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"Rear Motor"

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—The scene is a future war. The American infantry is attacking.

Suddenly one platoon breaks away from the advancing line and zooms rapidly forward like a swarm of angry bumblebees.

They take one hill... two hills... three hills... as the startled enemy panics and flees.

Later the whole platoon is called before the beaming general who says:

"There has never been an exploit to match this in the entire annals of warfare. It's fantastic. I am proud of you men, and I'm recommending every one of you for the Medal of Honor."

The members of the platoon look uneasily at one another. Finally an honest private blurts out: "Aw, hell, general, we ain't no heroes. We just set our rear rocket motors too high—and couldn't stop. If we hadn't run out of fuel, we'd still be going."

This little fantasy could come true if a new portable rocket developed by an ex-Army technical sergeant works out. Strapped to the rear of a doughboy it holds promise of turning him into a combination racehorse and antelope.

"He can run faster, can jump across rivers, scale walls and cliffs, jump extraordinary heights—and not be tired when he gets there," said Alexander H. Bohr, the inventor.

The rocket, details of which are still secret, doesn't quite enable a soldier to fly, apparently, but does give him the exhilarating feeling he's a human cricket.

Several infantry veterans I discussed the doughboy rocket with were on the skeptical side.

"They're always thinking up ways to get a dogface into battle faster," said one. "What the dogface himself wants is a way to get him out of battle altogether—and for this, there's no better gadget than a general peace."

"If this rocket thing really makes it easier to get about," said a second, "it'll take it at least two generations to filter up to the front lines. And even then the rear area boys will keep all the latest models for their own convenience."

"One thing you do have to admit," remarked a third, "it sure is a hell of a handy instrument for going AWOL in a hurry."

"No, it won't," said a fourth. "The military police will have rockets with double motors."

And a fifth veteran observed: "Well, the fly-boys have engineers to go along with them. This rocket idea might not be so bad if they assign a technician to every dogface—to carry his pack and fix his motor. Lots of times in the last war I could have used a vallet."

The Army, of course, is testing dozens of ideas to make it easier for the doughboy to do his task in battle.

But no old infantryman ever believes anyone will ever make his job comfortable. Throughout history he knows the problem of the dogface has always been the same—a scattered group of men with a thousand-yard stare in their tired eyes stumbling up a forlorn hill to root out a dug-in enemy.

So it was on Normandy 14 years ago this Friday—behind the beach stood the first of a thousand hills. And so, the oldtimers believe, it always will be for the infantry as long as there are wars.

Inflation Fear

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—Fear of more inflation is rising today in spite of the industrial recession.

Some businessmen are calling another rise in basic prices inevitable even if the slump hangs around for awhile yet. Still more—and these are particularly numerous in the stock market—think that the business upturn, when it comes, will start off a fresh and perhaps vigorous inflation revival.

Here are some of the factors that are keeping the inflation issue alive today:

Wages of many workers are going up, even though their industries may have much idle production facilities. Some of these wage boosts are written into existing contracts and some are in process of negotiation.

Steel executives are saying that the automatic wage boost July 1 calls for a price rise to meet it. How much of a price boost steel mills can make stick until demand improves more than it has of late is the big question.

Big enough steel users believe a price hike is coming to have boosted their orders this month to beat it and this has caused steel output to bounce back from its low point.

A wage hike of around 25 cents an hour is coming Aug. 1 in the aluminum industry. And some executives are now warning that this cannot be met without a price increase too.

Here also there is a question of making a price hike stick. The aluminum companies were forced April 1 to cut the cost of pig from 26 cents a pound to 24 cents because the domestic demand for the metal had slackened and because Soviet aluminum was being sold in Europe at a lower level.

There are new reports from England today that the Soviet Union and its satellites are again offering the metal there and on considerably better terms than the Americans and Canadians are. And some American importers find European aluminum cheaper than American even after paying the ocean freight.

Auto wage negotiations are stymied at the moment. But the companies have offered to extend the expired contracts for two more years. These have built in annual wage increases as well as cost of living pay boosts when the government index rises far enough. The auto union wants even more than this.

