

The Generals Hear From Buck Private

WASHINGTON. To every GI in the United States Army and every GI in the United States Navy...

Mr. Murray's About-Face

We had been assuming all along that the CIO's insistence, in the case of General Motors, that the company books should be opened and profits examined as a basis for granting a wage increase...

This, then, is a three-way acknowledgment that the general public is entitled to pay the cost of the labor troubles attendant to reconversion.

Pious protestations that the line must be kept in line, are still filling the air in Washington today, but the same Administration spokesmen who are pointing to the spiral with horror are getting up another notch or two.

Mr. Murray's admission that, in the case of Steel at least, he does not regard profits as any of the union's business, is a great paper victory for management.

Mink And Malnutrition

Not long ago R. H. Macy & Co., the fabulous New York Department Store, ran an advertisement in the metropolitan papers calling attention to the \$246 mink overcoats for dogs available in its Kennel Shop.

Quite a little furory has developed over the ad, and PM, the practicing champion of the mink, has reprinted it along with some gruesome photographs of Europe's starving children.

Every starving child in the world should, of course, be fed, but the plain fact is that we could meet our obligation and still wrap every hound in the country in mink.

Muttering From Below

All through the spinning Year of Our Lord 1945 we had clung to the belief that the maddest that had seized all mankind had, somehow, left the Animal Kingdom untouched.

Only the cheerful fowl will ignore the dread import of a scattered and scattered rebellion here, and a touch of the universal madness.

What can man reply? Man, the vertebrate favored above all others, who learned how to split the invisible atom before he learned how to feed his own children.

John G. Norris In The Washington Post:

George S. Patton Romanticist

Now is the time to tell this story. After five years I am free to set down the facts. They concern George S. Patton—the Romanticist.

When our conversation took place, Patton, then a brigadier, was acting as commander of one of the Army's two armored divisions to Fort Benning, Ga., to witness a tank demonstration.

At dinner I sat next to Patton. After considerable conversation, the tall former cavalryman said he would like to tell me something in confidence. It was highly personal, he added.

It was the story about Pvt. George S. Patton's lethal lambasting of War Department brass during testimony before the House Military Affairs Committee...

What the buck private did was what millions of his buddies have dreamed of doing—speaking the truth about their brass-nut overlords with full protection against reprisals.

Justified or not, every barracks "lawyer" in the United States Army charged me beautiful GI reading. Flaying the military chiefs with such names as "Pentagon boy" and "aristocratic phonies,"...

Capitol newsmen William Aronson later asked one of the major reasons why listeners to the broadcast of Private Mark's discharge would be held up and if his explosive comments would fetch him a "discharge."

"Hell no," replied the General. "If you're going to get your head in anything like that happened. This boy is due to be discharged in a few days on an honorable one—right on time."

He didn't get in the headlines, but the man largely responsible for Truman's Government Reorganization Bill was Comptroller General Lindsay Warren, for sixteen years a leading member of Congress.

Not only do both Republicans and Democrats trust him, but it is Warren, furthermore, who sits before the Senate and House Committees that brought Congress out of the straits.

Three others its deserving credit are Jack Cochran of Missouri, William Wherry of Ohio, and Senator Abe Murdock of Utah.

While he didn't feel anything significant that he hadn't already said, he did state after the fact came away with the rare feeling that Stassen had not dodged the question of the atomic bomb.

Stassen called for a limited form of unilateralism, and the Navy—referring particularly to procurement and the duplication of facilities—was not to be included.

Stassen declared that it is "time to get on with it," and the scientists. They are far ahead of the politicians now, and public opinion must be kept abreast of them if we are to handle the terrifying things which they devise.

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However, I expect to live up to my distinguished ancestry," the general continued. "Someday I shall lead an American Army to victory in battle, a great battle that will live in history."

Patton's two daughters, living in Washington, confirm the relationship. They are Mrs. John K. Waters, 3900 Totten, law Road N. W., and Mrs. James Totten, 2900 45th St. N. W.

The other day in Manila, Cap. Sidney Blum, Assistant "Mail Bag" Editor of the Pacific Army newspaper for troops in the Philippines, telephoned Brig. Gen. G. C. Stewman, Chief of the Information Section, for information he needed to answer a soldier's question.

"This is a Blum calling, General," began Blum. "Will you please..."

"We must insure a standard of living that will provide a car for every man—this nation cannot endure—half driver, half dodger!"



The Atomization of Civilization

THE fear of the atomic bomb and its potential power to disintegrate the centers of civilization is diverting attention from a more obvious and likely danger.

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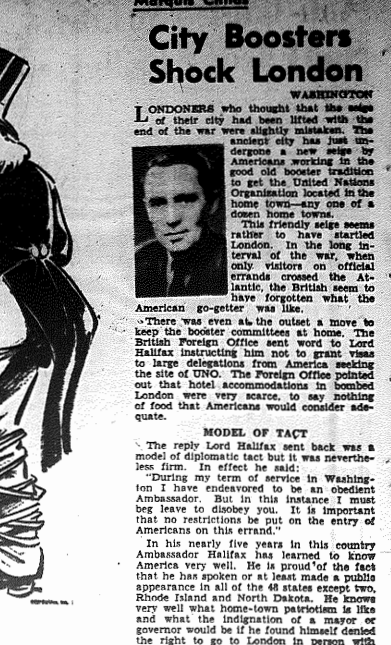
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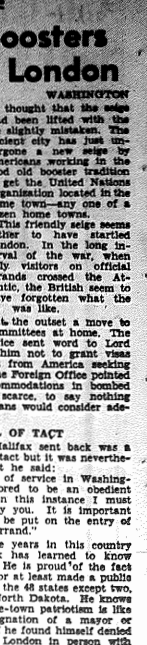
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