

LI'L ABNER *A Star is Born!!* by AL CAPP



LAST DUKE OF DJAUGH (PRONOUNCED JOE) EXPIRES!! NEW ROYAL WINE-TASTER TO BE APPOINTED!!

The death of the Duke of Djaugh, (pronounced Joe) leaving no heirs to the title, means that the job of Royal Wine-taster, one of the most aristocratic positions in the Empire, now descends to a... spool!!

THE LATE DUKE, BEFORE HIS HEALTH FAILED--

THAT MEANS YOU, DUCKY!! I WILL MARRY YOU - AS SOON AS YOU'RE H'OFFICIALLY H'INSTALLED!!

THAT'LL BE IN AN HOUR!! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!!



LORDS AND LADIES!! -THE NEW ROYAL WINE-TASTER HAS ARRIVED!!

RIGHTO!! WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET HIM?

PRESENTING THE NEW DUKE OF DJAUGH - (PRONOUNCED JOE)

THOUGHT THE LINE WAS EXTINCT - BUT THEN THE ROYAL GENEALOGIST TURNED UP THIS CHAP!!-

WE FLEW HIM IN FROM ONE OF THE COLONIES. DOGPATCH, THEY CALL IT.

HE'S AN OFF-SHOOT OF ONE OF THE OFF-SHOOT BRANCHES OF THE FAMILY!! SPELLS HIS NAME J-O-E, BUT IT'S PRONOUNCED DJAUGH!!

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Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR

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Our Story: PRINCE VALIANT FORCES HIS WAY THROUGH THE DENSE THicket, AND BEHIND COME HIS TROOPS HACKING A PATH. AND THERE BEFORE HIM STAND THE DANES, CLOSE-RANKED BEHIND THEIR FAMED SHIELD WALL.

WHAT MAKES THE DANES' BATTLE FORMATION SO FEARED? THERE IS BUT ONE WAY TO FIND OUT. AT THE HEAD OF A PICKED TROOP VAL CHARGES.

ONLY TO BE HURLED BACK! FOR THE GREAT SHIELDS ARE LACED TOGETHER IN A SOLID WALL. AXES STRIKE OVER ITS TOP WHILE FROM BENEATH SPEAR-MEN THRUST AT UNPROTECTED LEGS!

VAL RETREATS. THEY CANNOT GO THROUGH THE 'WALL', SO THEY WILL GO OVER AND UNDER IT! HE BIDS HIS KNIGHTS BIND THEIR MACES TO THEIR LANCES.

AND THE KNIGHTS' LANCES ARE LONGER THAN THE DANISH SPEARS, SO FROM A SAFE DISTANCE THEY THRUST BENEATH THE 'WALL', WHILE THE TERRIBLE MACE-FLAILS CRASH OVER THE TOP.

THE FEARED 'WALL' WAVERS, THEN CRUMBLES, AND PANIC COMES TO THE INVADERS WHEN THE ONE THING UPON WHICH THEY MOST DEPENDED FAILS!

PRINCE VALIANT SHEATHS THE 'SINGING SWORD' TO MEET AND BEST AN ENEMY IN FAIR COMBAT IS THE VERY BREATH OF LIFE TO SUCH A WARRIOR, BUT THE NECESSARY SLAUGHTER THAT FOLLOWS IS NOT FOR HIM.

VICTORY! LONDON TOWN HAS BEEN SAVED! BUT VAL FEELS NO JOY, WHEN THE KNIGHTS GATHER AT THE ROUND TABLE FOR THE VICTORY FEAST, HOW MANY SEATS WILL BE EMPTY?

NEXT WEEK - Let the Buyer Beware!