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Hal Boyle

NEW YORK, AP—Some army officers retire gracefully. Others retire like Maj. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby, former chief of intelligence for Gen. Douglas MacArthur. They carry their mental wounds back into civil life. Gen. Willoughby has a rudge. He is mad at a fair segment of the American press for the coverage of the Korean war.

OPEN ATTACK

Sheathing his sword and taking up his pen, he attacks six correspondents, including this writer, and three weekly news magazines in an article in the December issue of "Cosmopolitan."

His general charge against the newsmen is that they spread defeatism, "confused an unhappy public" and had "a marked tendency to smear Gen. MacArthur." He even goes so far as to assert: "The nuance of defeat created an atmosphere of tension, uneasiness, and distrust between Tokyo and Washington. This is believed to have been the major cause of the MacArthur-Truman split."

I do not know who believes this unless it is Gen. Willoughby himself. And I don't even really believe he does, except on rainy days.

The general accuses the six writers of being "often inaccurate, biased, unjudged, petulant. . . Their reporting furnished aid and comfort to the enemy."

CUB REPORTER

Perhaps Willoughby, now being free of military duties, ought to get a job as a cub reporter on a newspaper and find out what the function of a free press is in a democracy. It is this: to find out the truth—and then print it.

The duty of a war reporter on the battlefield isn't to gloss over disaster or hide the mistakes of the top brass. It isn't his duty to burn stars before the altar of a two-inch, self-inflating ego. It is his duty to find out what is happening in the war—and let the people back home know what is happening. That is what the soldiers themselves want him to do. His only restriction is this—never to write anything that will threaten the actual combat security of the troops.

My own feeling is that Gen. Willoughby has taken up a blunderbuss against the press to hide his own blunders.

It was—in the opinion of number of trained war correspondents on the scene—the reporting of Gen. Willoughby himself that gave "aid and comfort to the enemy" and let down Gen. MacArthur.

They'll Do It Every Time



Sam Dawson

NEW YORK, AP—If enemy bombs fell on America what would happen to your nest-egg of savings and investments?

Big business has been worrying about that for some time. And now individuals are, too. Many of them are seeking ways of dispersing their investments, just as corporations are dispersing their vital records among outlying branches, or in converted mines, or in vaults in smaller cities unlikely to be bomb targets.

No one expects a bomb to fall tomorrow—but the very word investment implies the long-range view and guarding against hazards.

Individuals are moving their securities and records to bank boxes in non-industrial areas. But even more than that, larger investors are checking their securities, to make sure they are widely scattered among companies that would not fold up if one bomb fell, according to those who made a full-time job of investments.

Andrew Carnegie advised: "Put all your eggs in one basket, and then watch the basket." But in those days there was no atom bomb to fall on Carnegie's basket, present day Wall Streeters point out.

DISPERSE

Investors are beginning to disperse their investments whenever possible, according to Clinton Davidson, president of Fiduciary Counsel, Inc., which supervises about \$600 million for wealthy families. His clients reason that a company with many plants located in various parts of the United States, such as large oil companies or chemical companies, would be able to continue producing and earning even if some of the units were damaged or destroyed.

The small investor is just as much involved as the large one. "When you open a bank deposit," Davidson says, "you are dispersing your money, because the bank lends out its funds to a number of borrowers. It also invests in U. S. government bonds, which are backed by the nation's taxing power. People who draw money out of the bank to hide it or bury it, as a protection against war, are only fooling themselves."

Rich Europeans, more accustomed to war's destruction than Americans, have always put a part of their wealth into mobile things like jewelry, gold coins, and art objects, or have deposited wealth in foreign banks, or invested in foreign companies and real estate.

Most Americans prefer to keep their investments at home. But now they are looking for security against the chance of a single bombing raid wiping them out.

Dr. E. P. Jordan

Foresight is often a good thing, but today's first letter really goes a little far in that direction.

Q—I have two little boys, aged five and three, who both have beautiful curly hair. I know that some day in the distant future they will lose it, since their father is bald and my father is also bald. Do you think there is anything I can do to prevent baldness?

