

MRS. MURDOCK TAKES A CASE

by George Harmon Cox

Chapter 18 Two New Allies

JOYCE MURDOCK heard the story through, allowing Della to tell it in her own way without interruption. Upon opening the door and seeing the white, tortured look on the girl's face she had known something was wrong; now, she sat down and put an arm about Della's shoulder.

"Of all the rotten luck," she said. "But I think you were marvelous for not telling him you had the envelope."

"Oh, I couldn't, Joyce. Not then. I was so afraid and what can we do?"

"We'll think of something."

"I've got to give him the envelope. It isn't me, but if the police should find out Ward actually was there—"

"Della," Joyce said, interrupting. "Don't you think maybe we should tell Kent and see what he says?"

Della considered this, brushing her hair back from her forehead. "No," she said. "I'd still rather not."

"Kent would never let you down."

Even as she spoke Joyce realized that Della's mind was made up and that to argue now would do no good. She sighed and leaned back.

"All right, dear," she said, and then an idea crept into the cloudy recesses of her mind. "If you'd rather not tell Kent, all right. But we need help, and I think I know someone."

"Who?"

"His name is Fenner. He's a private detective."

"Oh, no," Della's eyes got round and startled. "Not a detective?"

"Yes, a detective," Joyce said. "He's worked with Kent before. I know him well enough to go to him and I know he can be trusted implicitly. We needn't tell him everything, and you needn't worry about his going to the police."

She got up. "I'm going to phone him. You needn't actually agree until you've seen him and talked with him."

Fresh Ideas

SHE picked up the telephone, remembered she did not know the number and replaced it. She reached for the directory, found what she wanted; then at she was about to make the call, she thought of something else and sat quite still, a narrowness coming about her eyes.

"What is it?" Della asked.

"What's the matter?"

"I just thought of something," Joyce went to the desk, found the envelope and opened it. "We should have a copy of these things," she said.

"But why?"

"I don't know. But we should. How do you know what's going to happen later or how important the envelope may become? Why not have these things photographed? Then, if we lose them—well, who knows? Kent would do it—why shouldn't we?"

Della leaned forward, interested now but skeptical.

"Can you do it?"

"No, but I'll get someone who can. Someone from the paper."

"From the paper?" Della said.

"But that will be just one more person to know—"

"It will be no such thing," Joyce said. "And will you please stop worrying? I realize the risk as well as you do."

"Yes, but—"

"The one I have in mind won't be able to read French. I'm sure; nor Spanish either. He'll have no idea what those papers say, and even if he did you'd never have to worry. Really, Della, there are some people you can trust."

She was telephoning before Della could add anything more.

and for the next minute or two she talked rapidly and earnestly, explaining what she wanted.

"He can't come for about an hour," she said when she hung up. "Somebody is out to dinner and he has to stay in the office. Then he'll come right over. . . . And that reminds me. We're going to need dinner ourselves."

"Oh, I couldn't eat a thing," Della said.

"Nuts," said Joyce inelegantly.

Persuading Eddy

EDDY LACEY was blond, blue-eyed and freckled. He was not more than twenty-one or two, and when he had been told what Joyce wanted him to do he looked decidedly uncomfortable.

"I don't know," he said. "What's the boss going to say?"

"Kent?" Joyce said. "He's not going to find out, is he, Eddy?"

"You'd be surprised the things he finds out," he said.

"This is between us, though," "Yeah, but I work for him."

"And I know how loyal you are," Joyce said. "But this is something personal. Kent isn't going to know anything about it and if he should find out I'll tell him I forced you to do it, and you hadn't any choice."

Lacey grinned. "And that's no lie."

Joyce handed him the two clippings and the copies of the marriage and divorce certificates. "Did you bring the right sort of attachment so we'll be able to read these after you photograph them?"

Lacey said he had. "But that photostat won't come up too clear," he added. "The prints will have to be blown up quite a bit."

