

# 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 GROUNDS"

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!**

**ALLEY OOP**  
Ubbahmum

HEY, GRAND WIZER, LOOK AT THAT!

YEAH! I AM LOOKIN'!

NOT THAT I'VE GOT ANYTHING AGAINST OOP, Y'UNDERSTAND, BUT I JUST DON'T GET THIS AT ALL!

WELL, I'LL TELL YOU, UMPA, MUCH AS I HATE TO...

...WHAT WITH BEIN' ADVISOR TO TH' THRONE AN' ALL THAT...

...BUT I DON'T EITHER

YEZZIR, OOP YOU GOT A LOT ON TH' BALL....

S'NO DOUBT IN MY MIND, OOP, YOU'RE CUT OUT T'BE A KING! YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING!

I HAVE?

SURE! JUST LOOK ATCHA... BIG AN' STRONG

UH-HUH

AN' HAN' SOME TOO!

WELL, I ALWAYS KINDA THOUGHT I WAS

OF COURSE Y'ARE... AN' WITH A CROWN ON YOUR HEAD, BOY, YOU'D LOOK POSITIVELY REGAL

YEH?

YEZZIR! THAT'S TH' WORD FOR IT... REGAL!

SAY! WHAT IS THIS WITH YOU AN' OOP, ANYWAY?

Y'LOST YOUR MIND OR SUMPIN'?

OH, NO! I'M JUST FIXIN' T'SET 'IM UP AS A KING

OOP A KING?? ARE YOU KIDDIN'?

KING OF WHAT, FOR CAT-SAKE?

WELL, OFFHAND, I DON'T KNOW... BUT I THOUGHT HE'D FIND SOME-PLACE

SEEMS TO ME A PLACE LIKE THAT'D BE HARD TO FIND

THAT'S HOW I HAD IT FIGGERED WHEN I SENT 'IM OUT TO LOOK FOR ONE

I'LL NEVER KNOW IF HE'S REALLY SMART OR JUST PLAIN LUCKY

I DON'T GUESS IT MATTERS MUCH, EITHER WAY

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