

NO SPECIAL GAS FOR THOSE GOING TO CONVENTIONS

No special gasoline rations for travel to conventions will be given this year according to the local war price and ration board, the Office of Price Administration having ruled against the practice. Last year special rations were granted if several persons traveled in one car, but this year not even this provision is made.

A release from the Office of Defense Transportation earlier this month asked for the immediate cancellation of all non-war connected conventions, trade meetings and conferences as well as non-essential civilian travel the demand being voiced by Director J. Monroe Johnson. "With the invasion now actually under way, the demands on the transportation facilities of the country are increasing, not decreasing," the director stated. "The pressure of rail shipments of war material has not yet reached its peak. In this hour of the greatest demands on every human and industrial resource of the nation, I do not think it too great a sacrifice to ask that our transportation system be reserved for the use of the military, sorely needed tools of victory and essential governmental business."

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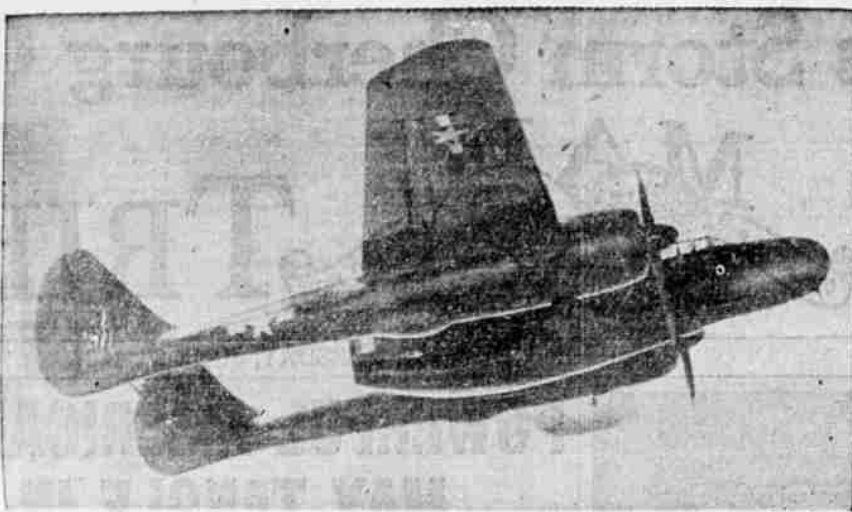


Olive Barber's Observations

Private Buck, from whose letters I often quote, has been heard from again and the things he says about the Salvation Army might be quotes from letters written by boys over seas during the first world war. Private Buck is an army cook on an island on the road to Japan. He writes:

"One night this week two Salvation Army ladies came to our day room and brought the biggest cake I've ever seen. Lots of hot coffee too. They stayed until nearly eleven. We had a real community sing. Songs both new and old were sung. The boys out here think more of the Salvation Army than we do other organizations for we get to see it and we only read about the others; never see them."

"The Salvation Army doesn't get the publicity it deserves. Some of them come to us when we're on sentry duty at night. They come with doughnuts and coffee; and always they have a word of cheer. We like to think one reason they are so cheerful when with us is because they like us sort of special, but of course we may be wrong. Today we gave them one of our dog



FIRST PHOTO OF "BLACK WIDOW"—Here is the first picture released of the Army's new and deadly Northrop P-61 "Black Widow" night fighter plane. Despite its extreme size and weight, the P-61 has speed and climb of most efficient pursuit planes, packs tremendous fire power with 20-mm cannon and 50-cal. machine guns. The plane carries two or three-man crew, markedly resembles Lockheed's famed P-38.

Trickle's pups. They want it to give to a little boy."

Private Buck is a Catholic and further says, "There is no Catholic chaplain where we are located so we have to go to mass at W—. Sometimes the chaplain holds services here in the day room. He is well liked and visits us often and is always ready to hear our troubles and help us if he can."

"A lady gave us the heart of a coconut palm yesterday. This is a delicacy which is hard to get as the trees are not cut down except when necessary. With this heart as the main ingredient I made what we call a millionaire's salad and though I had to use some dehydrated vegetables and make my own mayonnaise, yet that salad turned out plenty good. The boys ate every bit of it."

"Today was my day off and my pal and I went swimming and hunted sea shells. We didn't find many and those we did find weren't very good. But the swimming is always fine here, so we didn't feel too cheated."

Private Buck may think the Salvation Army doesn't get the publicity it deserves. But with its name lovingly engraved on the hearts of service men everywhere, bill boards and newspaper headlines aren't needed to make it known. And may God continue to bless the Salvation Army.

ALEXIS MARRIES
Hollywood, June 20—(UP)—The war postponed their wedding for over a year, but today Alexis Smith was at last Mrs. Craig Stevens. The couple met as minor players in an Errol Flynn picture "Dive Bomber," on the Warner Brothers lot three years ago.

Ancient Nickelodeons Had Nothing On Chunking Movies

By Walter G. Rundle
United Press Staff Correspondent

Chunking (UP)—It's announced at dinner that there's a movie showing at the Chinese Ministry of Information building, and you innocently ask the name of the picture.