"That's all right. When you've made your exposures you can develop and enlarge them right here in Kent's darkest room."

"Oh—oh," said Lacey.

"Now what?"

"Guys don't like other guys fooling around with their dark-rooms," Trouble sobbed him until, catching sight of the look on Joyce's face, he shrugged and grinned. "Okay, I might as well give it the works."

For the next half hour Joyce and Della stood by while Eddy Lacey unpacked his plate-camera, set up his camera and lights and thumb-tacked the first clipping to a bread-board Joyce had purchased from the kitchen. Except for an occasional muttering sound, Lacey worked silently and as soon as he had finished with his camera, he took his plates to the darkroom down the hall.

Joyce telephoned Jack Fenner while Lacey was in the darkroom and after a brief and guarded explanation secured his consent to listen to the rest of her story.

"He'll be busy until nine-thirty," Joyce told Della. "and I said we could meet him at the Copley."

"If only we didn't have to tell him," Della said. "If only—"

"I know. But it's not going to be as bad as you think, darling. And you'll like Jack. He's amusing in a hard-boiled sort of way, and quite honest."

Soon Eddy had four, eleven by fourteen, glossy white prints going through the washer and when Joyce saw them she knew they would do.

"I used the biggest paper I could find," Lacey said. "I don't know if they're good enough."

"Oh, they are, Eddy. And you're a darling."

"I could easily be a chump, too," said Lacey.

Joyce brought out an oversized blotting book from a cabinet and put it on the table.

"They ought to be ferretyped," Lacey said.

"I know," Joyce said. "But this will do. It will get them out of the way and—she saw that the negatives were dry—"I'll take care of the negatives."

To be continued

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS:

Chain affiliation and where they are on the dial:

KALE (MBS) 1330, Portland.

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KJR (NBC-Blue) 1090, Seattle.

KNA (CBS) 1070, Los Angeles.

KOA (NBC-Red) 850, Denver.

KOIN (CBS) 970, Portland.

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KPO (NBC-Red) 890, San Francisco.

KSL (CBS) 1160, Salt Lake City.

Time shown is PST

Wednesday

5:00 p. m.—H. V. Kaitenborn, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Nelson Eddy, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Waltz Rhythm, KPO.

5:30 p. m.—Dr. Christian, KSL; It Happened in the Service, KOMO; KGW; News, KGO; Harry W. Flannery, KXN, KOIN; Folk Music from Many Lands, KJR; Passing Parade, KPO.

6:00 p. m.—Shirley Temple in Junior Miss, KXN, KOIN; Those Who Love, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Basin Street Chamber Music, KGO, KEX; Serenade, KJR; Sports, KSL.

6:30 p. m.—Golden Band Concert, KGO, KJR; Mr. District Attorney, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, KEX; 7:00 p. m.—Ramona and Trio, KGO, KJR, KEX; ABC Round table, KGO, KEX; Great Moments in Music, KOIN, KSL, KXN; Kay Kyser's Musical Quiz, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Time to Relax, KJR.

7:30 p. m.—Lightning Jim, KGO, KJR, KEX; Suspense, KXN, KOIN; Army Recruiting, KSL.

8:00 p. m.—Quiz Kids, KGO, KEX, KJR; Amos 'n' Andy, KXN, KOIN, KSL; Point Sublime, KPO, KGW, KOMO.

8:15 p. m.—Glenn Miller's Orch., KXN, KSL, KOIN.

8:30 p. m.—Dr. Christian, KXN, KOIN; Under Walter's Dog House, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Manhattan at Midnight, KGO, KJR, KEX; News, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—News, Here and Abroad, KGO; Organist, KXN; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Most Honored Music, KGW; Studio Party, KJR; Leon P. Doves, KOIN; Highlight Hour, KOMO; Light and Mellow, KPO; Sports, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Teddy Powell's Orch., KOMO, KGW; Over the Top, KGO, News, KJR, KSL; Northwest Neighbors, KOIN; News, KXN; William Winter, KXN; Off the Record, KOMO.

