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WEST-HOLIDAY
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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry.
The Administration affirms and re-affirms, without any visible winking, its "Hands Off" policy in all primary elections—past or to come.

"Blind Man's Bluff"

A KIND of "blind man's bluff" is going on all over the world today. The politicians are bluffing, and the people, or more accurately their rulers, are too blind to see that it's bluffing and therefore are unfortunate victims of it.

The recent action of Czechoslovakia illustrates what we mean. Hitler is essentially a politician, and is playing the rabble-rousing politician's game. He really doesn't want war, not because he is of a peaceful disposition, but because he knows his country isn't prepared for war.

But he realizes his one hope of getting anywhere politically is to THREATEN war. So he rattles the Kaiser's old sabre, boasts about how strong Germany is, in the air, on the ground and at sea; and—gets away with it!

At least he got away with it, as far as Austria is concerned, and thanks to the same technique, took back the Rhineland, and secured what is virtually a military alliance with Poland, Italy and Japan.

But little Czechoslovakia, unlike Austria, refused to be bluffed. With the first threatened gesture from Berlin, she mobilized half a million troops on the German border, and went on a war basis.

That was enough for Hitler. He promptly backed down. As a result Der Fuehrer's prestige in Europe has been considerably impaired, and he and his "brain trust" are no doubt in a pretty constant huddle these days, figuring out the best method of restoring it.

Whatever is finally decided upon, this much is certain, it will only be another bluff, as far as Germany's willingness or desire to engage in another world war is concerned, for that is all it can be.

Germany at the height of her powers, had one world war; she doesn't want another one, in her present condition—short of food, short of raw materials, short of cash, in fact, virtually bankrupt.

So the game of "blind man's bluff" promises to continue. Hitler will keep up his table thumping and rabble-rousing, both for home and foreign consumption. He will increase his nuisance value in Europe to the breaking point. He will talk war, threaten war, and as far as he is able prepare for war. In short will do everything but go to war; but when that jumping off point comes, he will back down and retreat, as he did when Czechoslovakia called him.

Not that Hitler would seriously fear a war with Czechoslovakia alone. But he realized, in the first place the Czechs WOULD fight; and he realized in the second place, that Russia and France (probably England, also) would back her by armed force, if she DID fight.

THAT was enough for Herr Hitler.

And now that his hand has been exposed we can see no reason why, his bluff can't be permanently checkmated, by a similar bluff on the part of the "allies" (for no country in Europe wants war)—and the long-awaited Armageddon delayed for several years.—PERHAPS prevented.

The Roosevelt "Bluff"

IN a very different way a game of "blind man's bluff" is going on in this country.

The "bluff" is being made by the Roosevelt administration. The "blind" are the various and sundry people who fall for it. There is a congressional election in the Fall, and some of us still remember there was a Primary, about a fortnight back! Now when it comes to politics, politicians are all about the same. And political parties, also. When an election comes around they all will do just about anything that can be done, to get the votes.

The Roosevelt administration did this in the Primary, they will be doing it even more flagrantly—and we fear more effectively,—in the November election.

And their general strategy will be this,—to convince the voters that if they elect a Republican to this office or some other, they won't get the relief, they won't get the public works, they won't get the federal assistance they would get, if they had elected a Democrat.

This won't be said in so many words, but it will be implied so strongly, that no one,—particularly those who need federal aid,—will miss it.

YET that statement will realistically speaking, be just as much a "bluff" as Hitler's sabre rattling in Europe, though it will not be so easy to call.

Just a bluff,—and a bluff to get enough votes to win an election,—nothing more!

FOR whether a Republican or Democrat is elected Governor of this state—yes or sent to the congress at Washington,—is going to have no more effect upon what federal money will subsequently be sent to this state, during the remainder of the Roosevelt administration, than who catches, or doesn't catch, the first "rainbow" in Crater Lake this year.

You don't believe it? All right then let's prove it. In what part of this country are there nothing but 100% Democrats in office, local, state and national?

In the solid south. And what states have received and promise to continue to receive the short end in federal assistance!—the southern states. And what states have received the most per capita,—look them over,—the states in the north which are, and have been, most consistently Republican.

