

Washington Merry-Go-Round

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BRITISH AID IN PACIFIC

EX-Representative Norris Poulson of California, Republican, returned from London recently and refused to be quoted in the press on what he had learned there about British aid to the U. S. A. against Japan.

Finally, confronted with the detail of a conversation in which he had participated, Poulson admitted that he had discussed the Pacific war with two influential members of the British parliament.

"Just what sort of help can we expect from you people once Germany is knocked out?" Poulson asked them.

"Well, we've got an army of over 7,000,000 Indians," one of the two Britons replied. "You can have them."

"But you know perfectly well we cannot rely on them," Poulson said bluntly. "You'll be lucky if they don't fight against you; let alone fight for you against Japan."

The Britoner admitted he, too, was worried about the Indians, but added, "At any rate, there's a large army of Australians and New Zealanders."

"In other words," countered Poulson, "you people here on the island are going to pull out just as soon as you can, leaving to your colonials the responsibility for any aid we get in the Pacific."

"That's about right," was the reply. "We've had five years of war here. That's enough."

Note—Despite congressional concern, some high U. S. navy men are not enthusiastic about either British or Russian help against Japan. They feel U. S. forces can do the job themselves.

When the British wanted to send a naval force to cooperate with the American fleet in the Philippines, Admiral King objected and the President virtually had to overrule him.

BRITISH TROOPS PROTECT GREEKS

For some reason the news was suppressed in the United States, but a very significant event took place in Salonika, Greece, during the trouble between the British and the EAM-ELAS Greeks.

When the British ordered troops in Salonika to suppress the Greeks, the troops sided with the Greeks and refused to fire on them.

The troops were a garrison of the British Indian army. The Indians threw their weight on the side of the Greek organization which ultimately opposed the return of King George, and which Churchill claims to be communist. There was no rioting or bloodshed. The Indian troops simply cooperated with the Greeks.

Simultaneously Krishna Menon, secretary of the India league, made a speech in London attended by several members of the British parliament in which he praised the Indian troops in Salonika and said: "They go in their landlords' cars and vote against him."

The incident is considered extremely important not only as it affects Greece, but as it affects India and the Far East. General Stilwell, when in the Burma theater, was reported by U. S. Ambassador William Phillips as considering British-Indian troops mercenaries who would not put their hearts into any battle as long as India was not given its independence.

SECOND CALVIN COOLIDGE

In more ways than one, Harry Truman is like Calvin Coolidge. He comes from the same backwoods origin. He seldom makes speeches on the senate floor. He is thrifty, remembers the days when the drug-store paid him \$3 a week.

But more than anything else Truman has the same brand of Coolidge political luck. The lightning hit Cal first during the Boston police strike, later when the party bosses in the smoke filled room at the Blackstone hotel wanted a good composite vice president to go with Harding.

The lightning struck Truman when his investigating committee hurled him to fame, later when the Democratic bosses dining at the White House decided that he was the compromise candidate to replace Henry Wallace.

That is the man who has assumed the life insurance duties of vice president of the United States. He will be worth watching.

CAPITAL CHAFF

When Allied troops entered a little Belgian town for the first time the local church warden climbed to the carillon tower of the church and the bells started to ring out "The Star-Spangled Banner." Next came "God Save the King" and, finally, "Swanee River."

John Danaher of Connecticut, who failed of reelection to the senate in November, may get back here even though he lost out to Brien McMahon. Connecticut law requires a four-month notice before an election to replace the late Francis Maloney can be held, and Republican Governor Ray Baldwin may name Republican Danaher to serve in the interim, with Danaher also running in the election.

