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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Will Huey Be President?

YES, Huey Long is out to "GET" President Roosevelt. He is only attacking the outworks now,—for he considers the President too strong for an immediate frontal attack. But when he disposes of Farley, Robinson and Johnson,—he will tackle the President himself.

Huey is smart. He senses the increasing unrest, the inevitable reaction against the New Deal. With a presidential campaign only a year off, he clearly realizes now is the time to strike.

To publicly discredit any of these three men, will greatly weaken Roosevelt in the coming campaign. Farley is the practical politician and campaign executive par excellence. Robinson is the party leader in the senate. On the stump General Johnson would be invaluable to the President in 1936.

So why not kill two birds with one stone? Enjoy the fruits of sweet revenge,—for Huey personally hates all three of these men with a malignant, uncompromising hatred—and at the same time, prepare the way for his rabble-rousing assault upon the White House.

That is clearly Huey's plan. And when Huey makes up his mind to do a thing, he sets about to do it,—if he can.

WE realize under present confused conditions, the hazards of prophecy particularly where a "political outlaw" like Huey Long is concerned; nevertheless we predict that Huey will come a cropper this time, as far as his main purpose is concerned.

For his main purpose of course is to be president himself. His nomination as a Third party candidate in 1936 is not inconceivable; but that he will ever be President, we regard as so unlikely, as to be fantastic.

No the American people may be discontented, disappointed, and in some cases resentful, but by and large they have not completely lost their sense or sense of humor.

THERE have been other periods of depression and social unrest in this country. There have been other table thumping demagogues, of the Huey Long type, who have capitalized discontent to their own political advantage.

But the American people have never elected a demagogue for President and in our judgment they never will.

The reason goes back to Abraham Lincoln's sound doctrine, that you can fool all the people, some of the time; and some of the people all the time; but not all the people all the time.

In other words time works against the "Kingfish." As the months go by, the severity of the depression which has been so favorable to Huey's technique, will become steadily less so. But even more important, the demagogue always has a fatal weakness in his armor, when his aspirations for high office are concerned.

HE can appeal to avarice and class envy; he can point with pride to his hatred of wealth and love for the common man; he can incite the mob and alarm the timid; but he can't at long last disguise the fact, that all these virtuous protestations are merely a smoke screen, to cover up the fact that "He, the demagogue", is first, last and all the time, REALLY interested in no ONE, and no THING but himself.

That is inevitably the demagogue's Achilles heel. And political history from the days of ancient Greece to the present time, demonstrates it. Sooner or later, even the people to whom the demagogue most appeals, get wise to the fact, and his brief span of power and glory ends as suddenly as it started.

THIS would be particularly true in this country, and where the highest office in the land is concerned. For there is one quality which the American people have always demanded in a President—and we believe always will,—that is INTEGRITY of character. He may hold to this political theory or to that, but he must ring true, he must be essentially sincere, and be dependable, in the most comprehensive definition of that term.

Huey Long is none of these things. He will say anything, do anything, compromise anything, if such tactics promise to bring him votes. He is the perfect demagogue, the perennial opportunist; in his own mind the man of destiny, but in reality only the man of the hour.

SOME people who have observed Huey's meteoric rise to Governor, U. S. senator, and now absolute dictator of his home state, believe that with his sound trucks, his high-powered radio station, his keen sense of mob psychology, and his plea of share-the-wealth, nothing can stop him from taking over the White House.

Such a fear we believe is based upon an imperfect knowledge of the peculiar political conditions that existed in Louisiana,—the abuses that had been going on there so many years, the unbelievable social and economic conditions that prevailed,—and also an imperfect knowledge of the man himself.

Probably no one will "get" Huey. But sooner or later, our prediction is Huey will get HIMSELF. As long as the present unrest continues we predict Huey will remain a power in Washington and in his own state; he will be a thorn in the flesh of the democratic party, and will therefore be able to trade politically with GREAT profit to himself.

But under no circumstances will he ever realize his great and all absorbing ambition, which is to be President (and dictator) of the United States.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M.D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to disease diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

LIFE IN A LEPROSARIUM.