BUT that isn't the REAL reason as far as THIS column is concerned. The real reason is this,—we think we know President Roosevelt well enough, and Harry Hopkins well enough, to KNOW, that while they are not above winning elections, by playing up the federal relief angle, once that election is over, they will not—and have not,—administered relief on that basis.

Oh, we know what all the Roosevelt haters are saying—and will continue to say—but it isn't true that's all. It hasn't been done and it isn't going to be done.

And those who believe it will be done—and vote accordingly,—are simply easy marks,—that's all! They are merely being bluffed and, letting the bluffer get away with it.

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 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, Calif.

NO RAMPS IN ODD HOUSE



Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

No one sighing over it, we here by relinquish the intention of building ramps, instead of stairs in Odd House. It seems people have always had staircases in their homes, and it is such fun trying to make a staircase as well as useful and household and hardly know how to pass the time if there were not a few dozen corners to clean and dust... besides, a ramp in a private residence would be ridiculous.

Mrs. W. J. W. urges that Odd House should be built without cracks. She can conceive no reason why wood, plaster and other construction should not be built without cracks. She has spent enough time chasing insects in and out of cracks to have taken a college course.

Sounds all right to me. I am informed cracks are desirable in antique furniture and in old pottery and old china. So the outlook seems fair for passing Mrs. W. J. W.'s motion. Just which insects she means we don't know. If it is ants, cockroaches, bedbugs, fleas, it is not enough to chase 'em. Better annihilate them. Little Lesson No. 13, "Unbidden Guests," gives instructions for dealing with 13 insects, vermin or parasites which most commonly are unwelcome company.

L. K. suggests that the floors of Odd House should be made of tiles which are easily cleaned and most sanitary of all materials. Wood floors may be warmer to the touch but they require frequent scraping, re-painting, varnishing, etc., and they develop squeaks and often provide hiding places for insects in crevices. Large red or other colored tiles are fireproof, decorative, everlasting, need no varnishing or other finishing after the first coat of installation.

I think L. K. has the right idea. I have always intended to build the floors of Odd House in such a way as to permit the rugs to be taken up and a hose turned on to wash all the floors at once. If tile floors seem too expensive, composition or colored cement would do well enough.

If any awnings are required for Odd House they will be shutter.

"Room! Boom! God's dead!" Billy hadn't recovered yet.

His Swanson, the young orchestra maestro, playing at the swank La Compa, made a bankroll as a lawyer before he started swinging a baton.

Sam Goldwyn's decision to rush production on a picture dramatizing the exiling of the Jews from Germany is causing plenty of speculation among Manhattan movie tycoons.

Communications

Why Preserve Our Scenery? To the Editor: Considerable concern is being displayed for the conservation of our natural resources.

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Indeed, the whole business would be comic, if it were not deadly serious. The WPA's solemn self-investigation and solemn self-exculpation are a ritual regularly gone through in campaign years.

The most obvious reason is the lowest—the financial. Nowadays natural beauty has its price. The visitors to Jackson county come to taste the garden-like enchantment of this green island which has not its like in the scenery of their own communities.

Why, therefore, is it necessary and trouble to preserve some, at least, of these natural beauties of Jackson county?

You will agree with me that the expression of pleasure on the faces of all these people definitely suggests the beauty of it all.

When I think of the proper use of natural resources, I see a great number of people enjoying fishing, hunting, and camping in the forests; hikers along our mountain trails; travelers leisurely progressing along our highways and roads; and last, but not least, our city folks taking evening drives on our county roads viewing beautiful farms, orchards and ranches that were made possible by use of natural resources.

"All right," she told him, "but you'll have to be quiet. You'll have to take a nap."

"But I'm not sleepy," "Oh, I can fix that," explained the guest pleasantly. "Well count sheep. Don't you ever count sheep when you want to go to sleep?"

It appears the lad had never heard of counting sheep, and so this new and wonderful friend explained how it worked. "You just lie quietly on the bed, close your eyes and imagine sheep are jumping over a fence. Oh, lots and lots of sheep, and as they jump over the fence, you count them... Like this: one... two... three... four... and so on"

Intrigued with this idea, the youngster climbed on the bed and closed his eyes.

"Can you see them?" she inquired. "Oh, yes, I see them. There are lots of them. But you know what?"

