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Ye Smudge Pot

In 1937, according to a "Believe It or Not" item, it was so hot near Spokane, Wash., corn popped on the cob. This is nothing. Once upon a time here, it was so hot, an entire field of corn started popping.

It is now reported the New Deal blessing has been bestowed upon Robert Houghwatt Jackson, an able and eminent man, for the Presidential toga.

A CIVIC SIGN AND SON (EP. Chronicle). "Editor the Chronicle—Sir: After reading C. Trill's letter in the Safety Valve, I, too, want to know when will Petaluma wake up? I was born in Petaluma and after an absence of 22 years it is still asleep."

Dad Dalley has resumed wearing his watch-chain, from which a \$20 gold piece dangles. The \$20 gold piece is practically extinct, as a medium of exchange.

The British lady friend of Herr Hitler, returns home from Munich, with a mysterious wound in the neck. For some reason creation is unable to work up any great amount of sympathy for her.

"The federal government is spending about as much money as it did in the World War, and we aren't having half as much excitement."—(St. Louis Post-Dispatch)—Inventory.

C. Wig Ashpole, the cowman, who has been riding herd on the flu, is out and about again.

"A wedding of interest to the contracting parties was solemnized Thursday."—(Lakeview Examiner)—If they don't nobody else will.

A number of citizens have been out in the rural areas the past week, to talk pig backbones, where formerly they talked turkey.

One of the postal clerks flitted onto the slippery po, steps this a.m. and was hoisted on his own petard.

The New Year's resolution of Peoria Bill Gates has come to light. It is hoped he breaks the stem off it, with no undue delay.

Skating in the hills of these parts, is still nil.

A Finnish wrestler will appear on the Army mat next Mon. The management is looking for a Russian pull-and-haul artist, for him to take apart to see what makes a Russian run.

DOPE ON DEMOCRATS "And so, at this time, we would urge moderation upon the Democratic brethren. This would be a move that would appear not only fitting at this time or any other time, but also, some-thing you understand, we're not counseling moderation as a steady Democratic diet. That would be too much. Even we know this wouldn't work. As a matter of fact we wouldn't want it to work systematically. Things would just be too dull for any good use. A Democrat with any noticeable amount of moderation in his makeup, wouldn't be a Democrat at all. He would be a Republican."—(Harold Haynes in Astoria Astorian-Budget)

The Last Is Not Least

BLACK, Reed, Frankfurter, Douglas and Murphy,—and the best of these is Murphy. At least that is our judgment. Murphy undoubtedly has made his political mistakes, but he qualifies as a "big man", which is more than can be said of the other Roosevelt appointees to the Supreme Court, with the possible exception of Douglas.

Justice Frankfurter, is more brilliant, but he is a trifle too brilliant, and too well aware of his brilliance. The man lacks humility and the spiritual depth that almost always accompanies it.

NOT so the new Justice. In fact, we have a pious idea he is the first member of this august tribunal, who on receiving word of his appointment, stated he highly appreciated the honor, but felt he didn't deserve it, and others more competent than he could have been selected.

But only a big man, under such circumstances, would have made such a statement. The smaller gauge the man the more carefully he would have avoided arousing any such suspicion.

IMAGINE President Roosevelt's first appointee, Hugo Black, for example, ever hinting any doubt of his high qualifications for the exalted position! Yet undoubtedly, his is the one appointment that never should have been made—the former Alabama Senator not being fitted by training, temperament or character for such a place.

IN FACT if we were called upon to predict which of the five Roosevelt appointees would eventually be elevated to the post of Chief Justice, our guess would be today's baby member.

Not on the basis of great legal learning, nor dialectic brilliancy, but on the basis of CHARACTER,—of vision, selflessness and spiritual integrity,—which in our conception of what the Supreme Court of the future should be, is exactly as it should be.

Communism Fails

THE more one analyzes this Russian debacle in Finland the more cheering it becomes. For just what is the fundamental cause of this incredible reenactment of the David and Goliath story? The answer, as we see it, is BRAINS.

OF COURSE there is the weather, the terrain, the superior morale engendered by defense of the homeland, etc., etc. There is also the advantage of the defense over the offense in modern warfare.

