

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DELAYS TO RUSSIA

There were two inside reasons for the slowness of the U. S. mission to Moscow in sitting down at the conference table with Joe Stalin. One was the technical difficulty of the flight across Germany. The other was China.

The flight from London to Moscow is not the easiest thing in the world, since about a thousand miles is across enemy territory. The British bombers which make the flight use as much of the night as possible over German territory and also go up to tremendous altitudes.

The U. S. mission to Moscow also had to fly in sections—three different planes, flown on different days, with the time of departure kept a dark secret. And the last sections were delayed in London.

The Chinese delay of the mission to Moscow occurred before Averill Harriman left Washington, when it was proposed that China, nearest friendly neighbor to Russia, should sit in with Harriman, Stalin and the others.

But the state department objected—and for a highly unexpected reason. Appeasement-minded diplomats inside the state department claimed that a Chinese mission to Moscow would offend Japan. The United States was trying to woo Japan away from the Axis, they argued, and so nothing must be done to rub the Japanese fur the wrong way.

In the end, Japan reaffirmed its partnership in the Axis; but only after the U. S. mission to Moscow already had started, also after Nazi victories in Russia seemed on the upgrade once again. So the appeasement policy of the state department got nowhere.

NOTE—Key to Japanese policy of friendship for the United States or allegiance to Germany always is the barometer of Nazi military success. If Hitler is winning, Japan will stick by him; and if the U.S.A. looks stronger, it is vice versa.

U. S. MILITARY ATTACHE

Gen. John Magruder was recently appointed head of the U. S. military mission to China in order to heal the slight to Chiang Kai-shek when he was not permitted to send an envoy to the Harriman conference in Moscow. But General Magruder is more famous for another chapter in his life.

When he was U. S. military attaché to Switzerland in 1938, Magruder sent a report to the war department on the march of Hitler's mechanized forces to conquer Austria. In this report he said that Nazi tanks and trucks were of poor quality and that many of them had broken down en route to Vienna.

This U. S. military report was immediately picked up by the British who placed great confidence in the word of a U. S. military attaché. Today, Hitler's tanks and armored cars are the model for modern warfare.

MRS. ROOSEVELT'S JOB

A friend of Mrs. Roosevelt came to see her at the White House, to talk about the First Lady's new job in the Office of Civilian Defense. She was much impressed at Mrs. Roosevelt's grasp of the problems, but a little disturbed at the boldness of some of her plans.

So thinking of Director LaGuardia, the friend remonstrated: "If you introduce such bold ideas, what will the mayor say?"

The First Lady smiled. "My dear," she said, "I don't think the mayor will say 'No' to me."

NOTE—Mrs. Roosevelt cannot spend full time at her desk in the O.C.D., and during her absences, the job will be held down by her good friend Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, wife of the secretary of the treasury.

MERRY GO-ROUND

What the army needs for men in southern areas is short pants. The long trousers are too hot and difficult to keep clean. British officers observing the maneuvers wore shorts and looked cool and swaggy. Observed one second army wit: "The fact that the war games were held in the 'Cajun' (Arcadian) section of Louisiana, '450,000 soldiers and all looking for Evangeline'."

Attention, Mr. Tom Dewey: The U.S.O. did not show up very helpfully in the maneuver area. In some of the towns the local organizations did make an effort to provide the soldiers with bathing and laundry facilities, but in general the U.S.O. fell down on the job. It should have made special arrangements for the men in this backwoods region.

The Newport News Shipbuilding company recently painted the army transport West Point in the amazing time of exactly eight hours.

J. H. Crutchfield of Pittsburgh has devised an auto sticker reading: "Give a lift to every man in uniform."

Carlos Davila, popular ex-President of Chile, has been appointed special ambassador to five Central American countries. With European markets closed, Chile has asked Davila to make the most of trade possibilities inside the Western hemisphere.

The Once Over by H.I. Phillips

THE PAPERS OF PRIVATE PURKEY

Dear Ma.— I am inclosing a clipping which has given me the biggest lift since I was drafted. It is from Camp Stewart down in Georgia and it says that a colonel named Ralph Tobin of the 207th Coast Artillery came out against potato peeling in the army. He said



he didn't think a soldier should ever wash a dish neither as both take time that could be used in learning how to fight. Well this man Tobin is my choice for top general in the U. S. A. If this clipping gets read much he will be the hero of the army in no time.

This colonel says the German army used a separate organization of kitchen workers to peel potatoes and wash dishes and, ma, that is the key to the way them Nazis fight I guess. With a guaranty that they won't never never have to do no work as kitchen canaries no wonder their morale is so good. He gave a hint that the American army would organize a trained division of kitchen help soon and I hope he is right. It would improve the spirit of the whole army and me so much that you would never no we was the same fellows.

