory Action was taken by the commanders' council of the Eugene veterans' organizations Tuesday night on the matter of obtaining rooms in the Eugene armory as meeting places for the several veteran groups. Prior to the time this country entered the war most of these organizations held their regular meetings there but were compelled to seek other places when the army and the defense council took over the building.

Plans have been announced to transform the building into a civic center, with the remodeling of some of the rooms to suit various purposes included.

Police Grab Those Walking Through Light "Walking through" a traffic light joined jaywalking this week as a traffic offense, enforced by more than law only, as city police cracked down on those who failed to wait until the red light turned to green.

More than a dozen pedestrians, already this week, have been fined \$1 each for failing to observe traffic lights, and jaywalkers also continued to be picked up by Chief Bergman's staff.

Shoppers Again Urged To Bring Containers Shoppers are urged again by William Lush, chairman of the retail merchant's division of the Eugene chamber of commerce, to bring shopping bags and to take as many unwrapped packages as possible in order to help relieve the paper shortage.

Merchants are having difficulty in obtaining paper containers of all types, according to Lush, and shoppers can help by requiring very little wrapping material.

WOMEN OF MOOSE Mrs. W. L. Lane will be chairman of the program at the meeting of the Women of the Moose Friday evening at the hall, when membership committee and sponsor's night will be observed. The meeting will follow a six-course dinner in the hall, at which members of both the men's and women's chapters will be present. Installation of officers and initiation are scheduled for the evening.

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