—MRS. J.D.

A—There seems little point in worrying about this distant possibility, and there is nothing that can be done for it. The kind of baldness that you fear is probably on an hereditary basis, and may be inherited by the boys from your father through you. Perhaps, however, it will never be a problem at all.

Q—My niece is concerned because her four-year-old sleeps with her eyes half open. Her pediatrician tells her "quit fussing about it." Should an X-ray be taken, and could this be caused by brain disturbances?

A—If this is the only thing wrong, one would certainly agree that it need not cause any worry. It seems unlikely that this reflects any necessary or that this reflects any disturbance in the brain.

Q—Please say something about

—MRS. I.S.

A—There are several kinds of tumors which can develop in the lungs, and most of them can be readily removed by X-rays. Most of them should be removed by surgery. This operation, while it sounds somewhat frightening, has been highly successful in thousands and thousands of cases.

Q—Do you foresee operations on the heart valves by means of the new heart-lung machine? Might it be possible in the future to replace diseased valves with plastic ones?

—J.E.V.

A—I am not a prophet, but there has already been enormous progress in the possibility for surgery on the heart. There seems no reason to believe that progress will not continue.

Q—Is it harmful to feed a six-month-old baby ice cream which has not been melted to some degree? I have heard that it should be soupy to feed to a child that age.

—MRS. W.W.F.

A—It is probably best to feed a small child nothing which is either too hot or too cold.

Hugh Pruett

Heavens Above

A few questions recently received will likely be of interest to readers in general.

1. "Is it true that the meteors we saw in the splendid shower of the early evening of October 9, 1946, were part of the tail of Halley's comet?" (A.B.C.)

No. At that time—and it is still true—Halley's comet was about as far from us as it ever gets. If it had any tail at this extreme distance, it was pointing away from the sun and earth.

The comet responsible for the meteoric excitement that evening goes by the name of Giacobini-Zinner. This comet makes a complete circuit around the sun in six and one-half years and comes relatively close to the earth once in 13 years.

The tail of a comet is thought to be gases and fine dust driven off from the head by light pressure of the sun. The meteor-producing material is composed of small solid particles which have been ripped from the comet's head by tidal action when it came near the sun or a large planet. These particles become scattered along the cometary orbit. When the earth comes near enough to this stream that the solid particles encounter our atmosphere, their enormous speeds cause them to produce such frictional heat that they are soon consumed in a "blaze of glory."

STAR PLANET

2. "If any star should become cold and solid, would it then be called a planet?" (B.S.)

No. The term "planet" originally meant a wanderer, due to the fact that these other worlds of our solar system seemed to wander among the so-called "fixed stars." As generally used now, it refers to any body aside from a meteor or comet which revolves around our sun or any other star. Our sun is a star relatively near us. If a star becomes too cool to shine, it is simply a dead star, not a planet.

3. "Can't you make it a little clearer for us common herd of the dumbbells just in your article on earth rotational speeds?" (P.H.)

Let us try. Draw a horizontal (level) line four inches long (the base). At the right end of this, turn a square corner (right angle) and draw upward a line two inches long (the perpendicular). Then from the upper end of the perpendicular draw a slanting line (the hypotenuse) down to the left end of the base.

We have drawn a right-angle

Telling the Editor

PETE

KLAMATH FALLS—I feel just like Pelican Pete, that Santa should wait until the Thanksgiving turkey is at least carved.

Mrs. K. G. Cummings

SPIRIT

KLAMATH FALLS—The balloons were colossal but where was the American flag flying? Where was anything about Christ, whose birthday makes Christmas our way of life?

Mrs. Santa was fine but I heard many of the small children asking about Santa Claus and they were not looking so happy. Why could not Santa Claus have been in the parade? And why not have had some of the real spirit of Christmas? The balloons could have been for any parade.

In all my half-century of life I have never seen such a lack of Christmas spirit in any demonstration for Christmas.

And I want to know if I overlooked that flag of our country as I didn't see it flying and others have said they didn't.

Why was it not flying?