But above all and before all, comes superior military direction, superior strategy and tactics, superior utilization of the material at hand,—and these all come under the general heading of superior BRAINS.

WE HAVE no doubt the average Russian soldier is as brave as the average Finn, as fit physically, as well equipped,—and certainly in the matter of airforce and ground mechanization, the Red forces have all the better of it.

AND this is no happenstance, no matter of education. It is a factor inherent in the two opposing ideologies,—the democracy of the Finns on one hand, the communistic dictatorship of the Russians, on the other.

The democratic theory is based essentially on the free play of individually competitive forces, resulting in key positions being occupied by those best fitted to occupy them.

The communist theory, as it has been worked out in Russia, is based practically on the exact reverse; namely the liquidation of those who by superior abilities have advanced or promise to advance beyond their fellows, and the arbitrary elevation into positions of power, not of those who have demonstrated their ability, but those who have exhibited the greatest devotion to the party, in power, which in 99 cases out of a hundred, has resulted in placing incompetents in the key positions, and the subordination or absolute liquidation of the more able,—the competents,—all down the line.

IN OTHER words, here we have in Finland, a perfect demonstration of how the democratic and communistic theories actually work out, when put to the acid test,—the fundamental test in this competitive world, of armed conflict.

A nation of five or six million, not only repulsing but to date beating a nation of close to 200 millions. As was well stated at the Town Meeting last night, Stalin has done more to discredit communism in this country, than all the Dies committees ever dreamed of. And what goes for this country, goes even more so, for all the modern world!

As all American foreign policy is now shaped in accordance with the president's theory, his statement of it is extraordinarily significant. It may be briefly summarized as follows: 1.—Despite the wishful thinking of the isolationists, this country is not an independent unit. It is a member of the community of nations of the world, and despite its vast resources, its two protecting oceans and its power of self-defense, this country will suffer whenever the community of nations suffers. Therefore, what touches the community of nations touches the self-interest of this country, and entails responsibilities

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 numbers 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.

DANGEROUS S CURVE ALONG THE ROAD OF LIFE

Every mature adult who now has or may eventually develop cancer (in a later article we shall describe the pre-cancerous state) has to travel a road with a dangerous S curve in it—dangerous, that is, for one who has not been warned or enlightened about the perils along the road of life. Only by sticking to the right road and avoiding certain and attractive to the uninitiated, can the actual or potential cancer victim hope to win back to health or in any event gain the advantage of the best possible treatment.



At the first bend in the road as you enter the dangerous S a broad and too well paved detour appears to be the logical extension of the main road straight ahead. If it looks like that to you and you slow up or stop there to consider whether to follow the pleasant detour, doubtless a number of other tourists will come along, wonder what you're waiting for, and unhesitatingly bear right and streak it down the inviting detour—the Road of Silence. People with potential or actual cancer who take the Road of Silence choose to worry or suffer in silence, to say nothing to relatives or friends and above all to keep secret from the doctor their anxiety or complaint. A few of them behave that way because, although pitifully ignorant or misinformed, still they sincerely believe that if it is cancer there's no help for it anyway, and so one might as well try to ignore it as long as possible. The greater number of them are driven by fear of the unknown, childish terror of what a doctor might find if they were to submit to proper medical examination. We need not follow these unhappy travellers further along the detour they take. If their fear or suspicion of cancer proves unfounded, perhaps a fair number of them will come back; if not, well, we tried to warn them.

At the second turn in the S you come upon another detour which is calculated to allure a great many candidates for cancer, persons in the precancerous state as well as those in the

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Wheat A year ago following a major operation I began eating plain wheat as suggested in your monograph. It helped me to get back my strength and vitality, and what's more it seems to keep my waist line slender. Have told many friends, and they are now using it—the farmers around here had better grow more wheat! Some of my friends wonder whether it has any effect on blood pressure. (Mrs. M. L. H.) Answer—It has no more effect on blood pressure than any other food. I have a monograph which tells how to use plain wheat as a staple in the family diet—for copy "Wheat 'Em" send 15-cent stamped envelope bearing your address. If you want copy of 40-page booklet "CVD" (about heart and arteries and blood pressure) inclose 10 cents coin. Altitude While in the Rocky mountains last summer my daughter and I caught severe colds. Friends there said quinine is harmful at high altitude. But we have used quinine with uniform success as a safe remedy for such attacks for many years. Please advise. (Mrs. W. C.) Answer—Quinine is as safe as the altitude itself. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.) Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER Released by the North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The president's message on the state of the union is one of the curious and fascinating mosaics to which he has the trick of giving impressive pattern. In one paragraph, the boojum of domestic reform peeps out between the sentences, to frighten potentially rebellious Democrats. In another, congress is put on the spot, as anticipated, in the matter of new taxes. In still another, Secretary of State Cordell Hull's argument for renewal of the trade agreement law is cogently rephrased.