10:00 p. m.—Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Del Courtenay's Orch., KGO, KEX; News, KXN, KOIN; Chamber Music Society, KJR; Masterworks of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Freddie Martin's Orch., KGO, KJR; Sports, KXN, KSL; Harry Owen's Orch., KPO, KOMO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; War Time Women, KOIN.

11:00 p. m.—Organ, KPO; Lud Gluskins Orch., KOIN, KSL; This Moving World, KEX; News, KGO, KXN; Folk Music, KJR; Dance Orch., KGW; News, KXN; Evening Reveries, KOMO.

Thursday

5:00 p. m.—Jim Backus Show, KSL, Maurice's Orch., KPO, KGW; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Afternoon Dances, KXN; Eyes of the World, KOIN; Dance Orch., KOMO.

5:30 p. m.—National Committee on Housing Emergency, KGW; Death Valley Days, KSL; Clete Roberts Reports, KGO, KEX; Harry W. Flannery, KXN, KOIN; Folk Music from Many Lands, KJR; Afternoon Dances, KXN; Streamlined Fairy Tales, KOMO; The Parade, KPO.

6:00 p. m.—Major Bowes Original Amateur Hour, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Music Hall, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Letters to a Lieutenant, KEX, KJR; Voice of Victory, KGO.

6:30 p. m.—Fifteen Minutes from Broadway, KGO; News, KEX; Armchair Cruises, KJR.

7:00 p. m.—How'm 'Do'n't, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Rudy Vallee Show, KEX, KGO, KJR; First Line, KXN, KOIN, KSL.

7:30 p. m.—Talks, KSL, Red Ryder, KGO, KJR; KEX; March of Time, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Time Out for Melody, KXN; Leon P. Doves, KGO.

8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Fred Warins, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Morgan Beatty, KGO, KJR; Flowers for the Living, KEX.

8:15 p. m.—Lum and Abner, KGO, KJR, KEX; Glenn Miller's Orch., KXN, KOIN, KSL; Morylan Sisters, KGW.

8:30 p. m.—Death Valley Days, KXN, KOIN; Post Toasties Time, KPO, KGW, KOMO; This Nation at War, KGO, KJR, KEX.

9:00 p. m.—United We Sing, KXN; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Old Times, KJR; Company at Ease, KOIN; Maude's Diary, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Freddie Martin's Orch., KGO, KGW; Maude's Diary, KXN, KOIN; News, KJR, KSL, KEX.

10:00 p. m.—America's Town Meeting of the Air, KGO, KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, KXN; On With the Dance, KEX; Five Star Final, KGO; Masterworks of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Les Brown's Orch., KXN, KSL; Carl Kala's Orch., KOMO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; Sports, KXN; War Time Women, KOIN; Harvesting for Victory, KPO.

11:00 p. m.—Swing Your Partner, KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KEX; News, KGO, KXN; Evening Reveries, KOMO; Dance Orch., KOIN.

PERT GIRLS FINISH GAS STATION CLASS

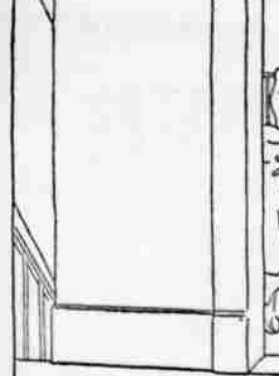
Portland, July 8.—(P)—Tomorrow will be graduation day for 17 pert young girls who are about to become service station attendants.

