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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry.

Comes word Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, the European hoodlums, met at Brenner Pass...

The series of mysterious disasters, involving defense material and planes, indicates a nationwide roundup of alien hellraisers is in order...

LAFAYETTE, LOOK HERE!
(St. Louis Post-Dispatch)
"Admiral Darlan's speech translated: Hitler beat France unconscious, kicked her in the face, stole her purse, rings and watch, but hadn't taken her shoes. Therefore, he's a fine, upright fellow."

The three weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Notchtailed Woodpecker threw his right wing out of joint...

Congratulations have been extended valley autoists for careful driving over the three-day holiday, resulting in the lack of serious mishaps in these parts.

It is getting along to the time of the year when the adventurous young rest up from a hard school year by climbing a mountain, and get stuck all night on a narrow ledge above a chasm.

EXCUSE, PLEASE!
(Los Angeles Examiner)
"While a conflict in opinion broke out in Congress over what the President meant by some sappages in his speech last night, there apparently was a general belief that he would follow his condemnation of defense production stoppages with strong action if it becomes necessary."

"PRINCESS DOROTHY SCREAMS FULL MINUTE WHEN TOLD SHE'LL BE ON REGATTA COURT"
(Hillside Astoria Astorian-Budget)
"Never refuse a movie, especially if it's a horror picture," the Princess told the scribe, which explains everything.

The appointment of Secy. Ickes as czar of the oil industry, "stunned" the leaders of the industry in Oklahoma. It might have been Madam Perkins, who as yet has not been mentioned for any supreme court vacancy.

Farmers report they are now bothered by "cheat grass" and can find no way to cheat it.

A California scientist figures the Siskiyou Mts. are "receding." It is not determined which auto freight truck, with two trailers attached, caused it.

Glasses—We sell glass, reglaze your broken windows reasonably. Trowbridge Cabinet Works

Why Not Face the Facts?

A bill has been introduced in the congress to give President Roosevelt the following powers:
1. Take over and operate any strike-bound munition plant.
2. Seize and use for the United States any patents, in the interest of national defense.
3. Requisition ships, wharves, railroads, farms, or any other facility deemed necessary in national defense.
4. Sell or otherwise dispose of, on such terms as the President deems satisfactory, any property right or interest thus requisitioned.

Extraordinary powers to grant any ONE person in a democracy in normal times!
But the above request, formally presented by members of the congress, merely emphasizes the fact that, in the judgment of the people's representatives in Washington, these are NOT normal times.

IN other words, except for the formal declaration of war, the United States IS at war NOW, fighting against Hitler, with every resource available and every informed person in Washington realizes the fact. Undoubtedly war has not been declared, simply because the powers that be, believe that American aid to Britain can be made more effective, without it.

SO these extraordinary powers should be granted the President.

For if a state of war had been formally declared, there would be no necessity for such a request. In time of war, the President of the United States, is Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy, and because of that position, is granted authority by the Constitution, to do whatever in his judgment is necessary to do, to properly defend the United States.

But because, technically, a state of war doesn't exist, the request IS necessary.
So in granting it, the congress, as we see it, would merely be facing the REALITIES of the present situation, and abandoning further make-believe and pretense—a course of action which has been delayed far too long, in this department's judgment.

A Friend of Labor Speaks

What an enemy of organized labor may say about labor, should have little weight.
But what a friend,—and a tried and true friend,—has to say, should have weight, for it is fair to assume that in such a judgment there is neither animus nor prejudice, but only sympathetic concern and genuine interest in the welfare of the labor movement.

SUCH a tried and true friend, is Thurman W. Arnold, of the U. S. department of justice, former professor at Yale, confirmed New Dealer, and implacable foe of Big Business and Wall Street.
Here is Dr. Arnold's verdict in the current Readers Digest as to the role being played by labor racketeers:

"The labor problem I am most worried about doesn't get headlines and the public doesn't know what is happening. That is why it is the most dangerous of all. Through the methods adopted, unions exploit consumers unmercifully, such as the teamsters who make every truck entering their city take on an unnecessary man who gets \$9 a day for doing no work; electricians' unions who insist that, whether needed or not, a full-time electrician be hired on any construction job using temporary power or light; milk drivers' unions who prohibit selling milk at lower cost to consumers willing to buy it at stores; and other equally incredible examples of unions telling consumers what and from whom they can buy and how much they must pay, and ruining the small business men."

