

1949-07-09 Steve, you're going to run this pretty little boat right onto the rocks if you don't put your hands on the wheel.

1949-07-16 Over here, here I am with the boat. Swim over this way.

1949-07-23 The time: near midnight. The place: Nigeria, West Africa.

1949-08-06 The time: ten p.m. The place: A spacious drawing room of a villa in the south of France overlooking the Mediterranean.

1949-08-13 The time: sunset. The place: A small fishing village on the coast of Portugal.

1949-08-20 The time: midnight. The place: A carnival on the outskirts of Zurich, Switzerland.

1950-02-06 "You sent for me, Commissioner?" "Yes, sit down, Steve. I suppose you heard about Bill Thorn."

1950-02-13 "Well, here he is, Commissioner, I just looked under the nearest parimutuel window."

1950-02-20 "You know, Ruth, you could at least have waited until that blond and I finished the dance before dragging me back to the office."

1950-02-27 "Well, there's your plane, Steve, warming up." "Look, I don't even know where I'm supposed to go, Ruth."

1950-03-06 "You sent for me, Commissioner?" "Yes, Steve, sit down. Ruth, Steve's here, how about his credentials?"

1950-03-20 "Steve, I'm sending you to Switzerland on the next plane."

1950-03-27 "Morning, Commissioner." "Morning, Steve. How was the flight back from Switzerland?"

1950-04-10 "Hi, Commissioner." "Steve, have a seat." "I suppose you know you're ruining my reputation around this town?"

1950-04-17 "Good morning, Commissioner." "Steve." "You know, this better be important, cause a certain red head was just dying to go for a long ride in the country today."

1950-04-24 "Good morning, Commissioner." "Steve." "Well, what part of the world do I head for to get shot at this time?"

1950-05-03 "Morning, Commissioner. Well, what uncivilized neck of the woods are you sending me to this time?"

1950-05-10 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I go to a lot of places in the world I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t expect this assignment is going to involve using a ten-year-old boy as a cross on which to crucify his father.”

1950-05-17 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I go to a lot of places in the world I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment is going to end up with me depending for my life on my own cigarette lighter.”

1950-05-24 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places in the world I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment is going to involve a dead correspondent, a Burmese girl, a trip through the jungle, and a fallen idol.”

1950-05-31 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment is going to involve my trying to poke a hole in the Iron Curtain with just one weapon: a little white pill.”

1950-06-07 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places in the world I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment is going to involve my trying to save the lives of several thousand people with just a ferry boat whistle, a window, and a hunk of tape.”

1950-07-26 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment is going to plump me right in the middle of a nice juicy war.”

1950-08-02 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment is going to involve my trying to hide three divisions of troops behind an empty water glass.”

1950-08-09 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment is going to end up with my having to decide whom to hand my gun to; the guy who’s trying to help me or the guy who’s trying to kill me.”

1950-08-16 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that it’s going to involve my trying to hold Western Europe together with two mirrors, a book of matches, and a rusty razor blade.”

1950-08-23 “Morning, Commissioner.” “Steve, ever done any snake charming?”

1950-08-30 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce, but they all spell the same thing: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment is going to involve an innocent little picture postcard that almost turns out to be my death warrant.”

1950-09-06 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment is going to end up with me trying my best to blast myself right out of existence.”

1950-09-20 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment is going to end up with me smashing a spy ring because a trained seal gets a bad case of the blues.”

1950-09-27 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment is going to wind up with me trying to preserve my life with a can of embalming fluid.”

1950-09-29 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment is going to wind up with me staking my life on a bluff and then finding out – much to my surprise – that I wasn’t bluffing at all.”

1950-10-06 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment is going to involve my racing to crack the case before the killer pulls the trigger on me. Then, having that race end up in a dead heat.”

1950-11-18 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment is going to end up with me dangling from the wrong end of a rope.”

1950-11-25 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment is going to end up with my saving three lives by calling the right football play.

1950-12-02 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment is going involve my trying to prevent a revolution with just two weapons; an old beat-up railroad timetable and an empty matchbook.”

1950-12-09 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment is going to end up with me trying my level best to shoot myself.”

1950-12-16 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment is going to involve a worthless scrap of paper which almost turns out to be my own death warrant.”

1950-12-30 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment is going to have me asking when is a friend not a friend? Answer: When he’s tickling your ribs with a gun.”

1950-01-06 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment is going to end up with me having somebody take a picture of my own murder.”

1950-01-13 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to give me a lesson in etiquette. I’d always thought it was rude to turn down a free drink. Now I know it can be fatal.”

1950-01-20 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to wind up with me depending for my life on the only weapon I’ve got; a mighty powder puff.”

1950-01-27 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to involve my trying to prevent a revolution with just one weapon: a box of busted bells.”

1951-02-03 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to wind up with a native bandit giving me a break by heaving a knife at me.”

1951-02-10 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to involve my trying to hold an Eastern European country together with my finger ring.”

1951-02-24 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to end up with a guy I’m looking for shoving a gun in my back, and me doing my best to help him.”

1951-03-03 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to have me playing a friendly little game of who’s who; the only trouble with it is that the guy who loses, gets killed.”

1951-03-10 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to involve my trying to solve my own murder.”