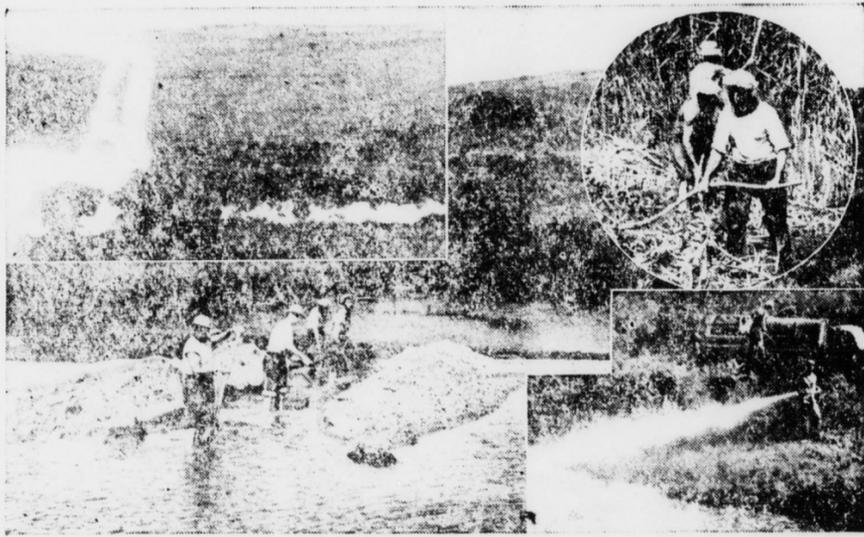
Burma engineers have coined a new word to describe jungle trails. A fairly good trail is described as "jeepable."

Regular Diary of the Life of a Girl's Dog



"Beau," the 8-month-old Welsh Terrier playmate of little Mary Frances Matthias of Woodside, L. I., N. Y., starts the day with a kiss. Lower left, Beau is furnished with a babushka. Upper right, time for tea, and Mary does the honors. Lower right, after a hard day at play the two pals retire for the night. Mary does not care for dolls, finds that she has more enjoyment with her faithful pal, Beau.

Army Malaria Control Program Proves Effective



Lower left, American soldiers spraying sides of streams and checking for isolated pools that might breed the deadly malaria mosquito in Corsica. Upper left, this A-20 bomber is laying a dust of paris green over the swampland territory near 13th air force fields on the island. Upper right, Corsican marshes are cleared by native laborers to eliminate the breeding place of the "Spotted Wing" mosquito.

Fighting Admirals of Pacific



From left to right, upper, three naval fighters, Rear Adm. Frederick Carl Sherman, Rear Adm. Gerald Francis Bogan and Rear Adm. Harold Bushnell Sallada. Lower, left to right, Rear Adm. Joseph J. Clark and Vice Adm. John S. McCain. These five admirals are writing new and glorious pages of American naval history.

Bombsight Aids Accurate Hits



Maj. William E. Smith, Hapeville, Ga., is seen with the Norden bombsight with which he has accurately dropped 4,000 tons of bombs on enemy targets in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He is bombardier of a U. S. army 9th air force, B-29 Marauder, with one of the best records of accuracy among many excellent records.

Car of Tomorrow?



This is the before-and-after of how a plain, garden-variety U. S. army jeep was transformed into the "sedan or jeep of the future," by men of the 8th air force in England, using only salvaged material from crashed-up jeeps and junk piles. A large number of the first-made jeeps have already been offered for sale to the public. Many servicemen desire postwar jeeps.

Wants Nurses' Draft



Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, surgeon general of the U. S. army, has asked congress for immediate passage of a law authorizing the drafting of nurses.



Notes of an Innocent Bystander:

The Radioafs: Fred Allen shelved his regular once-a-week program because the rigorous routine taxed his health. But during one week Allen gueststarred on three different shows—and improved them all. . . . The new Danny Kaye program is bound to click. He rates a tip of the hat for avoiding the gag files and for trying a unique brand of microfun with original stuff. . . . Henry Youngman's gagging is funnier than it has ever seemed before. . . . The "Two on a Clue" CBSession rates attention. A welcome relief from the usual afternoonsense. . . . Radio stations may be forced to suspend the round-the-clock (all night) recorded programs—if skilled technicians are drafted. It would save electricity, say Gov't execs, for both stations and tuner-inners.

