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Protection for Fishermen Depends on War's Progress

THE problem of protecting Pacific Northwest and Alaska deep-sea fishermen during the coming 1942 season is giving naval authorities in this area grave concern.

Both the salmon and halibut fisheries carry the fishing fleet far out to sea, while some of the richest salmon resources lie beyond the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands, in the Bering Sea.

Protective measures for the fishing fleet will depend upon many factors. The situation in the Far East, the amount of naval equipment that can be released from purely military duties, the war situation in the North Pacific when the fishing season opens—all must be taken into consideration.

Naval officers in this area fully appreciate the importance of these fisheries. They are a vitally important food resource. The fishermen can be assured the Navy will give them the best protection that can be afforded. What that protection will consist of will depend in large degree on events happening half way around the globe.

Fairness in Rents

THE committee appointed by Mayor Millikin to investigate the rental situation in Seattle is commonly called the "fair rent committee." A preliminary report indicates purposes to deserve the name by fair dealing with all interests.

War industries in this area have brought many people to Seattle. They must be housed while here. It is not probable that all of them mean to become permanent residents. This is the unknown factor in the housing problem, which only time can solve.

Warmly as Seattle may welcome new population, the day when our industries can revert from war service to purposes of peace will be much more joyfully hailed. It is inevitable that some of the people here for war work will then return to homes whence they came.

Owners of rental property in Seattle went through very lean years from 1930 until last year's influx started. None should expect to collect enough in higher rents to make up for all losses.

No gouging, no profiteering, should be allowed. But it is no more than fair that rents should now bear some relation to demand and ability to pay.

Japanese in Seattle

WHEN four American-born Japanese residents of Seattle, arrested by the F. B. I. for subversive activities, were first taken to court a few days ago, United States Commissioner Elliott admonished them on the seriousness of the offense with which they were charged, and kindly expressed hope that they might prove themselves guiltless.

Most of the people of Seattle, among whom these men have lived for many years, will join in that hope if it can be made to seem tenable. There is no doubt, of course, that agents of the Tokyo government have been engaged in espionage and other subversive doings in all parts of the United States. But the relations between the Japanese in Seattle and the rest of the community have always been friendly. Nothing could have been more remote from the community mind than the thought of possible betrayal by Japanese born to the privileges of American citizenship.

If the four men held to account are proved guilty, there will be nothing that can be said in their behalf. Meanwhile, consideration must be given other resident Japanese, especially the large number of native-born, whose manifestations of American loyalty leave no room for question of sincerity. There must be no incitement of groundless suspicion; no interruption of friendliness for any cause short of positive proof.

Sentence Sermons

IT IS NOT NECESSARY—

- To be contentious to be religious. -To be violent to be patriotic. -To be talkative to be convincing. -To be noisy to be positive. -To be rich to be happy. -To be melancholy to be devout. -To be obnoxious to be aggressive.

British Commandos Operate Like Our Leathernecks

MAKING dramatic and sometimes spectacular appearances upon the stage of the war in Europe, British Commando troops figure in the news now and again. Their latest appearance was in the British raids on the Norwegian islands of Vaagsøy and Maaloy. Among their earlier exploits was a raid on Bardia, Libya, last November.

The Commandos are something of a mystery. Their recent origin in this war, their mode of operation and their equipment have never been fully described. Apparently they are landed from warships in shallow-bottom barges with armored sides rising above the heads of the men, who sit thus protected in three lines, thirty to a boat. These fighting bands were developed after Dunkerque, were permitted to select their own officers and these in turn are allowed to select the men who volunteer for this service.

Commando is a Portuguese word that was adopted by the Boers of South Africa. A Commando was a tactical unit of the military forces of the former Boer republics that fought in the Boer war. Each commando was formed from the men of military age of a single electoral district.

We do not know whether England has developed these intrepid bands of scrappers in large numbers. Their purpose may rather be to harass the enemy in sudden, surprise attacks.

But from the hold strokes they already have delivered on occasion, one judges that these gallant young warriors will bear watching. They have much in common with American marines.