Whatever new contract is finally negotiated is seems most likely that some wage increase will be included. And what happens to car prices then?

The government has been handing out pay increases too. The armed services will get 575 million dollars a year more. Postal employees will get 265 million and Congress is in process of approving 542 million dollars a year more for other federal employees.

While this adds to the federal deficit and in that sense is inflationary, like the other wage increases it has its silver lining for businessmen. Already they are eyeing as sales targets what is left of this \$1,383,000,000 more federal pay after taxes are met.

One inflationary factor that seems certain now is the rise in government spending, to be financed on borrowed money.

The Treasury deficit in the new fiscal year about to start is expected to reach or top 11 billion dollars. This means that the government will be pumping into the economy by its spending some 11 billion dollars more than it will be taking out by taxing.

It was out of this sort of government spending the war and postwar years that the seeds of the inflation in the 1940s and 50s were sown.

Brainwashed?

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—Maybe we're being brainwashed. Nikita Khrushchev, full of tricks, is working on us overtime.

Time was, in the not so olden days, when nations did business through formal notes and stiff, polite and frigid diplomatic visits.

This had its usefulness: a nation which wanted to feel dignified or superior could keep on doing so. It was pretty much against the rules to get a rock through the front window or a palsy-walsy shout across the back fence.

There's no doubt this country for a long time felt superior to the Soviet Union. Then Nikita Khrushchev bounced in, too round and fat for a stuffed shirt.

Pretty soon, with his speeches and statements broadcast to the world, he began to drum it into the world's consciousness that the Soviet Union was anyone's equal. Just as a nudge, in case there was still doubt, the Soviets shot up their Sputniks.

The past few months are a pretty good example of how the So-

viets threw the old-fashioned rule book out the window.

Khrushchev's running-mate, the then Premier Bulganin, last December dashed off a note to President Eisenhower, proposing a summit conference.

Then, without politely waiting for this country to reveal the contents, the Soviets made the letter public.

They made a summit conference look simple. It was a we're-all-members-of-the-same-club kind of note.

The Soviets not only made themselves look like jolly peace-lovers but got the idea across to the rest of the world, no matter what the effect here.

To make matters worse: before Eisenhower answered this first letter, Bulganin wrote him another. It's been that way ever since: letter after letter.

When Khrushchev managed to push Bulganin aside and took his place as premier, he borrowed his pen too and kept on writing to Eisenhower.

But the Soviet method towards this country can be stated simply: keep 'em off balance. Khrushchev mixes his pitches.

At one time he writes or talks together; at another time, in a speech somewhere or at a cocktail party, he calls us warmongers.

He talks one time of peaceful coexistence and another of communism's taking over the world. All the letters and statements manage to get broadcast or reported.

Pretty soon, having hopped over the formal diplomatic barriers, the Soviets had forced Eisenhower to write letters to them. If he didn't, it would be just so much more propaganda gravy for the Soviets.

There can't be much doubt now that everyone, inside or outside the United States, is adjusted to the idea the Soviets are equal to this country, and in some ways superior. In missiles, for example.

For a man like Secretary of State Dulles, who has spent most of his life in formal diplomacy, this Soviet method of slap-'em-on-the-back and kick-'em-in-the-pants must get disturbing.

As long ago as last Jan. 10—at his news conference—Dulles complained about the Bulganin letter-writing to Eisenhower.

He said the Soviets are using "the channels of communications between the heads of government as a means of what might be called propaganda techniques rather than to use them seriously, as it seems to us befits messages between heads of governments, given the serious state of international affairs."

Women Only

By MARY PRIME

United Press International
Supermarket clerks say that shopping brings out the worst in women.

A survey of the male clerks show they believe women leave their manners at home with their glasses when they go to the supermarket.

The clerks said bringing the classes, and the manners, might help speed the shopping chore and make it pleasanter for all concerned. One clerk said he thought all women are nearsighted because the girls stop in front of a display of food, then ask where they can find what is directly in front of them.