Many who read this will recall the heartless way in which the authorities of this country, some of them health officers, hounded the leper. Early from one jurisdiction to another not so many years ago. The unfortunate victim of this vicious persecution might have been Public Enemy A-1, from the way his pursuit by our officers was featured in the headlines.

In the last fiscal year (ending June 30, 1934) 64 new patients were admitted to the National Leprosarium, Carville, Louisiana. Of these 50 had not previously been in the institution, three were former patients who had been paroled but whose leprosy had again become active, and five were previously released patients who returned for treatment of secondary conditions, but whose leprosy showed no signs of clinical or bacteriological reactivation.

Ten patients absconded during the year, six of these were readmitted. Nine aliens were deported as not entitled to hospitalization at the expense of the United States government. Twenty patients were paroled, of whom two elected to remain in the hospital.

Read that last statement over again, you good citizens who get all excited at the very suggestion of leprosy. Two of the twenty patients who were paroled elected to remain in the hospital. Is there anything strange about that?

The answer depends on how much you know about the disease recognized as leprosy today. Probably a number of diseases, as we know them now, were included in the ancient conception of leprosy, especially syphilis and tuberculosis.

Some people know that a tuberculosis hospital or sanatorium is the safest place one can live, so far as the risk of contracting tuberculosis is concerned. The reason is that everybody in such an institution or community knows and conscientiously practices the simple rules of asepsis.

For much the same reason a leprosiarium as a safe place to live so far as the risk of contracting leprosy is concerned.

Patients who have spent a year or two in a tuberculosis sanatorium often regret the necessity of leaving the place to return to their former home when the disease becomes arrested.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, March 7.—Jack Dempsey's new shrine of pink brick on the old Morning Telegraph site has become the most discussed restaurant of the day.

The new venture is a spacious, airy, street window display gleam almost as red as the Dempsey name in lights. Everything is gaudily meshed.

Likely no eating place ever wrong such a badly-bred from metropolitan megalopolis as the new Madison Square Garden and Dempsey is so popular with sportsmen, the town wonders the effect on the established hot-foot spots such as Dinty Moore's, Gallagher's, Doyle's and Lehit's.

Paul Gallio inquires: "Will the gangs desert and go to Dempsey's or will the moochers eat him into bankruptcy?" The new venture is spacious enough if filled to drain many of the old timers. The advantage of being a few steps from the fights, hockey, six-day races, etc., is incalculable.

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Steiner Seeking PWA Amendment

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—Senator Steiner (R., Ore.) introduced today an amendment to the new public works bill to include river and harbor development, and bridges within its scope.

He explained development of rivers and harbors was one of the chief needs of the Pacific northwest, and as the bill was reported out of committee, it would be impossible to obtain public works funds for such work. The same is true of bridges, the senator said.

ALYCE JANE McHENRY CONTINUES IMPROVE

FALL RIVER, Mass., March 7.—(AP)—Alyce Jane McHenry, 10-year-old Omaha, Neb. girl, operated upon Monday at Truist's hospital to correct her inverted stomach, "appeared brighter today" and "has retained food for 14 past 24 hours."

PORTLAND, March 7.—(AP)—William J. Bush, 38, died today from injuries suffered last night in an accident involving two automobiles and a motor stage.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

WEAK WOMEN

MANY young women suffer from periodic pains in side or back, they should take that vegetable tonic favorably known for sixty years as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Then, too, the women of middle age, going thru the "change of life," needs this dependable tonic. Mrs. J. H. ...

At Carville, where there are generally 350 or more resident patients, as well as a staff of physicians, nurses and employees, there is quite the same pleasant atmosphere that patients in the tuberculosis sanatorium grow to love. Social activities, entertainments, games, lectures, holiday celebrations, meals served al fresco, special menus, all combine to maintain a happy spirit.

During the year 66 new volumes were placed in the patients' library, and 28 magazines subscribed for and 5 newspapers—all paid for out of the patients' own benefit fund.