"Listen to the guy," someone says, "It's a picture, ain't it? Whadda ya want in Chungking, the Music Hall Rockette?"

Entertainment is scarce in China, so you let the crack pass. After all, you're glad enough to see a movie, regardless of what it is.

"It'll probably get going about 9 or 9:30," you're told as you're handed a ticket. "Depends on the current."

That's a difficulty you can sympathize with readily enough, because you've already learned that during the early evening hours Chungking's 220-volt power falls so low it barely will illuminate a 110-volt light bulb.

You kill the time until a bit after nine and then elbow your way in and find a place on one of the rows of crowded, wooden benches. And you figit in your seat while the operator blinks the lights off and on while attempting to get the projector threaded and the sound working.

The title "Riff-Raff" flashes on the screen in dim, jumpy letters which strike a responsive note somewhere in the back of your mind. You're pretty sure you saw the picture back about 1933 or 1934.

There's another feeble fanfare of trumpets and you catch the blurred caption, "With Jean Harlow and Spencer Tracy," before the film breaks again. Dur-

ing the next couple of breaks in the film you find yourself wondering if the "Platinum Blonde" was as terrific as you used to think.

Finally, after half-a-dozen false starts, the film gets under way to a wavering, discordant wall of music.

The power still is low and the images appear upon the screen as nebulous, hazy outlines, gesticulating in slow-motion and uttering doom-like pronouncements from the depths of some great cavern.

"Jaawwan eyee wloove youuh," Jean Harlow mutters in a mouth-filled-with-mush bass voice, "bawwt eyee cawwn't mawey mawey tewerrum elun thee wooyouuh woontil eyeev sewwvrvv avouut thee wreewst avuun meen's pownnetewshur-ray."

It continues like that for two or three reels. Then there's a surge of current. The screen becomes a white glare. The sound blasts your ears back against the wall.

Now you're listening to Spencer Tracy saying, in a falsetto voice, "Maryur thonly gri yver flt sway bout anv vided can't do thoutya." Whereupon he makes a fast pass at the lady, that looks like the start of a rabbit-punch, but turns out to be an embrace.

All this might not prove too confusing if the operator could read English. But lacking that ability, he feeds in the reels on a strictly ad lib basis—fifth after second, fourth before third. Somehow he manages to get the show started with reel one and ends it with the concluding one, but it would take a detective to follow what's going on between.

The first time, you find this confused and confusing business amusing. The second time you're annoyed, and by the third time you've either adopted the "what-the-hell, it's a movie" attitude or you pass up the offer of a ticket in favor of a good, lively, year-old magazine.

Sardine Creek

Sardine Creek, June 20—Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Welch and three children, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dahl of Grants Pass, visited Mr. and Mrs. Orel Dahl, June 11.

Vada Wright accompanied her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Bailey of Gold Hill to Portland Saturday for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fasel of Central Point called on Mrs. Nora Wait Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dusenberry and Mrs. Mildred Wright attended the Midway auction last Thursday.

Mrs. Nora Wait and Mrs. Roy Esken attended State Grange in Grants Pass Thursday.

Mrs. Alice Wilde and Mrs. Iris Kendall of Hilton hopyard near Grants Pass called on relatives here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bressel of Grants Pass were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Lowd.

Professor Byland of Oregon State College and Claude Goff, field man of the Triangle Feed Co., were in this vicinity last week blood testing the poultry flocks of Mrs. Nora Wait, and Mrs. Glen Spurlin of Sams Valley.

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MEDFORD POLICE JOIN EFFORT FOR SAFE 4TH OF JULY

Police Chief Clatus McCredie today announced that a special enforcement campaign will be in effect over the Fourth of July holiday season. The campaign, he said, is in cooperation with a nationwide drive being conducted by the National Safety Council to reduce the staggering holiday death toll which occurs annually at this time.

"The police department is asking every citizen to enlist in this campaign to save lives and property over this holiday season," Chief McCredie said.

"This is no time for anyone to be wasting lives, property and time through needless accidents. Yet, the traffic accident death toll is up 15 per cent for the first four months of the year. A little common sense, courtesy and care in driving will halt this mounting toll."

"One of the best ways to help our boys of Medford who are out there fighting for us is to stop accidents that waste manpower here on the home front."

Chief McCredie emphasized that violators of wartime traffic driving restrictions not only are flirting with death, but exposing irreplaceable cars to destruction.

Enough steel is produced by American mills every half hour during the day to build and equip a destroyer.

Capt. Robert Crews Winner Of Second Oak Leaf Cluster

An Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England—A second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal has been awarded Capt. Robert W. Crews of Medford, pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, for "meritorious achievement" on bombing attacks on enemy Europe.

The citation accompanying the award read in part: "The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this officer upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Capt. Crews, 25 years old, veteran of seventeen combat missions, is the son of Mrs. Lucy Crews, 737 West Fourteenth street. He was a salesman for the Bates Candy company before entering the service March 17, 1942.

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SEN. JOHNSON BACK
Washington, June 20—(UP)—Sen. Hiram Johnson, R., Cal., returned to the senate today after an absence of nearly six months. The 77-year-old legislator, who left the capitol last December for a protracted rest after a siege of illness, looked tanned and fit.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

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