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 I sketch your world exactly as it goes."

### British Planes Superior

It seems to be the consensus of opinion of observers that the British and American planes utilized in the war are superior to those utilized by the Germans. Hitler's planes have been built on a mass production basis for quantity and not quality, to make up in numbers what they lack in navigation equipment and gadgets. It is reported that only the leader of a flight has a plane properly equipped and the others merely follow, so that if the master plane is destroyed, the others must turn back, which is said to account for the fact that a few British fliers can out maneuver and turn back a squadron many times their number.

Another reason for British superiority in performance in the air is because of superior fuel and lubricating oil, the higher "octane number" developed by American engineers for British and American oil companies. Air speeds of 250 to 400 miles an hour are impossible without special gasoline.

The development of high grade aviation gasoline has been gradual. In 1928 airplane gasoline used had about 60 octane rating. As the octane numbers rose, the engines gave more power for each pound of weight. Since then the octane number has been raised to first 87, which meant 33 per cent increase in power, then to 100, another increase of 30 per cent in power, reducing take off distances 20 per cent and increasing climbing speeds 40 per cent.

Germany's best aviation gasoline is that obtained by causing hydrogen to combine chemically with the gas obtained from coal and coal tar. Its octane rating is 72 to 75. By adding tetraethyl lead, the rating is raised to 87. But many of the German planes shot down were supplied with 67 octane rating gas, while the British rating is above 100. Moreover lubricating oil for high rating gasoline must be correspondingly better—and Germany is unable to produce the quality needed.

### Still Playing Grudges

That the president, despite his declared aloofness from politics, plays it at every opportunity to visit his grudges is shown by his attack on Roy Howard, head of the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, who he identified as the only private individual he had in mind when he said in his third term acceptance address that with one exception, the persons he had asked to help in the defense program had agreed to do so.

The president said he had asked Howard to go to South America by plane, on a 40-day trip, and meet editors and government officials he knew when he represented the United Press there. Mr. Roosevelt said he asked Howard to talk to them confidentially, on behalf of the United States, and find out what their own personal opinions were on fifth column activities.

Howard is now in the orient on an assignment from his newspapers but his editor in chief quotes from a letter written by Howard to the president on June 5. In it Howard states that it was 20 years since he had spent any time in South America and that he had lost "contacts with the politics and the personalities of the continent," concluding his declination with:

"No personal considerations ever have or ever will interfere with my rendering to you, or anyone in your position, any public service for which I am qualified."

The independent Scripps-Howard papers are opposed to a third term and are supporting Wendell Willkie for president. It was on Howard's yacht that Willkie sailed to New York from the republican convention, which accounts for the singling out of Howard as a horrible example of the unpatriotic citizen.

### Doubtful Economy

The city council should scrutinize and consider carefully and be cautious in adopting the suggestion that the disposal as well as the collection of garbage be farmed out to private individuals under contract, a system which would materially weaken the city's control over this important health and sanitation service.

Proponents of the change argue that it would effect a saving in municipal expense, and would eliminate the need for extensive repairs to the municipal incinerator as well as obviate the threatened necessity of buying additional ground for burying incombustible refuse and waste.

The fallacy of the argument lies in the fact that someone must pay the cost of disposing of this refuse and, if the city does not do it out of general tax levies it must be paid out of charges made by the private contractor against individual customers. Such a set-up encourages citizens and business and industrial establishments to economize on disposal expenditures, often to the detriment of public health.

The experience of other cities with the contract garbage disposal has seldom been satisfactory. In most cases it has resulted in negligence due to lack of proper control, higher cost to individual citizens and even in graft encouraged by the monopolistic nature of the system. Salem itself has had difficulty in making licensed garbage haulers live up to prescribed terms.

### Evacuation of Somaliland

Because of the necessity of defending more strategic places and especially concentrating the mass strength of the nation in Britain to resist Hitler's threatened blitzkrieg invasion, the British have been forced to withdraw their small garrison in British Somaliland menaced by superior Italian forces. But outside of its probable effect on Italians, Arabs and native African troops, the victory is an empty one for Mussolini, for it does not effect British control of Aden and the Red Sea.

