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Farmer Bob Turns 82

This is Robert Lee Doughton's 82nd birthday, and he plans to divide it as he has most days since he was elected to the House of Representatives...

He arrived at his office this morning at 6 o'clock, unless he violated his lifelong farmer's habit. Running through the day's mail, which he usually gets out of the way before his colleagues arrive at the building...

This newspaper has been critical of Farmer Bob in the past. And we have an idea that he will accept his advancement in the Democratic Party...

Lewis And Murray Lose

The Labor-Management Conference started off behind a picket line, which parted decorously to let the President pass, but forced a couple of labor leaders to sneak in a side door...

The President, as well as the two Government delegates to the Conference, were in a leading mood...

Of Fantasy And Fact

The only optimists left in this gloomy world are the advertising writers. At no more dollars a slick inch they continue to proclaim their enduring faith...

Both these answers are good, in their way, but they are not very durable. There has been time for reconversion months of it, and strikes, while annoying, have not been universal...

So successful was the Dillinger opus, a whole new cycle of gangster movies threatens. Having just lived through a moment supreme in history, all Hollywood can think of is cops and robbers.

A great laundry crisis is over in Havana, dispatches from there aver. Are we to assume the celebrated bar is hereafter to be known as Tidy Joe's?

WASHINGTON

IN Monday's column it was revealed that the Army Board probing Pearl Harbor had written a supplementary report marked "Top Secret" not hitherto published...

This "Winds" message is part of the file which the Republican members of the Pearl Harbor Committee claim is missing. Six copies of the decoded "Winds" message were distributed to different branches of the Government...

The "Winds" message in Navy file "No. 7061" contained the logs of three Navy monitoring stations which tuned in on Jap short-wave broadcasts. This entire file has disappeared.

Army's Secret History

However, ample information remains in the files to get an all-too-clear picture of what happened inside the War-Navy Departments when the advance Jap warning was received...

On December 4, three days before Pearl Harbor, Tokyo sent out the "Winds" message notifying Jap Embassies and all Jap ships that war would commence...

Pearl Harbor Warned

In this connection it should be noted that on November 27, one week before, Adm. Husband Kimmel in Pearl Harbor had received a message reading: "This

By Drew Pearson

dispatch is to be considered a war warning. Negotiations with Japan have ceased and an aggressive move by Japan is expected within the next few days...

Meanwhile in Washington, the secret Army report reveals that another ominous Jap message was intercepted like New York, to the Berlin Embassy for transmission to Hitler...

Finally Colonel Sadler and Bratton induced General Grew of the War Plans Division to have Naval Intelligence in Washington inform Naval chiefs in Pearl Harbor of the recent message...

Red Tap in Washington

On December 6, one day before Pearl Harbor, came the final chapter in the fantastic drama. Late that night Tokyo sent another coded message to the Jap-Embassy in Washington giving Tokyo's reply to Hull's peace proposal of November 28.

The lengthy message was in 14 parts and flatly rejected Hull's terms. The fourteenth part was received by Ambassador Nomura just after midnight...

This was the hour of the Pearl Harbor attack.



"I think we should hire an efficiency expert - If we're making such efficient use of our employees, why ain't they striking?"

Mental Flight Patterns

IT is wonderful to follow the many patterns of flight taken by the human mind after a glance or two at the atomic bomb...

NO GREAT STRIDES

One would desperately like to believe that the day is not right, but one remembers how a few test bombs turned a large area of the American desert and into a glass wasteland...

FAILURE IS POSSIBLE

To explore patiently our relationship with the atom is not glamorous and the spectacular, to say devoutly, to melt down the heavy nucleus of uranium...

'How About Switching Brands, Joe?'



Our Air Force Disintegrates

WASHINGTON By Marquis Childs IN his memorable speech in New York a week ago, General George C. Marshall warned the nation that what we are undertaking now is a dangerous experiment...

Prolonged Disintegration

Unhappily, the political situation in Congress is calculated to prolong the disintegration. There is a kind of log jam which can be broken only by action from the top.

Minimum Air Strength

The main proposition for the Air Force is not thinking in terms of a huge post-war air armada. They are thinking of keeping a minimum air strength that will enable this country to live up to its world responsibilities.

People's Platform Home-Front Constriction

Charlotte Charlotte citizens realize how inadequate our police force is to protect us in case of any sudden, large-scale outbreak of lawlessness...

WCTU Finds No Excuse Now for Sunday Movies

The following letter was addressed to Mayor Baxter and City Council: I have no doubt recall that when the Charlotte City Government permitted the local motion picture theaters to open for business Sunday afternoon and after the church services Sunday night...

Congress is Reluctant

Congress is reluctant to take the universal training issue, being pushed up to the background. Next year is an election year. What is worrying responsible military men is that the present delay and uncertainty will project into 1946 under the shadow of the universal training program.