

THE PHONE BOOTH MURDER

by Phoebe Atwood Taylor

Chapter 35
Buck Private

HALF an hour later Dr. Cummings sat down on the bathroom steps beside Asey and tossed the bedraggled remains of a chewed-up cigar at a horseshoe crab.

"Never in all my days," he clamped a fresh cigar between his teeth, "have I ever seen anything like this. Never! I'm speechless, Asey. Speechless, I tell you, Asey, who was that soldier who popped out of the fog and helped the troopers hunt? Was he the same soldier they found hanging around before? Who is he? What in blazes has he got to do with things?"

"Wa'el, Asey puffed at his pipe, "I got him cleared up, Doc. Seems he's Freddy's beau."

"That buck private?"

"Uh-huh. Seems he was gettin' along fine in the world bein' a copy writer in an advertisement agency, an' then he done some re-cruitin' ads, an' he got so fired with patriotism he up an' enlisted. Seems whereas Mrs. Doane could tolerate the idea of a copy writer as a son-in-law, she couldn't stomach the notion of a buck private, so a considerable number of problems arose. It washy'd only gone into more detail about him last night, I'd of got him settled sooner."

"What's he doing, lurking around here? Is he on leave?"

"Nope. Seems the next problem of his outfit is the defense of Quisset Harbor from a attempted invasion, an' his colonel got the idea that the other side might be doin' some preliminary spyin', so he hit on the idea of preinvasion counterespionage, as you might say. This feller's it."

"Cummings kicked at a piece of seaweed.

"Asey, why in blazes was this fellow Smith shot?"

"Smith?"

"That's what the draft registration card in his wallet said. Horace Smith—that's what some re'd called that? Sometimes," Cummings said, "you stomp me, Asey! Anyway, of all the innocuous-looking individuals—did he lisp?"

"Not exactly, why?"

"He knew too much," Asey said. "An' I'm inclined to think, Doc, that someone made a mistake in killin' him. I think if someone had left him alone, an' let him talk to me, the chances are good that he'd answered some questions but just set up a lot more, like everyone else has done to date. But now that someone's gone so far as to kill him, I kind of guess I'm on the track at last. I guess it was the girl was meant to be killed, all right. I guess someone besides Horace knew about her intention to dress up like Miss Olive, an' so they grabbed the opportunity to kill her while she was dressed up, to spread confusion, which, I must say, they sure did."

"Humpf. And you said you thought Miss Olive knew—d'you realize, Asey, that woman's never turned up yet?"

"Uh-huh. I do. How long was Smith—you can't guess how funny that Smith name is. Doc! How long's he been dead?"

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Time shown is PST
Monday
8:00 p. m.—Adventure stories, KGO, KJR; Vox Pop, KSL, KOIN; Stars of Today, KGW; Jane Arden, KOMO; Don Winslow of the Navy, KPO.
8:30 p. m.—News of the World, KGO, KEX, KJR; Cocktail Hour, KGO; Bill Henry, KNX; Newspaper of the Air, KOMO; Waltz Rhythm, KPO; Voices of Yesterday, KSL.
9:00 p. m.—Radio Theater, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Dr. I. Q. Jim McClain, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Cinnamon Bear, KEX; Rose Hestick, KGO; Scandnavian Reporter, KJR.
9:30 p. m.—For America We Sing, KGO, KEX, KJR; That Brewster Boy, KPO, KGW, KOMO.
7:00 p. m.—Mercury Theater, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Monday Merry Go

Round, KGO, KEX, KJR; Contested Hour, KPO, KOMO, KGW.

7:30 p. m.—Cavalcade of America, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Blondie, KNX, KSL, KOIN; News Here and Abroad, KGO; Modern Music Box, KEX; Greater Washington Hour, KJR.
8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Fred Waring, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Herbert Marshall, KGO, KJR, KEX.
8:15 p. m.—Lanny Ross, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Lum and Abner, KOMO, KGW; Shall-Bert Wheeler, KJR.
8:30 p. m.—I Love a Mystery, KEX, KGO, KJR; Voice of Richard Crooks, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Gay Nineties Review, KNX, KSL, KOIN.
9:00 p. m.—Telephone Hour, KPO, KGW, KOMO; True or False, KGO, KJR, KEX; Vox Pop, KNX; Excursions in Science, KSL.
9:30 p. m.—Hawthorne House, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Hollywood Showcase, KNX, KOIN; West Radio Forum, KGO, News, KSL, KJR; Moonlight Sonata, KEX.
10:00 p. m.—Ran Wilde's Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Masterworks of Music, KSL, News, KNX; Five Star Final, KOIN.
10:30 p. m.—Ed Stoker's Music, KGW; Stanley Kenton's Orch., KJR, KGO; Alvin Bay's Orch., KSL; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Masterworks of Music, KNX; The World Today, KOIN; Concert Hall, KPO.
11:00 p. m.—Bob Bradley and Er-

win Yeo, KSL, KOIN; String Serenade, KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KEX, KJR; News, KNX, KGO; Reveries, KOMO.

Tuesday
8:00 p. m.—Adventure Stories, KGO, KJR; Are You a Missing Heir, KNX, KOIN; News, KSL.
9:00 p. m.—We, the People, KNX, KOIN; Easy Aces, KGO, KJR, KEX; Adventures of the Thin Man, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Sports, KSL.
9:30 p. m.—Mal Hallett's Orch., KGO; Battle of the Sexes, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Bob Burns Show, KNX, KOIN; News, KJR, KSL; Midnight Sonata, KEX.
10:00 p. m.—Henry Busse's Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Masterworks of Music, KNX, KOIN; News, KSL.
11:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Fred Waring, KPO, KGW, KOMO.
11:15 p. m.—Lum and Abner, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Lanny Ross, KNX, KSL, KOIN.
8:30 p. m.—Johnny Presents, KPO.

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10:30 p. m.—Howard Becker's Orch., KSL; Charles Dant's Orch., KGW; Stanley Kenton's Orch., KGO, KJR; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Masterworks of Music, KNX; The World Today, KOIN; Concert Hall, KPO.
11:00 p. m.—Chuck Wagon Days, KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KEX, KJR; Anita Carol, KSL, KOIN; News, KNX, KGO; Reveries, KOMO.
Woodpecker stukas
Portland, Ore. (UP)—Two dive-

bombing woodpeckers recently swooped down in the living room with loud squawks and clouds of soot. Then they chased the family out of the house. A patrolman had to evict the trespassers.

Saves Ribbon Spools
Sacramento (UP)—The state of California is making a special contribution to national defense by having typewriter ribbon spools formerly discarded. The state department of finance estimated about 7,000 spools were thrown away each month throughout the state.

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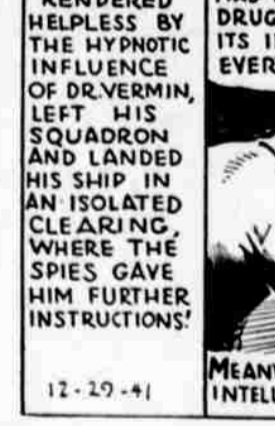


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By JOHN HIX



SKETER, RENDERED HELPLESS BY THE HYPNOTIC INFLUENCE OF DR. VERMIN, LEFT HIS SQUADRON AND LANDED HIS SHIP IN AN ISOLATED CLEARING, WHERE THE SPIES GAVE HIM FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS!



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