Somaliland is a hot, inhospitable, barren desert region. It was the land of Pont described in the inscriptions of ancient pharaohs from which the Egyptians obtained supplies of myrrh, frankincense, cassia gum, and other products used in embalming and religious rites. Its population is nomadic, a racial mixture of Hammites, Negroes and Arabs, principally Mohammedan in religion.

British military experts hold that Mussolini will have to take an offensive designed to break British naval power in the seas linked by the Suez canal to save his Ethiopian forces from eventual strangulation by the British blockade.

### Life at Its Lowest Ebb

By Beck



### Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

It's going to be fun for the old-timers around here who can get close enough to Charley McNary next Tuesday to watch the expression on his face when he gets notified that he's been selected as the vice-presidential nominee for the republican party. As a rule, Charley has a pretty good poker face and can take these sudden surprises and shocks with an immobile countenance. But no matter what may be said about the vice-presidency, after all there's only one vice-president of the United States at a time, and to be picked for it out of 130,000,000 people is something. So to sneak up on a man when he's not even thinking about it and suddenly tell him he's apt to be vice-president of the United States right out of a clear sky, there's but few who would look surprised, no matter how strong their character. So we can hardly wait to be a kind of little mouse in the corner and watch Charley when they spring this on him. Us boys are sure going to have fun.

But that's not the worst of it for Charley. After they spring this on him, he's supposed to come right back without a chance to think and give an acceptance speech. In the first place, if he isn't going to be notified until next Tuesday, how do they know he's going to accept? If it's sure to be a joke on the boys if Charley would come back and say, "Thank you gentlemen for your kindness, but while I'm here I'm going to hang around and go to the state fair, fish for trout in the home trout pool and help harvest the filberts." This would kinda give the visiting firemen a jolt and make a great newspaper spread. So the home folks are going to be on tender hooks until they find out how Charley looks and what he says when this monkey business is sprung on him.

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**Novelties In the News**  
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 4. A public service company trouble crew.  
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### Kelly Says:

Oregon Strength for Willkie-McNary Shown

New Leadership Gives GOP Courage

All Groups Sounded By Political Writer

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21—For the next few days this column will be devoted to the political situation in Oregon as affecting the presidential campaign. The assumption that Oregon will be carried by the Willkie-McNary ticket because Oregon's Charles McNary is the vice-presidential nominee is challenged by new dealers while some republicans express doubts when they think of the smashing majorities Mr. Roosevelt has had in his two previous contests.

To get at the heart of the Oregon situation opinions have been solicited and received from many of the smartest political observers in the state. These observers cover the range from labor leaders and labor rank and file to Jeffersonian democrats, new dealers, office holders, professional and business men, practicing newspaper men and farmers. They constitute a cross-section of the men (and women) who take an active interest in matters political.

A symposium of the views of this cross section should be a fair reflection of what is going on in Oregon's composite mind politically.

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### Ram Sale at Pendleton is Big Affair

Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP)—While workmen in four shifts began construction of the concrete grandstands for the Round-Up grounds to replace the one destroyed by fire Thursday night, at another end of the grounds another important activity was under way today.

With the Oregon ram sale scheduled to be held here Friday with A. W. Thompson, Lincoln, Neb., and V. R. Runkion of Heppner as auctioneers, a 50 percent increase in entries has necessitated enlarging pens, auction space—and carpenters are in high gear in preparing for the sale.

The ram sale, sponsored by the Oregon Wool Growers' association will see 750 go on the block, compared with 500 last year, said Walter Holt, association secretary, of Pendleton.

New owners offering rams this year include: H. G. Avery, Paul Knautz and H. J. Speckhart of La Grande; A. T. Eoff of Salem; F. I. Fayer of Elgin, Clayton Fox, Imbler; Stanley Green, Stanfield; Kirkman Co., Walla Walla; Mike Royce, Summerville; T. S. Teeter, Imbler; Dave M. Waddell, Amity; B. F. Burroughs, Homedale, Idaho; Alex. Crulshank, McMinnville; Floyd T. Fox, Silverton; C. K. Pedersen and Floyd M. Edwards, Albany; Howard Raser, Walla Walla; Jay M. Reynolds, Corvallis; Mrs. Lulu M. Ross, McMinnville; Killian Schmidt, Beaver Creek; Harms Brothers, Canby; Glenwood Farm, Portland; John K. Madson, Mt. Pleasant, Utah; and Frank Frazier and Cunningham Sheep Co., both Pendleton.

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