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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Europe's trio of dictators are

now editorially listed as "inter-

national gangsters." Adolf (Bugs)

Hitler of Berlin, and Benito (The

Punk) Mussolini of Rome are

taking Joe (Dopey) Stalin of

Moscow for a ride. The Nuisance

gang has put up his number.

The first chigger victims of

the season returned early from

the timber and lakes, with a

demand for a balm able to prevent

sunburn and kill mosquitoes

with one application.

Richard Rode is making sat-

isfactory improvement from his

recent accident caused by the

discharging of a gun thought to

have been empty." (Union

Ore.) Item.—The loaded, un-

loaded gun unlimbers again.

The San Diego (Calif.) Union

describes Secy. Ickes as "the

type of gentleman who would

set the house on fire to light

his pipe." The description is in-

complete without adding: and

then cuss the fire department

for extinguishing the blaze.

The pioneer and often speed

battered lamp-post at Main and

Oakdale stepped aside in the

nick of time late Sat. Instead a

tree was stretched out on the

Pub. Lib. lawn, and four robins

rendered restless.

Two metropolitan citizens

were fined \$25 each for stealing

30 pounds of garlic. If they do

it again they will have to eat it.

It now appears the Sams Val-

ley farmer, who worried about

the June rains last February had

something. They have been

bounteous and copious, and have

the tillers scary. They can't

grease a mowing machine, or

pull a weed without being threat-

ened by a near-cloudburst.

DEUCEDLY DUCKY

(From "Step in the Dark")

The Issue Is Hitler

WE are surprised there should be so much argument regarding the proper attitude to take toward Soviet Russia.

The proper course seems to us obvious: do everything possible to aid Russia.

Why? Because the big job before this country is to defeat Hitler, and assisting Russia at war will contribute to this end.

THIS doesn't mean giving anything to Russia this country or Britain needs. It does mean giving Russia what aid can be given, material and moral, without in any way weakening the Anglo-American alliance.

For what excuse would there be for taking the opposite course?

True, Soviet Russia is no better than Nazi Germany; Stalin, compared to Der Reichsfuehrer, may even be worse.

But the immediate question isn't a moral or political one. It is a question of danger to this country, involved in a Hitler world conquest.

Let's remove the danger FIRST and then engage in a discussion of ideologies.

WE doubt if this country can do much to aid Russia, but what can be done, as we see it, certainly SHOULD be.

Not from any love for Russia. Quite the reverse. Solely from what is best for this country,—the cause of democratic survival and world peace.

The Russian Mystery

THIS unexpected declaration of war against Russia, is almost as mystifying as the flight of Rudolph Hess.

In fact, if our new columnist, Paul Mallon, is correct, there may be as close a connection between the two as this department originally suspected.

At any rate Sturday night's bomb-shell offers a great field day for the cracker-barrel contingent,—there being, to date, almost as many different explanations advanced as there are participants.

THE sane, and sapient, Oregonian, for example, believes this declaration of war by Der Reichsfuehrer demonstrates that "those whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

In other words, the incident definitely proves Hitler is "plain nuts"; his declaration of war against a neutral and potential ally being the sudden outburst of the paranoiac indulging in a characteristic fit.

THIS is possible, of course, (what ISN'T!) but hardly probable, in view of the record and the evidence.

For Hitler's record, since this war started, has shown a most painstaking and detailed preparation for every stroke of the mailed fist,—little left to chance, little resulting apparently from personal vagary or impulse.

The fact that six months ago Hitler had flying fields constructed in Rumania, designed to facilitate an attack against the Ukraine, indicates that in this latest surprise there was also preparation, and not as much uncalculated impulse as some superficial observers might have thought.

ON the other hand, in taking on Russia there is no doubt Der Reichsfuehrer did suddenly throw to the winds what has been the cornerstone of his military strategy,—namely keeping Russia friendly, concentrating against England; not being forced to wage a major war on two fronts.

Yet all things considered the skipper of this column, while admitting Hitler is definitely a psychopathic type, doubts that this sudden turn on Stalin was merely the result of pent-up nerves,—hysteria,—any lack of emotional balance.

Far more likely, we believe, it was the result of another carefully conceived plan, very likely decided upon after Molotov's Berlin visit, namely, and to wit:—

RUSSIA COULD NOT BE TRUSTED EITHER TO DELIVER THE GOODS OR REMAIN ALOOF, THEREFORE HAD TO BE CRUSHED BEFORE THE ALL-OUT FINAL SMASH AGAINST ENGLAND.