Alice Smith

LOTS OF BRASS

XENIA, O.—The brass outfit numbers the enlisted men at near-by Wright-Patterson air force base. The public information officer says there were 3900 enlisted men there at last count. Officers numbered 4550 and civilian workers 24,859. Every two weeks the base hands out \$3,800,000 in payroll checks.

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Cop Rescues Little Dog From 2 Big Murderers

BUFFALO, N.Y.—A grateful little dog was recovering from shock and bites inflicted by two big dogs who tried to drown him.

A policeman termed the incident "attempted murder." An agent of the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals called it "the most unusual story I've ever heard."

Patrolman William R. Carleton of the police department of suburban Tonawanda told how he rescued the mongrel from the icy waters of a creek.

"One dog had the little guy by the head of the ear and the other grabbed him by the hind leg and they flipped him into the creek."

"Then they'd sit there and wait until the little one crawled back up on the bank, and the two big ones would grab him again and toss him back into the water."

"It's hard to believe, but they were actually trying to kill the little one."

One of the would-be murderers ran away and Carleton ran to the creek bank.

"The other one just sat there waiting for the little dog to crawl on the bank. I chased him away," Carleton said he didn't try to apprehend the would-be killers. He just helped the little dog from the icy water, got him wrapped in blankets, and accepted a grateful lick of the hand bestowed by the cold, disilluminated pooch.

"About one more dunk and it would have been the end for the little guy," the patrolman said.

William C. Sullivan, SPCA superintendent, said the breeds of the attackers were not determined. He said the victim suffered from shock and was badly chewed, but that he would be all right.

SPCA Agent Leonard Aronica, who took charge of the little mongrel, said he had never heard a more unusual story.

THE CAT'S MEOW

EFFINGHAM, Ill.—They opened carefully a tightly wired ball of straw to see why it was meowing. Out jumped a scared kitten. Kitty had been frolicking around a sleeping operation on Lewis' farm near Beecher City. Unnoticed by the men, the baling machine had scooped up kitty.



BRITISH FAMILIES GUARDED IN EGYPT—Armed British soldiers keep a lookout from a sandbag barricade in Ismailia, central Suez Canal port, as families of servicemen line up to purchase food and supplies at a commissary store. Children, gradually being evacuated from the trouble zone with their parents, find limited play space behind the barricades. Ismailia, scene of fatal riots, is the focal point of disorders in the tense British-Egyptian canal dispute.

596 Died to Make Theaters Safer

By PAUL DITZEL
AP Newswriters

CHICAGO—Few of today's theatergoers realize their safety resulted from the deaths of 596 persons who perished when Chicago's old Iroquois Theater burned December 30, 1903.

The dead, mostly women and children who were attending a matinee performance of "Mr. Bluebird," later played roles in a less spectacular drama which resulted in more strict fire regulations for United States and European theaters.

Chicago school children had eagerly anticipated their trip to the newly-opened Iroquois Theater on that fateful day. It was exciting for them just to visit this palatial theater with its awesome architecture. The clapping of leading comedian Eddy Foy made it a double treat.

The clown of the play was to be one of the heroes of a macabre performance in the middle of the second act. A spark from a stage light lit a glow, then flames

skipped across the flimsy scenery. Foy bravely stood on the stage and entreated the alarmed audience to remain calm. He thought, as most of those in the theater thought that the building was fireproof. Besides, the asbestos stage curtain certainly would hold a fire in check. What followed exploded the myth of the fireproof building.

As the flames spread, the audience ignored Foy's pleadings and rushed for the exits. Behind Foy, many actors and actresses opened a rear stage door as the asbestos curtain lowered. But the curtain stuck and the draft from the open door converted the stage into an inferno.

Firemen, who came in response to a delayed alarm because there was no firebox in front of the theater, strung their hoses over layers of bodies which were 10 deep in some places.

BODIES JAMMED EXITS

Newspaper reporters joined firemen in prying bodies from the twisted mass in front of the exits. A few of those jammed underneath the top layer were still alive. The top layer was charred. Although there were 30 exits the death toll climbed to 596.

At the official investigation which followed, the public was appalled at the evidence showing that most exits were bolted, barred, or padlocked shut.