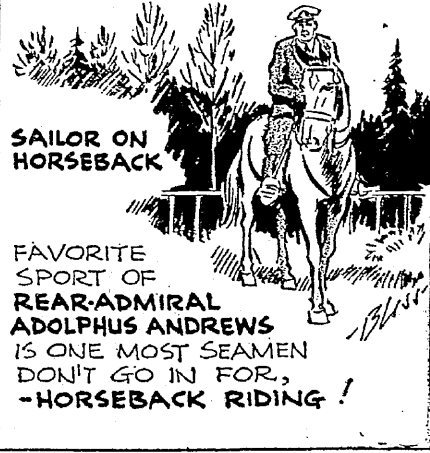
PRIVATE LIVES

By Edwin Cox



WINNIE'S PETS

AS A HARROW SCHOOLBOY, WINSTON CHURCHILL WAS ALWAYS STRIPPING MULBERRY LEAVES FROM THE BUSH NEXT DOOR. AUTHORITIES FINALLY DISCOVERED HE WAS KEEPING SILKWORMS!



SAILOR ON HORSEBACK

FAVORITE SPORT OF REAR-ADMIRAL ADOLPHUS ANDREWS IS ONE MOST SEAMEN DON'T GO IN FOR. -HORSEBACK RIDING!



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THAT FAMED AMERICAN DESIGNER, ELIZABETH HAWES HAS LATELY BEEN SEEN IN A FETCHING NEW EVENING GOWN MADE OF THE FLAGS OF EVERY NATION. WHEN MISS HAWES SITS DOWN, THE THREE LITTLE FLAGS OF THE AXIS NATIONS (WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCORDED A SPECIAL POSITION) DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW.

Axis Plans Mediterranean Air Attack While Japs Menace Singapore Defense

By CONSTANTINE BROWN

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 8.—British naval and air authorities are reported to be seriously concerned over the possibility of an all-out attack by German and Italian air forces in the Mediterranean.

Information from the Mediterranean countries indicates that there are considerable concentrations of Nazi planes at important bases on the Italian mainland, in Sicily, Sardinia, Greece and the Greek islands, whence the Luftwaffe could strike at the British navy.

The Nazi high command is holding its hand, however, appearing to hope that in view of the difficult position at Singapore a large number of British planes will be sent to the South Pacific to strengthen defenses against the Japs there.

THE Nazis are said to believe that Japanese pressure will compel Britain and the United States to detach a substantial force for the protection of Singapore and the East Indies.

DESPITE the hammering they are receiving from the Soviet forces, the Nazis appear to be concentrating an imposing air force and strong army in southern Europe. While keeping our eyes on that situation, we must not lose sight of the tremendous importance of Singapore and the Netherlands Indies.

THE South Pacific and the Indian Oceans are vital to the Dutch and particularly the Australians and New Zealanders as the Mediterranean is to the British. If plane production in England and the United States could have been expanded sufficiently to permit strong air reinforcement of both theatres, even at the expense of aerial defense of the continental United States, the situation would be far less critical than it is.

With Far East Reverses Soft-Pedaled, No Wonder War Doesn't Excite Country

By BRIG.-GEN. HUGH S. JOHNSON

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 8.—No one contests the necessity for an absolute veil of military secrecy on the position and movements of ships and troops, especially when they are not known to the enemy. No one will argue that the military and naval authorities must make the decision for suppression of news in their own unlimited discretion.

EVERY informed observer knows that we have suffered in the Pacific more than the usual "initial set-back" of democracies. We have lost the jumping-off place on which our strategy was based.

On our side there are still chances pro and chances contra. But it is a wise way to handle the American public to emphasize all the favorable chances and soft-pedal the doubtful ones?

THEY were very much more than that. There is every indication that up to Pearl Harbor, the Allies relied strongly on a great air fleet in Oahu to support both Singapore and Luzon.

THERE has been very little insistence on news thus far withheld. The whereabouts and condition of our fleets are shrouded in mystery.