Leprosy is rather less likely to spread than is tuberculosis, and no intelligent person worries if he discovers somebody living next door has tuberculosis.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Pampered Child
Does an 8-year-old school boy require cod liver oil? He is of the wiry outdoor type, no fat on him, and we have very cold weather in the winter season. Several other mothers have asked me if I ever read Dr. Brady ... (Mrs. C. S.)

Answer—No, I think it is not necessary to give a child cod liver oil after the age of one year, unless the physician prescribes it for some illness or other. Normally children get their vitamin D and vitamin A from milk, eggs, butter, cream, cheese, etc. Infants too young to receive such foods require a cod liver oil ration.

Cryptorchidism
We have just discovered that our 3-year-old son has one undescended gland ... (D. W. M.)

Answer—Generally the condition spontaneously corrects itself by the time the boy reaches the age of 14 years. Sometimes a few doses of pituitary hormone hypodermically administered by the family physician, will bring about normal descent of the testicle.

Nervous?
If newspaper readers would only pay close attention to what Dr. Brady tries to teach about "nervousness," I believe thousands of "nervous wrecks" would be restored to health ... (A. T. L.)

Answer—Of the few who do pay attention, now and then one assures me he or she has been restored to health, and that's enough for me. Send dime and stamped self-addressed envelope for copy of booklet "Chronic Nervous Impostion." (Copyright, 1935, John P. Dille Co.)

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Those who know the army of Broadway restaurant chiselers say Dempsey's problem will be to stifle his generous impulses. He is a sucker for the panhandler, having neared that fringe himself in his hobo days. Now he is right at the front door, where again he must not "forget to duck."

New York's most conspicuous chewer of the weed is Babe Ruth, and outside of longshoremen seems the only one left. The habit has been so abandoned for cigarettes that there are many tobaccoists who do not carry a plug stick. When Ruth tears off a "chaw" it is no aliver. It is something for a whippet to hurdle. Lou Gehrig once said it would tire a mouse to run around it.

In the magazine shops they are called "impulse writers." The phrase refers to many of extraordinary literary talent who can write only when the spirit moves. As a rule their output has dazzling spontaneity. Ambrose Bierce was one of them. He could sit at his writing table all day and not winnow the thinnest of paragraphs. Then at precise intervals the words would fall tumbled from his pen. He was fortunate in that a publisher recognizing his talents kept him on a \$50-a-week payroll. There are "deadline writers," too.

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Democratic, will have to get together ultimately and save the country.

On the other hand, there is in the Republican party an element, composed for the most part of ex-officio holders and professional politicians, that years above all else to be back in power and whose idea of getting back is to out-promise the Democrats and so beat the new deal at its own game.

THESE two elements are as far apart as the poles. Then can no more be mixed than oil and water.

But they would have to be got together—rolled into some sort of hodge-podge mass—if the Republican party were to stand any chance of carrying the next election.

It is this writer's opinion that it can't be done.

SOONER or later, there will be a reversal of political opinion in this country. We will quit believing in Santa Claus, and will get back to a wholesome belief in the effectiveness of hard, honest work.

That will involve a general re-alignment of political belief, with conservative thinkers on one side and believers in Santa Claus on the other. If the Republican party has the courage to take the leadership in this movement by championship of sound principles, it will win—not next year, for that is too soon, but in time.

If it lacks necessary courage to do this, the Republican party is probably done for.

Cloudy and rainy weather predicted for week-end cause several early spring picnics to be called off.

Merrill basketball team challenges winner of southern Oregon title tonight, and if Medford wins, game will be played here Monday afternoon.

Henry Burke, wrestler, will be one of the athletes to appear at the monthly show here.

Revival meetings in this city and Ashland attract large crowds.

Oregon and O. A. C. basketball teams to meet Monday night at Salem to decide tie in northern division race.

March 7, 1935. (It was Saturday) Blanche Sweet, the movie queen, is cause of fight in Culver City cafe.

March 7, 1935. (It was Sunday) Great battle near Warsaw looms between Germans and Russians. The Vistula river "runs red" from the carnage on both banks.

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