The Magazines: Mr. Justice James F. Byrnes has turned out an incisive blueprint via American Magazine, which should serve as an excellent guide for taking Congressional procedure out of its covered-wagon rut and converting it into a legislative streamliner. This article is a model of constructive criticism. . . . Harper's contains a plague-by-plague report of the Argentinazi malady. . . . In Vogue, Harriet Van Horne takes apart radio listening gullibles who write letters of condolence when a character in a soap opera dies. Difficult to believe that people with their mentality can write. . . . W. Davenport's "The President and the Press" in Collier's is a must for editorialists, too. . . . The Page 121 cartoon in Esquire shows two penguins looking at a deserted shack marked "Byrd," with one saying: "Wonder whatever happened to him?" . . . FDR decorated him last week!

Midtown Favorite: This one will amaze his pals—not that Frank Farrell would run from a fight, but none of us ever saw him in one. . . . He is better described as a mild guy. . . . Slim, good-looking and we all like him very much. . . . A Life artist (who drew a picture of Farrell in action last night. . . . Frank was posing for the artist, nonchalantly (with a gun over his knees), in one of the South Pacific islands. . . . Suddenly Frank (Cap't, pod'n me, sir) Farrell of the Marines looked up and said: "Look at that over there!" . . . The artist looked across to the other side of the atoll and saw nothing but jungle. . . . But Frank had spotted a camouflaged Jap. . . . And fired four times in rapid succession. . . . Later when Frank and the artist walked over—they found four very dead Japs there. . . . Pretty good shooting for an ex-Night Club editor.

The Intelligentsia: Walter Davenport, associate ed. of Collier's, is flying with the Air Transport Command in the Pacific for a 6 weeks' tour. . . . Paul Hunter, publisher of Liberty, says Marshall Field was interested "about a year and a half ago" in the purchase of the weekly, "but it never came to anything." The recent rumors came from staffers. . . . Perfect name for a critic: Motion Picture Herald's London movie embalmer is Peter Burnup. . . . Bing Crosby's top songs for 1945 are expected to be his recordings of Cole Porter's "Begin the Beguine" and "Night and Day." . . . Philip Wylie was unimpressed by an item concerning a Marine's children who were born on the same day in various years. Wylie was born on May 12, 1902. His late brother on the same day in 1904, and his late half-brother, Ted, on May 12, 1913.

The Grandest Canyon: Faces About Town: Jimmy Durante, in the ailing room between broadcasts, prepares this financial report: Owe \$50—you're a piker. Owe \$50,000—you're a businessman. Owe \$50,000,000—you're a tycoon. Owe \$50,000,000,000—you're a guvinnin'. . . . Harold Lloyd, the clown prince, near the City Center Theatre, unrecognized by autografters—who were searching for him. . . . In Reubens, Frank Conville (the No. 1 man of the U.S.O. entertainers—three years overseas) handing his butter to a civilian at the next table, who was making such a to-do about "only one piece." . . . Bea Lillie of the flawless diction pausing outside Theodore's to chat (in rich cockney) with a lonely-looking British tar. . . . Ann Sheridan, bound for South America, where she has a job at \$2,000 per week.

Broadway Confucius: The Trouble With Dream Girls Is That They Keep You Awake All Night.

New York Novellette: To stimulate sales at a recent war bond rally at Station WMCA, Mrs. Meyer Davis donated an actual photograph of Lincoln for auction. . . . Mrs. Davis sat in the audience with her daughter. She stared at a soldier walking up and down the aisles. . . . The daughter whispered: "Mother, if you had one wish to make now, what would it be?" . . . "I'd wish," said Mrs. Davis, "to see my son again." . . . A second or so later the soldier walked toward Mrs. Davis. . . . He was her boy!

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

HELP WANTED

Persons now engaged in essential industry will not apply without statement of availability from their local United States Employment Service.

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