"I can find no evidence that labor wants this sort of thing, but when individuals do protest, unscrupulous leaders have ways of punishing them." I can cite the example of two union members in their fifties, who being dissatisfied with the management of their union, had protested, and were expelled and persecuted by the union to the extent of being unable to find work again. Some unions are making big money out of fees for working permits and exorbitant admission fees. This sort of thing is not democracy. It must not be allowed to spread."

Vichy Versus Brenner Pass

The 10th meeting of Hitler and Il Duce at the Brenner Pass gets the headlines, but as far as the fate of the Mediterranean and northern Africa is concerned, probably the more important gathering yesterday took place at Vichy, France.
General Weygand, commander of the Vichy forces in north Africa, flew over there for a conference with Petain and Darlan and the decision reached was in all likelihood, momentous.

FOR if Weygand should decide to follow out the Darlan "line" and defend French Africa, against attack from ANY SOURCE, while the Churchill program, as suggested in the latest press dispatches is carried out; then an ultimate clash between French and British forces in Africa would seem inevitable.
And the result could scarcely fail to be, throwing the Vichy government into the arms of Hitler—as an out and out ally of the axis.

ON the other hand, if the conference resulted in General Weygand's refusal to wage war against France's former ally, under any circumstances, this would amount to the downfall of Darlan, and the joining of Petain and Weygand, in the maintenance of a strictly hands-off policy as far as further participation in the Second World war, on one side or the other, is concerned.
And such a course would be of tremendous assistance to Britain. For England, for the first time in the present war, has beaten Germany to the punch, and as Germany gets farther and farther from her air bases and bases of supply, has driven the pro-German forces out of Iraq.

IN other words, France really holds the balance of power, in this struggle for the Mediterranean, in its present super-critical stage.
What was decided at Vichy, rather than at the Brenner Pass, will in all probability, decide the immediate fate of the British Empire in the Near East.

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 in 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 here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 263 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

ALL THAT GINGIVITIS IS NOT PYORRHEA



Since the contumelious conductor of this column quietly and cowardly dropped his one-man movement to persuade practitioners of dentistry to accept the title "Dentor" to indicate their profession, and leave exclusively to practitioners of medicine the title "Doctor," there has been a remarkable increase in the extent of correspondence with practitioners of dentistry, and a still more remarkable improvement in the temper and tone of this correspondence. Considering all the roily water that has gone over the dam the conductor feels quite human about the whole thing.

Many dentists tell me it is scandalous the way some practitioners abuse surgery in the treatment of interstitial gingivitis. Now wait—I'm trying to interpret for you, not airing my erudition. When a dentist says "interstitial gingivitis" he means a slowly developing or chronic inflammation of the gums (gingivitis is Latin for gum) which is deep-seated, involving the structural substance of the gums as well as the surface covering. But such chronic gingivitis, bleeding and perhaps shrinkage, does not necessarily mean that the patient has pyorrhea, these dentists insist, and in any case, they maintain, it is seldom advisable to excise gum tissues or to destroy gum tissue by electro-coagulation, as some dentists do. If the patient is naive enough to believe pyorrhea can be "removed" in that way.

Incision of the gum tissue or electro-coagulation is occasionally necessary to insure drainage of a pus-pocket which cannot be cleaned out and kept clean by conservative treatment. This is incidental to the systematic treatment given by the dentist at regular intervals over a sufficient period of time, and the daily treatment of the mouth and gums by the patient himself or herself under the dentist's instruction, and the constitutional treatment prescribed by the physician in cooperation and consultation with the dentist.

Gingivitis means gum inflammation and it often occurs without any sign of deep-seated involvement such as that characteristic of pyorrhea. However, it

things go badly in the eastern Mediterranean and this country continues to delay its decision, then the Germans will have little difficulty in taking the Iberian peninsula and French Africa. By so doing, they will greatly improve their chances in the battle of the Atlantic, measurably weaken British courage, and gain possession of bases—Dakar, Casa Blanca, the Cape Verde, the Azores and Lisbon—which will directly threaten us.

