

Secret Orders

BY ELEANOR ATTERBURY

Chapter Ten New Neighbors

"WELL, fancy seeing you here!" Stephanie laughed as Henri strode nearer. "What in the world are you doing down here?"

Henri swept off his hat, smiled as he explained, "Oh, just killing off a little time, as you say. Waiting for some friends who have promised to take me on a little yachting trip up the Bay."

Stephanie glanced over his shoulder to the smiling little fishing boat. "Not in that?"

"Oh, no," Henri laughed. "I was just curious to see what a fishing boat looks like. I was about to ask that worthy seaman if I might have a look around his craft."

"Well, you've more curiosity than sense of smell, I see," and then she suddenly became aware that her father stood in stony silence. "Daddy, you remember Henri de la Pagerie, don't you?"

Guy Merrill bowed stiffly. "I remember Mr. Pagerie very well." But no greeting. He didn't even offer to shake hands. Embarrassed, Stephanie flushed, murmured, "Nice to have seen you, Henri. We must run along. Daddy's had an accident to his arm."

"So I noticed. I am very sorry, sir. Nothing serious I hope." Still her father only shook his head coldly.

"No—it was just a burn. You see there was an explosion at—" "Come along Stephanie," her father interrupted curtly. "Good afternoon, sir."

And then before she could say more, he hurried her along the dock and away from her father. "Goodbye," she called trying to cover her confusion with a little laugh. "See you later."

Henri smiled, nodded. "I hope you won't. Guy Merrill said gruffly, "Hope I won't what?"

"See that boulder again. I don't like him." "So I noticed," she said curtly. "I don't know why you choose to be rude to him, Daddy."

He climbed into the car after her, slammed the door viciously. "I don't know either. Don't like his looks. Too smooth. Besides, I'm sure I've seen him somewhere before and the associated impression isn't good."

"You couldn't have met him, Daddy. You're mistaken and probably prejudiced because he has that foreign air."

The "Accident" "YOU'RE damned right I'm prejudiced," Guy braced himself cautiously as Stephanie turned the car off the Embarradero and up a steep hill. "If you like him, that's your business. But you needn't expect me to be pals with a bird like that."

Stephanie laughed. "Daddy, you're being an old woman. Just because Henri's different from the boys I've known and—" "Different is putting it mildly."

Then he eyed her quizzically. "How come you're putting up such a fight for this foreigner?" Stephanie hesitated. Why was she? "Well—he's a good friend of Vicky's. Aunt Allison likes him."

"She would! Al always did fall for that kind of stuff," her brother muttered. "And—he's been very nice to me."

"All right, but nice or not I want you to be careful. I want information you hand him. He may be harmless as a gnat, but he's not to know what goes on up at Titan. Understand?"

"Yes, Daddy. I'm sorry. I just forgot for the moment that—" "Well, after this, you remember it every moment," her father said sternly. "The 'accident' up there today was only an accident insofar as I happened to stumble onto it in time."

"What do you mean?" "I mean that someone doesn't know the exact layout of the plant by accident. I mean that someone doesn't plant oil-soaked rags at vital centers by accident! If I

hadn't happened to go back to the office to finish up some work this morning instead of taking the Sunday off to go fishing as I usually do, that fire would have gotten a beautiful start before anyone discovered it. And the resultant explosion would have wiped Titan completely off the map."

"But—now they'll be back too try again, won't they, Daddy?" "Certainly," Guy, winced as Stephanie turned the car sharply into their drive, stopped under the porte cochere. "But next time they'll be dealing with the F.B.I."

"Oh, I'm so glad you finally reported it. I wish you had long ago."

"So do I," Turning, he looked out across the harbor. "Beautiful spot, this. Always glad to get back to it."

Stephanie nodded, sharing his feeling. Then as she started up the steps, the sound of a lawn mower on the other side of the hedge brought her up short.

"Seems as if we have neighbors again," her father observed, answering her own thought. Then she noticed that the rambling old mansion next door, deserted since the crash of '29 had ruined old Mr. Stone, had curtains at its wide windows again. And as a dust cloth fluttered from an upstairs window, a little Japanese maid to fight the cobwebs. Two Japanese maids, she added a moment later as a second little brown face peeped from a window.

"Glad they are doing something about that garden," Guy Merrill approved as he stamped up the steps. "I'll take a couple of good Japanese gardeners to turn that wilderness into anything like what it was in Stone's day."

Too Many Gardeners STEPHANIE saw the gardeners then. Pruning the flowering almond trees ruthlessly. Strange gardeners, those!

Old Tsang, anxious when he saw his beloved Mister Guy was injured, shook his head dolorously. "Devil pretty busy today," he muttered.

Guy laughed around a grimace as Tsang helped him out of his coat. "The Devil certainly had something to do with my getting this infernal burn. You're right about that, Tsang. What's he been doing for you today?"

Old Tsang didn't smile. "Devil give me Japanese gardeners right under my kitchen window. Big house next door now full of Japanese. That bad sign for good Chinaman."