But the heart of this omnium gathrum is the president's statement of his theory of American foreign policy, which is franker and fuller than any he has ever offered. Everyone has always known the president did not share the viewpoint of the isolationists. This is the first time he has explained his reasons in detail. This boldness of expression can only mean one thing, that the president believes (quite correctly, so far as one can judge) that the electorate is deserting the isolationists and coming round to his view. This has lately become the opinion of Secretary Hull, Undersecretary Sumner Welles and other leading officials of the state department. There is every reason for the president to share it.

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which is short-sighted to shirk. 2.—Applying this doctrine to our present situation, the community of nations is now threatened with "domination by concentrated force alone." Our trade, our communication, our very friendship with other members of the community of nations are thus also threatened. Moreover, what "lies before world civilization—necessarily includes our own." Thus, it behooves us to see that domination of the world by concentrated force does not come to pass. For the present, this does not mean we should go to war. But we must be aware of our responsibilities, and carry them out toward those who are fighting on what may be called our side.

This is exactly what the president meant last winter when he gave the senate military affairs committee the impression that he regarded the Rhine as an American frontier. This is exactly what Secretary Hull said to congressmen and senators last spring, almost with tears in his eyes, when he was trying to muster a majority for revision of the neutrality act. This is exactly what the president and his advisers have constantly told one another in their private talk during the past four troubled years.

A précis containing the main points to be covered is understood to have been prepared in the state department. The admirable language of the message was the president's own. But, if it had been just the other way around, it would hardly have mattered. Whoever produced the parts, the whole was an exact expression of a shared viewpoint.

Two details are of special interest. As a specimen of the kind of responsibility imposed by membership in the community of nations, the president remarked that "when the time comes, the United States must use its influence to open up the trade channels of the world." This was included in the plea for the trade agreements, but has a broad significance. A general economic agreement is regarded at the state department as an absolute postwar necessity.

Then there is the president's declaration of "hope and expectation that the United States will not become involved in military participation in the war." This is an indirect admission that, while we are avoiding "military participation," we may become involved to the point of sending material aid to the democratic side. By its very limitations, the statement is also an indication of the president's fear of being "another Wilson," of his memory of the foolish promise of the 1918 election.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS SAILORS from the British cruiser Achilles and the scuttled German battleship Graf Spee meet in Buenos Aires bars and, instead of staging a bloody fight, drink beer together and tell each other they harbor no ill will. Odd? Not at all. It merely proves the unsoundness of governments, leaders and politicians.

FROM Alexander "the Great" on down through the Machiavellian princes of the Middle Ages to our own time, FOREIGN POLICY has a lot of crimes against common, ordinary humanity to answer for.

HARRY HOPKINS, secretary of commerce says: "Industrial activity in the last three months of 1939 MATCHED THE BEST QUARTER IN 1929. Christmas trade was the LARGEST SINCE 1929."

KICK the family cow in the ribs, beat her with the milk stool and take away her hay and she will GIVE LESS MILK. Give her intelligent care, punishing her only when she kicks you off the milk stool, and she will GIVE MORE MILK.

HOPKINS adds: "Advance of prices has been less than appeared likely two months ago, and thus an expanded volume of consumer purchasing power may be expected."

That is sound reasoning. The lower the price, THE MORE PEOPLE CAN BUY. Which suggests this further thought: The higher the cost of production, the higher the selling price must be. Taxes, inefficiency, industrial wars, etc., all enter into cost of production and so add to the price.

The farther we can go in the way of holding down taxes, increasing efficiency and adding to intelligent co-operation in industry, the LOWER PRICES CAN BE and the MORE PURCHASING POWER WE CAN HAVE.