Their nine-day schooling in company policies, accounting and gas pumping will be followed by 22 days of supervised station work, and then they will fill full-time station attendant jobs.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

DIFFICULT DECISIONS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



VOICE FROM DOWNSTAIRS INFORMS YOU THAT HE ISN'T GOING TO SPEAK AGAIN BUT SUPPER WILL BE READY IN EXACTLY ONE MINUTE AND HE WANTS YOU DOWN ON TIME WITH YOUR HANDS CLEAN AND YOUR ROOM PICKED UP

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



SHIP'S ENGINEER SPURNS HAND OF SUB COMMANDER

German Makes 3 Attempts to Shake Hands With Men From Ship Just Sunk

A Caribbean Port, July 8.—(P)—The chief engineer of a medium-sized Norwegian cargo ship torpedoed in the Caribbean the afternoon of June 15 told here of thrice spurning the effort of a submarine commander to shake hands with him.

The incident followed the sinking of his ship, which was announced today by the navy at Washington. The navy also released a story of the shelling of a small British tanker in the Caribbean the night of June 17. Twenty of the 21 men aboard the tanker were rescued although two submarines poured some 60 shells into their ship, survivors said.

13 Rescued

The chief engineer was one of 13 members of the 25-man crew announced by naval authorities as rescued from two life rafts. The 12 others are believed to have gone down with the ship, which sank in 30 seconds after having been almost broken in half by a torpedo explosion.

There was no previous warning of a submarine's presence, related the engineer, and the ship sank so rapidly that those of the crew who could simply jumped overboard. Thirteen finally were assembled on the two rafts.

The chief told this story: About five minutes after the ship went down, approximately 1 p. m., a submarine surfaced about 300 yards away and its commander, who spoke broken English, asked for the captain of the ship.

Skipper Young

Told that the officers were killed, he asked the chief engineer aboard the submarine. There the sub commander, a dark complexioned, unburned, unshaven, and stockily built man of about 25, blue cap with yellow insignia, talked to the survivor on the after deck.

"I think this is a surprise for you," said the submarine commander.

"Anything can happen in war," was the reply.

"I am sorry this had to happen to you," continued the submarine officer. "I'll give you two loaves of bread."

Here followed the presentation of two loaves of dark brown, hard bread, three meat cans full of water and the submarine commander's attempt to wish his victims a "happy voyage."

He extended his hand but the chief did not take it, merely saying, "I thank you for your bread and water."

Photo Plan Seen

The commander appeared to become quite angry and walked toward the conning tower but came back again and asked the chief to shake hands, with the same result. A third try likewise was rebuffed. (The chief believes it probably was the commander's purpose, for propaganda reasons, to have a hand

shaking photographed by one of three other men on the conning tower.)

The chief asked the commander how far away they were from the coast and the commander replied, "Go west to the coast." The submarine then went away in an easterly direction. The men on the two rafts were rescued by a naval vessel the following afternoon.

French Grow Skinny On Limited Rations

Bern, Switzerland, July 8.—(P)—France has become a nation of thin men.

A Lyon dispatch today said doctors estimated the French people since the armistice of June, 1940, had lost at least 440,000,000 pounds, or an average of 11 pounds per person.

This is due, they said, to lack of meat, cheese, eggs and fats. Before the war began the average Frenchman ate 66 pounds of bread or flour products monthly as against half of that amount now.

The meat, sugar and cheese intake now is 25 per cent of the pre-war regime; butter and oil is 30 per cent and coffee 12 per cent.

Pre-war Steel Skillet Offered



Just right for everyday use in the home — or for camp-fire cooking at vacation time — is this handy, pre-war steel skillet currently offered as a premium by a well-known Pacific Coast cereal company. It's called a "pre-war" skillet because a limited supply was purchased in 1941, many months before our entry into the war automatically eliminated any further manufacture of metal goods. The supply cannot be replaced.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

by JOHN HIX



UNRELATED TWINS

REV. JOSEPH STEEN AND REV. WILLARD YODER, INDIANA MINISTERS, ARE NOT RELATED YET ARE CONTINUALLY BEING MISTAKEN FOR ONE ANOTHER.

TOMORROW—PISTOL BOMBER!