The public was shocked when it was shown pictures showing flames which had been covered with heavy timbers and then nailed down. Added to the pictures was evidence showing the theater's lighting system failed when the fire burnt through the wires which should have been enclosed in fire-resistant coverings. There were no lights over exits nor conspicuous exit signs.

TRAMPLED IN PANIC

In the two balconies, where aisles and exits were narrow, people were thrown down stairways and trampled by the crush of the panicky. Heated gases rose to these balconies and snuffed out other lives.

Mayor Carter H. Harrison, Jr., was held to the grand jury along with the theater managers and a long list of city officials. Harrison, through his attorney, Clarence Darrow, who was to become famous later as a criminal lawyer, won free under a habeas corpus writ. Most of the others indicted were later freed.

But the calamity resulted in a new set of fire regulations for theaters, adopted by cities and states throughout the United States. Today, in every large city, there are steel fire curtains, broad aisles, better floor-pitch and working exits.

In Germany, the Kaiser ordered his Royal Opera House closed for inspection. Actors and actresses went without work there and in England, Holland, Sweden, and Ireland as theater fire regulations often required rebuilding of theaters.

Next time you see a uniformed fireman in a theater, don't suspect him of enjoying a free show on taxpayer's time. He's making sure that you come out alive to enjoy future shows.

Court Grants Grog Permits

Approval of 1952 alcoholic beverage license renewals has been granted by the county court the following firms located in the municipality outside the limits of a municipality.

Olene store, Klamath River store, The Timbers, Kruger's grocery, Griggs grocery, Loggers club at Bly, Midway tavern, Emil's store No. 3, Crested lodge, Kettenberg station, Peterson market, Liem's store, Beaver March cafe, Summers Lane tavern, Al's Place, Mohawk tavern, Shasta food store, Louie's food store No. 1, Ogler's, Fort Klamath hotel, Economy cash grocery, Carl Frei store, Rainbow store of Keno, Junction service station, Hockett's M and R market, D. C. service station, Sycan store at Bly, Lorella store, King Cole, West Klamath grocery, Lapsley's grocery.

The county charges a \$5 inspection fee for places dealing in alcoholic beverages, with the inspection the responsibility of the district attorney and sheriff. Licenses are granted only by the state liquor commission.

KIDS AT HEART

NEW YORK, AP—The National Committee for Mental Hygiene was told here recently that adults read 60 per cent of the 50 million comic books sold monthly in the United States.

A portion of the test must be taken at the bureau itself, so they will not be completed until next week. Later on students may consult with the bureau for results.

K.U.M.S. Highlights

By JEAN OWENS

Representatives from the sophomore honoraries met this morning with their class officers to discuss plans for augmenting their treasury.

These sophomores are already thinking of the funds they will have to make for the junior-senior prom which they will put on next year in the spring. The prom is an annual affair and this year's junior class is already beginning work on it.

Six speech students will be selected from the various speech classes as soon as possible to compete in the semi-annual Modoc Postmaster club's speech contest.

The few juniors will be selected from the classes of Mr. Hvistendahl and Mr. Bevans, speech teachers.

The contest will be held the evening of December 5 at 6:30 in the Willard hotel. The winner will have his name inscribed upon the rotating George Davis trophy cup.

Mary Demetracos announced today that French club dues have to be in by this Friday, Mary, president of the club, called a meeting earlier this week to discuss plans for their talent show and for initiation to be held in the future.

All members of the French club are those who are taking the second year course, but those taking beginning French will be initiated soon.

Seniors are now taking pre-employment tests from the city's social economics classes.

These tests give the students a better idea as to what vocation or jobs they are best suited for. It also helps the businessmen to locate prospective employees.

Traveler Pays 10-Day Visit

BALTIMORE, AP—A 56-year-old man from Arkansas had the right plea, but the wrong town.

"Just give me a break, your honor," he pleaded before Magistrate John Berry on a drunk and disorderly count. "I'll get out of town right away. I'm on my way to Baltimore to visit my brother."

He was taken over to the city jail to visit the boys for 10 days.

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