

THE HEART RESPONDED NICELY TO THE FACT THE STORY WAS RUN UNDER A HONOLULU DATALINE, BUT IT WAS HARD ON THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, BECAUSE WE WERE SUPPLYING VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE NEWS. EXCEPT THE SCREWY REPORTS OF AMATEUR OPERATORS WHO PERSISTENTLY HEARD "VOICES" WHEN WE WERE TRYING TO SLEEP. I BOUNCED OUT OF BED HALF A DOZEN TIMES EACH NIGHT, SLEEPILY TRYING TO CHECK ~~UP~~ UP ON SOME NEW REPORT THAT HAD AMELIA DOING EVERYTHING BUT A FAN DANCE IN COMPARATIVE SAFETY ON SOME SOUTH SEAS ATOLL.

THE ADVERTISER WENT ~~CRANK~~ ^{nuts} TWICE, PUBLISHING EXTRAS THAT HINTED SHE WOULD BE IN TOWN FOR THE SECOND SHOW AT THE PRINCESS. THE FIRST TIME CAME EARLY IN THE STORY WHEN THAT BRITISH FREIGHTER, THE MOORBY, REPORTED OVERHEARING A "CONVERSATION" WHICH CONSISTED OF A SERIES OF UNHOLY "SQUEALS" THAT MIGHT HAVE MEANT SOMETHING TO SOMEBODY, BUT NOT TO ME, AFTER HEARING THEM. "SCOOP" CULVER, COVERING THE ~~FEB~~ TISER FROM COASTGUARD HDGTS, REPORTED THE MESSAGES ORIGINATED SOMEWHERE "BETWEEN HOWLAND AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS," WHICH MEANT SOMEWHERE BELOW PEARL HARBOR.

THE "TISER PLOPPED OVERBOARD AGAIN WHEN THE ITASCA TOLD THE "EARHART PLANE, WE SEE YOUR FLARES AND ARE PROCEEDING TOWARD YOU." THE ADVERTISER MENTIONED SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT EARHART WAS ALIVE AND THE ITASCA WAS "MANEUVERING INTO POSITION" TO EFFECT THE RESCUE. SUCH IMPULSIVE YOUTHS ON THAT DESK!

HONOLULU'S FLUTTERY FEMALES, AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, NOW ARE SPONSORING A FUND TO ERECT A PLACQUE ON HOWLAND FOR THE ~~X~~ "GALLANT AVIATRIX." IT SEEMS TO ~~XX~~ ME THAT THE PRESENT USELESS AIRPORT IS SIFFICIENT TRIBUTE TO AMELIA'S ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PRE-NOSEDIVE INFLUENCE AMONG THE GENTS WHO HOLD THE NATION'S BANK BOOK.

NOTHING HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEN, AND WE'VE RETURNED TO OUR CUSTOMARY HAWAIIAN STUPOR. BOTH CLARK AND I WOULD GIVE ALL OUR FEEBLE CHANCES OF REACHING HEAVEN FOR AN ASSIGNMENT TO CHINA; AND, OF COURSE, THERE IS ALWAYS THAT CHANCE, IF THE WAR CONTINUES LONG ENOUGH. NEVERTHELESS, I HAVE NO FAITH ~~X~~ ANY MORE, SO I'M TRYING TO IMPROVE MY GOLF GAME, AS A MEANS OF CONSERVING MY WRATH AGAINST WAIKIKI'S AWFUL BATHING FACILITIES.

REGARDING YOUR QUIP ON THE BAKER STORY. THE GENT STEERED HIS YACHT INTO HONOLULU HARBOR, AND EVERYONE EXCEPT THE ~~POPE~~ POPE WAS ON HAND TO FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE. THE NURSE, WHOSE BACK WAS PHOTOGRAPHED, WAS A PARTICULARLY PLEASANT AND EXTREMELY HOMELY FEMALE, WHOSE LEG WOULD HAVE ~~XXXXXXXX~~ SHOWN UP LIKE THE FRONT END OF HUEY'S TOMB. THE REST OF THE MENAGE WAS MALE, MAKING THE QUESTION OF LEG ART SLIGHTLY DIFFICULT.

THE LABOR MOVEMENT IS BOUNCING ALONG OVER HERE. IMPORTATION OF MECHANICAL CANE CUTTERS TO MAUI -- WHICH, IF YOU FOLLOW AP'S SPLENDID SERVICE YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT -- BUSTED UP THE FILIPINO STRIKE. THE NEWSPAPER GUILD IS GROWING LUSTILY, AND SO SECRETLY THAT NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT IT EXCEPT THE WHOLE TOWN AND THE HERMIT OF ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Kahoolawe

IT BRIGHTENS MY AGEING DAYS TO HEAR YOU RECOUNT WITH SUCH ~~XXXXXXXX~~ SPONTANEITY THE JOYS OF YOUTHFUL ROMANCE. YOU'RE PROBABLY MARRIED BY THIS TIME. MY OWN AFFAIRES DE ~~XXXXX~~ COUER HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED, OF LATE, BY THE SIMPLE FACT THAT ME HOURS MAKE ROMANCE IMPERATIVE AT HIGH NOON, AN EXTREMELY DISCONCERTING HOUR. WAIKIKI, I UNDERSTAND, IS FAIRLY BLOOMING