Stephanie laughed. "Oh, Tsang. You and your signs. The gardeners won't bother you. And surely the new tenants aren't Japanese too?"

"No White. But not much good they make talk sounds like many pigs. Not good."

"Poor Tsang," Guy grinned stretched out on the old sofa in the library. "Got your troubles, haven't you?"

But the old Chinaman would not be cheered. "Much troubles. My son's girl-child bring disgrace now."

"Not pretty little Frosted Willows?" Stephanie asked, remembering the little Chinese girl who had come sometimes to visit her grandfather.

Tsang nodded. "My son send her to the big school. That bad." "The University? But why? She's a smart girl."

"Not smart. She make friends with Japanese boy," Old Tsang shook his head, scowling. "That very bad."

"But after all, if he's a nice Japanese boy," Stephanie suggested. Tsang drew himself up proudly. "Wong Liu Tsong my grand daughter. She Chinese girl."

Guy sighed wearily, propped his injured arm against a cushion. "Poor old Tsang. The Devil has been at work today, all right."

Stephanie smiled too but some, where in her mind that thought caught on a snag.

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Monday

5:00 p. m.—Floyd Wright, KOMO; Vox Pop, KSL, KOIN, KNX; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Don Winslow of the Navy, KPO.

5:30 p. m.—News of the World, KEX, KGO, KJR; Harry W. Plannery, KNX; Voice, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Eyes of the World, KOIN; Voices of Yesterday, KSL.

6:00 p. m.—Radio Theater, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Star Spangled Banner, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Your Blind Date, KGO, KEX; Treasury Star Parade, KJR.

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7:00 p. m.—Blondie, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Cavalcade of America, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Jimmie Fidler, KGO, KEX, KJR.

8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Fred Waring, KPO, KOMO, KGW.

8:15 p. m.—Irene Rich, KGO, KEX, KJR; Lanny Ross, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Lum and Abner, KPO, KOMO, KGW.

8:30 p. m.—I Love a Mystery, KGO, KEX, KJR; Hawthorne House, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Gay Nineties Review, KSL, KOIN, KNX.

9:00 p. m.—Telephone Hour, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, Buddy Franklin's Orch., KJR, KEX; I Was There, KNX, KOIN; Excursions in Science, KSL; News, KGO.

9:30 p. m.—Noah Webster, KPO, KGW; Hollywood Showcase, KNX, KOIN; News, KSL, KJR, KEX; Let There Be Music, KGO; Off the Record, KOMO.

10:00 p. m.—Ban Wilde's Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Masterworks of Music, KSL; News, Five Star Final, KOIN.

10:30 p. m.—Ed Stoker's Music, KPO, KOMO; Sonny Dunham's Orch., KGO; Alvin Roy's Orch., KSL; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; For America We Sing, KJR; War Time Women, KOIN.

11:00 p. m.—Wilbur Hatch's Orch., KSL, KOIN; Music and Moonlight, KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KEX, KJR, News, KNX; Reveries, KOMO; News, KGO.

5:00 p. m.—Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Don Winslow of the Navy, KPO; Art m

You a Missing Hair, KSL; News, KOIN; Musical Portraits, KOMO. 5:30 p. m.—Bob Burns Show, KSL; Horace Heidt's Treasure Chest, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Newspaper of the Air, KOIN; News of the World, KEX, KGO, KJR; Harry W. Plannery, KNX. 6:00 p. m.—Burns and Allen, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Serenade for You, KEX; Voice of Victory, KGO; Dance Time, KJR; Second Husband, KNX; What's The Answer, KOIN. 6:30 p. m.—Fibber McGee and Molly, KPO, KGO, KGW; Summer Symphony Concert, KGO, KEX, KJR; Report to the Nation, KNX, KOIN. 7:00 p. m.—Bob Hope, KPO, KOMO, KGW. 7:30 p. m.—Red Skelton, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Red Ryder, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Vox Pop, KOIN. 8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Three Ring Time, KGO, KJR; Fred Waring, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Rhythm Time, KEX. 8:15 p. m.—Lum and Abner, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Lanny Ross, KNX, KSL, KOIN. 8:30 p. m.—Information Please, KGO, KEX, KJR; Are You a Missing Hair, KNX, KOIN; Johnny Presents, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, KSL. 9:00 p. m.—Duffy's Tavern, KNX, KOIN, KSL; News, KEX; Adventures of the Thin Man, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Captain Quiz, KJR. 9:30 p. m.—Don Bestor's Orch., KGO, KJR; Battle of the Sexes, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Bob Burns, KNX, KOIN; News, KSL, KEX. 10:00 p. m.—Cugat Rumba Revue, KGO, KEX, KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Masterworks of Music, KSL; News, KNX; Five Star Final, KOIN. 10:30 p. m.—Stan Kenton's Orch., KSL; Al Donahue's Orch., KPO, KOMO; Sonny Dunham's Orch., KGO, KJR; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; War Time Women, KOIN. 11:00 p. m.—Swing Your Partner, KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KEX, KJR; Anita Carol, KOIN; News, KNX, KGO; Reveries, KOMO.

