

LIL ABNER

Washington Merry-go-round - by AL CAPP

RUSSIANS BOAST THEY WILL LAND ON MARS FIRST
KRUSCHEV LAUGHS "WE'LL HAVE A MAN ON MARS BEFORE THE U.S. GETS A MONKEY OFF THE GROUND!"

SON!! - IT'S YORE DOOTY TO HELP 'EM OUT IN WASHINTON!!

GITTIN' TO MARS IS EASY AS PIE, EF THEY'LL LISSEN TO ME!!

BUT - IN WASHINGTON -

ANOTHER NUT!!

BUT, FELLAS...

YO' WAS - GULP! - MAH LAST HOPE!!

S'GH! - AH GOTTA PROVE AH KNOWS WHUT AH IS TALKIN' 'BOUT!!

ONE WEEK LATER - THE MOUNT PALOMAR OBSERVATORY -

CALL THE WHITE HOUSE!! THERE'S SOMETHING CRAZY HAPPENING ON MARS!!

YOU MUST BE THE GREAT YOKUM!!

YOU WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY, YOKUM!!

BUT, FOLKS -

SCAT, BOY!! - THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MAN IN THE WORLD!!

THANK YOU. MAYBE THEY'LL GIVE ME A RAISE!!

MAH NAME IS YOKUM!!

WE DON'T GIVE A HOOT WHAT YOUR NAME IS!! WE'RE LOOKING FOR - ? - ? -

WHO?

TO BE CONTINUED:

Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY HAROLD R. FOSTER

Our Story: PRINCE VALIANT GAZES ACROSS THE WIDE MARSH WHERE THE LAST RAYS OF THE SETTING SUN HAVE FLASHED ON POLISHED METAL. ARMED MEN! AND IN THOSE DISTANT DAYS ARMED MEN COULD ONLY SPELL PERIL.

HE DESCENDS THE TOR AND MAKES HIS WAY TOWARD GLASTONBURY. IT MIGHT BE WELL TO ALERT THE GUARDS IN CASE RAIDERS ARE NEAR.

AND THEY ARE. ALL TOO LONG HAS TIMMERA THE TERRIBLE GAZED ACROSS THE WIDE WATERS AT THE SLEEPY TOWN OF GLASTONBURY. PLUNDER AND SLAVES ARE HIS BUSINESS.

HIS MEN HAD LAIN IN AMBUSH AND CAPTURED TWO TOWNSMEN. THESE TIMMERA TORTURED WITHOUT MERCY UNTIL, BROKEN IN BODY AND SPIRIT, THEY AGREED TO REVEAL THE SECRETS OF THE SUNKEN ROADWAY.

BEHIND A SCREEN OF RUSHES, TIMMERA LEADS HIS TERRIBLE BAND ALONG THE TWISTING PATH. THE ROAD ENDS IN A DEEP GAP THAT, DURING THE DAY, IS SPANNED BY A DRAWBRIDGE.

BUT THE RAIDERS HAVE FLOATED TWO LOGS ALONG TO SPAN THIS GAP. THEY DO NOT ATTEMPT TO STORM THE GATE, BUT CREEP AROUND TO THE UNPROTECTED BACK OF THE TOWN.

WHEN VAL ARRIVES AT THE GATE ALL IS QUIET, BUT THE FLOATING LOGS AND RUGH SCREENS ARE AN OMINOUS WARNING.

THE ALERT IS SOUNDED AND WARNING DRUMS THUNDER OUT THE ALARM TO AROUSE THE TOWN.

NEXT WEEK - Terror.