I do not no if there is anything except talk behind this idea but I wish you would mention it in your prayers every night as I am sure the army would be in better shape to win a war if it could get potatoes, dishes, cooking and general housework off its mind.

I also wish ma that the army would organize a division of street cleaners and bath room attendants two on account of that

is no work for a soldier neither. It is awful hard for me to feel like a 100 per cent fighting man when I am walking up and down a camp spearing old papers and picking up general rubbish. And I certainly do not feel like no important cog in the arsenal of the democrats when I am in a scrub bucket brigade in the men's room.

They call this fatigue duty in the army and the man who first thought up this name for it had a great sense of word values. It fatigues me to even think of army housework. I do not get half so tired on an all day hike as I do just thinking of peeling another barrel of potatoes or washing dishes.

If I was not a private I would write a letter to Colonel Tobin saying he is the first smart general the army ever had and that I was for him for President, Secretary of War and the hero of the next Sergeant York picture, but it might get me into trouble like most of my letters do I wish you and pop would write him and get all the neighbors to do it. Believe me it has puzzled me how the Heinies could take all those Maggient lines and forts so quick but the hole secret is out. They could concentrate on it instead of on potato peeling.

Well, this will half to be all for now now.

Lots of love, Oscar.

P.S.—Could you find out the address of Myrtle Atwood for me.

GOOD-BY FOREVER

Vacation friendships warm the heart So much that, when you come to part

With people you have known a day, "Be sure to look us up," you say, And they in turn insist that you Look them up when you're passing through.

They wring your hand, and you wring theirs, No other parting's pang compares, So great your joy in having met them, It's strange how soon you can forget them.

—Richard Armour.

SONG FOR A GAS SHORTAGE

Just a song for twilight, When the gas is low; Fill your tank to brimful As you watch it flow.

Though your tank be heavy, With a heart that's light Comes the call at sunset, "Fill 'er up tonight!"

—Milton Mohr.

'ALL RIOT ALONG THE POTOMAC'

Hi—There was a serious accident in Washington yesterday. Six busloads of eastbound co-ordinators collided with four buses full of westbound federal administrators. Six trucks carrying defense program allocators, priorities fixers, etc., following the eastbound buses then crashed into the wreckage. It is believed the defense program will be greatly speeded up, due to the crash.

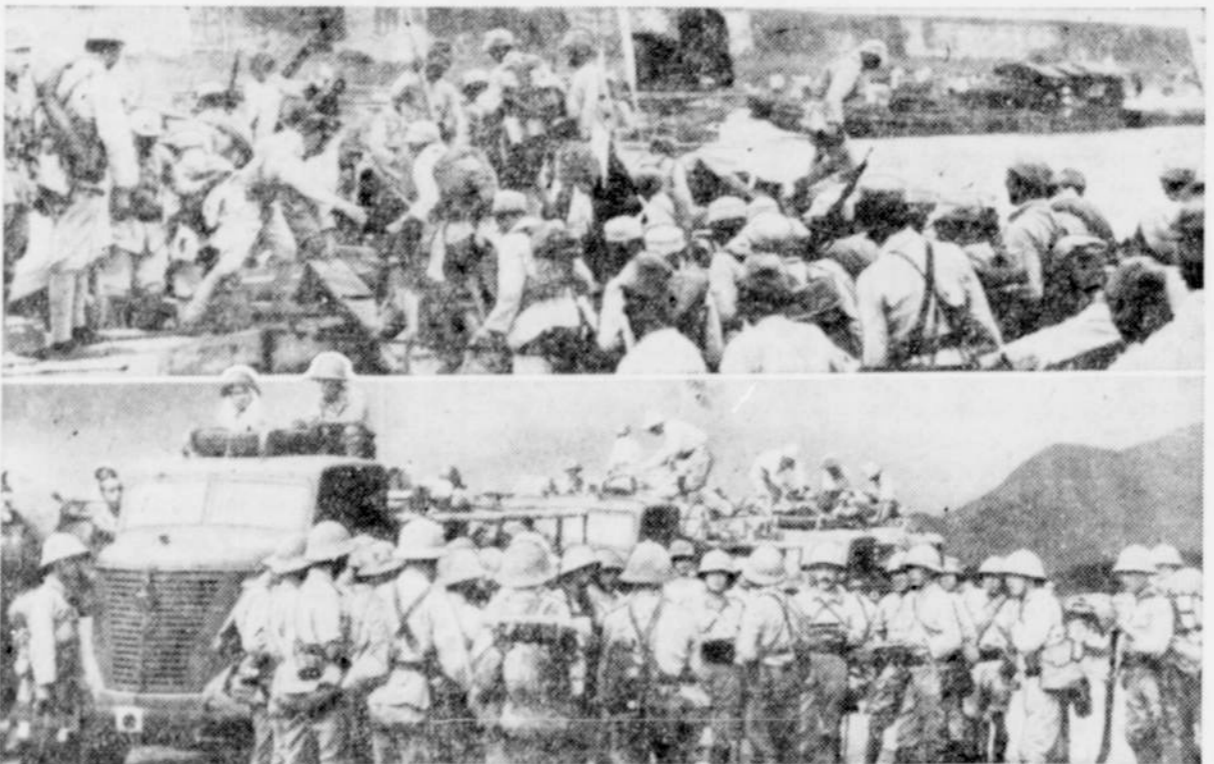
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Armistice—in U. S. War Games