1951-03-17 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to wind up with me playing the little kids’ game of King of the Mountain. The only difference is in this game whoever loses gets killed.”

1951-03-24 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to wind up with somebody trying his best to hand me a present: a loaded dynamite with a lit fuse.”

1951-03-31 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to find me trying my level best to make a perfect target out of myself”

1951-04-07 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to end up with my saving a guy’s life by punching him right in the face.”

1951-04-14 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to wind up with me depending for my life on a tray full of dirty dishes.”

1951-04-21 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to prove that not only is the pen mightier than the sword, the ink bottle is mightier than the gun.”

1951-04-28 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I

don't realize that this assignment's going to wind up with my getting shot at just for trying to turn off a radio program."

1951-05-04 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to wind up with my catching a war criminal because a china shop vanishes into thin air."

1951-05-11 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to have me looking for the proverbial needle in the haystack. The only difference is the needle I'm looking for means death to about 3,000 people."

1951-05-18 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to wind up with my giving our defense industry a shot in the arm by falling into a hole in the ground."

1951-06-19 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to wind up with me in a spot where if I play my cards right, only one guy'll get killed: me."

1951-06-26 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to wind up with my life being saved by a ghost."

1951-07-03 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to make a flower-hater out of me. A sunflower almost has me pushing up daisies."

1951-07-10 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to drop me into a spot where a kiss is either going to cure me or kill me."

1951-11-03 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize this assignment's going to end up just where it started: which is right in the middle of nowhere."

1952-03-10 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to wind up with my life being saved by a handful of cigars."

1952-08-25 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to prove that sometimes you can hit a homerun with the swing of a rusty gate.”

1952-10-08 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to teach me that you can sometimes find your only chance dangling from the end of a rope.”

1952-10-15 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to show me that sometimes the only way you can come out of one of these deals alive is to ask a guy to shoot you.”

1952-10-22 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to wind up with my getting shot at.”

1952-11-05 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to show that sometimes the only way you can win is to let the whole deal go up in smoke.”

1952-11-12 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to end up with my life depending on a handful of ashes.”

1952-11-19 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to prove that sometimes the best way to stop a guy cold is to step on the gas.”

1952-11-26 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to have me trying to trap a killer with a new kind of weapon: a nursery rhyme.”

1952-12-03 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to prove that you can sometimes hang a killer sky high with a piece of string.”

1952-12-10 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to show me that sometimes the best thing that can happen to a guy is to get caught in the middle of a riot.”

1952-12-17 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to put a new switch on an old saying: not only is the pen mightier than the sword, the paintbrush is mightier than the dynamite.”

1952-12-24 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to wind up with me getting the best Christmas present I ever had while staring down the barrel of a gun.”

1952-12-31 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to show me that sometimes the only way to let a little light in on a deal is through a bullet hole.”

1953-01-07 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to prove that sometimes the nicest thing that can happen to a guy is to get kidnapped.”

1953-01-14 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to prove that sometimes the guy who tries to take someone for a ride ends up getting taken.”

1953-01-21 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to prove that you can sometimes hook the biggest fish of all right from the middle of a freight train.”

1953-01-28 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to prove that sometimes the only way to catch the right guy is to chase the wrong one.”

1953-02-04 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to prove that sometimes the best way to catch a fish is to let him off the hook.”

1953-02-11 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to prove that sometimes the best way to stop one fight is to start another one.”

1953-02-18 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to prove that sometimes the best way to win a fight is to get knocked flat on your back.”

1953-02-25 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to wind up with my life getting saved because I shoot my only friend in the deal.”

1953-03-04 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to show me that sometimes the witness is harder to find than the killer.”

1953-03-11 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to prove that sometimes what goes up never comes down.”

1953-03-18 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to wind up with me exactly one foot from death.”

1953-03-25 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I can’t realize that this assignment’s going to wind up with me trying to decide whether I’d rather get run over or shot.”

1953-04-01 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize this assignment’s going to prove that sometimes the best way to get a pal out of a trap is to get chased into it yourself.”

1953-04-08 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I don’t realize that this assignment’s going to prove that sometimes the nicest thing that can happen to a guy is to get shot at.”

1953-04-15 “Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can’t even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner’s office I

don't realize that this assignment's going to wind up with my life getting saved because somebody drops a bomb on me."

1953-04-22 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize this assignment's going to prove that you can sometimes hit a homerun with the swing of a rusty gate." (Different than 1952-08-25)

1953-04-29 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to find me doing my level best to get blown up."

1953-05-06 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to wind up with my getting shot at."

1953-05-13 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to teach me never to ask to see a knife in the shop window; you may get it in the back."

1953-05-20 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to prove that trying to break up an information pipeline is no pipe."

1953-05-27 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that I'm going to wind up catching a killer by playing parlor games."

1953-06-17 "It's a typical cantina with a handful of fisherman sitting around the tables."

1953-06-24 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to wind up with me doing my best to pull a building down on my head."

1953-07-01 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that this assignment's going to wind up with my life dangling by a cobweb."

1953-07-08 "Yeah, danger is my assignment. I get sent to a lot of places I can't even pronounce. They all spell the same thing, though: trouble. But when I walk into the Commissioner's office I don't realize that all I have to on this assignment is sit tight; right on top of a powder keg."