THERE is more evidence to support this theory than the new flying fields in Rumania.

Many months ago Germany took a sudden interest in Finland and its new Mannerheim line; the sweep through the Balkans was a move tending to isolate Russia, and which Russia certainly didn't like; even before Greece fell a pact with Turkey against Russia was talked about, and very probably agreed upon when von Papen returned to Ankara after his Berchtesgaden visit.

In other words there is very considerable evidence to indicate Hitler and his fellow conspirators were secretly plotting to isolate Russia for the kill long before any break with the Soviet was suspected. There is also evidence this declaration of war against Russia was not suddenly arrived at, was not even the product of any fundamental change in plans or the war situation; but was the result of a conviction on Germany's part that Soviet Russia could no longer be trusted.

FINALLY, to support this thesis there is the well-established gangster technique.

When a "Dutch Schultz" falls out with,—say,—an Al Capone, the former receives no engraved announcement of the fact.

Secretly he is put on the spot by the "Big Boss," but he doesn't know it. He may have his suspicions,

but it's a hundred to one shot he won't KNOW until it's too late,—until there is a sudden deafening explosion and all the lights go out!

This gangster technique is unquestionably the technique of the totalitarian powers. It was the technique adopted by Hitler, if the above hypothesis is correct. This doesn't prove it IS correct. It does, we think, strengthen 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 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 here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

PUT SOME QUININE IN YOUR TRAVEL KIT

Vacationists, travellers, voyagers, students, soldiers, sailors, agents, workers, auto tourists, fliers, railroad employees, truck drivers, newspaper correspondents and just visitors who are going to spend a day, a week or a season in the southern states, Mexico, Panama or other Central American countries, West Indies, South America, Midway, Wake, Guam, the Philippines, Singapore, Dutch East Indies or other tropical or semi-tropical region should of course be immunized against smallpox by vaccination, against typhoid, paratyphoid A and paratyphoid B by three or four weekly injections of typhoid-paratyphoid bacterin or "bacterial vaccine" (killed typhoid and paratyphoid bacilli in measured numbers). These injections of typhoid-paratyphoid bacterin should be given by the family physician, preferably a few months before you leave home. But the typhoid-paratyphoid bacterin begins to produce some immunity within a few weeks after the first dose, so it is never too late to begin the treatment.

In addition to being immunized against smallpox and typhoid and paratyphoid, adults who contemplate visits to such regions should also be immunized against diphtheria and young children must be immunized. In any case, first determine whether the individual is naturally immune against diphtheria by the Schick test, and only individuals who react to the test (by a red wheel at the point of injection, most evident in three or four days) are susceptible and require the toxin-antitoxin or toxoid to immunize against diphtheria. The younger the child the more important this is, for the danger from diphtheria is always inversely in proportion with the age of the child.

So far as "serum" or "vaccination" goes, these are the only effective prophylactic or preventive measures available against tropical or sub-tropical infections. But there is another precaution to be observed by one going to any of the places indicated. Take along a supply of

infantile paralysis. Do you agree with the infantile paralysis authority who ascribes the paralysis to hard exercise? (T. H.) Answer—No, of no one who does. Perhaps you refer to the advice of Dr. Albert B. Sabin, that a person may have the disease and suffer only mild fever, some headache, stiff neck, perhaps sick stomach, if he remains at rest in bed, whereas if he works, plays or exercises vigorously in the early stage of the disease, he is more likely to suffer paralysis. I think that is good sound advice. Anyway when a child seems at all feverish and has any complaint of stomach, head or neck pain or soreness, the child should remain in bed or at least as quiet as possible, until the indisposition or illness passes.

Please state whether plain collodion or flexible collodion should be used for making the corn remedy you suggest. A drug clerk thinks it should be plain collodion. (S. L.) Answer—No, it should be flexible collodion—paint corn or callus with solution of 30 grains of salicylic acid in one-half ounce of flexible collodion.

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

that no peace with Nazism would be considered until it was crushed.

In truth, Hitler's move in itself made peace even more unpalatable than before, to those here who would have to agree to it. By repudiating his non-aggression treaty with the reds he offered the ultimate proof, if any were needed, of the complete worthlessness of any treaty he might make.

So, while his conquest of the reds is likely to be less unpopular locally than any he has made, it is only deepening the convictions of the officials of this government in their belligerent course.

