"ANYWAY, WE'VE HAD A GOOD TIME"

War years meant vacations to these donkeys on a farm near Kent, England, but they will soon be returning to the sands of Margate where they carry youngsters at the seaside resort. The farmer takes a last look at the animals which were his war guests since 1939.

Russians Should Quit Manchuria

They Have No Business In Chinese Territory Claims New York Herald Tribune

Manchuria is Chinese territory, inhabited by more than thirty million Chinese. Its mines and industries and food are essential to the creation of a strong China. It is an area from which all North China can be penetrated, as the Japanese proved. Russian domination of the Manchurian provinces is a threat to the existence of China and is an attack upon two long-held American policies—the policy of the open door and the policy of protecting the territorial integrity of China. For all these reasons the Russians have no business in Manchuria. Therefore, the Russians should get out.

Internal Peace Agreement

The Russians know—for the evidence is obvious—that the strong right-wing faction in the Chinese government is both anti-Communist and anti-Russian. They also know that the Chungking regime, with American assistance in transporting troops, desires to take over all Manchuria, including areas in which the Chinese Reds have strength, as soon as possible. Meanwhile, China's internal peace agreement (which ended the fighting between Chungking and the Chinese Reds in most areas) has not been applied to Manchuria, where neither faction is dominant, and fighting continues in some parts of the Manchurian provinces. While it goes on, Chungking is giving more and more emphasis to American aid in the economic development of China and is resisting Russian demands for further concessions in Manchuria.

U. S. Troops in China

There are American troops in China—kept there, according to the American contention, for disarming and shipping home the Japanese. There is, in addition, a program under consideration for long-term American training for the Chinese Army. Outside of China, but not far away, there are American troops in southern Korea, in all of Japan and on many of the islands of the western Pacific—all of which are potential American bases in case of war with Russia.

NOW SHE'S 18

Shirley Temple, once the world's favorite baby star and still as popular as ever with movie-goers, was 18 when she celebrated her birthday on April 23. She is Mrs. John Agar in private life.

SPOTS OF SPORTS

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Six Bit Critic")

In the past it has always been our custom to try to efrain from giving advice to boxing promoters. There are several reasons for this, the principal one being that advice is just about the last thing such promoters desire from sports writers. What they want from us is plenty of publicity, and no questions asked, in advance of the brawl—heaps of admiration for their match-making genius if the thing should happen to be worth looking at—and loads of sympathy and alibis in case their much-ballyed "Fight of the Century" turns out to have been "The Fight of the Stenchery." (O.K. officer, we'll come quietly).

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However, right now we feel very much like departing from this custom, and tipping off the hard-working promoters to a whole series of fights which, if properly smoked up, might very well break all existing attendance records. The principals would be well known—world famous, as a matter of fact; each should have a personal following that should pack the joint; and if they can only fight a battle half as good as the one they talk, the resulting affairs should be worth going many miles to see.

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The contestants? Well, you might have guessed it yourself. Who else but all these high-up Allied Generals who, a year or so ago were so chuck-full of admiration for one another's genius that you might very well have thought that Napoleon's and Wellington's were a dime a baker's dozen; and who, today, are beginning to let down their hair and te such tales out of school that e begin to wonder how it is that we're not all heiling Hitler right this minute.

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Yes, indeed, those should be fights that should draw like a suction pump. Just imagine the thrill of sitting there and hearing some flannel-mouthed announcer beller—**"In this corner, representing the Yew-nited States of America, weighing one ton and a quarter, medals included, General ——"** But we'd better desist. Perhaps, all things considered, it would be just as well not to name any actual names right at this juncture; but no doubt you can see what gorgeous possibilities the whole thing offers. In fact, the more we think of it, the more we're inclined to try and dig up an angel and go into the fight-promoting racket ourselves.

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Whenever a referee stops a fight—as happened in Toronto recently—and tosses the alleged contestants out of the ring on the grounds that necking is, or should be, a private rather than a public pastime, there's one question that is always asked. It is: "If they're so fussy about fights being on the level, why do they let the wrestlers get away with the stuff that they regularly do?"

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The answer to that one is, of course, that while modern wrestling is technically listed as a sport, it actually belongs among the spectacles, such as rodeos, circuses and the like. Your true follower of wrestling is a peculiar and special species—one with which we have had a great deal of intimate and close-up dealings, and which we are just as far from figuring out today as we were at the beginning.

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The only sports follower who can get more enthusiastic, more frantic than a wrestling fan is a wrestling fanette—for, in this regard, the poet was right on the beam when he said that the female of the species is deadlier than the male. During the stress and strain of a hard-fought bout we have seen wrestling ringsiders go into frenzies and perform antics and actions that, if you've never attended one of these affairs, you wouldn't think possible. We've seen hard-headed and successful business men—also men of high position in the learned professions—throwing hats, canes, programs, bottles and other bric-a-brac at some big grappler who had roused their ire by, apparently, doing foul damage to their favorite.

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..And they were in deadly earnest when they did it—really craving for the villain's life or gore. But we doubt that—deep down in their hearts—one out of a hundred actually believed that all the mayhem and skullduggery that went on in the ring was on the level. They knew, in their innermost brains, that ninety per cent or more of what they saw was nothing more or less than an act. Maybe they went home, and were a little bit ashamed of themselves. But they were back again, the following week, just as red-eyed and enthusiastic, just as eager for their favorite to ram the villain head-first through the concrete floor and then tamp him down with the double-dealing referee.

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Yes, a strange breed indeed, your wrestling fans and fanettes. Sometimes we wonder what their reactions would be to a real bout—one in which there was nothing but straight wrestling involved—wonder how they'd enjoy one such bout, thirty or more years ago, which was for the championship which both the principals claimed, and very badly wanted. For in that fracas the two contestants grappled for more than four hours **without a single fall**; and, at one period, **stood for more than two hours, locked, without once moving their feet.**

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We're afraid that would have seemed rather slow to your modern wrestling bug. Still, there are other things that can seem rather slow, too. Sports columns like this, for instance. So that will be all till next week.

5-Months-Old Quintuplet Calves Shown First Time

Quintuplet calves, only group of their kind known, were exhibited for the first time in Fairbury, Neb., recently.

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The five were born November 20, 1945, of a grade Shorthorn cow and a non-registered Hereford bull. The mother was owned by Leo Schmidt, who lives five miles northeast of Fairbury.

Islands Submerge

Two steaming volcanic islets which rose out of the sea 200 miles south of Yokosuka two months ago are submerging. A patrol flight reported the twin islands had almost completely disappeared and could hardly be discerned from the air. The volcanic formation appeared about .Feb. .10. .Smoking .rocks reached a height of approximately 50 feet.

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