The men who work in the groceries also accused shoppers of being "woman drivers" with the shopping carts. They said shoppers insist on pushing the carts down the middle of the aisles, causing traffic jams between the shelves.

Pogo

Women's Group Chief In Office

BONANZA—The new president of the Bonanza Women's Club, Dorothy Peterson, presided at the last meeting on June 3. Other officers are Cora Leavitt, vice president; Jeanette Stewart, secretary; and Florence Horn, treasurer and librarian.

Committees appointed at this meeting were Lillian Becholdt, Bonanza park; Florence Horn and Nancy Schmor, building; Mae Gale, community lounge; Cora Leavitt, hospitality; membership; Margaret Burnett and Madeline Ketchum.

A new member, Donna Dixon, joined the club.

Refreshments were served to 15 of the hostesses, Mrs. Cecil Haley and Mrs. Bill Becholdt.

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EASY TIP-OFF
DURHAM, N. H. (AP)—Looking for New Hampshire's 4-H Club leader? Easy. Jesse James has automobile license plate "HHHHH."

On The Record

KLAMATH FALLS BIRTHS

ALCORN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Alcorn June 4 in Klamath Valley Hospital a girl weighing 5 lbs. 15 1/2 oz.

PAYN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry R. Payn June 4 in Klamath Valley Hospital a boy weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz.

1958 ROUNDUP
Girls, 201; Boys, 213.

KLAMATH FALLS MARRIAGE LICENSES
Norman Arnold Kollen, 20, Oretech, and Judy Lee Parter, 18, Oretech, James Robert Coffman, 19, and Judith Anne Henkelman, 18, Orville E. Vaughn, 28, and Mary Marie Gilder, 16, Nils Nelson Lange, 63, and Mary Grace Hickman, 57, both of Dixon, California.

KLAMATH COUNTY DIVORCES
Ethel Mae Hood vs. Hawley Harvey Hood, seeks divorce.
Patricia Anne Dickson vs. Lawrence E. Dickson, seeks divorce.
Patricia Ann Sine vs. Wesley Elwood Sine, seeks divorce.
Lorris A. Wick vs. Jack L. Wick, seeks divorce.
Carl Matthews vs. Wanda Matthews, seeks divorce.
Yuba Marie Priest vs. Norman Andrew Priest, seeks divorce.

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Accelerated Program Set By Air Auxiliary

An accelerated program for members of the recently organized auxiliary of the Sportsmen Pilots of Oregon, Klamath Falls Chapter is being planned by the new officers.

The group that manned the information booth at the Air Force show in May, arranged reservations and transportation and sold tickets for various events, hopes to build up the membership roll now totaling 30 members.

Bunny Addison is the new president; Juanita Putnam, vice president; Shirley Douglass secretary-treasurer.

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Mascot Grave To Be Moved

ANNA, Ill. (AP)—The grave of King Neptune, the nation's most famous hog of World War II which helped bring home the bacon for Uncle Sam, is to be moved to make way for a new road.

The hog, which has a monument over its grave in King Neptune Park near Anna, was auctioned off countless times for 19 million dollars at war bond rallies from 1942-46.

The red and white porker was given to the Navy recruiting station at Marion, Ill., in 1942 as a mascot. However, Don Lingle of the station had other ideas. He named it King Neptune and offered it for sale at a war bond auction. The buyer returned the pig and Lingle resold the animal to war bond buyers.

There were so many demands for the hog's appearance, Lingle turned it over to a sponsoring agency. During the next four years King Neptune was featured at hundreds of war bond rallies.

When the prize porker appeared headed for the stockyards, Lingle intervened and regained possession. He and friends set up a lifetime pension for the hog. It died in 1950 at age 9 and was buried in royal style.

The Highway Department has agreed to level off an area alongside the proposed new road for reburial of King Neptune. Two big oaks which have sheltered the grave will be made into lumber to build a shelter for the new King Neptune Park.

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