Upper Right: (L. to R.) Lieut. Gen. Delos Emmons, Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger and Lieut. Gen. Ben Lear, commanders of the two field armies and air force in war games in Louisiana, listen to comments on the games by Lieut. Gen. Lesley McNair, chief of staff at GHQ, Washington, D. C. Below: The infantry battalion has borne the brunt of the battle in the first army maneuvers at Camden, S. C., and returns to camp after the "attack."

Extending 'Peaceful Sphere' in Far East



Upper picture shows soldiers of a new Chinese army under President (Jap recognized) Wang Ching-wei that has been co-operating with Japanese troops in pursuit of Chiang Kai-shek's army, boarding barges at Nanking. Below: Japanese soldiers, part of first contingent dispatched to French Indo-China under French-Japanese protocol, wait in southern part of country before moving forward.

Three Generations Arrive From Europe



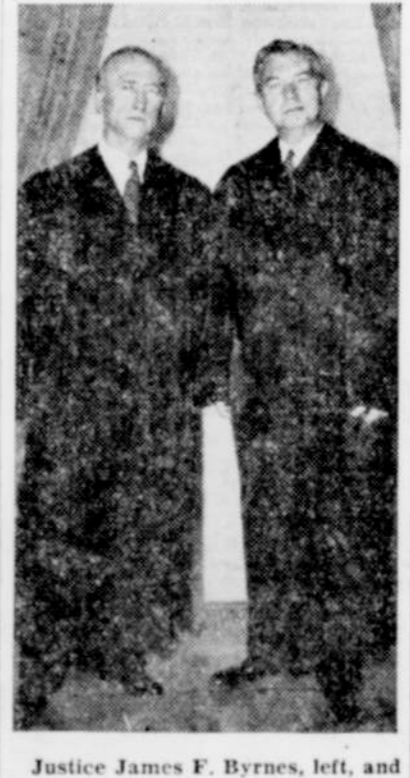
Three generations of one family are pictured as they arrived in New York, aboard the Portuguese boat, Nyassa. Left to right: Morris Loev, 86, oldest passenger on board; Bertha Loev; Margaret Lautene; Otto Lautene, 14; Peter Lautene; and Lottie Lautene, eight. While en route from Vienna to Lisbon their train was machine-gunned.

'Lightning' Interceptors in Formation



Piloted by U. S. army fliers, these speedy Lockheed Interceptors are in mass delivery flight to air corps headquarters in the East. Pictures, the first ever taken of the "Lightning" in formation, were taken after the planes took off from Burbank, Calif. The P-38 is the only fighter equipped to go into the stratosphere after bombers.

Take Court Seats



Justice James F. Byrnes, left, and Justice Robert Jackson, newest members of the Supreme Court of the United States, are shown for the first time in their robes of office as they prepared to take their seats on the bench.

Arrested by Gestapo



Gen. A. Elias, prime minister of Bohemia and Moravia, whose execution was ordered by the Gestapo on charge of "preparing high treason," as Germany clamped down on most of the protectorate.

AROUND THE HOUSE

When baking candied sweet potatoes turn them frequently to permit even browning.

To remove fresh fruit stains from table linen, stretch the stained part over a bowl and pour boiling water over it.

A damp cloth placed around a head of lettuce will keep it fresh and crisp.

A coat of furniture polish on interior window sills makes their cleaning easier.

If the beaten eggs are mixed with milk that is slightly warm when making custards the custard will not be watery.

Meats cooked at low temperatures not only save fuel, but they are not overcooked, and for that reason are tender and juicy.

Canned foods that spoil should be buried with one tablespoonful of lye to each quart to keep animals away from it.

HE FOUND A BETTER WAY

BETTER VISION
THROUGH EYE GLASSES WAS DISCOVERED BY SALVINO D'ARMATO AROUND 1275.

THE BETTER WAY TO TREAT CONSTIPATION DUE TO LACK OF PROPER BULK IN THE DIET IS TO CORRECT THE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE WITH A DELICIOUS CEREAL, KELLOGG'S ALL-BRAN. EAT IT EVERY DAY AND DRINK PLENTY OF WATER.

In Doubtful Joy
"It's safer to be that which we destroy than by destruction dwell in doubtful joy.—Macbeth.

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