"I think we ought to split this thing up."

"How do you mean, Bucky?" "Well," said Bucky, "I'll do the looking—you do the counting."

of—tauna and flora—may be based on motives that regard the welfare of human beings alone... KARL L. JANOUCH, Forest Supervisor, Medford, June 1.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THESE words are written on Memorial Day. Memorial Day commemorates the Union dead of the Civil War. The Civil War was fought to end SLAVERY in the United States of America.

HERE is a thought: We talk a lot in these days about economic security. THE SLAVE, in the hands of a good master, is the only individual who has ever possessed ABSOLUTE ECONOMIC SECURITY.

THE slave (in the hands of a kind master) never had to worry about the future. All he had to do was TO DO AS HE WAS TOLD. If he did as he was told, his wants were taken care of. He was fed. He was clothed. He was housed. He was pensioned when old.

All he had to give up was his LIBERTY. THE slave (in the hands of a kind and able master) never had to face unemployment, for the master was always on hand to provide him with something to do. He never had to face hunger. He never had to face eviction from his cabin. He was ECONOMICALLY SECURE.

THIS thought in conclusion: All the slave had to give up in return for economic security was his FREEDOM. What American would really want to exchange his freedom for economic security?

The Capital Parade

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portunity to clean house. At any rate, he told more than one close friend that his answer to Kelly would not be a whitewash.

"We're going to take the lid off," he said, in effect. "We've got to. Things are so bad in Pennsylvania that, if we don't act ourselves, there will be an explosion, sooner or later, which will discredit the whole works program."

When Hopkins talked with his friends, he had already heard Senator Guffey and his henchmen clamoring for a whitewash. Perhaps, in the end, he merely gave in to Guffey. Perhaps the White House intervened. On May 13, at any rate, he telegraphed Kelly that the charges of political activity in the Pennsylvania WPA were "for the major part untrue."

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Indeed, the whole business would be comic, if it were not deadly serious. The WPA's solemn self-investigation and solemn self-exculpation are a ritual regularly gone through in campaign years.

The ritual is now being performed in Kentucky. Not long ago, Judge Brady Stewart, campaign manager of Governor A. B. "Happy" Chandler, wrote an open letter to the president and others, charging that the WPA was being freely used by the Chandler.

There is no need to pile up instances. There is no need to be close to the situation to know the facts. They are glaringly obvious. What is not obvious is the reason for the failure of popular indignation.

In the old days there was much proper fury against bad business men, whose shop foremen saw to it that the workers voted right. If there is a difference between the doings and the doings of the WPA and super-users, it is that politics in the WPA are less measurable.

Relief is a public trust, and liberals, who condone politics in relief, are plainly betraying their liberalism. The time may come when the liberals' exchange of integrity for partnership will be considered the major tragedy of the New Deal years.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY June 2, 1928. (It was Saturday.) Haying starts in Sams Valley. The crop is heavy.

Prink Callison signs contract to coach Medford high school for another year.

Herbert Hoover's presidential campaign is opposed by Wall Street, senate committee is told. Corn belt farmers to urge farm aid at G.O.P. convention.

Crater Lake loop road is open to travel, and is free of snow.

High school senior class of 101 members receive diplomas at commencement exercises at Craterian theater. Address is delivered by A. B. Hall, president of the University of Oregon. Nina Hoehne is leader in scholastic rating in senior class.

Plans for road and park atop Rosy Ann studied, and committee to study ways to finance.

Offing of Crater Lake highway to near Prospect is completed.

French hold alone entire battle line, and thwart German drive on Paris.

Fair and warmer weather predicted for valley, after cold rain.

Dry weather retards crops in Sams Valley.

Sales of flour in county halted until July 1.

American troops hurl German forces back across the Marne.

Total eclipse of the sun next Saturday will be the last one for 250 years.

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS Where to Find Them on the Dial: KEX, Portland, 1180; KFI, 640; Los Angeles, KGA, 1470; Spokane, KGO, 790; San Francisco, KGW, 820; Portland, KJR, 970; Seattle, KXN, 1050; Los Angeles, KOA, 830; Denver, KOIN, 940; Portland, KOMO, 926; Seattle, KPO, 680; San Francisco, KSL, 1130; Salt Lake.