With Singapore beleaguered or taken, our fleet

In Days of So Many Changes, One Should Not Be Too Good

By HENRY McLEMORE

NEW ORLEANS, Thursday, Jan. 8.—Now that 1942 is a week old, I think it's about time to take stock on how well all of us have stuck to our New Year's resolutions.

Frankly, I've done a miserable job on mine. I made 20 of the finest, highest-class resolutions you ever heard of, and at the moment I'm 18 down and 2 to break.

Never in my life have I met a finer man than the man I resolved to do for years and never loses his temper nor curses even a cuss on the golf course. He takes regular exercises when he gets up in the morning and he's taken six inches off his waistline.

He is a slave to his typewriter and never lets anything interfere with his turning out a readable column, even if it takes him 12 hours. He's always beautifully groomed and never complains when he has to get into his formerly too-tight dinner clothes.

That's really amazing. He must indeed be a man of character and high principles. Has he always been this way?

No, indeed, just since January 1, 1942. You should have seen him in 1941—a chain smoker, if there ever was one. Six slices of bread and a half pound of butter were mere appetizers for him at any meal and his wife brought bodyguards to the bridge table.

I DON'T know when I've had such a good time as I did picturing the 1942 Model McLemore. I might even say the 1942 Model model McLemore.

But I decided to wait until 1943 to stick to all my New Year's resolutions. It just seems to me there are so many changes being made these days that I have no right to inflict my 2 cents worth of drastic change on anybody.

NO, instead of selfishly wasting my efforts on self-improvement, I have decided to remain the same old discredit to any community I happen to be living in, and devote myself to more important things. At a time when Big Business is curtailing the production of new models, who am I to start changing my old chassis and calling a strike on my former habits in open defiance of our present labor agreement.

No, even at the risk of bringing down the anger of Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill on my head by going against their policy, I have made a separate peace—a separate peace between my 1941 self and my 1942 self to cease hostilities at least till 1943.

If I had a dictionary handy, and if I had the dictionary habit, I'd look up the word "rationalize." Wonder what it means?

All New York Beats a Path To Her Door to Get Knishes

By DALE HARRISON

NEW YORK, Thursday, Jan. 8.—It isn't easy to tell just what knishes are except to say they are delicious.

Gussie Schwebel makes them, and has been making them down in her kitchen on East Houston Street for, for, these many years since she came here, an immigrant, from Austria.

How long she has been catering to the knish appetites of those New Yorkers fortunate enough to have found out about these golden brown, pastry-like delicacies may be guessed when it is mentioned that Theodore Roosevelt was a steady customer in the days when he was Police Commissioner of New York.

What's a knish? Ma Schwebel herself isn't very clear as to how to catalogue the oven product which has supported her well all these years.

HER little shop with its dozen tables at 191 East Houston Street opens at 4 o'clock every morning, and closes at about 1 o'clock the next morning. Ma Schwebel rolls up a batch at night for the next day.

MA SCHWEBEL has many stories to tell of knishes. Once a woman staggered in, cried "I'm dying," and asked for a knish. "I ate a knish somewhere else," she said, "and I just knew I was about to die unless I could get a Ma Schwebel knish in a hurry."

AND then there is the blind deaf mute who rarely misses dropping in on a Sunday morning. Blind, deaf and dumb, he nevertheless is a man with a sense of humor, for he usually feels his way to the counter and writes: "What have you that's good today, Mrs. Schwebel?"

THINGS are easier for Ma Schwebel now than they were when she was raising four youngsters in the cold water flat above the kitchen. She has helpers peel the potatoes and wash the dishes; but she continues to do her own baking.

WHEN word got around that Tommy Manville and his fifth wife were calling it quits, Phil Baker, the new quipmaster of the "Take It or Leave It" radio program, remarked: "I don't see anything strange about it. Tommy has merely completed his 'five dear' plan."

THE NEIGHBORS

By George Clark



"Now listen, mom—did Lieutenant Grimby come to see me or dad's old pictures he took of his war?"