LOOK-ALIKES

Members of their central Indiana church association are constantly addressing Rev. Mr. Yoder as "Rev. Mr. Steen," and vice versa—and no wonder! Both are blue-eyed blonds of the same height and racial descent, and both wear glasses. They have held the same offices in their church association. Both have seventeen letters in their full names. Both are married, and each has three children and a dog. Both have played E flat alto horn in bands. Both have studied voice, and today are accomplished singers!



OF 42 STARTERS

IN THE 1928 GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, ENGLAND, ONLY ONE HORSE, TIPPERARY TIM, FINISHED WITHOUT A FALL...THE WINNER. HE WAS A 100 TO 1 SHOT! ONLY 1 OTHER RIDER WAS ABLE TO REMAIN AND FINISH...

Light, Speedy Engine Perfected to Drive Submarine Chasers

Washington, July 8.—(P)—After 25 years of efforts to perfect a light, high speed power plant to drive submarine chasers, the navy proudly announced today that a new light weight Diesel engine and variable pitch propeller were at last in full production.

Mass production of the sub chaser power plant was hailed at the navy department as a tremendous forward step in the campaign against predatory U-boats along the east coast.

The navy said that the engine "is believed to be the lightest ocean duty Diesel engine in the world," occupying "about one-third the space of the most successful previous Diesel engines of the same horsepower."

"Because of the use of the reversible propeller, there is no necessity for reversing the engine or providing reversal gears."

WAR MATERIALS FREED BY WPB

Washington, July 8.—(P)—The war production board revised restrictions on inventories today, freeing hundreds of thousands of tons of copper, aluminum, rubber, silk and other critical war materials now idle because of WPB regulations.

Officials said the new order would release about 250,000 tons of copper and copper-base alloys alone for free movement into industrial channels, and provide immediate relief for hard pressed firms which have much of their capital tied up in frozen inventories.

WPB said it was impossible to estimate the total idle stocks affected, but placed their value at "hundreds of millions" of dollars.

Most important change was elimination of the necessity for obtaining formal WPB permission for transfers of idle critical materials. Companies now may make sales without obtaining approval from Washington.

NYA WILL CLOSE STATE OFFICES

Washington, July 8.—(P)—In a severe retrenchment to bring its activities into line with reduced appropriations, the National Youth Administration announced today it would close all its state offices. Their functions will be taken over by 11 regional offices.

Between 9,000 and 10,000 employees will be dropped, NYA said.

The regional offices include Los Angeles.

Half Pound of Sugar For Boarding Places

Portland, July 8.—(P)—Restaurants, cafeterias and farmers who board hired hands will be allowed half a pound of sugar a week for each person or one pound of sugar for every 80 meals they expect to serve. This ruling was announced today for institutions by the state rationer.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Pigeon

4. Dwarf or stunted tree

9. Wondering fear

13. Answer

14. Balance

15. Canadian island

17. Fish

18. Article

19. Ostense

20. Looks steadily

21. Move suddenly

22. Genre of the pre-buck

23. Marks of battle

24. Bewails

25. Attending on

26. Exclamation

27. Nothing

DOWN

23. Fasten securely

24. Negro of the Niger delta

25. Slope the edge

26. Young horse

27. Long story

28. And man in a military

31. Burden

32. Parts of a harness

33. Old musical instrument

34. Outstretched organ

35. Day

36. Rubber tree

37. Evergreen tree

38. Kind of wheat

39. Individual

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Hindu deity

2. Copy

3. Desire; slang

4. Traffic of wild animals

5. Enthusiastic

6. Bend; cauter

7. Application

8. Female of orange

9. Carry on

10. Optical organs

11. Declares

12. African language

13. Bay

14. Serving or cooking implement

15. Strives in car

16. Pines in car

17. Water

18. Character in "The Last Days of Pompeii"

19. Show of the top

20. Crustal body

21. Misconception

22. Kind of rock

23. Trump

24. Lamb's pen

25. Glacial snow

26. Pull over on

27. Artificially

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Big Order



LIL' ABNER—The Boys in the Back Room



THE NEBBES—Who's Stubborn?



Run, Son!!