THE developments, however, definitely double the seriousness of the task they have undertaken. They would be foolish if they did not see that if Hitler is successful (and no one here has much confidence in the red army) he may be able to acquire all he needs. The boundless raw materials of Russia, developed only slowly under the communist government, might produce under German efficiency. With the greatest raw native wealth of the world under his management, he would have solid ground for his new order.

Furthermore, the action spoke louder than words could of the complete absence of any striking power in Britain. If Churchill had anything to throw at Germany, this was the time to do it. Consequently, military men are talking now of the prospects that the war may be prolonged beyond their earlier reckoning of two or three years. If Ger-

many is to be beaten in the field, it may take that much time to muster sufficient military impetus to get started.

One thought encourages hopes for an earlier Nazi defeat. Hitler's expansions have presented him with a tremendous problem of economic and political management. If he cannot get it to working, if he cannot weld the agencies of production, transportation, distribution into an efficient system, he may yet collapse of his own expanded weight.

PRIVATE argument of officialdom since Sunday concerns who has been the bigger fool in this war—Mussolini or Stalin.

The imbecility of British and French politicians who let Hitler get started in the first place is conceded to be relatively minor when compared with the colossal cashiness of Il Duce and the Czar-Commissar.

In Mussolini's behalf, it may be said he lost his regime to Hitler as thoroughly as did France, but without the bloodshed. His country has been invaded by Germany as completely as Czechoslovakia, but without the unfavorable publicity. He is a serf of Berlin; but he still has his medals and his uniform.

Stalin, however, started Hitler on this war deliberately. The inside weakness of his army was not known to him or anyone else when he signed the non-aggression pact with his sworn enemy. Hitler would not have dared fight on two fronts at the opening of the war. He would never have invaded Poland without the red smugler's assent.

Stalin thought he would let Hitler destroy world capitalism. His suicidal cleverness is approximated only by his communist followers in the United States who were calling strikes even as late as last Saturday to sabotage American rearmament in the supposition that they were advancing communism.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Magnesium Plant Cost Figured

Raver Predicts

Vast Industry

Active Nazis

Found in State

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., June 24.—Several government officials have their heads together figuring on how much it will cost Reconstruction Finance corporation to pay for a magnesium industry in the Pacific northwest. The stage is set for the government going into the aluminum business and there is as pressing need for magnesium. Office of Production Management wants 400,000,000 pounds yearly. At the moment production is only 30,000,000 and with expansion of plants now in progress the output will be 75,000,000 pounds. Somehow, some way production must attain 400,000,000 pounds in 18 months.

The Dow Chemical Co. is now the only producer. RFC is financing the Permanent Corporation (Henry J. Kaiser) near Palo Alto, Calif., which is building a plant. If a patent license or royalty system could be arranged with the Dow Chemical Co. the plants could be built at Coos Bay, Yaquina, Tillamook or Seaside and magnesium extracted from sea water. The Dow Chemical Co. has the patent rights on this process and is operating from a brine well at Midland, Mich., and at Freeport, Tex. One ton of ocean brine contains 2.5 pounds of magnesium and requires about 11 kilowatts of electrical energy for each pound.

AT Pullman, Wash., an experiment is being conducted with ore to produce magnesium. Dr. R. Sayers, director of the United States bureau of mines, testified before a house committee a few weeks ago that the experiment had not developed to a point where it is ready for commercial application, but that apparatus has been developed for continuous production and it is believed that within a few weeks from 50 to 100 pounds of magnesium will be made daily. This would be between 17,500 and 36,500 pounds a year, or more than one-tenth of United States production last year.

Provided ore is used instead of ocean water, Washington state has an almost unlimited supply, according to statements by bureau of mines officials.

PAUL J. RAVEN, administrator of Bonneville and Grand Coulee, says the Pacific northwest can become "the Pittsburgh of America in the light metal industry." It is toward this objective that the administrator is working. Soon more than 50 per cent of the aluminum production of the United States will be in the northwest, and Dr. Raver envisions a magnesium plant, the two metals of first importance in airplane manufacture. Instead of taking the metals and sending them east for fabrication, he holds that fabrication plants will be established in the northwest—must be built there.

The northwest is not suited for heavy industries, such as steel mills, but is perfectly adapted for high grade specialties, such as stainless steel, steel for surgical instruments, ball bearings. These and similar products have a greater monetary value than output of an all-purpose steel mill. As the picture looks, light metal industries will be spotted everywhere in Oregon and Washington.