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ACTION TAKEN TO EASE TIRE RULES

Washington, April 20.—(AP)—Prime Administrator Leon Henderson was disclosed today to have said action was being taken "to ease the regulations" on the purchase of new cars "so that dealers will sell something like their quotas in the near future."

In a letter to Rep. Woodrum (D., Va.) dated April 15 and released today by the Virginian, the price administrator declared that "the changes in regulations have been under study for several days now and will go out in a few days."

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THE GRANGE

Pomona Grange At the recent meeting of Pomona grange executive committee it was voted to hold next regular meeting on April 25 at Central Point Grange hall at which meeting places for the remainder of the year will be decided. Due to the tire and gasoline situation it was thought best to hold the meeting near the central part of the valley.

Upper Rogue grange will be host grange for the meeting April 25 and those attending are requested to bring salads and desserts for the dinner.

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HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent Got the Blues Edited by Drew Pearson and Bob Allen

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THERE'LL BE RESIDENTS BY AND BY—A soldier stands guard at the enemy alien concentration camp at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, where adult males considered dangerous to nation's security are to be "guests" of Uncle Sam—for the duration. Camp, a quarter mile long and eighth of a mile wide, has about 270 tents, each with accommodations for six men. Long cement buildings are for cooking and hospital use. Lookout towers and floodlighting are planned. Two rows of barbed wire enclose camp.



BEAUTY—A flower in her own name is Oona O'Neill, 16, who has been voted No. 1 debutante of the 1942 season, in New York. She's the daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill. She plans to direct committee sponsoring war and charity efforts.



ONE OF INDIA'S SACRED COWS—To Hindus, the cow is a sacred animal and here in Bombay—major Indian port and gateway to India—is a native woman feeding a sacred cow. Bombay, situated on a small island off the coast of western India, has excellent harbor facilities, plus good defenses, which are two items of possible interest to Japanese military strategists.

NO VIGILANTES WANTED Portland, April 20.—(AP)—Calling on civilians to aid in preventing sabotage, J. Douglas Swenson, Portland FBI chief, said today "we need to be eternally vigilant, but we need no vigilantes."

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John Barre, Walla Walla, was elected president of the tri-state group, succeeding Emory Slocum, Baker. Named vice-presidents were A. E. Schwartz, Nampa, and Shelby Jennings, Pendleton.

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AUTO TOLL WORSE THAN BOMB HITS

Portland, April 20.—(AP)—Citizens should not worry unduly over the possibility of direct bomb hits. C. A. Mockmore, told a state plant protection conference Saturday.

The head of Oregon State college's school of engineering said chance of a direct hit is remote. "Britain took a terrific bombing yet only 43,200 persons were killed in the first 28 months of action. In comparison, 40,000 Americans have been killed in a single year's traffic accidents."

Mockmore said in case of a direct hit "it's just too bad," pointing out that reinforced concrete 15 inches thick has failed to resist a direct hit of a 500-pound general purpose bomb.

Seedlings may be grafted on a mature tree for the purpose of hastening their flowering or fruiting.

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M'NUTT TO HEAD MANPOWER BOARD

Washington, April 20.—(AP)—A nine-member war manpower commission headed by Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt was established by President Roosevelt Saturday and given all-embracing authority to mobilize the nation's manpower and womanpower for war labor jobs.

The other eight members, to come within the government setup, will be named later but it was made known that Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board would be one of them. Other members will represent the war, navy, agriculture and labor departments, the selective service system, civil service and a new labor section of the WPB.

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Nominal stock
4. Ruffled
9. Seat in church
12. Former President's nickname
15. Obsolete
16. H. D. Lowe character
18. Male swan
19. Style of cummerbund
17. And not
20. At any time
21. Iarantine tribe
22. Youngster
23. Cooking formula
24. Lament
25. Affirmative
26. Cut into small cubes
31. Clear gain
32. Dead
33. Sacred image
34. Antique
37. Land measure
38. Writing implement
39. Exile
40. Country in North Carolina
41. Expressing denial
44. American wild cat
45. Restricted
46. Style of Worthless
47. Biblical
51. Cereal grass
52. Ancient Irish city
53. In the Odyssey
54. Odysseus's dog
57. Erechlin
58. Front of the foot
59. Musical instrument
60. Matt liquor
61. Finish
62. Large convex
63. Went ahead
DOWN
1. Horse of a certain gait
2. Over
3. Early musical instrument
4. Obstruct
5. Positive electric poles
6. Kind of bean
7. Issued forth
8. Low haunt
9. Contrition
10. Call forth
11. Marchandise
12. Master
13. Hebrew letter
14. Read container
15. Payment
16. Day
17. Immense
18. Cerebral water
19. Joined
20. Wander
21. Governor
22. Musical composition
23. Ward off
24. Goose by
25. Topsy turning bird
26. Old musical note
27. Retic in monologue
28. Spout speeches
29. Law
30. Assessment rating
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32. Walked in water
33. Seaward derivation
34. Lively
35. Charcoal call

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