



DISCUSS EGYPT'S FATE—Gen. Mohammed Naguib Bey (right), commander-in-chief of Egyptian armed forces, the "strongman" whose coup forced King Farouk to abdicate and flee the country, meets with Premier Aly Maher Pasha (left) in Cairo to discuss future of Egypt.

A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — Charles Corddry, aviation editor of the United Press, is about to start believing in ghosts.

Charlie told me this true story: In September 1945, he was returning from a trip to Brazil. Over Washington both engines conked out and the plane started to come down, but the flight engineer was on his toes.

He noted that the pilot had forgotten to switch from empty to full fuel tanks. This was fixed in a jiffy, but not before the soldier on Charlie's left across the aisle had buckled on his chute and made ready to jump.

The two rode into Washington together and the GI introduced himself as Sgt. Dave Strickland, of Tampa, Fla., a combination paratrooper and cameraman.

Sergeant Phoned

In the summer of 1947 Charlie got a phone call. It was the sergeant. He had just returned from Europe where he had taken pictures of the Nuernberg trials. Between times, he had managed a camera department for a drugstore but concluded that he "just wasn't cut out to be a civilian." They had a chat and it turned out that the soldier had been in the Pacific in World War II for 10 months as a paratrooper and cameraman with the 503d regiment. Charlie had almost forgotten about his friend until one day in February, 1950. The flying editor stepped off a plane at Whitehorse, Yukon territory. "Hold it, Corddry," yelled a cameraman. It was Dave Strickland, of course. The two munched for three weeks in the Yukon and Alaskan snows, watching Canadian - American maneuvers. They parted and our man came home.

Shows up in Seoul
A month after the liberation of Seoul in October, 1950, Charlie was among those present in the press billet when two cameramen came busting in, groaning under a wonderful load of hard to get cigarettes, gum, candy and beer. One of them had to be Strickland, just back from shooting pictures of the retreating North Koreans.

Corddry left Korea the next month at a time when his friend had left for the north to have at the enemy again.

The other day, right here, in walked the sergeant to see his pal. On his chest were two purple hearts, the distinguished service cross, and the silver star. He was missing one eye and limped slightly from a broken leg received some time back in a parachute jump.

Something funny happened, he confided modestly to Charlie, when Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway pinned the distinguished

service cross on him. The general thought maybe he had seen the sergeant some place before. Fort Benning, maybe. "Yes sir," Strickland said.

It dawned on the general that for sure he had seen the boy before, and that it was at Fort Benning. The man with stars on his shoulders forgot about the spread in rank and threw his arms about the soldier.

"You gave me a bad time," the general said.

It had occurred to the officer that when he was in jump school at Benning before the Normandy landings, Strickland was his instructor.

The soldier has settled down for a moment now and has returned to Fort Benning. Charlie is at his typewriter here, but the two are sure to get together in some remote area before long.

Blackfeet Indians gathered the rose colored leaf of the "horse mint" herb, placed it in hot water, and used it as an eye wash.

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Woman Recovering, Husband Dies in Wreck

Tillamook — (U.P.) — A woman was recovering Monday from an automobile accident near here in which her husband was killed.

Mrs. Melba Lois Morelock, 45, lay trapped several hours before she was discovered at 8 a.m. Sunday by a passerby.

Dead was Ronald Morelock, 46, logger employed by the Ne-halem Lumber company.

Youngster Survives Three-Story Tumble

Portland — (U.P.) — A two-and-one-half-year-old boy was shaken but unhurt Monday after he fell three stories from a window of his parent's apartment to the hard pavement below.

In an exploring mood around dinnertime Saturday, Jackie Bert Hanson clambered from his bed over boards nailed ladder-fashion over an open window at the apartment of his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Jack Hanson. He fell out. Jackie's mother believes he must have hit the window and rolled down the stairs.

"He was unconscious when I got down there, but I shook him and he came out of it," Mrs. Hanson explained. Mr. Hanson took his son to Holaday Park hospital, where doctors pronounced him uninjured, except for two bruises by his left eyebrow.

Bottle of Beer Given Nevada State Museum

Carson City, Nev. — (U.P.) — Nevada State Museum officials wondered Monday how to classify a new exhibit — a 65-year-old bottle of beer contributed by a Reno woman.

Mrs. R. H. Cowles said her husband took the beer with him on a fishing trip July 5, 1887, brought it back untouched and she decided the museum might want to put it on display.

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