War department and Defense Plant corporation (RFC subsidiary) are studying what can be done in the northwest. The Defense Plant corporation can furnish the funds recommended by the war department and the latter can contract for the management of a magnesium plant. Testifying last week Secretary of the Interior Ickes, before a senate defense committee, said he favored development of the Washington ores by a governmental agency. The secretary was denouncing the Aluminum company of America as a monopoly. The Dow Chemical Co., only magnesium producer, also is a monopoly.

IN charge of German affairs for Oregon is Fritz Wiedemann, located at San Francisco as consul general. His territory also includes Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Alaska. In the belt of states under Wiedemann FBI has found a number of active nazi groups, one in Portland, another in Seattle. The president received reports of these activities but waited until what was considered the psychological time to crack down on them. Wiedemann, one of Hitler's close friends, has made frequent visits to the German embassy in Washington. Valuable information on the German consuls was furnished by a woman recently ordered deported.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

WELL, it happened. Germany and Russia are fighting. SOONER than expected.

HOW did it happen? Here is this writer's guess: Hitler made demands on Stalin. His demands were so stiff that submitting to them would have been equivalent to fighting and LOSING.

So Stalin decided to fight.

WHY did Hitler PROVOKE the fight—as he obviously did?

Try this one on your piano: Hitler is fighting Britain. Winning every round, but can't manage a knockout. He sees the United States spitting on its hands. He knows he'll have Stalin on his neck sooner or later.

So he says: "I'll have to fight this guy before it's over. He's big, but he's DUMB. I can take him. 'I'd better do it NOW.'"

SO much for the why of it. The next question is: WHAT of it?

We of America are frankly gleeful. We can think of nothing pleasanter than a fight to the finish between Hitler and Stalin. We say smugly: "May the best man win."

The British undoubtedly share this thought.

BUT Churchill is SMART. And a quick thinker.

Before the echoes of the first shot have died, he says: "Any man or state who fights against nazism will have our aid. Any man or state who marches with Hitler is our foe. That is our policy, and that is our declaration."

"It follows therefore that we shall GIVE WHATEVER HELP WE CAN to Russia and the Russian people."

From now on Russia, communist or no communist, is Britain's comrade-in-arms.

WASHINGTON, taking the cue immediately, condemns Germany's "treacherous attack" on Russia. Sumner Welles, assistant secretary of state, says: "Any rallying of the forces opposing Hitlerism will redound to the benefit of American defense and security."

As between Hitler and Stalin, we're for STALIN—even if his coming into the fight does mess up our story of the embattled democracies fighting for their lives against the dictators.

War is war. In war, you take whatever help you can get.

THIS question is in every mind: How much will Russia help?

Whatever it is, her help will be that much. Her coming in will spread Germany father and thinner. Getting spread too far and too thin has cracked every world conqueror yet.

It may crack Hitler. We hope so.

The Hitler-Stalin break forces a decision on Japan. What to do is the question that faces her right now.

What Japan DOES, not what she says, will be important.

Japan is on a spot. How she will get off remains to be seen.

A WORD of advice at this point: Let's not kid ourselves.

Hitler attacked Russia because he WANTED to. His purpose is to STRENGTHEN himself. Only time can tell whether he has been wise or foolish.

SEERGEANT MAKES TANK SURRENDER

With the Army in Tennessee, June 24.—(AP)—Army officers are recounting the feat of a sergeant who tackled a tank bare-handed during war games in middle Tennessee.

Sergeant Wilbur Vandergoot of the seventh engineer battalion, in western movie style, dropped from a tree onto a speeding "enemy" tank, reached into the turret and grabbed the commander by the neck.

The surprised officer, in trying to shake Vandergoot loose, caused his tank to collide with another. With the help of mates, the sergeant then captured the crews of both machines.

Eagles Take Chickens

Delake, Ore., June 24.—(AP)—Coastal chicken raisers of this region today complained of wholesale loss of stock to eagles which have been attacking flocks on an unusual scale lately.

B. Rogers, a Delake poultryman, said he had lost practically his entire flock.

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 24, 1931

(It was Wednesday)

Danish fliers across Atlantic

land in Germany; Post and Gatty

on world gridling flight spend

night in Moscow.

State highway commission is

urged to re-build Siskiyou high-

ways.

Mid-west swelters in heat

wave.

Hamburger stand on North

Holly is held up by two thugs

who obtain \$6.50.

Housewives waiting for valley

apricots for canning.

Secretary of State Stimson to

visit Europe for discussion of

war debt moratorium.

Forecast: Unsettled with moderate