Portland.—(U.P.)—Prices of farm products reacted slightly during the last month from the highs attributed to the outbreak of war in Europe, it was reported by the U. S. department of agriculture. Chickens, eggs and dairy products, however, made substantial gains and held the all-commodity index close to the September figure, the department report said.

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AT THE National Capitol WITH John W. Kelly

Kentucky was decided in his favor. Continues the scout: "Cactus Jack" Garner can carry the south, so can Secretary of State Cordell Hull, of Tennessee, with Postmaster General Jim Farley on the tail of the ticket. Neither Garner nor Hull, although part of the new deal administration, are themselves new dealers. The deep south is definitely against another term for Franklin Delano Roosevelt or any new dealer he might wish as a successor.

WITH the zeal of the old Anti-Saloon league, the cooled politicians are preparing to cash in on their very important voting strength in the northern states. Safe prediction is that the house of representatives will pass the anti-lynching bill before the nominating convention, but the measure will be stymied in the senate by southern senators, led by Texas Tom Connally. Ten percent of the entire population of the United States is colored, and the new deal won these voters away from the Republican party. To the White House this week went a request, almost a demand, that the president appoint 50 Negroes as cadets to the naval academy at Annapolis; that 5,000 Negroes be enlisted for training in the marine corps and the navy; that the army train 100 Negroes for officers in the air corps; that these Negroes be stationed at the Virgin Islands, and that one of the proposed 45,000-ton battleships be named Booker T. Washington.

THIS interesting Washington—Immigration Commissioner Houghwatt (he married a cousin of the president), has revoked the permits of a number of Czechs who were to teach the 800 Americans already employed by the Jan Bata shoe factory, because C. I. O. objected. Bata is building a \$10,000,000 plant a few miles from the capital, will employ thousands unless new dealers crack down on him.—Roosevelt boys have an affinity for automobile accidents. Son Elliott and Son F. D. Jr., both had teeth knocked out recently, Elliott in Texas, Junior in Maryland.—"Bill" Douglas, associate justice, gads around in society more than any other members on the tribunal. Most popular dish in the house restaurant is bean soup.—A member of the senate is paying \$25 a month on a dead horse bill in the senate restaurant.—Democratic members have been dying off since the special session. Survivors lose no time in grabbing off the patronage jobs of their departed colleagues.—Justice department is preparing some padding on cases against foreign agents accused of sabotage.—Lobbyists with expense accounts are moving in; some here to lobby for measures wanted by the administration.—Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins is running his office by remote control, but turned the census patronage over to an assistant.

Hair, eyes, speech, not even my lip Could prove that I was ever born In the land of cotton, wheat and corn. After all these years I've spent, Thinking me so dumb and green As to think that they would say "You may work for U. S. A." Well, it only goes to show Something or other, don't you know?

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Flight O' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago. TEN YEARS AGO TODAY January 5, 1930. (It was Sunday) 1930 auto to be low, rakish and speedy. Prohibition overshadows tariff issue in coming session of congress. Income tax blanks with new reductions ready January 11. Duck season to close January 15, and local sportsmen hit, to Klamath county for final hunt. Schools to resume Monday after 16 days holiday. Special privileges extended to Salem high school in state basketball meet, cause no furors here. County dry fund has a balance of \$4000, report shows. Jimmy Allen, high school basketball star sells short story to magazine, and is building a home near the Modoc orchard.

CHARGE made 20,000 Bolsheviks have organized to overthrow the American form of government. National Grange favors anti-strike clause in new railroad bill. Heavy fog settles over valley after mercury drops to 21 degrees. T. E. Daniels returns from Salem where he attended a fish meeting. Losses from fire last year amounted to less than \$5000—the lowest in history.

Ye Poets Corner

Politics (By Russell Mitchell) They needed a man in the CCC. I needed the job bad as could be. But I couldn't prove my citizenship. Hair, eyes, speech, not even my lip Could prove that I was ever born In the land of cotton, wheat and corn. After all these years I've spent, Thinking me so dumb and green As to think that they would say "You may work for U. S. A." Well, it only goes to show Something or other, don't you know?

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