Thursday: 5:00—Film Stars, KPO, KFI, KGW; Major Bowes, KXN, KOIN, KSL; Symphony Orch., KGA; News, KGO; 5:30—Symphony, KGO; 5:45—Symphony, KEX; Orphan Annie, KGA; 6:00—Bing Crosby, KPO, KFI, KGW; Concert Orch., KXN, KOIN, KSL; Prize Play, KGO, KEX; 6:30—Americans at Work, KXN, KOIN, KSL; Pulitzer Play, KGO; 7:00—Jack Fulton, KSL; Amos and Andy, KPO, KFI, KGW; Scattergood Baines, KXN, KOIN; Barron's Orch., KEX; Concert Hall, KGO; 7:15—Screen Scoops, KXN, KOIN, KSL; Three Cheers, KPO; Schallert Reviews, KGO, KEX; 7:30—Leo and Ken, KGO; Kate Smith, KXN, KOIN, KSL; Himber's Orch., KPO, KGW; 8:00—Owens' Orch., KJR; Spring Orch., KPO, KGW; Univ. Explorer KGO; News, KEX, KGO; 8:15—Symphony Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW; Owens' Orch., KEX; 8:30—Calling All Cars, KXN; King's Orch., KGA; Grant's Orch., KGO; 8:45—Sports Headlines, KGO; String Trio, KOIN; 9:00—Hutton's Orch., KGO; Dance Orch., KOIN; Molina's Orch., KSL; 9:15—March of Time, KPO, KFI, KGW; Thompson's Orch., KJR; Dance Hour, KGO; 9:30—John Teel, KGO; Jelenik's Orch., KSL; 10:00—News, KPO, KFI, KGW; Pianist, KSL; Sanders' Orch., KGO; News, KXN; 10:15—Ravazza's Orch., KGO; Life of the Party, KXN, KSL; Saunders' Orch., KGA, KEX; 10:30—Martin's Orch., KGO, KOA, KEX; Ravazza's Orch., KFI; 11:00—Trumbauer's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW; Five Star Final, KGO; Organist, KGA.

Friday: 8:00—Hollywood Hotel, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Swarthout's Orch., KGA, KEX, News, KGO; Californians on Parade, KPO; Gene & Glenn, KFI; 8:30—Armand Girard, baritone, KGW; Exposition, KPO; 8:45—Your Govt at Your Service, KPO, KFI, Orphan Annie, KGA; 8:50—First Nighter, KPO, KFI, KGW; Song Shop, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Martin's Orch., KGO; 9:00—Hollywood Gossip, KPO, KFI, KGW; 9:45—March of Progress, KGO, KEX; American Viewpoints, KXN; 7:00—Scattergood Baines, KXN, KOIN; Amos & Andy, KPO, KFI, KGW; Jack Fulton, KSL; Rapp's Orch., KEX; Concert Hall, KGO; 7:15—Uncle Ezra, KPO, KFI, KGW; Lum & Abner, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Rapp's Orch., KGO, KGA; 7:30—Wh. Stewart's Orch., KXN, KSL, KOIN; Short's Second, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Adams, KGO, KGA; 8:00—Cutlers' Orch., KPO, KGW.

Trumbauer's Orch., KGO; News, KEX, KGA; Arden's Orch., KSL; 8:30—Revue, KPO, KEX, KFI, KGA; Orrie's Orch., KOA; Sports, KXN; 9:00—Clara, KPO, KFI, KGW; Hutton's Orch., KJR; Dance Orch., KXN, KOIN; Norris' Orch., KOA; 9:30—Crosscut, KJR; Owens' Orch., KPO; Jelenik's Orch., KXN, KSL; Fireside Hour, KGW; 10:00—News, KPO, KFI, KGW; Grant's Orch., KJB; News, KXN; 10:15—Grant's Orch., KEX, KGA; Ravazza's Orch., KFI; Book Parade, KPO; Gluskin's Orch., KXN, KOIN; 10:30—Ravazza's Orch., KPO, KGW; Dreiske's Orch., KGO, KEX; On the Air, KSL; 11:00—Organist, KGA; Pasadena Civic Auditorium, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Five Star Final, KGO; Martin's Orch., KPO, KFI.

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