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington
Defense Output Is Disappointing
Three Millions Starve in Europe
U. S. Disappoints Foes of Nazis

By John W. Kelly
Washington, D. C., June 3.—Insiders, the men who know, are disappointed in the shortage of production for national defense and munitions for the British. The government has dished out billions of dollars in orders and only a small production has resulted yet. Production, at the moment, is far behind the schedule—tanks came last month for the first time, a few samples. A great pressing need is ships, and the west coast yards have been tied up by strikes. There have been scores of strikes holding up defense orders, and the strikers have been aware of what their attitude means to national defense. It is the opinion of many in Washington that organized workers place their union ahead of the country.

The American people are not being given the facts on the sinking of American supplies en route to England. There has been much talk of paving Davy Jones' locker with American goods, but so far as can be learned only eight such cargoes have been lost out of some 200. The British refuse to give the information, claiming it is a "military secret," although the Germans know what ships and what tonnage have been destroyed, for it is Germany that destroys them. Aside from bombers and airplanes, the only munitions the English have received thus far are old Enfield rifles, old 75 m.m. cannon, old tanks and old ammunition; the new material has not been manufactured yet; held up by strikes, largely.

THERE are literally three millions of women and children in conquered Europe who are starving, actually starving. The British have refused the request of the Americans to send food to these hungry people on the theory that by mass starvation of innocent victims these sufferers will be turned against Germany. Some of the high command in America are willing to trail along with the British on this blockade, but sentiment is increasing in the United States that the hungry must be fed; that it is inhuman to not send food when this country has a surplus and they predict that if the United States withholds food some day there will be retribution. What the British fail to recognize is that starving Europe is hating the English for preventing America sending food. As a matter of fact, the only country friendly with the British is the United States; the only country captured by the British (through propaganda) is the United States.

Only two shiploads of food were permitted to go to France, then the Vichy government became suspect and no food has been sent since. From New Zealand cabinet officers arrived in the national capital last week. They wanted munitions, were given munitions, or rather the right to order them. From Ireland came a government representative, called at the White House, asked the president for munitions, but instead of weapons two carloads of food went to Ireland, which is not starving and did not ask for food. Ireland could have munitions if it would give the British bases, but Ireland intends remaining neutral.

IN the Greek, Turkish and other legations there are no longer toasts in cocktails to the United States. Bending elbows was popular a few months ago when the president publicly announced that nations fighting the nazis would be furnished ships, tanks, airplanes by the United States. It was a dramatic speech, pepped up troops in the old country who battled Italians and Germans; but never a ship, tank or airplane reached them and they were conquered.

Even had there been no delay in production in the United States the material could not have been transported before it was gobbled up. And the French, now in bad odor in Washington, tell of assurances of support from the United States which never came. There is a demand that the United States seize the French colonial islands, but the United States is paying several hundred million dollars for a lease on British islands and gave 50 destroyers to boot. It sums up that of this date neither French, Greek, Turk nor the other countries assured success from the United States has received anything, and all the British have been given that was new: are bombers and airplanes. A few of the diplomatic representatives under-

stand the reason for failure of the United States to make good on the pledged support, but they cannot understand why the government permits striking workmen to continue the pastime.

IN Washington the opinion is that the best national defense is a sky filled with interceptors, pursuit planes and bombers, especially bombers. The army, for years denied proper equipment, is now planning the greatest air force possible, with thousands of pilots, more than 100,000 ground crew personnel and the heavens darkened with armed planes. Herr Hitler has demonstrated what can be done by air.

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In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins
HITLER and Mussolini meet today (Monday) at the Brenner pass. Simultaneous official reports from Berlin and Rome announce that the deliberations "ended in complete agreement on points of view."

(Hitler said to Mussolini: "You'll do so and so," and Mussolini answered: "Yes, mister.")

THE British admit today that with the fall of Crete the Mediterranean has become virtually an axis sea.

Your map will show you that regardless of what may happen at Gibraltar there are now two bottlenecks in the Mediterranean—the 100-mile-wide strait between Italian Sicily and French Tunisia and the 200-mile gap between Crete and Libya.

What happened in Crete shows plainly enough what the German air force could do to British ships in these narrow waters.

SUEZ is now primarily an outlet for British ships in the eastern Mediterranean. It is no longer a through route. British shipping must now go the long road around Africa. As a matter of fact, it has been going that way for some time.

Look for something to happen at Dakar. German planes, subs and surface raiders based there could do a lot of damage to this vitally important around-Africa traffic.

LOOK also for the heat to be turned onto Turkey. Hitler can by-pass Turkey by way of Syria, but that will be inefficient and Hitler and his advisers don't like inefficient arrangements.

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